

## Report from Kathryn Pankowski, JBNA Garden Advocate, October and November, 2018

### Projects

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

- We had two more drive-through incidents on the boulevard and a little damage in the box. We also found our first needle and I will be adding a returnable needle disposal box to the gardening tool kit. (We used Discovery Coffee's for this one.)
- Otherwise, things are going well: the new boulevard area has been mulched and we are designing the garden and little seed library over the winter.
- We would like to apply for a My Great Neighbourhood Grant for this area in the spring intake.

#### Food Tree Stewardship project

- The tree stewards at Todd Parkette held a fall work party and weeded around the trees, added mulch, and planted a few spring bulbs around the first three (older) trees
- The Charles Redfern trees will be weeded and mulched in early December.

#### Berry Patch

- The berry patch volunteers went on a field trip to visit other community garden food forests in Fairfield, Fernwood, and Vic West.
- We have developed a concept design for the berry patch showing how the space will be divided and used.
- We delivered letters to all the residents within a block of the berry patches, outlining the project and inviting them to an info session. Only one person attended (who was strongly in favour) and I have received no email comments, so I am regarding that as a good sign. We will give a short presentation on the berry patch at the Dec JBNA meeting.
- Work on a more detailed design, costing, and the written proposal for the City will resume in the New Year.

#### Lewis St Herb Garden

- The expression of interest for getting the food bed in Lewis Park designated an official community garden has been fast-tracked and approved by the City.
- I did not expect this to happen until mid-2019, and have no intention of starting work on it until the berry patch proposal is submitted.

### 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 Beacon in Nov (climate change) and Dec (protecting plants in winter)