

POINT *to* POINT

ARMSTRONG'S POINT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Staying Home

Find your comfort zone - porch, garden, favourite chair. Pause, listen to the bees hum or watch the river flow by. Slow down, appreciate, reflect.



Ellies' flowers in July



"Bee in Flight" Photo - Ash Raichura



A Middle Gate bee garden



Summer in East Blanchard Park



*Armstrong's Point
THE HERITAGE REPORT*

Greetings Neighbours

As summer in Winnipeg is struggling to emerge, in sympathy with the world situation, I would like to offer a small ray of sunshine for today. It has been one year since Armstrong's Point was designated the first official heritage neighbourhood in Winnipeg!

Thanks to the care of Darlene Irwin, the new, also one year old, Middle Gate Gardens are safe after a very long, cold winter. The plants are looking robust and healthy and we hope they brighten your day as you take a walk this summer through your proud neighbourhood!

*April Kassum, Chair
APA Heritage / Beautification Committee*

Times Have Changed: A Photo Essay

(with a little help from Psychology Today)

“You, along with the rest of society, have been asked to come together under extraordinary circumstances to do something out of the ordinary.”

The new rules are everywhere.



“Practice Social Distancing”
Osborne Street, April 2

We’re not hanging out together like we used to do.



The Nook mural, Sarah Collard

We’re acting responsibly. We make face masks for our families, or belong to groups that make and donate them where needed.



Peter Thomson, mask by Pat Thomson

*“Set personal goals.
Using your time wisely,
sticking to a routine,
and being productive
help maintain hope.”*

“Do your part. Participating in the specified safety measures joins you with millions of other people as we work together to protect others and get back to business as usual.”

We’re adapting. Cooperation for the general good doesn’t seem to be an issue in our part of the world.

“Remember that people are still working to make it get better.” Extraordinary times called for new ways to show thanks and to give back. April 4, 2020, 8:30 p.m. - Armstrong’s Point put its lights on and made some noise throughout the neighbourhood in support of our health care and essential service workers.



“Reminder: Wash Your Hands”
Misericordia, April 25



Sherbrook Street



Cheers from Cornish Avenue
Sandy Butterfield

“Invest in the uplifting.” Thanks to where we live, distancing doesn’t have to mean being cooped up in the house, and we’re valuing our great outdoors all the more. Some of us were lucky enough to catch the spectacular double rainbow in the evening skies, April 26.



Double rainbow

Though streets are quiet, we also find that distancing is not the same as isolation. In fact, the slowdown seems to be bringing people together.



Wherever we find them, we use our opportunities to stay connected.

Loving the traffic-free streets and spaces, camera-shy Carlos of Furby Street and his family are some of the many new and friendly faces we see daily, taking their outings through Armstrong’s Point.



Carlos of Furby Street

We find pop-up messages of caring and encouragement on kiosks and pavement all around us.



Misericordia



Furby Street

“I re-read Erma Bombeck’s **A Marriage Made in Heaven, or, Too Tired for an Affair** . Honest you can re-read her and still enjoy such a great sense of humour. I do want to recommend it. We all need a little sense of humour at this time.”

- Colleen Horbay, Middle Gate

“Make space for chatting with friends.” - never a problem here in Armstrong’s Point

Thanks to all who forwarded these:

2019: Stay away from negative people.

2020: Stay away from positive people.

Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighbourhood! Those are your neighbours without makeup and hair extensions.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet, or should we just keep washing our hands?

Me: Alexa what’s the weather this weekend?

Alexa: It doesn’t matter, you’re not going anywhere.

Still haven’t decided where to go for my vacation - the living room or the back yard.

I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.



This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog we laughed a lot.

Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

AGM Deferred

“In view of stay at home requests and social distancing, the APA Board has deferred the APA AGM, which usually occurs in May, to a later date. This will require the current Officers of the Corporation to stay in place until the re-scheduled AGM. Residents of AP will be notified well in advance of the new date.” - *Diamond Kassum, President*

Bench seating restored

in West Blanchard Park! Thanks to WB Bear Clan and the many park users within AP and beyond for their letters of support. Our appreciation also to Darren Pell of the Parks Department and Councillor Sherri Rollins for their assistance.

We welcome

recent new residents: Jai Shankar, Namita Sinha and family on East Gate, as well as Todd Johnson, Jennifer Lewis and family on West Gate.



Our local businesses are gradually reopening and keeping people employed. Check them out!

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The Gallery ...



They're back! Mallard ducks photographed on Middle Gate April 25. In uncertain times a familiar scene like this is reassuring.

On Cornish Avenue, a different perspective on the current crisis. The pause in human activity has allowed the environment to rebound, but the slowdown measures will be much harder on some of us than others. *Photos by Larry Isacoff*



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“The pandemic may be an opportunity to transform the way we live”
writes David Suzuki.
How will we respond to the challenge?