
Two New Board Members

We are pleased to welcome Paris Fragkoulis and Kimberlee Gray to the SPRA board. Both were elected in September at the AGM.

Kimberlee is a mother to four young children and plans to have a very active role in the neighbourhood for many years to come. She has a broad range of experience from other local boards, and has worked in municipal design and various government processes. Kim's background in Engineering will be an asset when dealing with infrastructure issues!

Like Kimberlee, Paris is young but has a wealth of experience. He came to Winnipeg from Greece in 2014 as an International Student to pursue his MBA at the University of Manitoba. Currently, he is the Assistant Deputy Minister of Procurement and Supply Chain for the Government of Manitoba. Paris is excited to contribute to the Southland Park Community.

Derelict Cars?

If you have a derelict car in your yard, you might consider donating it to a charity. The following organizations will pick up your used vehicle *for free* (it doesn't have to be in running order) and give you a tax credit:

kars4kids.org.
winnipeghumanesociety.ca
homelesscars.ca (Siloam Mission)
rmhcmantoba.org (R. McDonald House)
winnipeg.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
hscfoundation.mb.ca (Health Sciences) or
donatecar.ca (charity of your choice)

A Sign of the Times

The sign at the front of the development has been a work in progress. Previous executive members did some patchwork, added lights, and planted flowers a few years ago, and since then the garden has undergone frequent improvements.

This spring we met with Jessica Mutimer, the Parks Technician for our area. Jessica contacted an electrician to replace the solar lighting with a better system, and worked with us to get the sign repainted. We are still working on repairing the brickwork and hope to have that accomplished soon. As an added bonus, we were able to get an electrician to repair the broken lights along the pathway. Thanks, Jessica!

The garden in front of the sign has also seen improvements this year, with some plants traded for a wide variety of drought-resistant perennials. Since watering the garden has been an issue, there are plans to use mulch or wood chips to reduce the loss of moisture. According to Jane, our resident horticulturalist, some of the plants were donated by residents, while others came from the City of Winnipeg. The new plants will bloom at different times of the season, ensuring that the garden will be bright and cheery for many months!

It's never too late to join the Southland Park Residents Association! Drop off your \$50 cheque at 4 Goldenrod Cove, or e-transfer to southlandparkinfo@gmail.com and help fund the many projects in our area!

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Good Time Had By All

Sunday, September 7 was a beautiful day for the Southland Park Residents picnic. Around 400 people of all ages showed up to eat, play games, and visit with their neighbours, and the sun shone warmly on everyone - including Mayor Scott Gillingham and MLA Renee Cable! Also in attendance were representatives from the Police and Fire Services, as well as a variety of wild animals!

Inflatable fun was provided by resident Alex and his company, Jump Up Bouncers. Sobey's and Co-Op donated some of the refreshments, and a long list of volunteers helped keep everyone safe, happy and well-fed! Our thanks to everyone who made the day great. Let's do it again next year!



New Bulletin Board

A City work crew, with a little help from Laurie, Drew and Dave, erected a new bulletin board near the park's southwest entrance on Monday, October 6. The dark green structure is waterproof and has a lockable, sliding plexiglass front that will keep postings clean and dry.

The bulletin board will provide residents with important information and news of upcoming events. There are no plans to have the board used to advertise private businesses or sell household items.



Our thanks to Councillor Russ Wyatt and Mayor Scott Gillingham for providing the funds for the bulletin board, and to Jessica Mutimer for organizing the installation!

15 Royal Mint Update

Sherwood Developments is hoping to break ground on their 296-unit block (see the previous newsletter) in March, with the first phase to be completed around July, 2027. Occupancy meetings may start as early as next summer or fall. If you are interested in the new apartments, and want to be contacted when reservations open, email Janelle at janelle@sherwooddev.com.

New Projects From the Board

The Annual General Meeting, held September 7, showed how enthusiastic and thoughtful the residents of Southland Park can be. Many suggestions were made to help improve our neighbourhood, including: repairing the park benches, improving the lighting in the park, implementing calming tables to slow traffic along Royal Mint Drive, putting a fence around the pickleball/basketball court, making dog waste bags available at the park entrances, and creating a soccer/football field with goal posts.

What would you like to see done in our neighbourhood? If you would like to share a suggestion, or comment on the above suggestions, please contact us at southlandparkinfo@gmail.com



Bored With The Old Website? Relief Is Just A Click Away!

Who knew that one of our residents is an expert on creating websites? When we found out about Chris, we jumped on the opportunity to have him redesign the Southland Park website. He will begin working on the website later in October and should have everything up and running soon.

Check it out at <https://southlandpark.ca/>

Reflecting On Winter

Winter has a way of sneaking up on Manitobans, and before we know it, we are knee-deep in white precipitate. Besides cleaning up the garden and hanging the Christmas lights, here are two other things to consider before the frost sets in:

Every winter residents slip on icy sidewalks, and at least one spry individual cracked a few ribs when he slipped on the ice last year. If your sump pumps onto the sidewalk, you might consider routing the flow back onto your lawn so that it doesn't freeze and create a hazard for pedestrians. It seems like the neighbourly thing to do - and, technically, it is illegal to pour sump water onto the sidewalk. Call 311 if you would like some help in slip-proofing the path in front of your house.

Another tell-tale sign of winter is the broken curbs created by over-zealous snowplow drivers. Many residents put up reflectors to help guide plows away from their driveway or from curbs, and they have met with some success. Last winter we put up reflectors around the play structure and all of our curbs survived the winter fully intact!

The Power of Care

After a barrage of 311 inquiries from local residents, the city responded by sending a tree-trimming unit to Southland Park. The well-intentioned appeals have resulted in better visibility for drivers and the elimination of broken and dangling branches. It just goes to show what happens when you care enough to call!