



annual report
to the community
2023





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land acknowledgement.

Glenelm exists on the Original Lands and Waters of the **Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak/Nehethowuk, Anishiniwak, Dakota Oyate, and Dënësutiné Peoples**, and on the homeland of the **Red River Métis Nation**.

As we gather in **Treaty 1 Territory** it is important to recognize and honour **Treaty 3**, in particular **Shoal Lake 40 First Nation** and **Iskatewizaagegan #39 Independent First Nation**, the source of Winnipeg's clean drinking water.

It is also important to recognize and honour the First Nations of **Treaties 1, 3, and 5**, the Land where Winnipeg sources its hydroelectric power.



about GeNA

The Glenelm Neighbourhood Association (GeNA) is a volunteer-based residents' group whose goals are to grow and promote a sense of community, increase safety and reduce crime, and advocate for quality infrastructure and amenities that grow with the needs of our community.

Our Goals

When the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association (GeNA) asked residents how we could best serve the neighbourhood, the priorities overwhelmingly fell into three categories:

- Growing and promoting a sense of community and connectedness
- Increasing safety and reducing crime
- Advocating for quality infrastructure & amenities that grow with our needs

Ongoing Activities

Monthly Core Organizer (Committee) Meetings

Our committee of approximately 11-15 regular volunteers and board members met as a group a total of 11 times in 2023 to plan our 16+ events and share information, in addition to several smaller subcommittee meetings. Thank you to the Big Red Church which has been exceptionally generous in providing meeting space.

Glenelm Community News

We publish a monthly email newsletter that features important area news, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and items of general interest.

We currently have 500+ subscribers on our list; we estimate it reaches over one in three households in our neighbourhood.



2023 board & core organizers

2023 Board Positions

Co-chairs: Michel Durand-Wood & 1 Vacancy

Treasurer: Rosalie Block

Secretary: Julia Schroeder

Committees

Tree Committee

Emma Durand-Wood

Lisa Forbes

Mellanie Lawrenz

2023 Core Organizers

Rosalie Block

Troy De Viet

Emma Durand-Wood

Michel Durand-Wood

Helga Jakobson

Sherryl Koop

Mellanie Lawrenz

Jo-Ann Paddock

Candace Propp

Julia Schroeder

Rod Thompson

Clile Villa



** UNAUDITED **

Statement of Income & Expenses for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Per Capita Grant (City of Winnipeg)	\$ 975.00	1425.00
Land Dedication Grant (Boulevard Tree Project)	\$ 0.00	0.00
Other Grants (CCRI)	\$ 500.00	0.00
Tree Banding Donations	\$ 9865.00	9430.04
Sweets & Seeds Fundraiser	\$ 803.31	1248.00
Event Sponsorships	\$ 950.00	1700.00
Garage Sale Revenue	\$ 16.35	0.00
Trivia Night Ticket Sales	\$ 1649.00	0.00
Donations	\$ 0.00	40.00
Interest	\$ 49.56	28.93
Total Income	<u>\$ 14808.22</u>	<u>13871.97</u>
Expenses		
<u>Events & Activites</u>		
Snow Sculpture Challenge	\$ 965.99	805.99
AGM & Winter Warmer	\$ 31.60	0.00
Elmwood Winter Fun Day	\$ 89.42	0.00
Trivia Night	\$ 865.64	0.00
Spring Cleanup	\$ 0.00	42.58
Climate Town Hall	\$ 68.95	0.00
Elmwood Park Beautification	\$ 450.29	0.00
Sweets & Seeds	\$ 0.00	58.08
Neighbourhood Garage Sale	\$ 34.06	192.17
Happy Days on Henderson	\$ 0.00	56.00
Chalkfest	\$ 100.47	0.00
Great Glenelm Scavenger Hunt	\$ 0.00	10.00
Movie in the Park	\$ 910.05	784.24
Picnic in the Park	\$ 73.40	269.01
Halloween Treat Bags	\$ 114.94	134.42
CornerFest	\$ 43.66	0.00
Tree Banding	\$ 9361.80	9406.43
Tree Banding - Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 374.29	95.87
Boulevard Tree Project – Tree Planting	\$ 0.00	0.00
<u>Admin</u>		
Flyers & Posters	\$ 304.63	130.01
Advertising	\$ 184.55	0.00
Commercial General Liability Insurance	\$ 688.01	667.68
Honorarium for Meeting & Event Space	\$ 225.00	500.00
Website Domain	\$ 20.99	20.99
Zoom License	\$ 0.00	89.60
SOCAN License	\$ 63.00	63.00
Bank fees & New Cheques	\$ 0.00	2.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 14970.74</u>	<u>13328.07</u>
Net Proceeds (Loss)	<u>\$ -162.52</u>	<u>543.90</u>



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Statement of Net Assets as at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Assiniboine Credit Union Savings Account (Glenelm Sign Maintenance Indemnity Fund)	\$ 594.73	579.30
Assiniboine Credit Union Chequing Account (Operating Account)	\$ 3154.65	3492.43 ^{1,2}
Assiniboine Credit Union Chequing Account (Tree Banding Account)	\$ 580.08	420.25
Assiniboine Credit Union Membership Share	\$ 5.00	5.00
Receivable from City of Winnipeg (Tree Planting – LDR Grant)	\$ 0.00	0.00
Receivable from ACU (Reimbursement for Duplicate Cheque Charge)	\$ 0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 4334.46</u>	<u>4496.98</u>
¹ 2023 year-end account balance of \$3,285.76 less value of uncleared cheques for \$100.00 and \$31.11. ² 2022 year-end account balance of \$3,513.42 less value of one uncleared cheque for \$20.99.		
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Payable to Green Drop (Tree Planting)	\$ 0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 4334.46	4496.98
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 4334.46</u>	<u>4496.98</u>



events recap.

Snow Sculpture Workshop (January 15)

Just over 40 people came out to our first snow sculpting workshop on a beautiful mild Sunday afternoon. We got plenty of tips and tricks from professional snow sculptor André Vignon-Tessier on everything from creating a block of snow to coming up with a design, and how to make your vision come alive with sculpting strategies and tools.

Snow Sculpture Challenge (January 28)

With newfound sculpting skills under their belts, several dozen households participated in the 6th annual Glenelm Snow Sculpture Challenge, creating 46 incredible snow sculptures! From sleepy Snoopy to a giant shark, castles to cupcakes, and Minecraft to mushrooms, these sculptures were delightfully creative.

AGM & Winter Warmer (January 28)

Dozens of folks came out to enjoy good food and company at the Winter Warmer & AGM. We enjoyed a delicious potluck, started distributing Snow Sculpture Challenge prizes, and held a super-quick AGM.

Métis History of Glenelm Night (February 3)

About 45 folks braved a very cold evening to hear historians Anne Lindsay and Mary Jane Logan McCallum (University of Winnipeg) discuss the history of Glenelm through an Indigenous and Metis lens. The presentation focused on what's known about the old river lots and their relation to St. John's (Anglican church and school) across the river, and the families who lived here in the 1800s.

Elmwood Winter Fun Day (February 11)

More than a thousand people of all ages came out to celebrate community and winter on a beautiful mild day at Clara Hughes Recreation Park! Free activities included snowshoeing, skating, sledding, fat bikes, horse-drawn wagon rides, obstacle courses, milk jug curling and more. Participants also enjoyed free hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate and coffee. GeNA helped run the hot chocolate station.

Maple Tree Tapping Demonstration (March 19)

Nearly a dozen people came out to hear Glenelm resident Helga Jakobson give a tree tapping demonstration on the Manitoba Maples in her back lane. She shared resources and information about the process of harvesting maple water and how to turn it into syrup, what is needed to do it yourself and where to source tree tapping supplies.



Spring Cleanup (May 6)

More than 60 people came out for our Spring Cleanup on May 6th! It's always incredible to see how many people show up for the not-so-pleasant task of picking up garbage. We filled 35 large garbage bags, identified some bulky waste to be removed, and now our boulevards, lanes and parks look a lot better.

Trivia Night (April 29)

We held a wildly successful Trivia Night as a GeNA fundraiser on April 29th, selling out of all but a handful of tickets. With trivia professionally run by Quizmasters, the evening was full of laughter and friendly competition and many requests to do it again soon.

Climate Action Town Hall (May 12)

We had a great turnout at the Climate Action Town Hall on May 12th. About 30 people from the neighbourhood met, along with elected officials: city councillor Jason Schreyer and MLA Jim Maloway. MP Daniel Blaikie had planned to attend but unexpectedly had to remain in Ottawa so he sent regrets. We heard short presentations from a variety of groups concerned with climate: the Glenelm Tree Committee, Sustainable Building Manitoba, Bike Winnipeg, ReimagineElmwood, Peg City Car Co-op, and Safe Speeds Winnipeg.

Sweets & Seeds (May 20)

The 2023 edition of Sweets & Seeds on May 20th was a resounding success, as a community event and fundraiser. We lost count of how many people attended - it was a lot! Plants and seeds were swapped, neighbourhood makers sold their wares, we were treated to wonderful live music, and the fundraisers (bake sale, silent auction, 50/50) were very well supported!

Neighbourhood Garage Sale (June 3)

June 3rd was Glenelm Neighbourhood Garage Sale Day for a second year. What a huge success! There were almost 30 sales throughout the neighbourhood, a GeNA sale table and many more pop-up lemonade stands in between! GeNA supported this event by creating a map of all registered addresses, putting up signage and doing general promotions.

Glenelm School PAC BBQ (June 1)

As an important partner in our community building work, GeNA is always excited to get out and connect with families at Glenelm School events. We handed out stickers, GeNA event fliers, and met some lovely new neighbours. The event was a big success, many thanks to the Glenelm School Parent Advisory Council for all their work in our neighbourhood!



Happy Days on Henderson (June 10)

Happy Days on Henderson celebrated its 21st edition on June 10th. About 2500 people came out to enjoy a sunny day at 180 Poplar with tons of free activities and hotdog lunch, connecting and learning about what's happening in our community. GeNA hosted a community table, where we gave out Glenelm stickers and took suggestions for our upcoming movie in the park.

Meandering Music I & II (July 15 & Aug 12)

For the first time, we had two editions of Meandering Music this summer. Each featured four 30-minute front porch concerts performed or hosted by Glenelm neighbours. Both evenings attracted incredible turnouts of 200+ people.

Reimagine Elmwood Marble Painting & Hot Dog Party (July 29)

Glenelmers of all ages helped paint a giant "marble" depicting elm trees in all four seasons, under the patient and skilled guidance of local artists Helga Jakobson and Patrick Skene, and were treated to a hotdog lunch afterwards. The marble is now installed on the Henderson median as part of the Reimagine Elmwood initiative - check it out next time you go by!

Elmwood Night Markets I & II (July 7 & August 25)

Following the success of the first-ever Elmwood Night Market in 2022, this event was repeated twice in 2023! As founding members of Reimagine Elmwood, GeNA is proud to celebrate that over 45 vendors and food trucks, along with a full schedule of performers, greeted 3,000+ attendees at 180 Poplar Ave for this year's Night Markets!

Chalkfest (August 12)

This new summer event brought lots of colour and cheer to the neighbourhood, as well as a ton of sidewalk art for Meandering Music crowds to enjoy! More than a dozen households registered, with many more participating.

Movie in the Park (September 2)

More than 100 people came out to enjoy an outdoor screening of the Super Mario Bros Movie on the Labour Day long weekend, complete with free popcorn and drinks (and no bugs!).

Picnic in the Park (September 10)

After a busy summer, 100 or so neighbours came out to our annual picnic to connect and enjoy musical performances, face-painting, games, Winnipeg Public Library table, gourmet popsicle cart, and back by popular demand, the potluck dessert buffet!



CornerFest (October 27)

Snow and sleet meant that our inaugural event at the newly paved and spruced-up 243 Henderson (vacant lot at the corner of Johnson and Henderson), organized with the partners of Reimagine Elmwood, didn't go quite as planned. However, nothing can put a damper on how excited we are to see this former eyesore transformed into a fresh new community space.

Halloween (October 31)

It was a pleasure to team up with the Big Red Church to offer hot chocolate, treats and a bonfire on Halloween night. Big thanks to them and the GeNA volunteers who endured a chilly night to bring smiles and warmth to the neighbourhood!

Glenelm Family Play Group

Started by local Glenelmer Janessa Giesbrecht, the Glenelm Family Playgroup is an informal weekly stay-and-play group every Wednesday morning in the basement of The Big Red Church. Parents and other caregivers of children aged 0-5 years were invited to come and connect, and give their little ones some space to get out some of that delightful, wiggly energy!

Garden Club

Garden club is a group of Glenelm residents that are passionate about gardening and making our neighbourhood more beautiful. This year we were able to plant the new flower bed in Roxy (Elmwood) Park at the Glenwood entrance, continue maintaining the rock flower beds at Henderson highway, get permission and assistance from the City to clean up Hespeler Park, continue looking after the butterfly garden in the Elmwood cemetery and the flower beds at the entrance gates, and to tour other gardens in Glenelm.

Many thanks to the City for giving us permission to clean up the park and assist us with trucks to pick up yard waste, dig out old stumps and provide us with new soil and wood chips.

Thanks to the people who help us get grants to pay for the flowers, those who weed and water regularly all summer, and those who live close to the park and offer their personal water supply so we don't have to cart water so far.





tree report.

Celebrating 5 Years!

The Glenelm Tree Committee was formed in late 2018 in response to the alarming rate of tree loss that we were seeing in Glenelm, primarily of mature American Elms on our boulevards. Our goal was to investigate whether there was anything we could do to slow the rate of elm loss, and to try to reforest the many vacant spots in our boulevards where there were previously trees.

Over the past 5+ years we have been:

- planting street and park trees
- inoculating mature elms to protect against Dutch Elm Disease
- coordinating a neighbourhood-wide cankerworm banding campaign
- educating neighbours & students on how they can play a role in preserving our urban forest, and
- advocating for greater investment in urban forestry by the city

When we began our project there were 945 public trees in Glenelm (boulevards and parks). We are happy that five years in, the count has grown to 1083 public trees.

This was made possible by a \$53,000 tree planting grant we received in 2019, comple-

mented by an increased number of boulevard and park plantings by the city!

During this time, the diversity of our public trees in Glenelm has been growing, too. While it's hard to lose the majestic elms and the "cathedral arch" canopy that they created, it has given us the opportunity to add many new species (from Ohio buckeyes to maples to ornamental crabapples to linden and more!). This helps us move away from fragile monocultures of elm and ash and towards a diverse, resilient urban forest that is less vulnerable to any single threat, such as insect threats or pathogens.

Banding Together

2023 marked another successful edition of our fall cankerworm banding campaign, for the 4th year in a row! The Tree Squad – a network of nearly 20 block captains and coordinators – supported the neighbourhood in banding almost 1000 trees in September 2023! This included almost every public (boulevard & park) tree and many private trees as well. You may have seen members of the Tree Squad out and about with their leaf green t-shirts over the summer.





Though Tanglefoot bands don't directly protect against the main threats to our beloved tree canopy, Dutch Elm Disease and Cottony Ash Psyllid, they will provide a layer of protection against certain kinds of tree worms that make our lives miserable in the spring, and that also can weaken trees to the point that they become more susceptible to other kinds of disease.

Huge thanks to all those who participated in the 2023 campaign, and to our "Tree Squad" members: Andrea, Bonnie, Candace, Casey, Chris, Cy, Emma, Jamie, Janessa, Judy, Julia, Louise, Mellanie, Robyn, Rosalie, Sandra, Stephanie, and Tripti!

Special thanks also to the Glenelm School PAC, the Big Red Church and Councillor Jason Schreyer for their generous donations to the campaign.



fun fact.

The tree in the photo above is, according to our research, the biggest boulevard tree in Glenelm, in front of 63 Martin Ave W. This American elm has a circumference of 350cm. There are almost certainly other trees in Glenelm that are bigger than this one, but they are in people's backyards or parks, so we don't know for sure. Maybe we should have a "biggest tree in Glenelm" competition to find out?!

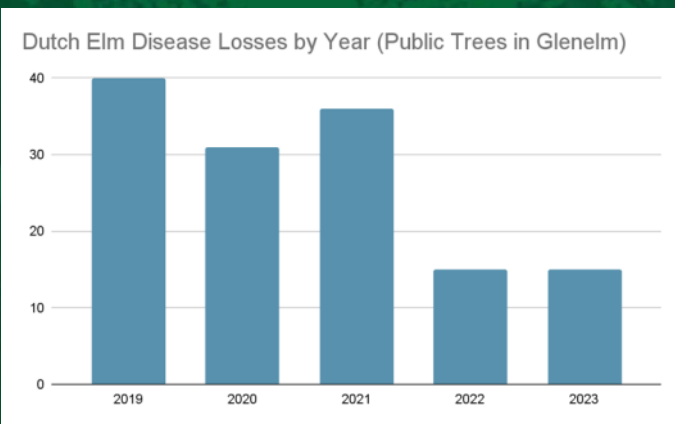




Dutch Elm Disease Update

Every year in Glenelm, we lose mature trees, mostly to Dutch Elm Disease, but sometimes simply to age/declining health. 2023 was no exception; we lost 15 public trees to Dutch Elm (and many more on private property, as well).

But here is the encouraging news: elm losses over the past couple of years have dropped noticeably.



Why the drop? It could be the success of the Urban Forestry Department’s Rapid Removal program, which aims to remove sick elms as quickly as possible before the disease can spread. Or it could just be a blip. We will see what 2024 holds.

How you can help!

As of January 2024, we have 263 public American Elms left in Glenelm. Keeping mature trees healthy and standing for as long as possible is just as important as planting new trees. In the absence of investment in anti-DED treatments by the city, we encourage anyone with the means to do so to consider “adopting” a boulevard or park elm to protect.

Arbotect is a fungicide that protects elms from beetle-transmitted infection and can be administered by city-approved arborists. Although there are costs of several hundred dollars upfront, the protection lasts about 3 years. “Adopting” trees for this treatment has been done by folks in our neighbourhood. If you tend to think of a tree on the boulevard as “your” tree, and would like to know how, you can ask Tree Committee member Lisa Forbes about it (trees@glenelm.ca).

In 2024, we plan to do another round of Arbotect injections on intersection elms with the funds that remain from our 2019 Glenelm Boulevard Tree Project grant.





As a founding organizational member of Reimagine Elmwood, a collaborative grassroots initiative aimed at making it easier for people to get around the neighbourhood safely, improve livability, and support local businesses, GeNA was pleased to participate in the coalition's many initiatives this year.

Elmwood Night Market

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Johnson Ave changes

In 2020, the City of Winnipeg announced it would be reconstructing Johnson Ave. Reimagine Elmwood took that as a chance to improve the sidewalk width on Johnson Ave, which were often much too narrow to accommodate a person with a stroller or in a wheelchair, forcing them onto the roadway. We brought our concerns to the

City at the design stage, and were successful in getting the roadway reduced from 4 lanes to 3 lanes in order to provide wider sidewalks on both sides. Although we started this way back in 2020, construction only finished up this fall, so it's exciting to finally see the results of our efforts.

Happier Henderson II

We've taken all that we've learned from trials in 2020 and 2021 in order to iterate and continue to improve the safety, comfort and usability of Henderson Hwy for residents and businesses. To that end, we installed a few temporary (and some permanent!) improvements in 2023:





Community Marbles

Installed in pairs on the median between Johnson Ave and Hespeler Ave, the marbles come in two sizes, 3-ft diameter and 2-ft diameter, and each has been painted by one of Reimagine Elmwood’s community partner organizations. The marbles serve several purposes. First, they are public art, beautifying our little corner of the world and building pride of place and a sense of community. Second, they serve as traffic calming, by providing what traffic engineers call psychological “edge friction”, or a sense of enclosure, in order to reduce vehicle speeds, thereby increasing safety, reducing noise levels, and making Henderson a more inviting place to linger.

243 Henderson (lot at Henderson & Johnson)

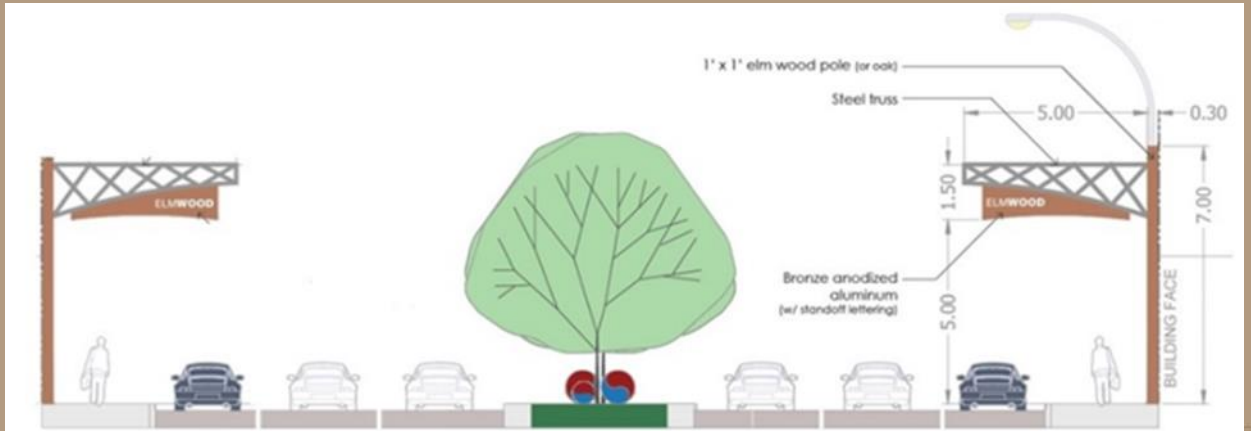
Working with the property owner (Suncor), the neighbourhood is now able to temporarily use the lot at 243 Henderson as a community space. Reimagine Elmwood cleaned up the lot, applied a fresh layer of asphalt, and have started the process of installing picnic tables, benches, a stage, planters and flowerboxes. In addition, Reimagine Elmwood’s community partner organizations will be hosting events here such as concerts, outdoor movies, farmer’s markets and more starting in spring 2024.



CornerFest

Despite the cold weather, we did a soft opening of the space at 243 Henderson with CornerFest at the end of October, offering free hot apple cider and pumpkin bars as we celebrated the arrival of fall in our newest community space!



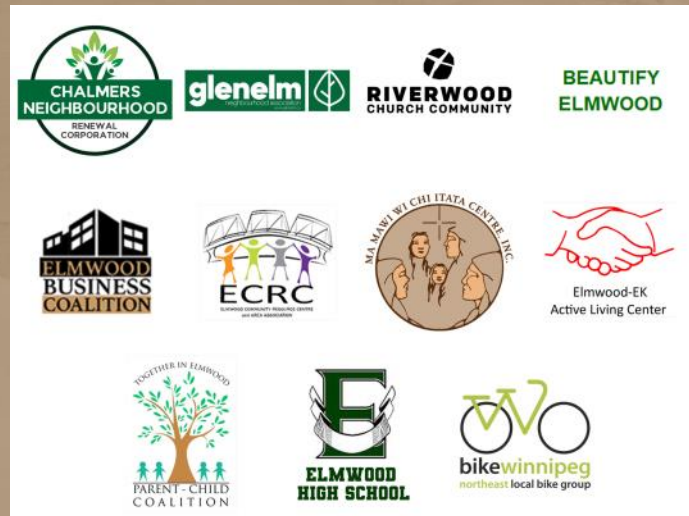


Elmwood Archway

As soon as the weather warms enough to pour concrete again, this implied archway is to be installed on both sides of Henderson, approximately at Poplar Ave. Built out of steel and inlaid with reclaimed elm wood (sourced from a tree in Elmwood!), the archway signage is meant to help with neighbourhood beautification, pride of place, in addition to providing additional traffic calming. This will increase safety and reduce noise levels, in order to create a more inviting and pleasant neighbourhood main street where people can feel safe and welcome shopping, dining, walking, waiting for the bus — just generally spending time in.

In the works for 2024 are more projects for Henderson Hwy, programming all summer at 243 Henderson Hwy, and more!

Reimagine Elmwood is a partnership of many people & groups, including:



As always, we are grateful for the valued support of Jason Schreyer, Winnipeg City Councillor for Elmwood-EK.

Visit ReimagineElmwood.org for more details or to get involved. And don't forget to watch for more Reimagine Elmwood projects in 2024!





2023 thank yous

The Glenelm Neighbourhood Association would like to acknowledge the great help from the staff at the City of Winnipeg throughout the year, in particular:

Jessica Mutimer, Parks Technician - East Area
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Greg Blatz, Traffic Management Engineer
All the folks at the City of Winnipeg Urban Forestry Department

Thank you to the Glenelm Garden Club, for their care and stewardship of our Glenelm parks and Cemetery.

We would also like to warmly thank the following for their financial and in-kind support of our activities in 2023:



A very special thank you to Elmwood-EK Councillor Jason Schreyer!

And of course, to our neighbours like you.

Thank You!

