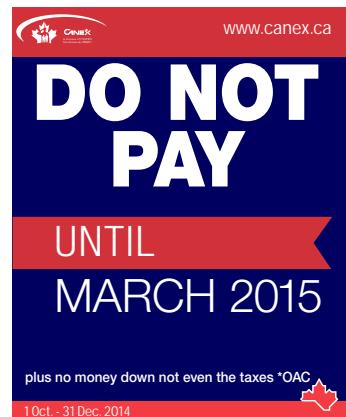


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Com Rec Halloween Party Attracts Close to 400 Guests



All the little Boils and Ghouls came out to the Com Rec Halloween Party on Oct 25, with their parents in tow. The event was the biggest Halloween Party yet for Community Recreation. For more see pages 8 and 15.

Tyrannosaurus Rex helps to demonstrate proper exercise technique at the PSP Fitness and Sports Halloween Spin and Circuit Spooktacular, held Oct 31. Photo: Mike Sherby. For more see page 15.

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John Dick's Landscaping: Proud to Serve Those Who Serve

By Martin Zeilig

John Dick, owner of John Dick Landscaping & Lawn Care, views Remembrance Day as a perfect time for heartfelt reflection for what all men and women in military service have given to this country over the years.

It's a serious and often forgotten message that we should all take to heart.

"Everyday is the right time for Winnipeggers to remember, respect and honour the sacrifices that Canadian veterans and their families have made. They pave the way to our freedoms," he says.

"As a contractor, I have had the opportunity and am fortunate to work with veterans' families for over ten years now. I also have family members who were in the military.

"I feel fortunate to do what we do for Veterans and their families, and am reminded of this often when I am approached in public by members of our Canadian Military who stop me to say 'I want to thank you for taking care of my mum and dad.' It's humbling."

You may have seen one of John's trucks, displaying the commitment "Proudly Serving Winnipeg's Veterans", always seen right next to a big poppy.

John started his business in 1997, and has been involved with the Veteran's Independence Program since 2002.

The Veterans Independence Program (VIP) helps people remain independent and self-sufficient in their home and community.

Depending on their circumstances and health needs, they may qualify for financial assistance to obtain services such as grounds maintenance; housekeeping; personal care; access to nutrition; health and support services provided by a health professional.

The program is designed to strengthen the independence of veterans and their families in part by providing necessary and valuable benefits to them, emphasizes John, whose clients are supported by a core group of dedicated 12 full time employees.

"On our website, we try to keep the public informed with the most current information from Veterans Affairs about the specifics of what is covered under the program," he says.

Besides providing grass-cutting, snow removal and tree trimming services, John's well trained employ-

ees also specialize in landscape construction. John offers consultations, and works side by side with his men during bobcat and dump truck services, excavations, levelling and grading, not to mention all of the long hours clearing commercial and residential snow.

John and his crew work hard to maintain the highest standards of excellence possible in their field.

"We are proud to be recognized four years in a row by the Manitoba Better Business Bureau for our Service, Excellence, Ethics and Integrity," he says.

Details about the performance history for John and his crew can be viewed anytime on the BBB website.

Winnipeg knows John Dick Landscaping and Snow Removal for their hard work, and this commitment to client satisfaction was recently rewarded when the Stars Air Ambulance requested their services year round for their quick response flight hanger in Winnipeg.

"I could not be more proud of my guys, Stars Air Ambulance as a client? Now that is a huge gold sticker for the report card!!" John says.

As well, John and his team receive numerous thank you letters/emails and voice mail messages that from clients which serve to reinforce his commitment to the job.

"The service has been fantastic. The snow was cleared over night or by mid-morning, after heavier snow falls, at the latest." - Sincerely Will & Lillian Szepertycki March 16, 2014

"I compliment you on the work that your crews continue to do, an exceptional visit today to provide a detail clean up and scraping of the driveway, they did a wonderful job, you have good fellows working for you, I appreciate your work, extremely satisfied with your service, thank you John." - George Woods

The company does large commercial landscape projects, as well as basic yard maintenance for city wide residential customers, says John, a life-long resident of Winnipeg, who started his career in landscaping and property care in 1985.

"I came from an entrepreneurial home," he said. "My dad is a successful, well respected, independent business owner and is a positive influence for me, even today. Naturally, when I bought a snow blower, I printed off

flyers from the UPS store and went door-to-door letting people know my services were available. That's how John's Snow Services Ltd. started. I primarily worked only during the winter for a few years."

But, then his winter customers began asking for summer services too.

"I wasn't going to refuse them," stressed Mr. Dick. "So, we developed our current name. We pride ourselves on providing a pinnacle level of service in Winnipeg."

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To contact John please call (204) 291-7778; Fax: (204) 661-4701 or visit the company website: www.johndickenterprises.com

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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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by John McCrae, May 1915

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