

BRIEF

POLICE SAY ROAD RAGE LED TO SHOOTING

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A MAN was shot and left in critical condition after a road rage incident over the weekend, Winnipeg police say.

Two vehicles pulled over and five men began arguing in the area of Kingsbury Avenue and McPhillips Street on Saturday around 5:55 p.m. Police don't know what sparked the incident, but it didn't involve vehicle damage, Winnipeg Police Service Const. Jay Murray said Monday.

During the argument, a small-calibre rifle was pulled out and one of the men was shot. Two men fled in a vehicle while the wounded man was rushed to hospital. He has since been upgraded to stable condition.

Samtra Samtra, 19, has been charged with discharge of a restricted firearm with intent. Samtra and Christopher Junior Capitly, 19, have also been charged with several offences, including aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon.

MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL

NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

THE Manitoba Arts Council announced Monday that Randy Joynt will be taking over the role of its executive director.

Joynt was previously the executive director of Artspace, where he developed Artspace Arts Management, which provides bookkeeping services for arts organizations. He also helped launch ArtSupport Manitoba, a program that works with arts organizations and the community to increase cultural engagement.

For the past three years, Joynt has been the manager of external affairs for the Royal and McPherson Theatre Society in Victoria.

Joynt succeeds acting executive director Debra Solmundson, and will assume his new role Aug. 6.

HOME WATER READINGS

BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY

CITY of Winnipeg employees will begin reading residential water meters on Wednesday. Home visits to take meter readings will be conducted on weekdays between 2:30 p.m. and dusk, according to the city.

Readers will be wearing city uniforms with a logo. They will carry photo identification, which the city encourages homeowners to request before letting anyone in.

Staff will only knock at front and side doors. They will not enter a home until any dogs inside have been secured in a separate room or kennel.

The meter reading program will continue until the end of August.

ALEXANDER AVENUE HOME

DAMAGED BY FIRE

NOBODY was hurt in a Sunday night fire that damaged a home on the 700 block of Alexander Avenue.

Winnipeg fire crews responded to a call at 10:12 p.m. They evacuated the single-family home and a neighbouring house, and declared the fire under control by 10:33 p.m.

“The garage sustained significant damage,” the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service said in a release. “As well, an exterior wall of the house and a neighbouring garage sustained damage to exterior walls.”

The fire is under investigation.