

POINT *to* POINT

Fall Edition 2021

ARMSTRONG'S POINT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A Message from APA's President for 2021-23

Hello neighbours,

In 2017 my family and I moved into our home on Middle Gate. It started off as a renovation project, finally becoming our home months later. Through the process we soon realized that Armstrong's Point is much more than individual homes and families, it is a true neighbourhood in every sense of the word. We came to understand that this was not by accident but rather the quiet, behind the scenes efforts of the Armstrong's Point Association (APA) and its member volunteers.

From area beautification, representing the interests of the neighbourhood,

organizing social events, planting trees, doing what it can to keep the area safe and secure, and fostering an overall sense of care, these volunteers have done a remarkable job.

When given the opportunity to join the APA and subsequently its Board I jumped at the chance. Now, as the incoming President of the APA I hope to keep the Association strong and healthy in its support of these many volunteer efforts.

Kindest regards,

Jim Perchaluk

President, Armstrong's Point Association



Armstrong's Point
THE HERITAGE REPORT

2021 Heritage/Beautification Committee Report

Well folks, it's fast becoming that time of year again, with the little chill in the air bringing us the Fall newsletter and the 2021 Heritage/Beautification Committee's Report.

The Middle Gate gardens had a beautiful summer with Cole and Lily of West Broadway Biz keeping our plants well watered through the drought. The historic structures at the West and Middle Gate entrances have been professionally restored by the City of Winnipeg - thank you Kelly! Planning for the heritage plaque installation at the Middle Gate Garden is in full swing. Preliminary plans are forming for a Spring makeover for the East Gate entrance, with some ground work preparation to start this fall.

The Cornish Pump House (15 Cornish Avenue) is being given a new look, with its several historic features to be highlighted as the important entrance/exit to what we hope will be an upgraded Forks Riverwalk.

It's been a fun, busy and productive year with a lot to look forward to.

Watch this space!

April Kassum

Chair, Heritage/Beautification Committee



Looking at the Numbers

Thoughts on our hot, dry summer, and beyond

A one-of-a-kind neighbourhood like Armstrong's Point offers many ways to express our individual tastes and styles. Getting together behind a shared cause makes another kind of statement: what matters to the community as a whole.

Shifting the focus from our homes in all their variety, we only have to look up and beyond to see what all of AP has in common - we're living in a deep green space sheltered by an urban forest, right in the heart of the inner city.

"It can be ten degrees cooler under the tree canopy than without that shelter."

- Trees Please Winnipeg

We can't take gifts like these for granted. The intense heat, drought and poor air quality of the past summer are telling us something. The tree canopy needs our protection, and in turn, it will protect us.

Here we experience wonders that city dwellers rarely know.



Photo: Larry Isacoff

Now let's crunch some numbers...

Trees Please Winnipeg Coalition
<https://treespleasewinnipeg.com>
has done the analysis for us.

Over the next 10-20 years they foresee a massive 30% loss in canopy trees from central, mature neighbourhoods like AP. With our Urban Forestry department currently in a 60% backlog in



replanting on city property, Trees Please estimates that half of Winnipeg's public trees may be gone by 2040.

But there's an upside, they say. We don't have to wait for the worst to occur. Given that 90% of our urban forest is actually on private property, our neighbourhood has huge power in its own hands, right now, to counter the effects of tree loss and climate change we know are coming our way.

September 22nd is Arbour Day in Canada, a day dedicated to the planting of trees. Kudos to the AP homeowners who are becoming stewards of the forest, not only determined to keep AP shady, cool, green and beautiful, but doing their part to lower the carbon footprint, decrease pollution and boost oxygen production by replacing the trees they are losing from their own properties...did we mention lowering their own cooling costs?

For numbering yourselves among those taking action, the community, the city and the planet thank you!



Photo: Darlene Irwin

A drive-thru of Armstrong's Point's history

"This morning when I looked out, I saw a beautiful Model 'T' Ford being towed on a flatbed into the Ralph Connor House driveway! I imagine it will figure in the movie they are shooting. There are lots of reasons to keep a camera handy in the Gates."

- Vicky Armanios



Illustration by Glenn Hayes



Check out those wooden spokes!



In fact, AP hosted movie crews in July as CBC's drama series "The Porter" was filmed in several locations around the neighbourhood. It's inspired by real events of the 1920s and is expected to air in February.

Then Sean Ceaser of Middle Gate sent this interesting item:

"I remember seeing this illustration by Glenn Hayes when I was a teenager, at PJ Auto, the place my parents have been bringing their car for repair for decades. The cars are 1956-57.

Do you recognize the house in it?"

- Sean Ceaser

Hint: the artist has changed the address as well as the look of the house next door.

All this got us thinking of the role of the automobile in Armstrong's Point history. Could we find any more examples?

Pat Thomson sent us these from the Armstrong's Point archives:



Left: circa 1910 postcard, "Armstrong's Point"
Right: 1914, a five-passenger Cadillac, property of James Ryan Sr. of 93 Middle Gate



Sadly, the home pictured above, at the corner of 93 Middle Gate and Blanchard, was destroyed by fire.

If anyone has more to share on this theme of the automobile through time in AP, either photos or stories, we'd love to publish them.

BULLETIN BOARD

We welcome

Gareth Thiessen and Rina Urish to 2 East Gate, Eric and Crystal Hyun to 43 Middle Gate, Rob Strachan, Michelle Leona and daughter Lucy to 21 West Gate, Krystal Thorington and Daniel Robinson and family: Aurelia, Signy and Fionn, to 111 Middle Gate.

We bid “au revoir” to

Jocelyne Hullen, East Gate resident for 39 years and a long-serving APA Board and Heritage Committee member. Jocelyne's immediate plans: first off to England to visit family, then on to France. Merci beaucoup Jocelyne, et bon voyage.



West Broadway Biz

Cole (left) and Lily (right) of West Broadway Biz, seen every week including our Middle Gate entrance gardens in their rounds. For the third season, our thanks to Executive Director Sara Atnikov for this generous donation to Armstrong's Point.

The Gallery ...

Recent Works by Isabelle Perchaluk
Warm and textural or cool and polished,
volumes molded by light and shadow



Wrap, 2021
24" x 29"
Oil paint on unprimed canvas



Steel, 2021
4.8 ft x 6.8 ft
Oil paint and soft pastel on unprimed canvas

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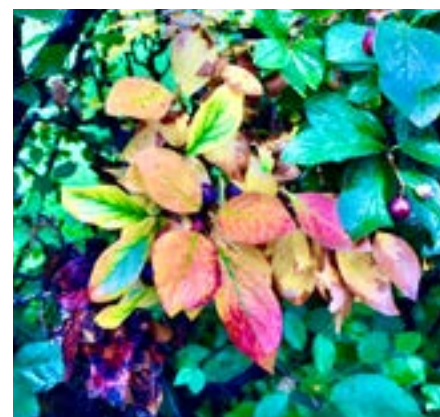
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