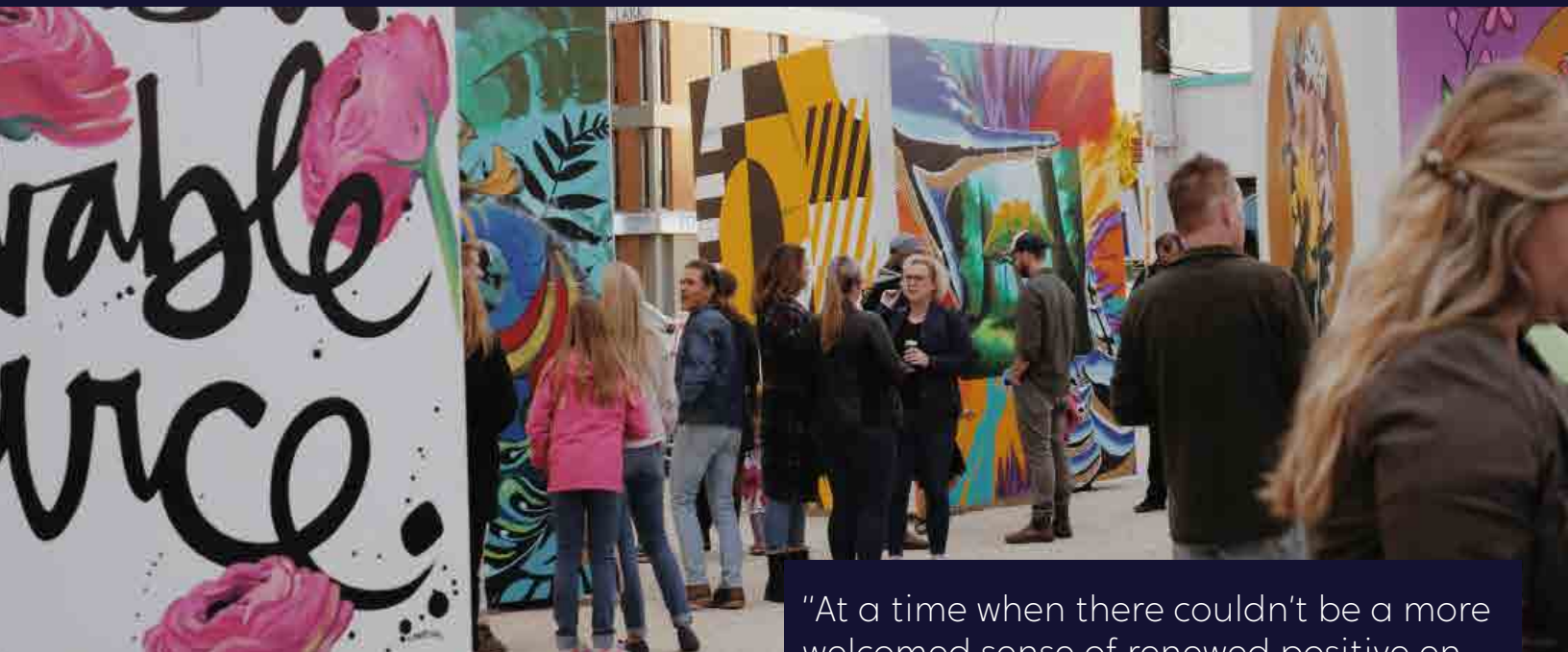


Newsletter

2022 Fall/Winter



Renew Art Project

While moving along Portage Avenue this summer you may have noticed a once vacant lot turn into a large art installation. The 'Renew Art Project' brought twelve artists together in an outdoor shared space to produce **twelve new murals** for the West End.

The West End BIZ partnered with artist Mandy van Leeuwen to help bring this art project to life. Mandy has worked on many murals in the West End, including the 'Folklorama 50' mural that won Mural of the Year in 2019.

Folks were encouraged to stop by and check out the progress and see the artists working away. A local farmer's market set-up shop once a week and folks were able to pick up fresh produce while checking out the artwork. Once all of the murals were completed, the BIZ held an event to celebrate all of the new murals and the project as a whole. The event brought the

"At a time when there couldn't be a more welcomed sense of renewed positive energy and connection, the unfolding and collective process of this project leaves a feeling of a beehive like hub made **pure of creativity** that aims to share our collective love for art as well as try something new," says Mandy van Leeuwen

community together through a free mini-market, local drinks from Barn Hammer Brewing and De Lucas and treats from Goodies Bake Shop. The completed murals have started to be permanently installed throughout the West End.

The artists that participated in the Renew Art Project were, Cheney Lansard, Franklin Fernando, Jessica Canard, Jeannie White Bird, Jonato Dalayoan, Kal Barteski, Kevin Celestino, Michel Saint Hilaire, Mike Valcourt, Nereo Zorro, Stormy Angecone and Xavier Mutshipayi.

The Renew Art Project was led by the West End BIZ and Mandy van Leeuwen. Sponsored by Councillor Cindy Gilroy the City of Winnipeg.

State of the West End

The West End BIZ Economic and Development team has been putting together quarterly reports this year to show a quick snapshot of the current economic state of the West End. The reports show the number of business openings and closures in the neighbourhood, what our ambassador team has been hearing from businesses through their business check-in, and grant uptake. Through these reports, our team is able to identify areas of concern and promise to help better adjust our programming to meet our members needs. In our latest report, we saw that more folks were reaching out to learn more about our grants program! This tells us that folks are wanting to invest in their business and community. Our grant program is available to all of our members, if you would like to learn more, please email Prashanta at grants@westendbiz.ca.



Teddy, Business Owner of Seven Cafe



New Murals in the Neighbourhood

It was a busy year for murals in the West End! The West End BIZ was happy to be able to support a few new murals that popped up throughout the neighbourhood and even on the sidewalk. This summer, the BIZ worked with the businesses along Portage Ave between Furby and Sherbrooke to bring a new sidewalk mural to the neighbourhood. The new mural helps create a more inviting space and is a unique way of beautifying a busy area. The sidewalk mural was created by Coolstreets Winnipeg in partnership with Alex Plante. The BIZ also helped support a new mural along Wall Street a 680 Wall Street on the Cascades building. This new mural was painted by Mandy van Leeuwen and Michel Saint Hilaire and was supported by Take Pride Winnipeg, Cascades and the West End BIZ. Lastly, you may have seen a new mural pop up on KUB Bread at 850 Erin Street in the West End. This new mural was completed by artist Charlie Johnston.



Safety Patrol & Ambassador Program

The West End BIZ patrol and ambassador teams are out in the neighbourhood more than ever. Our ambassadors are checking-in with businesses and letting them know about the different grants and services available to our members. The Safety Patrols are providing safe walks, needle pickups and reporting any issues that needs attention. If you need assistance or want to report an area issue, please don't hesitate to reach out by calling 204-229-2502 or emailing patrol@westendbiz.ca.



On-request Snow Removal Service

Similar to last winter, our team will be offering limited on-request snow removal services to our members over the winter. Our team will continue with regular sidewalk snow clearing to ensure our neighbourhood is accessible for everyone. Please email Ryan at ryan@westendbiz.ca or call 204-954-7900 ext. 205 for more information.

*Please note, service will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and depends on BIZ equipment capabilities and resources. *Service will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Alternative Turf Pilot Project

Over the summer our alternative turf pilot project kick-off along Wall Street. The West End BIZ is currently working with The City of Winnipeg and Native Plant Solutions to plant native grass rather than traditional turf along a newly renovated stretch on Wall Street. This pilot project aims to determine what grass will be able to withstand salt and harsh conditions best. The newly planted grass will be put to the test this winter!



Call the West End BIZ if...

You have graffiti that needs to be removed

- We offer free graffiti removal services to all businesses, non-profit organizations and residents in the West End. Let us know if you have been tagged and we will send our Graffiti Team over to help!

If you would like a safety patrol to provide a safe walk

- Our Safety Patrol Program offers safe walks to anyone in the West End area. If you would like a patrol walk with you please call them directly at (204) 229-2502.

If you would like to learn about grant opportunities for your business

- We offer a variety of grants including our Storefront, Safety, and Business Development grants. If you are looking to improve your business storefront or if you would like assistance with business safety, give us a call and we can help!

If you have an event or fundraiser you would us to help promote

- The West End Biz enjoys sharing all of the exciting events and activities that take place throughout the neighbourhood. If you have an upcoming event or news that you would like some help getting the word out, give us a call or email aurora@westendbiz.ca and we can help.



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Our monthly e-newsletter is a great way to stay informed and learn more about what the BIZ is working on. It is also the first place we send out new programming opportunities or upcoming events. To sign up for our e-newsletter, please email info@westendbiz.ca

Newest Businesses

Chatime

990 Portage Ave

My Rent A Dress

942 Erin St.

Compassionate Care

831 Sargent Ave

Oak & Apple

Unit C - 873 Notre Dame Ave

Enlightened Electric

1410 Erin St.

Silex Fiberglass Windows and Doors

1450 Wall St.

Heather's Pretty Parties

646 Erin St.

Simon Barber

526 Sargent Ave

JB Plumbing + Heating/ Diamond Ridge Investments

1408 Erin St.

The Abby

955 Portage Ave

Mae Sunee Thai Cuisine

1390 Erin St.

1-800-Got-Junk

1079 Wellington