



The Hidden Gem

Southland Park

Summer 2024

Executive Committee

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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.

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- ⇒ Reminder to pay residents' fees and more!

Got an hour to spare to help out at the BBQ? We need your help! Email us at southlandparkinfo@gmail.com



We are pleased to get this latest edition of the SPRA newsletter out to you with some updates and especially with an invitation to the annual community BBQ and AGM.

The SPRA originally began a long time ago but was reinvigorated 7 years ago with a commitment to add value to our community. Since then, many projects big and small have been initiated and completed. Through residents' fees and grants from various levels of governments, notable large projects include pond naturalization, the multi-use activity space, the boulevard planters and the new play structure coming up!

This year's AGM will follow the usual format with a president's report, resolutions and other such items - an agenda will soon be available on our website. This year there will also be important elections. The by-laws state that officers are elected for a 3-year term. The executive committee currently has five members. The terms for three current members of the executive committee are ending and the three of us are not seeking another term. A fourth member is leaving the committee due to moving out of province.

We ask that you consider putting your name forward to join the executive committee as a minimum of four members are needed for the committee to function. There have been times in the past where there were many more issues that required attention and many of those issues have been resolved. There are other issues such as the train noise which have not been resolved but for which steps are currently being taken towards resolution. If there aren't persons willing to join the committee it may be that we are at a place where the committee may scale back and either become less active or dormant for a season. This has happened multiple times in the past in times of lesser need and is not necessarily a bad thing. That being said, please consider donating some of your time and energy to enhancing and representing our neighbourhood. It is so rewarding!

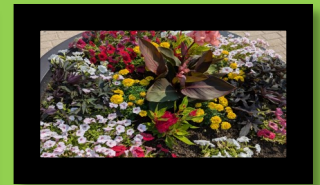
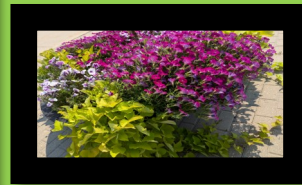
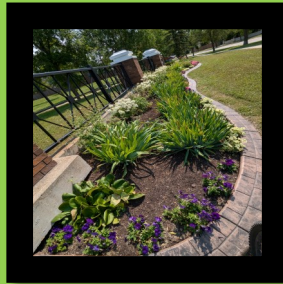
We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and we can't wait to see you at the BBQ and AGM.

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Nextdoor Southland Park



CN SYMINGTON YARD NOISE by Don Blasko

We are still in mediation with Transport Canada and CN. In our last report we asked the residents to submit an impact document; to date we have received replies from about 4% of the residents.

The last few months we have had meetings every three weeks. CN has provided numerous Settlement Agreements during this time period which provided their proposal on reducing the noise as per Health Canada Guidelines. Presently there are no regulations governing railway noise. The city of Winnipeg by-laws exempt the railway from the anti-noise by-laws.

CN did do a noise investigation this year to assess the environmental impact. CN concluded that they were meeting Health Canada's Guidelines.

We were able to get access to Health Canada's Guidelines for "Guidance For Evaluating Human Health Effects in Impact Assessment". We felt that CN was using the wrong category for our community. Health Canada Guidelines has a chart listing six different community types providing the estimated baseline sound level in decibels. We asked CN to follow the baseline more relevant to our community type. After numerous discussions CN is reviewing our request.

SPRA retained an acoustic engineering firm to quantify the level and duration of the noise in the neighbourhood. The noise level was measured in the back yard at 364 Royal Mint Drive for four days [96 hours]. Sound level as well as sound recording [for identification of the type of noise ie. lawn mower, jet planes, etc.] was recorded. The noise from the squealing of the trains was identified as 'Tonal', an impact-type noise known to be more disturbing than random or broadband noise because it creates a greater disturbance to the listener. Health Canada recommends that the baseline sound level be lower by 5 decibels for each of the community types.

Our engineer's report suggested that the most effective method of reduction of the noise is the use of a sound absorbing barrier or change to the present braking system.

CN is proposing to reduce the noise baseline as per Health Canada's guidelines as per population density of average type of communities. The category a community fits into is up to one's interpretation.

A copy of our engineers report was provided to Transport Canada who gave CN a copy. We have asked CN to provide a Settlement Agreement more in-line with our engineer's report. Presently CN is working on a new proposal on the Settlement Agreement.

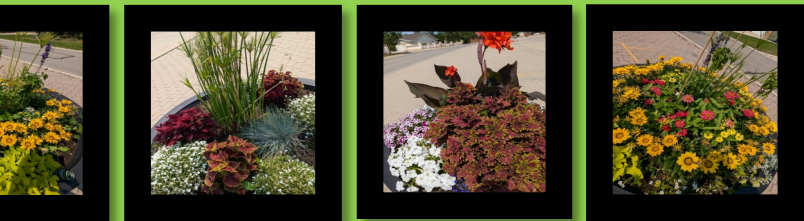
Precinct J update by Jason Wallace

It has been a year since the last Landmark planning & design presentation on June 8, 2023. During that presentation they had indicated that construction is proposed to start from the southwest end of the subject lands, connected to the larger transportation network via an extension of Boulevard Des Hivernants and Abinojii Mikanah (Route 165). Full build-out would likely take between 10 and 15 years, depending on several factors once started.

A copy of the latest presentation is available on Landmarks' website: <https://www.landmarkplanning.ca/proposed-neighbourhood-in-precinct-j>

Since then, no additional presentations have been made. They are currently going through the city's approval process and have no information about a date to start construction at this time.





Picture perfect flowers!

Thank you to the residents who take on planting and maintaining the boulevard and front entrance flowers. They sure are beautiful!

**Thank
You!**

What's happening at 15 Royal Mint Drive?

Sherwood Developments has been planning this project for a few years, and Southland Park residents have noticed progress being made to the adjacent property. SPRA contacted Louis Pereira of Sherwood for an update:

Sherwood Developments is committed to a residential project and does not intend to pivot to commercial or industrial use. While the start date is currently uncertain, the first of three required approvals has been met.

Sherwood is very appreciative of the support from Southland Park, including the letters of support from residents. They look forward to becoming great neighbors!



Dan Vandal
MP / député

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Supporting our
communities

À l'appui de nos
communautés



Southland Park
Residents Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Sunday, September 8, 2024
5:00 pm

At Lagimodiere Park
(175 Royal Mint Drive)

Members only

please renew memberships prior to meeting
(see Association table at BBQ)

See www.southlandpark.ca for
Agenda, Minutes, Resolutions

Please bring your lawn chair



Sep 21st, 8am-3pm



CONTACT
BOB OR PATTY MILLER AT
204-295-2278



FREE
HAMBURGER
HOTDOGS
CHIPS & DRINK

Southland Park

COMMUNITY BBQ

SEPT. 8TH 2-5 PM

FACE PAINTING

CLOWN SHOW

FIRE TRUCK
& POLICE CAR



VIDEO GAME TRUCK
BOUNCY CASTLES
PENNY'S ANIMAL RESCUE
50/50 RAFFLE



PICKLEBALL
& BASKETBALL
PICK-UP
GAMES

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To report a crime, go to ww.winnipeg.ca/police/services/report-crime or call the non-emergency line at 204-986-6222

Winnipeg Police Service

A culture of safety for all

New playground is coming!

Huge thanks to Russ Wyatt and Renée Cable for making this possible.



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Parc Lagmodière Park
Layout # A11455-1-C1 | 202007



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FINANCE UPDATE

The Southland Park Residents Association works hard to make every dollar count. Please see the financial summary below.

	2022	2023	2024	2024	2025
	Actual	Actual	Forecast	Budget	Proposed Budget
Opening Cash Balance	43,655	6,906	13,527	13,527	5,573
Association Fees	4,750	4,790	5,200	5,200	5,200
Admin Costs	(1,092)	(2,197)	(912)	(450)	(1,690)
Events - Summer BBQ	(2,494)	172	(1,500)	(2,500)	(2,260)
Community Projects					
Multi-Use Activity Space	(36,222)	4,710	(10,000)	(10,000)	
Front Signage	(247)	(64)	(129)	(500)	(250)
Ice Rink	(1,816)	0	0	0	0
Blvd Planters	(193)	(790)	(613)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Investment acct transfers	565				
Closing Cash Balance	6,906	13,527	5,573	4,277	5,573

Items to highlight:

- The far right column shows the 2025 budget proposed by the executive committee to be voted on by the members at the AGM.
- Administrative costs have come out above budget mainly due to purchase of general liability insurance. This was a requirement from the City of Winnipeg in order to keep the boulevard planters, but this insurance also covers the community BBQ. Previously we had to purchase insurance for the BBQ separately.
- The community BBQ is expected to come in under budget due to a generous per capita grant from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee. We thank Councillor Russ Wyatt for his advocacy as a member of that committee.
- The Multi-Use Activity Space expense of \$10,000 represents the Southland Park Residents Association portion of the new playground. Construction is scheduled to being August 6, 2024.
- Thank you to Bev McIntyre and Liza Salvador who donated flowers for two of the Royal Mint boulevard planters. This contributed to the boulevard planters coming in under budget.

Below is a breakdown of the association fees collected over the years.

Association Fees

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024 Budget	
	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s
Association Fees Collected												
\$40 fees paid	117	4,680.00	89	3,560.00	93	3,720.00	115	4,600.00	1	40.00	-	-
\$50 fees paid	1	50.00	-	-	-	-	3	150.00	95	4,750.00	104	5,200.00
\$20 fees paid	5	100.00	-	-	1	20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations				200.00		-		-		-		-
	123	4,830.00	89	3,760.00	94	3,740.00	118	4,750.00	96	4,790.00	104	5,200.00
<i>percentage of population</i>	29.1%		21.0%		22.2%		27.9%		22.7%		24.6%	
Printing / envelope costs		(196.21)		(270.35)		(188.16)		-		-		-
		\$4,633.79		\$3,489.65		\$3,551.84		\$4,750.00		\$4,790.00		\$ 5,200.00



JOIN THE SOUTHLAND PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

FUNDS RAISED ALLOW US TO:

- Host events for the community
- Access government grants & programs that require matching funds
- Fund area improvements
- Beautify our shared living areas

2024 Annual Association Fee: \$50

Cheques Payable to: Southland Park Residents Association Inc.
Drop off or mail to: 131 Blue Mountain Road, R2J 3Z3
e-transfer: southlandparkinfo@gmail.com
(no password required)

Working together to improve our community!

Your Support is Appreciated!

