

## Report from Kathryn Pankowski, JBNA Garden Advocate, April and May, 2019

### Projects

#### The Discovery Coffee Herb Box & Michigan St Boulevard

- The box has been pretty much planted up for the year, including replacing some herbs killed by the severe winter; the boulevard native plant/pollinator garden is recovering well.
- We have applied for a My Great Neighbourhood Grant for the seed exchange and next bit of boulevard; grants will be confirmed (or not) after June 13 council meeting.
- We have planted the east half of the new boulevard bed with drought-tolerant plants. Waiting to proceed with the west half until we hear on the grant.

#### Food Tree Stewardship project

- The apple leaves are being badly chewed. Need to identify the culprit and see if there are any preventative/reduction measures that can be taken.
- Need to get the watering teams started. We are short of stewards for Charles Redfern.

#### Berry Patch

- We have been designing the Pendray site and that work is coming along, although not as quickly as I had hoped. However, I should have time in the next month to do a real push on it.
- The consultation signs have come down and there were more positive than negative letters.
- Marg, Natasha (one of the volunteers) and I did a presentation about the berry patch at City Hall. This led to a fair bit of press coverage and the City getting two more negative letters, though both of them were from people who had already written once.
- The CRD has delivered the three planters that were in front of the pipe tunnel site by Ogden Point. One at the end of Lewis St and two are at JB United Church, flanking the stairs from the parking lot to the lower meeting rooms.

#### Spring Plant Swap

- The spring plant swap was held on May 11 at Irving Park and went off without any major glitches. It was well attended, a couple of people discussed volunteering for projects, and the proceeds (counting a batch of mystery iris I sold from my driveway the day after to someone who missed the sale and wondered if there were any left) was \$212.65, the largest 'take' to date.

#### Miscellaneous

- Have been invited by Carole Elliot to do an information day at the Market (which I think is a good idea – is it OK to proceed?)
- Will be doing something for the Neighbourhood picnic in July and organizing a volunteer appreciation event, probably in August.

### Ongoing activities

- I attended two Urban Food Table meetings and one Montreal St Community Garden management committee meeting (at their request).
- I wrote columns for the May (what's plant swap) and June (planning for winter) for the Beacon.