

The Garden Post

October 2016

The Gardens on Tenth

Soup & Pie

Fundraising Supper

Thursday, October 20
5:00 - 7:00pm

in The Gardens Dining Room
(140 - 10th Ave. NE – use main entrance)

Entertainment provided by "On The Way"

Donations will go toward a new fire alarm panel in the Apartments

Everyone is Welcome!

THE GARDENS
ON TENTH

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 27
7:00pm in The Gardens
Multi-purpose room

55+ Healthy Living Forum

Music for the soul

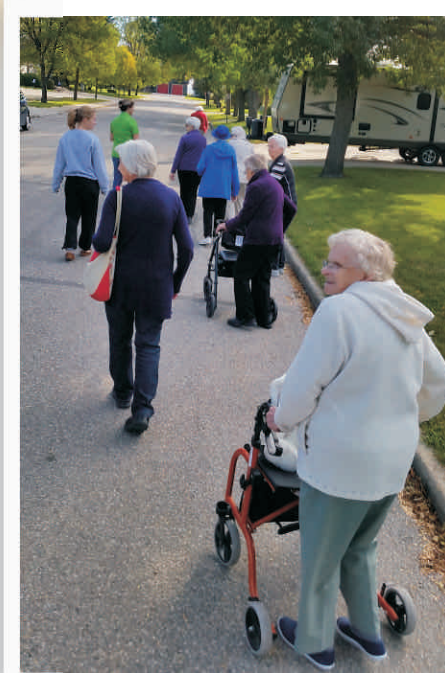
with Plenary Speaker Joel Klassen

Come join us for an educational day of learning about Health and how it can enrich our lives!

Free Event!
(including Lunch)

DATE | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
TIME | REGISTRATION 8:30 AM
LOCATION | THE GARDENS ON TENTH
(140 - 10TH AVE NE, ALTONA)

Please sign up by calling the Altona Recreation Office at 324-9005 by October 21st. Please RSVP – limited space available!



September 20 – Apartments residents enjoying an outdoor walk while we still can!

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On October 4th we had the honour of hosting Rosemary Siemens and Orlando & Grace! What great talent we enjoyed!



Wow! The need was made known, and the generous hearts responded! Thanks to your support in our Food Drive, we were able to bring 182 pounds of food to our local Food Bank!

If family or friends are interested in receiving The Garden Post by email each month, please have them send an email request to: lindsay@gardensontenth.ca

THANK YOU to our newsletter sponsors!

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Altona Food Store - (204) 324-9492

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The Gardens on Tenth will be hosting the 2016/17 series of Home Routes Concerts in our Gardens MPR. Mark these dates on your calendar, and invite your friends:

- Oct. 28 - The New Customs
- Nov. 25 - Adam Karch
- Feb. 11 - South Carolina Broadcasters
- March 12 - Katie Moore
- April 11 - Jaxon Haldane & Gordie Tentrees

Upcoming EVENTS

ARE DOGS AS SMART AS HUMANS?

Submitted by Cleo Heinrichs

(Cleo's story – continued from September edition)

Now this is where Mook's smartness comes into play! He lives in the back yard, and cannot see who or what vehicle drives into the front. But as I turn around the corner of the house to the back yard, there he stands on his platform, tail and butt wagging vigorously, AND he holds up his empty dish, just waiting for me to fill it! AS soon as I step up on the platform, he sets the dish at my feet and joyfully waits for his treat! And how he loves to crunch up those tasty chicken thigh bones!

I can stroke him, cuddle him while he eats, and he doesn't get upset. He just gives me a big, friendly smile! And when I leave, he just checks his dish once more to make sure he got everything, licks it to the last drop of gravy is gone!

How does Mook know it's me coming, when he can't see my car? Or I don't talk to anyone, don't even say a word or call his name? He knows what my vehicle sounds like and is then ready for me when I step around the corner of the house.

Just recently when I stopped by to give Mook a treat, he was wagging his tail and smiling as I walked towards his platform. Then he picked up his dish, spilled all the dog food he had been given, and set the empty dish at my feet! How smart is that!? So later in the evening I phoned Mook's "boss" and asked him whether Mook had apologized for spilling all that expensive factory dog food! "No" was his reply, "he never even hinted at it!"

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HELP US FILL OUR VACANCIES!

Available Suites:

The Manor - 2 suites The Apartments - 2 suites The Units - 2 suites
The Gardens: Type A - 1 suite; Type B - 3 suites; Type C - 5 suites

All of these suites are eligible for Rent Subsidies. Tell interested families to call Laurie @ (204)324-8945.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENT ASSIST: The Manitoba government has a new program to assist low income tenants who are not already receiving a rent supplement from MB Housing and who are not on social assistance (because you get it automatically if you're on social assistance). Pick up a form at The Gardens' reception desk or online. You can check if you are eligible at: www.gov.mb.ca/jec/eia/rentassist/estimator.html

DESIGNATED SEATING IN THE GARDENS DINING ROOM: If you would like to have a designated seat due to mobility issues please let Samantha (Food Services Manager) know.

FLU SEASON IS COMING! If you want your loved one to get a flu shot at The Gardens on Tenth during Oct/Nov, and they cannot consent for themselves, please contact Tina Klassen to sign a consent form (as their legal decision-maker/POA).

ECHOES *from days past*

by Al Schmidt

The first Old Folks Home, as they were then called, was built in Winkler in the early 1950's as a venture of the Mennonite Churches of Southern Manitoba. It was called **Salem Home for the Aged**.

When growing demands for more beds became clear, an expansion was planned. Supported by a large petition of local residents requesting an Altona Home be built instead, Altona area church leaders took this matter to the Salem Board. A decision here in 1958 decided to expand Salem, but to build a home in Altona once all constructions debts were paid – this was expected to take about two years.

Under the leadership of Bergthaler Church Bishop David Schulz, the local group pushed ahead with planning. In light of this the 1959 annual meeting of Salem Home gave unanimous approval that the committee in charge of a Altona's proposed home be given full authority to buy land and make plans to build as soon as weather conditions in spring would permit.

Local canvassing was begun, and municipal and provincial support were solicited. Following a well-attended public meeting that expressed strong support, the committee decided to proceed with construction of **Ebenezer home for the Aged, now The Apartments**.

A two-storey building with 48 single rooms was planned at a projected cost of \$200,000. Rooms were to be 125 square feet floor space with a half bath shared with the adjoining room. It was to be financed with \$70,000 in cash and pledges from the community, \$70,000 in provincial grants, and an estimated \$70,000 debenture loan. This was overwhelmingly supported by 200 plus attendees at public meetings in June, 1960.

Construction began in 1961 and was completed in 1962. An open house received approximately 2000 visitors, many bringing various household goods as gifts. Premier Duff Roblin attended the opening ceremonies on the steps of Ebenezer on June 10, 1962.

The board soon felt there were people in the community who did not need or want the full range of services provided by Ebenezer, but who were finding maintaining a home and yard increasingly difficult. This led to the construction of an apartment building of 16 units immediately north of Ebenezer in 1966; this was expanded by another 16 units in 1969. Today about half of these are left, and are called the **Units**. Residents in here were living fully independently.

Within a few years it was clear that help was needed for those who needed assistance occasionally, so in 1979 an "enriched living" facility of 23 units - now the **Manor** - was built south of the original Ebenezer at a capital cost in excess of .5 million dollars.

In 2011 the Board held invited church stakeholders to a workshop regarding the future. Here a strong mandate was received to build new facilities for the future – independent living with some meal service, and additional services like housekeeping and laundry available as requested. The result is **The Gardens**, begun in 2013 in fall and completed in Spring of 2015.



Official Opening of Ebenezer Home in 1962.

The
Alzheimer
Journey:
Navigating the Road Together

Starting in
January 2017

in The Gardens
Multi Purpose Room (MPR).
with Kathy Fehl from the
Alzheimer Society
WATCH FOR DETAILS!



Starting October 12 @ 7pm
Bible Study with
Walter Hiebert in the
Gardens MPR.

October 15 @ 10am
Youth Choral Choir
singing in the MPR.
By donation.

October 16, 2:30-4:30
in Gardens Dining Room
Cross Cultural Coffee &
Sharing (see poster for details)

Starting October 18, 2:30pm
Crafts & Games
Tuesday afternoons

Starting October 19, 9:15am
Ladies Bible Study
with Rose Hildebrand
in the Gardens library

October 20, 5-7pm
The Gardens on Tenth
Soup & Pie Supper
Fundraiser
Live entertainment by
"On My Way"

October 28 @ 7:00pm
Home Routes Concert
in the MPR featuring
The New Customs.
Tickets \$20

October 27 @ 7pm
The Gardens on Tenth
Annual Meeting
in our MPR

November 3, 1:30pm
Painting Party
in The Gardens MPR
\$25 includes everything

November 10, Supper
Theme Night – Scotland

**If you would be interested
in helping to set up or take
down for events, such as
concerts, please let
Grace know.**