## **Creativity shines in Old Kildonan**



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OLD KILDONAN CITY Councillor Ward Report

Don't let the cold weather keep you inside! Staying active year-round is important, and I'm pleased that our community has a multitude of recreational wintertime activities for everyone to enjoy. Here are a few things you can participate in this time of year.

Many indoor and outdoor ice rinks are open for residents to enjoy. Lace up some skates and head to a rink near you! The indoor skating rinks at Seven Oaks Arena and Maples Community Centre are great facilities for hockey, ringette and pleasure skating alike.

The state-of-the-art Seven Oaks Arena is also open for public skating on Sundays, while the 55+ skate occurs every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. If skating is not your preferred wintertime activity, Seven Oaks Arena also includes a pleasant indoor walking track that is free of charee.

In addition, the Garden City Community Centre's 55+ program offers free bocce ball and pickleball throughout the week. A more detailed schedule of activities can be found on their website. For those in the Maples area, the Seven Oaks Seniors has a number of resources and programs for those over the age of 55. This also includes a drop-in on Wednesday afternoons at Maples Community Centre.

For a magical and lively skating experience, you can check out the recently installed public art, Bokeh, at the Kildonan Park Duck Pond. These new colourful lights, designed by talented local artists, make for an added level of enchantment. Kildonan Park is also a delightful place to go tobogganing or skiing at least one last time before the snow and ice melt away. Whether it be skating, skiing, tobogganing, playing with friends and family, or simply enjoying a walk, make sure you get the most out of these wintertime recreational opportunities.

Many of you may also have seen the snow

sculpture in Garden City, which Edgar Sanchez built in his yard. Creativity shines brightly in our ward. It is always wonderful to see all the snowy creations in our community.

During these last weeks of winter, take time to enjoy the activities our community has to offer! Stay tuned for future developments in our ward. This is an exciting year for our area and there are more improved recreational experiences coming soon.

If you have any ideas for improving recreational experiences in Old Kildonan or would like to contact my office for any other reason, feel free to email me at devi@winnipeg.ca, call 204-986-5264, or drop in personally to my community office at 646 Leila Ave.