



The Hidden Gem Southland Park

Spring 2020

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President's Message

I hope you and your family are staying safe in these uncertain and unprecedented times.

We originally had a somewhat different newsletter planned for the spring but changed our focus due to COVID-19. Even though we are all at home trying to physically distance ourselves from each other, I think it's important to keep in contact and what better way to do that than through a newsletter!

This issue covers important topics such as home security, local traffic and future projects!

Michelle Friesen – President, Southland Park Residents Association (SPRA)



Visit Our New Website:

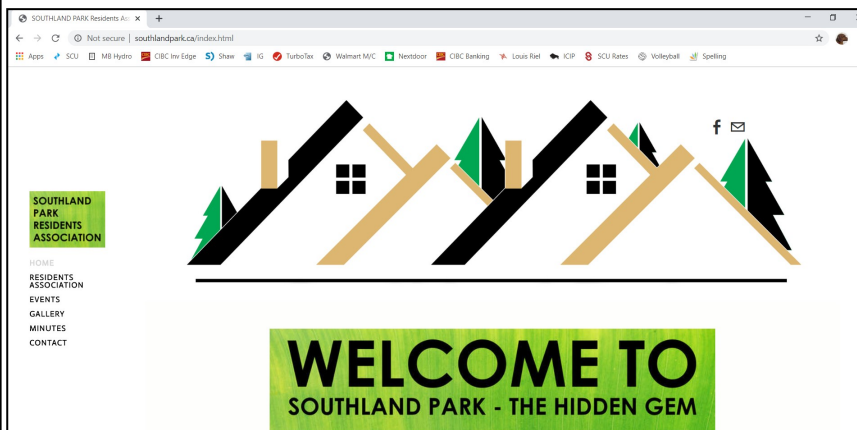
www.southlandpark.ca

A new domain name and site was launched early this year.

The site includes:

- ◆ Executive Directory
- ◆ Events Notification page
- ◆ Picture Gallery from Past Events
- ◆ Minutes from past Executive Meetings
- ◆ Contact information

Suggestions on content and advertising opportunities will be considered.



Tom Suver –
Digital Media /
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Mission Statement

To enhance and represent our neighbourhood by engaging residents and addressing their concerns; and to work with representatives to enrich our community.

Basketball court - Coming to Southland Park!

Upon speaking with residents while canvassing, during the BBQ and at the annual general meeting, the Southland Park Residents Association committee members voted to move forward with building a half-basketball court in the green space.

We have a need. We have the space.

The City of Winnipeg has evaluated the existing play structure. They have deemed it stable, safe and not in need of replacement or upgrades. While it needs new paint and fresh sand, it shall continue to be enjoyed by the younger residents.

Since Southland Park is situated at the crossroads of two major highways, Lagimodière and Fermor, bike riding or walking to other areas is a major safety concern for residents.

A half basketball court will give older kids, adults & seniors something new to do!



Total project cost is estimated between \$75,000 - \$100,000.

Southland Park Residents Association Inc. (SPRA) will put forward \$10,000 from the investment fund, and the remaining funds will be sourced from initiatives such as matching programs, grants, and fundraising.

In case you weren't aware, the SPRA is comprised of **energetic**, **talented** and **connected** residents and we need your help! Please email southlandparkinfo@gmail.com to express your interest in assisting with grant applications, fundraising and knowledge-sharing to raise the funds to build the half basketball court.

Michelle Friesen – President, Southland Park Residents Association



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Traffic assessments in Southland Park



Three traffic assessments were requested for Southland Park:

1. Review of a merge lane onto Lagimodière Blvd from East Mint Place
2. Request for a 4-way stop or a cross walk at Linmar Way and Royal Mint Drive
3. Review of the intersection at East Mint Place and Royal Mint Drive



You may have noticed the City's car counting pneumatic road tubes across the roads or the temporary camera on Blue Mountain Road this past fall. This was in response to the above 3 traffic assessment requests.

1. We have all experienced the frustration of trying to turn right onto Lagimodière Blvd from East Mint Pl. early in the morning; or watching a number of vehicles run the red light only to block us from pulling onto Lagimodière Blvd. As a result, the Southland Park Residents Association (SPRA) requested a re-assessment of the traffic turning right onto Lagimodière Blvd from East Mint Pl.

March 3, 2020, the Public Service reported to the Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in regards to this request. The result of this meeting was an extension given until September 10, 2020 to gather more data.

2. The intersection of Royal Mint Drive and Linmar Way is an important corner for daily bus pick-ups and drop-offs. Since the extension of Royal Mint Drive to Fermor Avenue and the removal of the stop sign at Dawson Road South, this route is an attractive short-cut for drivers. Residents are concerned about increased traffic and speed at this intersection. For safety reasons, and with the support of our City of Winnipeg Councilor Shawn Nason, the SPRA requested for a 4-way stop or cross walk at this intersection.

Response from the City of Winnipeg upon assessment of the intersection:

"... When looking at whether or not these kinds of treatments are appropriate, the City of Winnipeg uses warrants that have been approved by SPCIRPW and/or Committee on Works and Operations.

The warrant to install an all way stop on a collector street (such as Royal Mint Dr) requires at least 4, 000 vehicles in the highest 8 hours average weekday period, with at least 1,600 vehicles and pedestrians approaching on the minor street. However, in the highest 8 hour period only 1,044 vehicles were approaching the intersection. Far short of the 4,000 required. The minor street only contributed 332 vehicles approaching, again short of the 1,600 as per the warrant. When looking at the possibility of all-way stops, the intersections collision history is also considered. This intersection has only had 1 reported right angle collision in the last 3 years of full data (2016-2018).

The pedestrian crosswalk warrant states an average hourly pedestrian volume in terms of Equivalent Adult Units (EAUs) is greater or equal to 15 per hour over a minimum seven hour continuous period and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is greater or equal to 1,500 vehicles per day. EAUs account for age and differences in physical ability. The data shows the EAU's crossing Royal Mountain Dr at Linmar Wy, to be 4.

*As the data shows that the warrants are not met, nor are they close to meeting, **the City of Winnipeg would not recommend installing a pedestrian crosswalk or all-way stop at this time.** However, over time as the neighbourhood grows and changes in the future we can certainly take another look and re-evaluate all of the options."*

3. The City of Winnipeg's review of the main entrance intersection (East Mint Place and Royal Mint Drive) had similar results:

"...there was only 2,255 vehicles approaching the intersection during the busiest 8 hours. The minor street did produce a higher number at 1,412, short of the 1,600 but noticeably closer. The collision history during the same 3 year period show there to be only 1 right angle accident. In regards to the pedestrian crosswalk, the data shows the Equivalent Adult Units (EAUs) crossing to be 3."

Residents can count on the SPRA to follow-up with the City of Winnipeg surrounding improvements to our area including traffic concerns. In the meantime, please remind your family members to be extra cautious when crossing any street. For reports on dangerous driving, please contact the police non-emergency line at 204-986-6222 or make a report online.



Michelle Friesen – President, Southland Park Residents Association

Protecting Your Home

As the spring and summer arrive, homeowners will face an increase of threats to their homes: thefts and break-ins, flooding and other perils. Let's see what we can do to protect our homes from these perils.

Break-ins

In tv shows and headlines, the image of night-time stalkers and home-invasions may be terrifying, but in reality, the vast majority of break-ins happen during times when homeowners are not at home: either daytime or during vacation.

Homes in Southland Park, being mostly built post-1990's, usually feature good quality windows (3-pane, and/or casement). When closed, these are very difficult to force open (unlike the single-pane sliders from the 1960's to 70's).

The majority of break-ins to homes occur by forcing doors:

1. Door leading from garage into house
2. Patio Door
3. Front Door

To protect these weak points, consider the following actions:

- Always close the overhead garage door
- Re-enforce the pedestrian door leading from outside INTO the garage
- Use hockey stick or other tool to secure sliding patio door
- Use deadbolt key wherever possible and legal
- If Front Door has a screen door, lock the screen door



Make your home look lived in

Summer vacation times usually see a spike in break-ins. When going on vacation, here are a couple of things you can do to make your home look 'lived in'

- Change lights with an automatic timer
- Change curtain and blinds positions. Have a relative or trusted neighbour go in and change the positions of the blinds and curtains once in a while
- Arrange for someone to pick up your newspapers, junk mail, etc. (Do NOT cancel your subscriptions. By cancelling, you'd simply be telling complete strangers that your home will be empty).
- Put the garbage cans out on pick-up day. Even if they're empty, have a neighbour put them out.
Nothing says "Empty Home" like the lack of garbage and recycling cans on Garbage Day!

Install a superior quality door lock

- The majority of break ins actually occur via a door, not a window.
- This is especially true for neighbourhoods where the majority of homes have modern, triple pane windows. Burglars HATE the noise of breaking glass.

Alarm systems protect your home

- A good system will deter burglars, or at the very least, limit their time in your home.
- A complete Wi-Fi system can protect against burglars, fire, flooding, freezing, CO2 and other threats.

Hide your most expensive jewelry

- Safety deposit boxes are great, but if you don't have one, hide your jewels in a secret spot.

Bo Kauffmann served on the Winnipeg Police Force from 1981 until 2005. He worked in various patrol divisions, as well as a 'Crime Scene Officer' as a fingerprint technician and has attended hundreds of break-in scenes in his career. He has lived in Southland Park since 2001.

In 2005 he retired and joined REMAX as a residential real estate agent. He loves working with home and condo buyers and sellers. Read his blog at Blog.WinnipegHomeFinder.com

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Southland Park



Bo Kauffmann of **RE/MAX**

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Recycling

If I could, I would recycle everything.

Since that isn't possible, how do we maximize what we are recycling? By minimizing the amount of contaminated recycling - only recycle what's accepted. The following items are **NOT ACCEPTED** and should not be put in your blue bin.

- Pots, pans and baking trays
- Aluminum foil, trays, pie plates 
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Wet boxboard and cardboard
- Boxes with a foil or paper lining
- Food and drink pouch packaging
- Straws
- Drinking glasses and dishes
- Glass cookware, ceramics and porcelain 

- Mirrors
- Light bulbs 
- Tissue paper (decorative)
- Books (hardcover and paperback)
- Greeting cards with ribbon, foil, sparkles
- Paper towels, napkins, tissue paper
- Padded shipping envelopes
- Wrapping paper
- Foam packaging i.e. Styrofoam
- Black plastics (any number)

- Paper bags with plastic or foil lining (i.e. microwave popcorn bags, pet food bags, or carry out bags)
- Toys 
- Plastic plant pots
- Plastic plates and cutlery
- Plastic film i.e. plastic bags, cellophane wrap, kitchen stretch wrap, cereal bags, etc.
- Plastics labelled biodegradable or compostable

Remember - more than half of your household waste can be recycled!

For a full list of what can be recycled, visit SimplyRecycle.ca.



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Giveaway Weekend



Give unwanted items a new home!
Place reusable items marked "free"
at the curb.
Remove leftover items by dusk on
Sunday.



May 9 & 10, 2020





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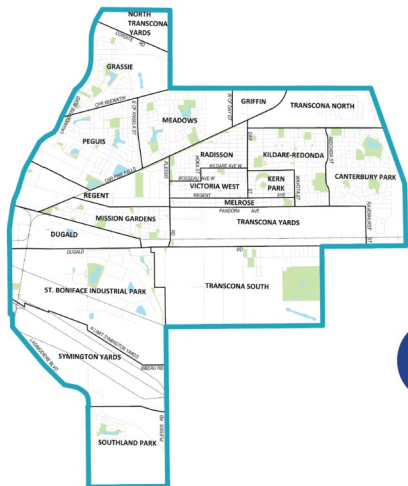
COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

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SOUTHLAND PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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City Councillor – Transcona Ward



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Please meet Duana Joubert.

Duana coordinates community events such as the Annual BBQ, the neighbourhood garage sale and more.



Duana has been a resident in our community for 11 years, she is a book enthusiast, a middle school teacher, a mother of three and more! We asked her a few questions....

What motivated you to become a volunteer on the SPRA?

- I wanted to see improvements to the greenspace and overall community and decided to do something about it, so I helped Matt Allard organize a community meeting that lead to being part of the SPRA.

What is the best part of being a SPRA volunteer?

- Getting the chance to meet more people in the neighbourhood through the various activities.

Why do you think it is important to volunteer?

- It is important to give back in some way, and show my children how to be active citizens.

What would you say to potential volunteers?

- Any amount of time you can give is always appreciated!

How do you balance work, life and volunteering?

- You have to know what you have the time and energy to do. I chose a role that helps with community and family events that I would naturally be a part of, and I had experience doing.

What is the most important thing you have learned through volunteering?

- That there are so many wonderful people giving up their time to help make their community, city, or organization better.

POLICY STATEMENT

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◇ The Southland Park Residents Association Inc. is officially incorporated as of November 12, 2019!

- ◇ Keep up the great posts on Facebook.
- ◇ Download the app Nextdoor and join Southland Park, it's free.
- ◇ Spring projects* / clean-up to look forward to:
 - ◆ Planting wild flowers around the lake
 - ◆ Play structure
 - ◆ Front signage
 } More information to come...

Do you want to advertise in The Hidden Gem, or know someone who would? Contact us at southlandparkinfo@gmail.com!

* Contingent on provincial / federal guidance due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Door Step Food Drive



**In Support of Winnipeg Harvest and
Local Southdale Food Banks!**



Audrey Gordon, MLA for Southdale is partnering with the *Southland Park Residents Association* in support of Winnipeg Harvest and local Southdale food banks.



If you are interested in donating *non-perishable food items*, a volunteer will pick them up from *your door step!*

Please have donations on your door step

Wednesday, April 22nd by 8:00 a.m.

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