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ARMSTRONG'S POINT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



*The Heritage Report:*

HERITAGE STATUS UPDATE

## Greetings Neighbours!

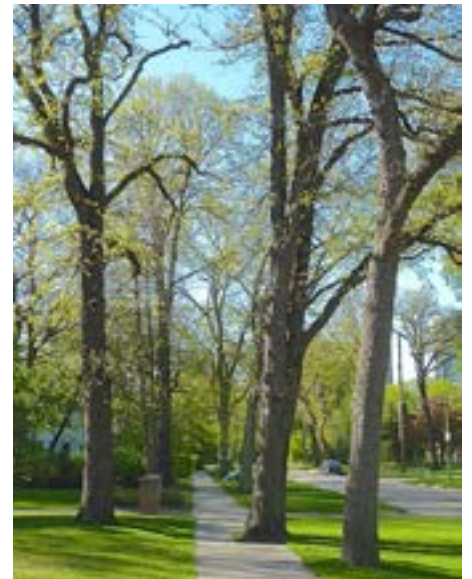
As you already know, our wonderful neighbourhood, Armstrong's Point, is poised to become Winnipeg's first official Heritage neighbourhood! We all feel very honored to be the stewards of these lovely, old homes and they are about to be nationally recognized.

Hopefully, it will happen for all of us before September, which is the usual time for the AP House Tour, so fingers crossed!

The Beautification Committee will soon begin work at the entrance of Middle Gate to make some long-awaited changes! The addition of color from flowers and shrubs will hopefully brighten up our central street and bring a smile to all who pass through those 100 year-old gates.

April Kassum  
Chair - Heritage Committee

*Spring is just around the corner...  
and the Armstrong's Point neighbourhood beautification  
initiative is coming with it!*



## Slip Slidin' Away

### Riverbank Stabilization at the Cornish Library

by Kelly Van Camp

Representatives from the City of Winnipeg held a public information session at the Cornish Library to update residents on proposed measures to prevent riverbank erosion, in support of the \$2.5M addition and improvements planned for the 100 year-old library itself. They were accompanied by engineers from Trek Geotechnical consultants who undertook the hydraulic assessment and designed the riverbank stabilization measures. While the ground still remains frozen this winter, a contractor will re-grade the riverbank and place Class 450 rip-rap, boulders with a nominal diameter of 450mm or 18 inches, along the river frontage behind the Cornish library. This will enable library construction to begin this spring, with final restoration work to be completed next winter.

It was noted that rivers are dynamic systems, constantly shifting from scour and accretion (deposition) of material due to hydraulic forces. Armouring the banks with heavy material can help resist these forces and reduce or prevent property loss as a result. There are

approximately 38km of riverbank along the Assiniboine River within the city, and 242km overall along all eight primary and secondary waterways. It is estimated that the cost to stabilize all the riverbanks within Winnipeg would be \$200M, money the City simply doesn't have. Therefore, the onus is on individual riverfront property owners to undertake the measures themselves if they consider that necessary. Kendall Thiessen is the City's Riverbank Management engineer, and would need to approve any proposed work.

**A copy of Trek's report may be downloaded from:**

[http://www.winnipeg.ca/finance/findata/matmgt/documents//2017/1137-2017//1137-2017\\_Appendix\\_C\\_Hydraulic\\_Engineering\\_and\\_Assessment.pdf](http://www.winnipeg.ca/finance/findata/matmgt/documents//2017/1137-2017//1137-2017_Appendix_C_Hydraulic_Engineering_and_Assessment.pdf)



*Riverbank erosion along West Gate.*



*Riverbank stabilization work below the Cornish Library.*

## BULLETIN BOARD

### 1. Spring "Meet and Greet" neighbourhood fundraiser:

Lunch at Charisma on Sherbrook, April 22, contact Mark Carlson: [mcarlson@maximinc.com](mailto:mcarlson@maximinc.com)

### 2. Armstrong's Point Spring clean-up day:

Date TBD as weather permits. To volunteer contact Mark Carlson : [mcarlson@maximinc.com](mailto:mcarlson@maximinc.com)

### 3. The Cornish Library:

Open regular hours during riverbank restoration taking place from February 26 to mid-March. The Library will close for renovations in Spring 2018, and is expected to re-open Summer 2019.

## The Cornish Library Hours

### Winter Hours

(Labour Day to Victoria Day)

Monday: 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: closed

### Summer Hours

(Victoria Day to Labour Day)

Monday: 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: closed

Sunday: closed

Closed on Holidays  
[Winnipeg.ca/library](http://Winnipeg.ca/library)





Medallion at Charisma Restaurant

#### 4. Upcoming events at the University Women's Club, Ralph Connor House:

Contact Maggi Gudmundson, Coordinator, for info and/or to make reservations:

204-954-7880 / uwc@mymts.net

#### Tuesday(s), April 10 to May 15:

9:30 a.m. - Power of Print Series (The Best Vacation Books You'll Ever Read). \$60 for the whole series. Includes presentations by Michael Bumstead, Charlene Diehl, Brandon Christopher Michelle Faubert, Vanessa Warne and Denis Hlynka. Lunch available after each session by reservation only. Phone or email Maggi.

#### Monday, April 30:

Folk Music Evening, 7 p.m. Features Karen Hammarstrand, David Epp and Jason Munroe. \$25.00, no reservation necessary. Cash bar. (Hors d'oeuvres by Chamberlyn's.) Phone or email Maggi.

#### Sunday, May 13:

Mothers' Day Brunch. Prices and times TBA. Phone or email Maggi.

#### 5. Be sure to check APA's latest web updates:

[www.armstrongspoint.org](http://www.armstrongspoint.org)

## Spotlight on Sherbrook:

Meet Mitesh Trivedi, owner of Charisma Plaza and Charisma of India Restaurant

by Darlene Irwin

Mitesh has been in his current location since 2001, when he took over a vacancy at 83 Sherbrook St., formerly a Grandma Lee's eatery with a rustic knotty pine look and a soup-and-salad menu.

Initially following in the "chicken, pizza and subs" vein, with "no plan" to make a dramatic change, through trial and error he gradually evolved his spot into "samosas", and finally, into what it is today - a popular destination for high-quality traditional Indian cuisine in a ambience of classical Indian music, artisan decor from India, warm hospitality and great service.

If he had chosen to locate his business elsewhere, who knows what may have been? With a grin, he credits his many original Wolseley-area customers, who "suggested, (i.e. forced)" him to focus on his own experience and the Hindu tradition of vegetarianism.

Mitesh originated in Gujarat Province, India, and came to Canada at the age of 26, with, of all things, a background in Civil Engineering. What does that training have to do with his present life? Mitesh believes it is the common sense and practicality required of an engineer which gave him the problem-solving skills he needed going forward, to overcome life's many challenges and successfully develop his property.

A philosophical attitude doesn't hurt either. Does he enjoy Winnipeg, has he adapted to winters? With only 20% of the world knowing access to hot and cold water, three guaranteed meals a day, a temperature-controlled

house and vehicle, he believes, "What do we have to complain about? This is Heaven". Here Mitesh lives with his wife, a retired teacher, and speaks proudly of his daughters, one an optometrist and one soon to begin her career in Pharmacy.



Mitesh Trivedi

Where some would say "What goes around comes around", Mitesh's own version of karma is this - "You always encounter what you are. That's what I have learned in life. Treat people well and that will be returned to you." His original chef and staff are still with him, 17 years later. The first Wolseley customers are still coming, Regulars are greeted by name and a handshake.

Charisma does serve meat, while offering a large array of vegetarian and vegan specialities, all prepared without nuts, MSG or corn starch, using fresh ginger, garlic and onion, pure canola oil and spices ground at the restaurant. Lunch and dinner buffet, take-out, delivery and catering are available.

[www.charismaofindia.ca](http://www.charismaofindia.ca)

**The Gallery ...**  
*Featuring the many creative talents of  
Armstrong's Point*

...One of our residents with an eye for atmosphere captured this photo during the storm of March 5th, giving us a dramatic new perspective on an old familiar spot:



We'd love to get your own photos, art, creative writing, etc., and that includes the kids!

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and moving them around?*

*Help make our next event the  
best ever! Sign up today!*

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Community Newsletter

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