



Hello West End BIZ members

It has now been three weeks since the World Health Organization declared the spread of Coronavirus a pandemic. The impacts across the world and in our neighbourhood have been dramatic. We know that many businesses across the West End are temporarily closed or facing hardship due to drops in customer numbers and government restrictions.

The West End BIZ is taking steps to help our business community where we can amid these unprecedented circumstances.

Distant Dinner Parties

In an effort to support our businesses we are hosting dinner parties featuring cuisine from a West End restaurant and DIY presentations from West End business owners.

We will be launching the first Distant Dinner Party tonight and we have several dates lined up into the future.

During the dinner parties we are telling stories about the West End and giving all businesses in the West End an opportunity to share a little about their craft (ie. Explain how a car works under the hood; tips for baking with yeast; etc). This is an opportunity to make connections with potential future customers and to share how folks can access your products or services. If you have an idea for a neat presentation about your craft, please get in touch!

To participate, contact Aurora at 431- 388-5213 or aurora@westendbiz.ca.

Pick up location signs

Helping customers find which businesses are still open and providing curbside pick-up is something we've heard from our businesses. The West End BIZ has created signs you can put outside your business indicating your business is doing curbside pick-up or delivery. If you would like a sign, please contact Aurora by 431- 388-5213 or at aurora@westendbiz.ca.

Graffiti removal

We continue to provide free graffiti removal to all our members and West End residents. Email graffiti@westendbiz.ca to report graffiti.

Safety patrols

Our safety patrols continue to walk the beat -- however, in an effort to reduce contact, they are not visiting businesses at this time. They are maintaining a connection to our business community through calls to our members to ensure that we are up-to-date on business concerns. Patrols can be contacted by phone at 204-229-2502 or at patrol@westendbiz.ca.

What's happening at the municipal level

Our members have been asking about tax relief at the municipal level. Today the city made the following statement regarding deferrals of penalties for unpaid business and property taxes:

"For those who need it, the City will waive penalties for unpaid property and business taxes for up to three months following their due date. Property taxes that are due on June 30, 2020 will have fees waived until October 1, 2020. Business taxes that are due on May 29, 2020 will have fees waived until September 1, 2020."

You can read the full statement [here](#).

Additional resources

Economic Development Winnipeg is managing a page with information on additional financial relief options available to Individuals and businesses. You can find information on income tax deferrals, the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit and other resources [here](#).

We are working as fast as we can to assist our members in whatever ways we can. If there is anything you need right now, please don't hesitate to email any of us. We are here to listen and do our best to find answers. Our office is closed to the public, but you can find our email addresses and phone numbers [here](#).

Kind regards,

Joe Kornelsen, Executive Director