



# Making a splash!

With a little cooperation from Mother Nature, East St. Paul's new splash pad opened under blue skies and sunshine on May 24.

With a 3-2-1 Splash, Honourary Mayor Aliyah Lewis joined Mayor Carla Devlin to officially open the RM's newest, and coolest, summer spot.

"It's a fantastic day for a splash. We're super excited that we have this weather today," Devlin said.

"I'm so excited to officially open our brand new splash pad, a place where laughter echoes, friendships grow and summer memories are made."

MLA Jeff Wharton was on hand to say a few words, and he was respectful of the young and eager audience he had.

"It's great to be here today and I know that my speaking is keeping all the young people from the splash pad so I'll make it brief," Wharton said.

"Thank you again to the community and to everyone who was involved in this wonderful project. As the Province, we were happy to commit \$300,000 through the Building Sustainable Communities grant, which helped plant the seed along with the investments the council made as well to bring us to where we are today to this wonderful facility for all to enjoy here in East St. Paul."

Mayor Devlin said team work made the project possible.

"I'd like to take a moment to give special thanks to our staff and especially to our CAO for putting this splash pad together. I know that it's a lot of effort and areas that we're sometimes not familiar with but we persevere and champion them and now we have a fantastic project in front of us that will be in the community for years to come," she said.

"Thank you to council. We make decisions together and we work well together. It's been a great three years."

And then, an invitation from the Mayor to splash.

"This is a place to cool off and it's a symbol of the kind of community we're building together. One that values play, togetherness and a safe place for all families to gather and enjoy. To all the kids here, I hope your toes stay wet and your smiles stay big all summer long. And to the parents, don't be afraid to get in there, you're never too old to get wet."



Clockwise from top: Kids enjoy the first splashes of the summer; young and old alike were excited to be there for the first splash; Mayor Devlin gets some help from Honourary Mayor Aliyah Lewis and MLA Wharton to cut the ribbon.





# Sea Bears, Winnipeg honour Chad Posthumus

East St. Paul's Chad Posthumus was honoured May 16 with the Winnipeg Sea Bears retiring his No. 33 jersey and the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg designating a section of Donald Street as Honourary Chad Posthumus Way.

Chad passed away in November 2024.

During a ceremony renaming the street, Mayor Scott Gillingham celebrated the Sea Bears star and tireless supporter of youth in our community.

"Chad Posthumus was a remarkable Winnipegger, a fan favourite on the court, and a mentor and role model off it," said Mayor Scott Gillingham. "This street naming is one small way we

can honour the big legacy he left behind."

That same evening before their home opener the Sea Bears retired Chad's jersey.

"Chad's legacy to our team and community speaks for itself," said Sea Bears Owner and Chairman, David Asper. "We're extremely grateful that True North Sports and Entertainment is working with us and supporting how we want to honour Chad. It proves yet again that Canada Life Centre is a treasured community asset, and we look forward to seeing Chad's banner raised as a fitting remembrance to a great Manitoban."

To extend Posthumus' legacy, Sea Bears players will wear a commemorative "33 Forever" patch on their jerseys throughout the 2025 season.

Chad was the Sea Bears first-ever player signing, and played a pivotal role in the Sea Bears'



Members of the Posthumus family with Winnipeg Mayor Gillingham and Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, Uzoma Asagwara at the Sea Bears home opener.

2023 inaugural season, helping lead the team to a playoff appearance and establishing the foundation of the franchise's identity. He scored the club's first-ever target score winner in a thrilling home opener against the Vancouver Bandits, a moment that instantly became part of Sea Bears history.

In addition to his on-court accomplishments, Chad recently was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal, a prestigious national honour recognizing Canadians who have made significant contributions to their communities. Chad worked to make Winnipeg a better place

by attending many Sea Bears youth camps for underserved children, as well as being a national spokesperson for Diabetes Canada, and attending community events like Pride Week and court openings with community partner Buckets & Borders. Chad was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 7.

East St. Paul Community Centre General Manager Nancy Plustwa says the Posthumus family, including Chad's parent Charles and Diana, have always been very involved in the centre.

"The apple didn't fall far from the tree," said Plustwa, reflecting on the years of working

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**HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD SIGN UP:**

- **STAY** on top of RM news
- **GET** notifications of upcoming events, like East St. Paul Day on June 21!
- **AND** you'll receive important notifications in the event of emergencies, like wildfires or flooding

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## East St. Paul Fire Department

# OPEN HOUSE

## Saturday June 7

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED**

**Located at the FIRE HALL**  
**2127 Camsell Ave.**  
(beside the administration building)

- Static displays of fire department vehicles and equipment
- Public access to the fire hall
- Children's firefighter challenge
- Face painting for children
- Vehicle extrication demonstration
- Fire safety trailer sponsored by Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund
- Hamburgers/hot dogs and refreshments free 11AM to 1PM





# Let's celebrate at East St. Paul Day

The memories of last year's East St. Paul Day are still fresh for Mayor Carla Devlin and she's excited about the second annual event that takes place this year on June 21.

"Last year's inaugural East St. Paul Day was a real success story," Devlin says.

"The community came together in celebration and it was a very special day. From the parade to all the activities at the arena, it was a day of camaraderie and myself and the rest of council are looking forward to this year's festivities."

The day kicks off at 11:30am with a parade down Hoddinott from Birds Hill School to Dorcon Drive.

There will be activities at the East St. Paul Arena grounds (266 Hoddinott Rd.) beginning at noon with inflatable bouncers and carnival games, face painting, a petting zoo, 26-foot rock climbing wall, laser tag and the Prairie Wild Life Rehabilitation Centre.

Bring a change of clothes if you want to jump into the foam party, and bring your flexibility for the outdoor yoga.

The X-Treme dogs will perform from 2pm to 2:30pm and there's a Sip & Shop Night Market and food trucks from 5pm to 9pm.

There are fireworks, kids karaoke, wrestling, a kids movie in the arena and the Holy Davidson Band performs at 8:30 pm.

For a full listing of events and times, see the ad in this edition or visit [eaststpaul.com](http://eaststpaul.com).

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## Stay safe this summer, be fire safe

With the arrival of summer, your fire department would like to provide you with some information to help you enjoy the warm weather ahead.

### Fire pits

- A fire pit should be enclosed on all sides and be constructed of masonry, concrete, heavy gauge metal or other non-combustible materials.
- Have a minimum clearance of 3 metres or 10 feet from any structures or combustibles such as decks, fences etc.
- It should be built into the ground, on stone or brick on a flat level surface.
- Avoid building or placing a fire pit under trees, branches, utility wires or overhangs such as roofs.
- Use a non-combustible grate or mesh to cover the fire pit.
- If it has a chimney, ensure it has a mesh or spark arrester installed.
- **DO NOT USE** portable fire pits such as chimineas or fire pit bowls on a wood or composite deck.
- When in use, the fire pit must be attended at all times by a responsible adult. Make sure the fire is fully extinguished when you are done.
- Do not use a fire pit under windy conditions or during long periods of dry weather. Check with the RM to see if there is a burn ban in effect.
- Do not burn previously painted or treated wood, wet or green/fresh cut wood, yard waste such as grass or leaves, garbage, rubber/plastic or furniture.
- Always have a way to put out the fire close to your pit such as a garden hose, bucket of sand or fire extinguisher.
- Ensure the smoke from your fire pit does not impact neighbouring property.
- Keep your fire small in size.
- If your fire gets out of control and starts to

spread to surrounding areas, contact 911 immediately and ask for the fire department.

### Fireworks

The sale, storage and use of fireworks within the municipality is governed by a new by-law which was proclaimed in January 2025. By-law is "Fire Prevention and Emergency Response By-Law", BY-LAW #2025-01. There have been some major changes in the new by-law regarding this topic.

- Section 6.5 - No person shall display for sale, sell, or offer for sale fireworks within the Municipality.
- Section 6.7 - No person shall purchase fireworks, set off, or otherwise ignite any fireworks in or above the Municipality.
- Section 6.8 - The Fire Chief or designate may authorize permits for certified personnel to light fireworks during public displays benefiting the community at large as part of special events.

Basically, there is now a ban on all residential fireworks. The changes were made due to safety concerns as residents were not enforcing safety zones that were required, residents were ignoring weather conditions when igniting fireworks such as windy days and dry ground conditions constituting extreme fire hazards and the RM was receiving many complaints regarding the noise from setting off fireworks including the impact on family pets and other animals.

The May 2025 newsletter provides more details regarding the new by-law and ban on all residential fireworks.

If you need more information regarding fire related activities or fire safety information, call and leave a message at 204-668-0064 or email [fire.department@eaststpaul.com](mailto:fire.department@eaststpaul.com).

Have a safe summer.



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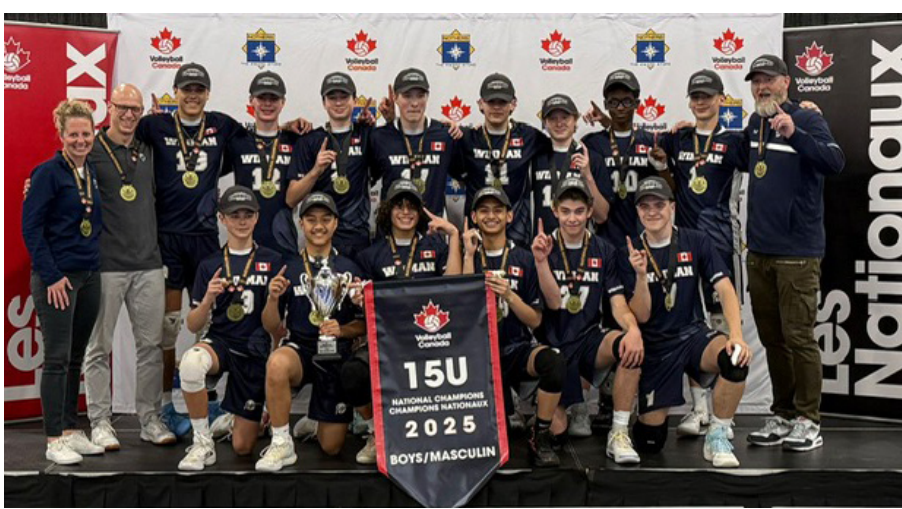
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# ESP players win National Championship

The WinMan Wild 15U team won gold at the Tier 1 15U Volleyball Youth Nationals May 11 in Edmonton. They defeated defending champs Pakmen Gold from Ontario in the final.

Earlier, the team won the 2025 Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships. Three East St. Paul athletes were on the team – Ethan Bayluk, Lucas Park and Colin Hurton. The team is coached by East St. Paul’s Leah Park. Congratulations!



Congratulations to East St. Paul Coach Leah Park and players Ethan Bayluk, Lucas Park and Colin Hurton, members of the WinMan Wild 15U Volleyball Youth National Championship team.

# June Artist of the month Gordon Bakaluk

**Gordon Bakaluk** is a multifaceted artist whose paintings can be seen in the ESP municipal offices during the month of June.

My family and I have lived in East St. Paul since 1985. Painting with acrylic on canvas has become my most recent outlet for my creative energy.

I always said I would pursue painting in my retirement, and I am presently making it a reality. Most of my paintings revolve around my love of nature, animals, marine life and music. I am still experimenting with many painting styles. Everything from realism to semi-abstract to a loose approach. I have also done a fair share of abstract paintings.

Over the course of my life I’ve dabbled with many forms of art. Mostly in the form of photography, videography, graphic art and plenty of pencil drawings. However, most of my free time over the years has been devoted to writing song lyrics and playing assorted instruments.

I also enjoy sand carving. I do most of my sand sculptures at Grand Beach. I was also on the first season of the CBC television series, Race Against the Tide. I was lucky enough to carve with some of the best sand sculptors in the world.

Feel free to check out my website GordosSandbox.com

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# New playground for Hugh McDonald Park

A new playground is being built for the Hugh McDonald Park and is anticipated to be installed later this summer.

The new structure will be accessible so those with mobility issues can join in the fun. Landscaping will be improved as well to make the park a welcoming and inclusive space.



# Posthumus honoured by Sea Bears, City



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alongside Charles.

Chad began his athletic journey at the community centre and Charles and Diana’s extraordinary dedication and countless volunteer hours have made an indelible impact on the East St. Paul Community Centre.

Few people know that Charles, an East St. Paul Councillor, has been a volunteer with the community centre for over 30 years as a coach for soccer, hockey, and basketball and is currently the community centre’s Basketball Director.

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Saturday June 21, 2025

## ESP DAY SCHEDULE

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:30am - 12:00pm

Parade - Hoddinott Rd. from Bird’s Hill School to Dorcon Dr.

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Inflatable Bouncers & Carnival Games  
Face Painting  
Petting Zoo  
26" Rock Climbing Wall  
Laser Tag  
Prairie Wild Life Rehabilitation Centre

12:00pm - 5:00pm

BBQ in support of ESP Fire Dept.

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Outdoor Yoga with Flexy Michelle

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Bike Decorating & Family Bike Ride

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Foam Party (bring a change of clothes)

2:00pm - 2:30pm

X-Treme Dogs Performance

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Fubuki Daiko Drum Show

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Kids Karaoke

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Sip & Shop Night Market / Food Trucks

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wrestling Show

8:30pm - 10:15pm

Live Band - The Holly Davidson Band

10:15pm

Kids Movie Inside the Arena

All Day

Fireworks  
Splash Pad  
Cotton Candy (while quantities last)  
Beer Gardens

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266 Hoddinott Rd.

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