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## Congratulations North Point Douglas people:

It's hard to believe that ten years ago North Point Douglas was considered one of the most dangerous community in Winnipeg with the highest crime rate.

It was so bad the children of Norquay School wrote a letter to the Governor General telling her how dangerous it was to live in North Point Douglas.

Now we are the safest inner city community in Winnipeg, not perfect but the safest.

The reason North Point Douglas is so much better is because of you!

We learned that police, by law enforcement, Justice Department, even garbage pick up of abandoned mattresses, every mechanism to make our community better was "Complaint Driven". That means if nobody called nothing was done.

We set out to make our community super complainers. If there was a crack house, if there were out of control parties, if there were slummy houses with broken windows, if garbage wasn't picked up, we encouraged you to either call the organization responsible or to call the Powerline and we would make the complaint for you. At first some people said they didn't want to be rats. The Powerline convinced almost everyone that the term 'ratting' was jail culture talk. People had the right for their kids to be safe, their street clean.

Over the last few years thousands of you called, emailed or dropped in to tell the volunteers at the Powerline about stuff that shouldn't be going on in our wonderful community. We passed on your complaint to the responsible organization. Then if they didn't act on the call we kept after them until they did something. The police, By-law enforcement, Provincial Justice Department, garbage pick up, they all responded and helped you.

The police assigned some really smart young officers to learn about our community and help prevent crime first and solve crimes if they happened.

Our Elders provided guidance on the most effective way to deal with bad behavior. Banishment was better than arrest. Getting landlords to fix things that needed fixing was better than living with bad housing. Things are much better but not perfect. Don't stop making your voice heard.

**Be proud Point Douglas people, you have made your community better!**

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North Point Douglas has come a long way but there are still issues.

The major crime we still face is men hitting and assaulting women.

Please call police 911 if you know a woman is being hurt. If you can't call 911 contact the Powerline and we will forward the information for you.

Men who hit women are cowards and need to be confronted with their cowardice.

If friends and neighbours don't call these men will continue to get away with beating women.

Working with landlords:

A lot, but not all, of the landlords in North Point Douglas are working with the Powerline.

A meth dealer was evicted in days. A crack dealer was evicted in five days. Some take longer but most landlords don't want criminals as tenants. We don't have many criminals now but you need to be alert to stop any from getting established.

We can help tenants if landlords aren't keeping your place up. There are rules about fixing broken windows, fixing broken stairs and making sure your plumbing works properly.

It's always best to try and get your landlord to fix things but if he won't or you don't want to call him yourself, contact the Powerline and we will try to get things fixed.

We are getting great cooperation from Manitoba Housing now. If you have problems with your unit or you live near Manitoba Housing and are not happy with tenant's behavior give the Powerline a call and we will help.

Damn Garbage:

There are still a few folk who dump garbage, mattresses and chairs behind their homes, and even worse there are people who dump stuff in our community. You can call 311 and report garbage or call the Powerline and we will call for you. Garbage is ugly, Point Douglas isn't ugly!

**Be proud of Point Douglas but stay involved. It's your calls which make a difference.**

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