

# September News Bulletin

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## SEPTEMBER CORRIDOR EVENTS

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<b>September 20 &amp; 21</b>	St. Jean ATV Derby
<b>September 21 to 27</b>	National Forest Week
<b>October 1st</b>	Fundraising & Networking BBQ Dinner (Morris)



For a wider range of events occurring throughout Winnipeg and Manitoba click on:  
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## CLEANING UP MIGHTY RED RIVER

Article by Brook Jones, The Selkirk Journal, Wednesday, August 20, 2014

What is the equivalent of 600,000 pounds?

It's the combined weight of as many as 200 Dodge Caravans. This weight represents the total amount of garbage a local group of citizens have pulled from the shores of the Red River since 1999.

Robert Belanger is not only the coordinator of Red River Operation Clean Up, but also the founder of the organization.

"With tipping fees the way they are people don't want to go to the landfill, so they use the river as their toilet and as their dumping ground," said Belanger... While working on the job,

especially patrolling along the Red River on a daily basis he saw the need for action to take place with the overwhelming amount of garbage left behind....

The Government of Manitoba sponsors Red River Operation Clean up. Belanger said the provincial government recognises the importance of this project, the Red River as well as the importance of eco-tourism. Over the years, this organization has focused their attention on water access points between Netley Creek and the north Perimeter Highway, such as boat launch areas and the shore line where people like to fish and walk. "The plan is to get all the way to Emerson where the river enters Manitoba," said Belanger.

Belanger said one of the solutions to the challenges of polluting the Red River is educating the public about the importance of being friendly towards the environment. He said it's important to educate citizens at a young age, especially school age children...

The local RMs decided to donate \$3,200, which was left over from the disbandment of a tourism committee that included the City of Selkirk and the RMs of St. Clements and St. Andrews to help with the purchase of a truck.

"Our most important asset is the river and if we are going to attract people here we have to maintain the beauty of it," said St. Clements Coun. Glen Basarowich. "It's extremely important to keep it (the river) presentable and healthy."

Read the full article at [www.interlaketoday.ca](http://www.interlaketoday.ca).



St. Clements councillors Debbie Fiebelkorn & Glen Basarowich, St. Andrews councillors Kurtiss Krasnesky & Russ Garvie present Rob Belanger with a cheque for Red River Operation Clean Up.

## RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION MICRO CONFERENCE



Last Thursday, August 28th, the Red River Basin Commission North Chapter hosted their second annual Micro Conference at the Waterfront Centre in Gimli. Rivers West attended the conference and held a table of information on our current projects. Over 80 representatives from Manitoba, North Dakota, and Minnesota were present.

The theme of the conference: *Majestic Lake Winnipeg... Protecting Our Communities' Future*, was well represented with informative and intriguing

presentations. There were updates on projects and events on the Lake Friendly Accord, the Red River Basin Commission, and The RBC Blue Water Project. A presentation on the current situation of zebra mussels in Lake Winnipeg and what is being done to try to get rid of this invasive specie was explained by Jeff Long from the Fisheries Branch of Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship. The night wrapped-up with a informative keynote presentation on the *Climate Disruption In the Lake Winnipeg Basin: Math and Aftermath* by Bob Sandford, EPCOR Chair, Canadian Partnership Initiative, UN "Water for Life" Decade.



## # SUPTHERED - PADDLING UP THE RED WITH ACE BURPEE

Ace Burpee, local writer and radio show host of Virgin 103, gave himself the challenge to stand-up paddle board the Red River from Emerson (U.S. and Canadian border) to The Forks, for charity. He left August 22nd and stuck to his slogan: it will take as long as it takes.

Wayne Arseny, Mayor of Emerson and Chair of the Rivers West Board of Directors, paddled in a canoe alongside Ace during 10 km of his journey. Wayne grasped at this opportunity to get the input and views of Ace as well as assess the aspect of what Rivers West is focusing on - using the Red River for recreational use.

With each turn, Wayne counted stories about steam boats, the iron railway bridge, where the Ox carts crossed the Red. Both agreed that tourists would love to read signs or have a guide tell them all these stories as they paddle the Red.




Jumping fish, beavers, snapping turtles, otters, the variation of high to low banks on the shore line, and the river bottom forest are amazing sites to see on the Red, but which cannot be seen from the roadway. What is frustrating however, is the inability of knowing where you are, having no idea of the distance you've paddled or the distance that remains until you reach your destination. Signage is required on the banks or on the river that will indicate distances and location markers.

There are few places one can pull over on the banks of the river and most of these stops require getting in mud up to your hips. This reinforces the need for multiple docks along the Red River is necessary for people to safely come in and out of the water.

Congratulation Ace on completing your journey! This gave Rivers West the opportunity to view the Red River through a "tourist's" eyes and to reinforce our plans on developing the Red River into a recreational destination.

## UPDATE ON NEW HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE AT PTH 59 AND PTH 101

 **MMM GROUP** has been hired by the Province to prepare a functional design report in anticipation of awarding a design-build contract for a new highway interchange at PTH 59 and PTH 101 and associated road improvements. Currently the project time line is as follows:

- ⇒ June 2014 to June 2015 - Engage a design/build contract for the PTH 101/59N interchange and AT crossing.
- ⇒ Fall 2014 – Complete concept for interchange and AT crossing.
- ⇒ Summer/Fall 2014 – Opportunities for public input.
- ⇒ June 2015 to June 2019 – Construction.
- ⇒ June 2019 – Interchange and AT crossing open to the public.

The options for the Active Transportation crossing still being reviewed are: two underpasses or 'carriage-ways', each approximately 40m in length, with an uncovered adjoining pathway 25m in length; a single covered crossing approximately 100 m in length; or, the crossing could be a shared tunnel for AT and vehicles with barrier protection of the AT portion. The AT crossing is anticipated to be rather straight, as it will follow Raleigh/Gateway. We will keep you posted when an open house will be held this Fall to present the preferred alternative.



## WATER SAFETY TIPS FROM BOATSMART!

When at the cottage, being around the water is a key part of the experience! Whether on the dock or cruising on a boat with friends and family, quietly fishing in the stillness of sundown, or perhaps just watching your kids laugh and make sandcastles, we don't stray far from the lake this time of year - unless we're in dire need of groceries!

At BOATsmart! We prioritize boater enjoyment *and* safety - so we are asking you to remember that these lake-side scenarios are all situations where lifejackets should be worn - by everyone - not just by kids. Often times, we only think about wearing a lifejacket when we think about younger kids. However, the latest trends indicate that this mentality needs to shift. The Lifesaving Society's most recent *Canadian Drowning Report* illustrates that death by drowning among younger generations has decreased. This is *truly* fantastic news as it demonstrates that children are becoming more educated about water safety through educational activities like swimming lessons and other programs. However, the biggest increase in drowning is among "Baby Boomers» in the 50-64 years of age category and with seniors over 65 years of age as well.

Adults often overestimate their abilities as swimmers. They may have lost the naïve teenager mentality of being invincible, but most adults do seem to think of themselves as being outside of the high-risk group who should be wearing a lifejacket. This is a myth.

Remember, the lifejacket law in Canada requires you to carry one Canadian-approved lifejacket for each person onboard your boat. It's great if you have them on board, but lifejackets only work if you're wearing them and they can be incredibly difficult to put on once you're in the water. WEAR IT!

So enjoy the cottage - g boating, fishing, and swimming! Have fun out there but remember to play it safe. **BOATsmart!** can help you become a sage and confident boater on the water. Take a **BOATsmart! Safe Boating Course**, get your boating license (Please Craft Operator Card) and you will feel the peace of mind that confidence on the water can provide.



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## FUNDING: ENABLING ACCESSIBILITY IN WORKPLACES

The Workplace Accessibility Stream of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) provides funding to eligible recipients for projects that improve accessibility in workplaces across Canada. Projects may include:

- Renovating, retrofitting, or constructing workplaces in which job opportunities for people with disabilities could be created or maintained;
- Retrofitting motor vehicles for work use; and
- Providing information and communications technologies for work use.

Through this funding stream, **small businesses** across Canada can apply for a **grant of up to \$50,000**. To be considered eligible for funding, projects must be directly related to maintaining or creating job opportunities for people with disabilities. Visit the [Government of Canada's Employment and Social Development website](#) to read more on eligibility, assessments, the development of your proposal and to apply today. **Deadline is October 1st**, act fast.

## HISTORIC TOURS OF EVELINE STREET - Selkirk - September 4 & 11

Back by popular demand, the historic tour of Eveline street in Selkirk will run twice more in September:

- September 4th - The Early Years - Selkirk's saints & villains (from Taylor to Manitoba)
- September 11th - Behind Closed Doors (from Eaton to Pacific)

All are welcome! Sign up is at the Gaynor Library in Selkirk. For only \$10, the tour includes a glass of wine or other beverage and cheese and Benjamin's. The tour starts from City Hall (Selkirk Civic Centre) at 6:30 pm.

This may be your last chance to get the "dirt" and skullduggery that brought Selkirk into being and the courage that kept it going. Rain or shine, dress appropriately.

## MUDFEST - St. Adolphe - September 5 & 6



MudFest a family MESStival!

The weekend will be packed with family fun held at the Parc St. Adolphe Park. It is a festival to celebrate the community assets as well as raise community and green (environmental) pride. Activities include a pancake breakfast with Anna & Elsa and Spiderman, mud pits, mud slides, geocache treasure hunt, mud runs, beer gardens, and more.

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## MANITO AHBEE - Winnipeg - September 10 - 14

The Manito Ahbee Festival is a dynamic and high profile festival which brings people from across Canada, the United States, and abroad. The impact of the Festival reaches well beyond entertainment; it has communicated a very significant message about the importance of celebrating Aboriginal culture. It arouses a far deeper understanding and powerful affirmation of Aboriginal cultural rebirth and renewal. It showcases the talents gifts and abilities of Aboriginal artists from all nations. It is truly a celebration of Aboriginal music, arts, culture, and heritage not seen before by the broader public through the many festival events.

Events include an Elders Reception, a Cultural Education Day, an International Pow Wow, the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards Show and much more.

## FARMERS' FEAST - St. Norbert - September 11



Top Manitoba Chefs.  
The best of Manitoba's Harvest.  
One special evening.



This gourmet, outdoor feast, hosted at The St. Norbert Farmers' Market, unites some of Manitoba's best chefs with the freshest food from Manitoba's fields and farms. With wine glass and napkin in hand, guests will wander through a harvest festival, tasting the very best from chefs, brewers, farmers, and good artisans.

Visit [www.farmersfeastmanitoba.com](http://www.farmersfeastmanitoba.com) to reserve your ticket today.

## FMG'S MANITOBA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

The Forks - September 12 to 14

Winnipeg is known as a River City. The Red River at the Forks offers a great venue for this corporate, team building event. Dragon Boat racing features teams of 22 paddling and rowing their way to victory. Dragon boat river festival events bring employees, friends, and associates together to enjoy the fun and excitement of dragon boating.

Register at [fmg@fmgdragonboat.com](mailto:fmg@fmgdragonboat.com).



## ARCHAEOLOGY, ROCKS & MINERALS WEEKEND - Oak Hammock Marsh - September 13 & 14



Be dazzled by the beauty of minerals and fossils from all over the world. Take in displays, a rock silent auction, films, flint knapping, and gold panning. Bring your rocks or fossils for trade and identification. Horse-draw wagon rides on Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

Visit [www.oakhammockmarsh.ca](http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca) for more information on this event and many others.

## LOCKPORT DAM FAMILY FESTIVAL - September 13 & 14



THE place for music and fun! There will be a kaleidoscope of activities for the whole family to enjoy such as cool reptiles from Prairie Exotics, Diamond Disc Dogs, the River's Edge Run with 5k, 10k, half marathon, and 30 k distances.

Don't forget about the annual tagged catfish contest, because you would win **\$20,000!**

Rivers West will take part of the activities on September 14th, stop by and say hi!

[www.lockportmanitoba.ca/festival](http://www.lockportmanitoba.ca/festival) | [Facebook](#) | [View poster](#)



# ELEMENTAL STONE



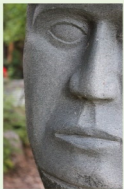
## ELEMENTAL STONE'S

### Beyond the Gate

#### GUIDED GARDEN TOURS

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10:00am - 8:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 14, 10:00am - 8:00pm



Guided Garden Tours  
**\$10.00 per person**  
No reservations

Todd and Lisa Braun  
Ph: 204-324-1534  
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## AMAZING TREE QUEST

The Amazing Tree Quest Contest is now closed. We thank you for your nominations and to have taken the time to explore and nominate your favorite tree. The nominations will be assessed and the **winners will be announced during National Forest Week, September 21st to 27th.**

EVERY TREE HAS A STORY.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT?

THE QUESTION IS HAVE YOU HEARD IT?

AMAZING TREE QUEST & PHOTO CHALLENGE

Red River Corridor  
Emerson to Lake Winnipeg

TREE CATEGORIES:  
biggest, favorite, interesting  
Winners announced during  
National Forest Week.

*Find, measure, photograph and nominate a tree you think deserves to win*

## ST. JEAN ATV DERBY - September 20 & 21

If you enjoy riding an ATV, you will not want to miss the 13th annual St. Jean ATV Derby. Most trails follow a scenic route by the Red River. The Derby is used as a fundraiser for non-profit organizations in the area. The cost is \$30 for the weekend and there are prizes given away for participants. To register visit [www.stjeanatvderby.com](http://www.stjeanatvderby.com).



## RRBC SOUTH CHAPTER FUNDRAISING & NETWORKING BBQ DINNER - Morris - October 1st

The Red River Basin Commission South Chapter is hosting its **first ever** Fundraising & Networking BBQ Dinner! The theme is celebrating our agricultural richness and the important connection between agriculture and water management which ties in nicely with the 2014 recognition of International Year of Family Farming.

- Wednesday, October 1st
- Doors open at 6 pm, program begins at 6:30 pm
- Morris Multiplex in Morris
- Tickets are \$40 each of \$300 for a table of eight - **deadline is September 22nd**

For more information or to order tickets, contact Sara Thrift:  
[sara@redriverbasincommission.org](mailto:sara@redriverbasincommission.org) | 204-982-7250.



# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

## CICLOVIA - Winnipeg - September 7



For one day only, walk, jog, or cycle from Assiniboine Park to the Forks on a car-free route! Plus - music, a bike zone, soap box derby, cyclecross demos, and more!

Join a guided group bike ride to take in some cycling infrastructure and beautiful scenery in and near Downtown Winnipeg. Rides depart from Broadway and Osborne at 7 pm on Saturday, September 6th and 1 pm on Sunday, September 7th. Rides are approximately 1.5 hours in length and are free.

Ciclovía is a part of the Many Fest Festival - a festival filled with interactive activities from September 5 - 7. Some events to partake in includes a Giant Movie in the Park, Wine & Beer Festival, Food Truck Wars, Farmers' Markets, Electric Donkey Run, a Kids Zone and more!

[www.manyfest.ca](http://www.manyfest.ca)

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## TRANSCONA TRAIL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The Transcona Trail will be closed from Monday August 25 to Friday November 7 for construction of the first two lanes of the new Transcona Boulevard that will connect with Kildare Avenue.

Gail Kauk, Val Cousineau, and Jim Bromley met with members of the project team from Genstar and Stantec on Monday August 11. They were told that a short section of the Transcona Trail at Ravelston Ave and Bradley St will be moved to accommodate the new road, so that section of trail will become a little longer. For safety during construction, the trail will be temporarily closed from Plessis Road to Club Regent.

Kevin Miller

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## CROW WING TRAIL CONNECTION WITH WINNIPEG

The Crow Wing Trail Association (CWTA) is thrilled to announce that after intense negotiations with various departments they have been granted approval to connect to Winnipeg trails through the Winnipeg Floodway.

... Crow Wing Trail President Murielle Bugera, "Trails Manitoba is taking care of getting a project manager and have asked us to identify local contractors who would be interested in doing this work and have the necessary experience. It would be good if our communities could benefit in some way from this project."

In January, the CWTA applied for approval to create a pedestrian and bike ditch crossing at Schapansky Road and the Floodway, near Courchaine Road. The organization plans to infill the area with riprap; on the west side of St. Mary's Road and install signage along the location.

The trail will be used for pedestrian and bike use and officially connect the Crow Wing Trail to the Floodway trail. Funding for the project is being provided by the Trans Canada Trail Foundation and the Winnipeg Foundation.

The connection is expected to be the official grand-opening site when the Trans-Canada Trail officially opens in 2017.

Read the full article in the [Dawson Trail Dispatch](#).



## SAVE THE DATE - RED RIVER BASIN LAND & WATER INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT CONFERENCE

January 20 - 22, 2015 - Fort Garry Hotel

The Red River Basin Commission is celebrating its **32nd Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference**. It will be held January 20 - 22, 2015 at The Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The goal on the conference is to acknowledge, celebrate, and create awareness of how much progress is being made each year in the Red River Basin and reaffirm that we are overcoming our challenges and we are all in this together!

The conference fosters international cooperation and identifies issues important to the Red River Basin citizens. It is a public forum for natural resources education, training and information dissemination useful for elected officials, watershed managers, educators, producers, environmentalists, businesses, decision makers, and residents

[www.redriverbasincommission.org](http://www.redriverbasincommission.org)

### A festival of peace & compassion

In a month that promises to bring human rights, peace and compassion to the forefront of public awareness in Winnipeg, the fifth annual **Peace Days** takes place September 11-21 at various locations throughout the city.

*Peace Days* brings together a variety of events that celebrate peace and compassion. A public launch of *Peace Days* will take place at 11 a.m. on September 11 at the festival stage at the Forks.

The celebration this year also coincides with the opening of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, and opens up the discussion of Winnipeg's place as a compassionate city.

### Key Events Include

**Compassion Games:** Survival of the Kindest—September 11 -21


**Amanda Lindhout Keynote** -Thursday, Sep 18, 7 p.m. and Workshop on Friday, Sep 19, 9a.m.-noon

**Peace in Policing Series;** Centennial Library

**A Walk for Peace and Community** on Sunday, September 21, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

**Numerous initiatives** throughout Winnipeg

For a complete list of events and for more information, click on [www.peacedays.ca](http://www.peacedays.ca)



**SEPT. 11-21 2014  
WINNIPEG**



**AMANDA LINDHOUT**  
FREEDOM IN FORGIVENESS  
KEYNOTE SOCIAL ACTIVIST & FOUNDER  
OF THE GLOBAL ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 7PM  
ST. BONIFACE CATHEDRAL  
\$25 | \$15 SENIORS & STUDENTS

**COMPASSION GAMES**  
SURVIVAL OF THE KINDEST  
SEPT. 11-21, WORLD-WIDE INITIATIVE TO  
INSPIRE POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH INDIVIDUAL &  
GROUP COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS

**A WALK FOR PEACE  
& COMMUNITY**  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 11AM  
ST. BONIFACE CATHEDRAL RIVING TO  
CHURCH CELEBRATIONS | FREE

FOR FULL EVENTS LISTING & TICKET INFO  
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Rivers West Red River Corridor is a not-for-profit organization that relies entirely on membership fees to operate. Memberships are based on the calendar year and are renewed annually. If you have never been a member of Rivers West, please consider doing so as our mandate is very large and our resources are limited.

Individual memberships:	\$50.00 per year
Not-for-profit organizations:	\$100.00 per year
Local governments:	.25 \$ per capita to a maximum of \$5,000.00
Corporate bronze :	\$500.00 per year
Corporate silver :	\$1,000.00 per year
Corporate gold :	\$2,500.00 per year
Corporate platinum :	\$5,000.00 per year

To purchase a membership or request for more information on membership benefits and corporate visibility opportunities, please contact [info@riverswest.ca](mailto:info@riverswest.ca) or (204) 925-2320 ext. 108.

**Thank you to those who have renewed their 2014 membership fees!**

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