

Charleswood Historical Society Newsletter June 2024



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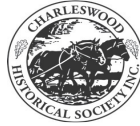
To our Members and Supporters Happy Summer!

Welcome to our New CHS President, Janet Adam

We are very pleased to announce our new President is Janet Adam. Janet's family has a long history in Charleswood and she has been a CHS member for many years. Welcome Janet, thank you for letting your name stand for President.

Doors Open Winnipeg 2024 - Caron House

Doors Open at Caron House was held May 26, 2024. It was another successful year as we hosted 194 visitors and enjoyed a warm and sunny day. Our visitors were treated to both indoor and outdoor tours which were enjoyed by everyone. The highlight of our indoor tours this year was a newly decorated interior done in Victorian colours with everyone commenting how beautiful and charming the house looked. We appreciated all the work our new tenants put in to display both the indoor and outdoor house tours. The Charleswood Library had a display tent which was enjoyed by many of the visitors. As well we had another display of some of the past history of Caron House. A big thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who helped in so many ways to prepare for this annual event. Full credit to them for another successful Doors Open!



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Doors Open Winnipeg 2024 - CHS Museum

The Museum participated in Doors Open Winnipeg on Saturday, May 25. Six volunteers were tour guides.

Len VanRoon Sr. & Jr. prepared a special display on the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Len Sr. was in the first wave of soldiers who stormed Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. Fifty one guests toured the Museum, including a reporter & photographer from the Winnipeg Free Press. Watch for a newspaper article on the Charleswood Museum towards the end of June.

The Museum will continue to be open every Saturday, from 2-4 PM during the summer months. History books (Photos & Fragments of Charleswood History), Charleswood coffee mugs & memberships are available for purchase at the Museum.

Follow us on our web page & Facebook page.

Third CHS Lecture in our 2024 Series: "The 150th Anniversary of the Winnipeg Police"

On Monday, May 6, CHS members and guests were treated to a fascinating presentation by John Burchill, President of the Winnipeg Police Museum & Historical Society Inc., commemorating its 150th anniversary. Rod Hutter, a police officer connected with the Police Museum, accompanied John and contributed to the discussion.

Prior to 1874, Winnipeg was policed by the Manitoba Provincial Police. From the amazing story of Louie de Plainval, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxzrhpnHSy0>, one of the first Chiefs of Police, through to modern day, John walked us through the challenges and innovations of the police forces now known as the Winnipeg Police Service.

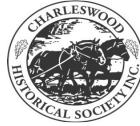
Of note, in 1965 the City of Winnipeg came into the spotlight by installing the first 999 emergency call centre *in North America*. This remarkable innovation was facilitated by an earlier decision by the City to install "call boxes" to connect the early suburbs with police headquarters.

To learn more, visit the Winnipeg Police Museum, located in the current WPS building at 245 Smith St. at Graham Avenue. It's well worth it! (204 986 3976, <https://winnipegpolicemuseum.ca/>)

A tour of the Police Museum by interested CHS members will be arranged in the upcoming months.

Thank you, John and Rod!

The **CHS Heritage Lecture Series** is nearly booked for the 2024-2025 session. The schedule will be published in the fall in the Charleswood Historical Society Newsletter



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CHS Annual Picnic – Sunday, 23 June, 2 -4 pm

The Charleswood Historical Society Annual Picnic takes place on Sunday, June 23, from 2-4pm (rain date July 7) at Caron Park. The picnic is a potluck affair with CHS providing hot dogs, condiments and drinks.

Members may bring salads, desserts etc. with portions which would normally serve 6-8 people.

Charleswood Community Event – Celebrating Winnipeg 150



C'mon out and enjoy this terrific community event! Join us for a vibrant celebration of community spirit on **June 15th, 2024** at the **Charleswood Dog Park**.

This is a FREE all day festival filled with live music, food, games, and activities for all ages. Celebrate the BLOCK PARTY 150 years in the making with friends, family, and neighbours.

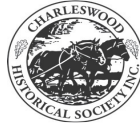
Go to <https://www.evanduncan.ca/about-1-1> for a full explanation of the events taking place and an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for an hour (or more, if you wish).

CHS Community and School Programs

On June 12 CHS School Program Volunteers will present a program and tour of our museum to a grade 3/4 class of 27 children from **Beaumont School**. The program on Charleswood history will continue by a CHS volunteer as the children walk back to school!

CHS Communication

Information Kiosk: Ken, our Historical Society webmaster, has graciously donated a printer/scanner so we can start scanning some new pictures on our computer. Look for a future date where you can bring in old Charleswood photos to be scanned and added to our collections.



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Charleswood Historical Society Website - we continue to receive emails from across the country asking for information about Charleswood families. Our group of "researchers" do a great job of finding out information to relay back to these individuals. Thanks to people like Mr. Van Roon Sr, Gwen Jamieson, Eileen MacDonald, Deanne Coombs, Ken Morrisette and many more. We continue to update the website with new and upcoming events so check it out especially our upcoming fall lecture series!

CHS Memorabilia

Books ... Don't forget to pick up your copy of "**Photos & Fragments of Charleswood's History**", available at the Charleswood Museum for \$22.00. Perfect for summer-time reading in the back yard or lake! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)

Mugs ... Available at the CHS Museum, pick up a unique and colourful CHS mug. Impress your friends and neighbours with the Charleswood images familiar to all. Each mug sells for \$14.99



For museum location and hours: <https://charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca/chs-upcoming-events/>

CHS Youtube Videos

A reminder to view a couple of fun and informative Youtube videos featuring Charleswood history:

- **The Harte Trail** – great outdoors in the city <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWH-TJ6wdBk>
- **Charleswood Little Known Facts** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0YKojEE4us>