

DOVERCOURT NEWS

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Greetings Neighbours,

I think we've all heard enough about Covid-19, so I won't belabor the issue too much. Suffice it to say that, sadly, all community events and programs, which had been scheduled, are for the time, cancelled or postponed. I'm very pleased with the Executive's decision to close the hall before the "powers that be" recommended it. Our priority is, and remains, service to our community, and that is always a constant.

Another constant these is that things are changing so rapidly that almost as soon as you're finished talking about the current situation, it's changed: and you can't change that.

We also must accept that most of what is going on is well beyond our sphere of influence. Given that, what we can control is our family, friends and neighbours. You are critical to our community, so, as a Canadian neighbour, I ask: Do you need help or can you help someone in our neighbourhood?

I hope that most folks already have a support group, access to shopping for prescriptions, or other necessities. But there are certainly some people who may need help. I myself am on voluntary quarantine, due to a small cough and a recent flight through Toronto. Thankfully, I was all stocked up beforehand and have no immediate needs. I even had enough toilet paper! Even still, I bought a 12 pack just in case. For a fellow like me, who always buys TP on sale, this was a bit of a shock. I guess we all need to buy what we need, maybe a bit more, but not to panic.

Back to basics. This is a great neighbourhood, filled with wonderful people. During these tough times, I'm hoping that those who need help won't be too proud to ask for it. There are many people who are willing to answer the call. With the social distancing recommended, a request or offer could be made by a note in a neighbour's mailbox, or through a phone call / text / email.

We are fortunate that ***a couple of community members have offered to coordinate volunteers*** and those who may need a bit of help. On the following page is their contact information. **Please keep this information on your fridge** in case you need it now or in the future.

Together, we can change our world, at least our immediate world. Let's make the best of our situation and be the great community we are.

The various levels of government are trying to make informed decisions and guide us through these challenging times. The league will continue to monitor and follow government regulations and suggestions, and try to get things back on track as soon as we can. Please take care.

I'll see you in the 'hood' (but at least 6 feet away)

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PS - We have a few babysitters who have offered their services - we haven't checked references, but can give you their contacts: dovertcourt.publicity@gmail.com

PPS - make sure you order your prescriptions well in advance and have some cash on hand.

Stay in Touch - Reach Out



A Message from the Coordination Team

Dear Neighbor,

If you have been watching the news you are well aware that we are entering a new, challenging time regarding the worldwide outbreak of Covid-19. The government and medical community may turn to enforce social distancing measures such as staying home from work, limiting travel and recommended isolation.

If you are a senior or have underlying medical conditions or mobility issues, this may affect your ability to leave your house to grab groceries, prescriptions or essentials. Or if you are currently quarantined for any reason, there are able-bodied people in your neighborhood to help grab what you need with an easy system to manage the exchange of funds. Ideally, someone will drop it off for you at a coordinated time to ensure you get what you need in a safe and controlled fashion to minimize exposure while we try and ride the initial wave of infection out. This may be as simple as an e-transfer of funds based on your grocery list, an envelope of cash left for a designate etc. The details will be sorted out and conveyed to interested parties as you reach out.

If you are connected on social media, such as Dovercourt Facebook page, you can easily reach out and seek a neighbor's help or let your neighbors know you can help them, if required. If you have a smart phone or computer and are tech savvy, "Next Door" is a great (and free!) app available for download on most smartphones which is an easy way to keep in touch with your neighbor's in real-time. I would recommend downloading it for updates and news in the neighborhood.

However, if you prefer and require help, contact: **Daniel at 780-901-4552 or danielhuber@shaw.ca**
OR Jo-Anne at 780-975-5193 or jmfrere@telus.net. If you are able-bodied (and meet AHS recommendations) and willing to help, please let us know as well.

**We are only collecting data for Dovercourt residents at this time.

Based on your needs and the availability of volunteers we will coordinate drop-offs to ensure you have safe access to what you need if you're required to self-isolate. If you do call and there is no answer, please leave a message and hang tight for someone to get back to you.

Being a good neighbor means open communication and pitching in to ensure everyone is able to remain safe, fed and healthy. Take care of yourself and remember you are not alone in this.

Your neighbour,

Daniel Huber

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King