

POINT *to* POINT

ARMSTRONG'S POINT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

“Let’s pause and take in the moment when winter in Armstrong’s Point is coming to an end and spring is bursting through.”

Though a new season officially arrives March 21, we in the Point, alert to the smallest of changes, haven’t been waiting for official notice to pronounce winter ‘over’ and begin emerging from our long

hibernation. We’re eager to see signs of life coming forth from trees and gardens, reconnect with neighbours out on the streets and sidewalks again and start on all the plans and projects we’ve held in store.



Armstrong’s Point
THE HERITAGE REPORT

Heritage Designation for Armstrong’s Point moves to the next phase of discussion

The City of Winnipeg’s Property, Planning & Development Committee (PPDC) met Monday, February 4 to discuss the going forward of Heritage Designation for Armstrong’s Point.

The Committee approved a move to the next phase of discussion in this long-awaited recognition of our unique neighbourhood.

We will inform all Armstrong’s Point residents of progress in this process.

*April McDonald - Kassum
Chair - Heritage Committee*



West Gate in bloom



Nesting Wood Duck Photo: Ash Raichura



Spring light on Middle Gate



East Gate

Armstrong's Point's 2018 Neighbourhood Holiday Party

A good time was had by all

Article and photos by Sandy Butterfield

Our annual holiday gathering took place on December 2. This event started out decades ago as an evening wine and cheese party. It fell by the wayside but about twenty years ago was resurrected as an afternoon affair, and families were encouraged to bring their children. For many of us it was our first introduction to being a part of this special community.



Our hostess, Jocelyne Hullen. Her 1913 home at 6 East Gate was warm and welcoming.

One of the challenges has always been to find a home large enough to hold the event and 2018 was no different. Jocelyne Hullen of 6 East Gate put up her hand and despite juggling some renovations up until the day before the event, provided a warm, elegant space for the sixty or so people who attended.



Theo Ives took care of the young residents, with crafts, games and Christmas movies projected onto a video screen. New East Gate resident Jim Watrous played guitar and sang next to the fire. Everyone eagerly awaited the silent auction draw at the end of the afternoon, with prizes ranging from an



original watercolour painting donated by Barbara Tiller, to a stunning bird-house handmade by Charlotte Penner, to a luxurious weekend stay at April Kassum's bed and breakfast.

Residents donated money towards Winnipeg's Main Street Project, an organization that supports people struggling with addictions, physical and mental challenges and homelessness. We collected enough money at the holiday party to feed eighty people for one day.



This neighbourhood event is a great way to catch up with old friends and for new residents to meet their neighbours. If you'd like to get involved or could offer your home in the future, be sure to get in touch with your Social Committee.



Before and After: The Blake-Orui Garden

by Darlene Irwin

We're always happy to see AP undergoing revitalization, and in the spirit of Spring projects, we begin to feature some of the dramatic transformations accomplished by our homeowners.

In 2013, when Sheri Blake decided to reclaim her cheerless back yard from its expanse of stones, rubble, weeds and a few needy shrubs, she knew nothing at all about plants, but she did have a design vision for a garden retreat that family and friends could enjoy. Learning by doing much of the work herself, she went on to create twelve gardens around the house that refresh all who pass by the Middle Gate home today. A good garden is never done of course, and this remains a work in progress.



2013 - "Before"



Under construction



"After" - one year later



2013 - "Before"



One year later



"After" - 2017



Caddy Lake Tunnel, 2009

Celebratory Book Launch Features Resident of Armstrong's Point

Our congratulations to neighbour and APA Board member Ash Raichura of East Gate, whose work was recently selected for a collection of photographs titled *MANITOBA BY MANITOBA: Images of the Province by its Citizens* (McNally Robinson, 2019).

At the festive March 14 launch, Ash and fellow contributors were celebrated as "some of our most talented amateur and professional photographers".



"This is a man-made tunnel that goes under an active rail line from Caddy Lake to South Cross Lake, one of our two 'famous' tunnels in the Caddy Lake chain in Whiteshell Provincial Park."

About this striking image, which had already been featured in Air Canada's En Route magazine, Ash remarks, "It's great to hear that others appreciate this photograph, even if they don't know the effort that went into making it."

"I still carry a camera with me everywhere, and snap shots most days..."

You can follow Ash on:
www.flickr.com/photos/ashraichura
www.instagram.com/mennoindian/

BULLETIN BOARD

Armstrong's Point Association's Annual General Meeting

This year's meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15. Presently there is one open Board seat available. Nominations can come from any APA member. Check Gates Neighbourhood News for time and location, T.B.A.

Cornish Library Update

AP residents have noted with some concern the lengthy work stoppage in renovations and construction of an annex for the library. Our newly-elected Ward Councillor, Sherri Rollins, has responded to a request for information: "I have been briefed on the delays in construction. I have been assured as winter turns to spring the work will resume."

Are you an organizer, a helping hand, "ideas person", a "go-fer"? If you have some skills, time and energy to share, we'd love to have you with us for our next event! The salary isn't great but rewards are excellent!
Contact: akassum@shaw.ca

Earth Day is Monday, May 22

Let's review - incorrect practices can turn your recycling bin into a garbage bin!! Include only City of Winnipeg accepted items, making them as clean as possible. A spoonful of yogurt or peanut butter can spoil a bin, or the worst offender, diapers (yes, it happens often!), could cause rejection of an entire shipping cargo container of useful material.

Don't put desirable items like cans into plastic bags - the bags aren't recyclable and the contents won't be sorted.

Practice the four R's - reduce, reuse, recycle and resell. If it can't go into your curbside bin, check the City's website to find the right 4R depot for you.

Visit winnipeg.ca/recycling, download the Recycle Coach app or contact 311.



The Gallery ...



"My joy and motivation in working with mosaics are the infinite possibilities when combining textures and materials."

- Lesley Mowat

I love the interplay of rough and smooth, iridescent and matte. I enjoy taking a bite out of nature and reinterpreting it. Using stained glass, I love how individual pieces change and reflect light differently, depending on the time of day. I comb the thrift shops for items to recycle in my work.

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Thanks to a West Gate neighbour for sending this photo of a deer in her front yard this winter. We really do live in an urban forest!

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