

North End BIZ 2019 President's Letter to the Membership

Hello to all my fellow BIZ members. It has been a busy year for your BIZ board. The BIZ board tasked our BIZ Administrator with many projects and as always everything was perfect. I want to personally thank Astrid for her many hours of work and dedication to this board as well as making my job so much easier.

The Green Team this summer was great. We partnered with the Selkirk Avenue BIZ to help keep both zones looking clean and vibrant. The daily routine in our zone was watering the sixty planters as well as litter pick up, needle pick up and graffiti audit. The three students that worked in our area were excellent and had a very positive influence in the area.

This spring we ran a contest in conjunction with the R.B. Russell graphics program. Their task was to come up with a design for new banners for our area. I am pleased to tell you that two student's designs stood out above all the great submissions. This fall their vision was put to vinyl and are now hanging from our banner poles.

As well we had new bike racks installed in our zone as we are seeing more and more people using bicycles as their prime mode of transportation. The holiday lights were a nice addition last year and we look forward to seeing them again.

The BIZ board is never resting. We have lots of applications submitted right now for future projects. As always, we are hoping for a positive so we can continue to improve our area.

I know, like the rest of the city, we have our issues down here. We must remain vigilant and continue to let our Police Service know when we see trouble spots. It also wouldn't hurt to send an email to the BIZ so we can track it. This way, when we talk with the Police Service, we have a list of stats.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a safe and prosperous New Year on behalf of the board and myself.

Take Care.

Keith Horn

