

# The Hidden Gem Southland Park

Summer 2022

### **Royal Mint Gets Planters!!**

Since the revitalizing the residents association, we have been approached about our three boulevards and what we could do to make them more attractive.

With full support from our City Councillor, Shawn Nason, we met with representatives from The City of Winnipeg, Parks division and discussed adding planters. Planters for 2 blvds were approved. Unfortunately, the East Mint blvd possesses a safety concern because of the amount of daily traffic along that roadway.

Initial costs for this project were funded from the Transcona Parks and Recreation

Enhancement Program. Ongoing maintenance, including watering and future plantings are the responsibility of Southland Park.

Before proceeding, we held a special meeting where directly adjacent residents could discuss the proposal and agree to its terms. Edmond Ruest from the north condo blvd and Shelley Napier from the south house blvd volunteered to champion their areas.

These eight, self-watering planters are made for Manitoba weather. You can see them placed throughout Winnipeg with some being as close as Sage Creek. They are



weather resistant. They will not rust, chip, crack, peel or dent. After initial planting, water should only be added weekly via the tube that protrudes above the soil. The water contained in the reservoir is protected from wind and sun, significantly reducing evaporation, and dramatically increasing water efficiencies. Learn more about these planters by visiting:

https://www.desertplanters.com/

### **Executive** Committee

**PRESIDENT** Michelle Friesen

VICE PRESIDENT Don Blasko

> TREASURER Tanya Vincent

> **SECRETARY** Adriana Suver

**COMMUNITY EVENTS** Duana Joubert

### **Mission** Statement

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



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### **Updates from the City of Winnipeg**

### **NEW TREES**

City Boulevards - The City of Winnipeg will be using an external contractor to remove the tree stumps and replace 25 trees along our boulevards this fall.

Lagimodiere Park - The Forestry branch from the City has identified 18 trees that need replacing in our park. Planting is anticipated for October.



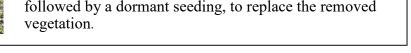




#### POND NATURALIZATION

Naturalist Services are monitoring and maintaining the naturalization around the retention pond. They did some work this summer to cut back an area that was overrun with creeping thistle and scentless chamomile (an invasive species).

This fall, they expect to do a herbicide application, followed by a dormant seeding, to replace the removed



### Southland Park Green Team!

Southland Park is a well kept and desirable place to live. We take pride in our community and the residents regularly come together to cut grass, clean weeds or help with other projects that need doing.

This is often done on an as needed basis rather than in an organized fashion. It would be helpful to all of us to have a Community Green Team to call upon to help the Board organize projects as they need doing and before they become an issue. **JOIN OUR** 

Some ideas would be:

Organizing boulevard clean-up of weeds

Organizing weed clean-up in the playground area

Spring planting of our new planters and, fall clean-up of the planters to prepare for winter

Assistance with overgrown grass on boulevards

A Community Green Team would be able to stay on top of the clean up needed in keeping the community tidy. Should you be interested in assisting please contact the SPRA.



Thursday, September 8th 5 PM-8 PM In the Windsor Park **Shopping Centre** (Elizabeth Rd)

**Constituency Office** 

175 - 115 Vermillion Road Winnipeg, MB R2J 4A9

t. 204.415.7397 e. mlaaudreygordon@gmail.com

Meet your MLA and enjoy a free hot dog, refreshments, freezies and fun for the whole family!



**TEAM** 

### **CN / Symington Yard Noise**

Thank you to Gerry Labossiere for contacting Transport Canada regarding the increase in intensity of train squealing coming from the Symington Yard at CN.

Gerry organized the area's petition and joined forces with the SPRA, Vice President, Don Blasko. A railway complaint form was completed for Transport Canada who then arranged for a mediator to investigate the situation.

A virtual mediation meeting was held on July 12, 2022 with Transport Canada, CN and Gerry & Don. Details of the meeting cannot be shared at this time but at this meeting, a site visit was requested.

At the site visit, the operation of the "hump" was observed. It was noted that there are hydraulic retarders along the 300 feet of track immediately following the "hump". These retarders apply a metal pad against the train wheels to control the speed of the cars. Each car has a different

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distance to travel to its final destination along the numerous tracks. This is where the squealing occurs. The length of the squeal depends on how long the retarders are applied to the wheels. This is a very typical operation across North America.

Over the years, the cars have gotten heavier which is what has caused the increase in noise from Symington Yard.

A potential solution would be the placement of a sound barrier along the 300 feet of track. Sound barrier has been tested and found effective in Burlington, Ottawa and Vancouver.

Another mediation meeting is being scheduled for September. Mediation will continue until both parties can come to an agreement or take other measures.



# Sept 11th 2 - 6 pm



@ the Park!



Food & !reats!







50/50 Raffle



Learn about
Wild Flowers
& the David Suzuki
Foundation
Butterflyway with
resident
Tracy Stople!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE of Annual General Meeting

September 11, 2022 @ 5:00pm At Lagimodiere Park (175 Royal Mint Drive)

(please bring your lawn chair)

See www.southlandpark.ca for agenda, minutes and proposed by-laws changes.

**Guest Speakers** 

Members only - please renew expired memberships prior to the start of this meeting.



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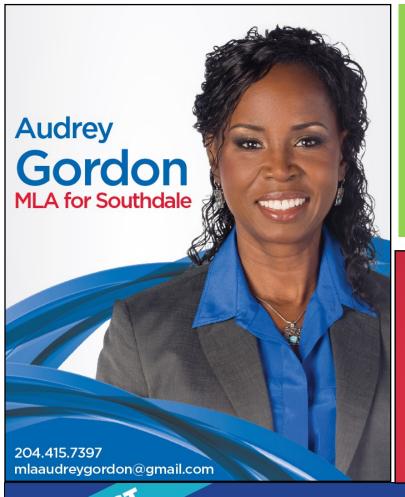




Basketball Demo & mini games 3 – 4 pm









### **Donate a Perennial!**

Do you have mature perennials? Donate a section and add to the flowers at the front sign!

Call Don Blasko to coordinate @ 204-451-2921



### **Dan Vandal** MP / député Saint-Boniface - Saint-Vital Supporting our communities À l'appui de nos

communautés





## **SHAWN NASON**

for Transcona City Councillor

# Committed to our Community!





### **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**

Agape Table is looking for 150+ turkeys to help feed our city's most vulnerable people this Thanksgiving. Please keep them in mind when shopping this season!



**Arrange pickup:** Contact information below (Southdale Constituency only)

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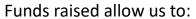
204-949-8216 shawn@votenason.ca



## **Southland Park**

Residents Association

2022 Annual Association Fee \$40.00



- host events for the community

- fund area improvements

- cover expenses

- collect money for grants & other



### Send payment to:

Cheques: Payable to: Southland Park Residents Association Inc.

Drop off or mail to: 131 Blue Mountain Rd, R2J 3Z3

e-transfer: <u>southlandparkinfo@gmail.com</u> no password required

(please indicate your street address in the message)

Working together to improve our community!