

SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2017











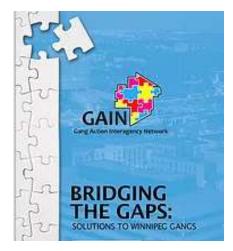






TOP (left to right): Never too young to start cutting grass; EOS' youngest volunteer; Pizza party for SNA's Ellice Street Festival volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff; Building Belonging participants having fun in the park. MIDDLE (left to right): SNA Executive Director Jamil (left) and Building Belonging Coordinator Makaria getting dunked at the Ellice Street Festival. BOTTOM (left to right): Than you for sponsoring out Pizza Party with delicious zza Slice's Pizza!; Johny Merasty, one of our long term Youth participants won the Red River Heritage Art Award in May, and his art; Sunshine House Drag Queens at Ellice Street Festival.

SOLUTIONS TO GANGS



Youth street gangs continue to be a problem that incarceration is failing to resolve. Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN), through extensive community consultation, was tasked with becoming the coordinating body to create and implement a plan that would address gangs and the harm they cause. GAIN has worked to ensure the necessary collaboration between all stakeholders to create an overarching approach to the complex issue of gangs in Winnipeg and then all of Manitoba.

On June 7, 2017, GAIN launched Bridging the Gaps: Solutions to Winnipeg Gangs. The strategy focuses on Identity and Belonging, Healing and Expanding programs and resources. For more information and to read the strategy please visit www.gainmb.org.

JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2017

SNA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Information: 204-783-5000 Ext 109 | www.spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Connecting Committee Meeting: June 7, July 5, & August 2, 2017 | 6-7:30PM SNA Head Office & Adult Programming | 615 Ellice Avenue

Community Economic Development Committee Meeting: June 13, 2017, No July & August Meetings | 5:30PM West End Commons - MPR | 365 McGee Street

Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting: June 8, July 13, & August 10, 2017 | 6PM SNA Head Office & Adult Programming | 615 Ellice Avenue

Housing Committee Meeting:
June 6, July 4, & August 1, 2017 | 6PM
SNA Head Office & Adult Programming | 615 Ellice Avenue

Tenants Committee Meeting:
June 19, No July Meeting, & August 21, 2017 | 6PM
Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC) - MPR | 430 Langside Street





Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA):

615 Ellice Avenue: Head Office, Community Connecting, Environment & Open Spaces, Finance, Homeless Outreach, Housing, & Rental Safety.

430 Langside Street (Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre - MERC): Building Belonging, Children & Youth Sport, Newcomer Youth Outreach, West End 24 Hour Safe Space, & Youth Drop-In.

365 McGee Street (West End Commons): First Jobs 4 Youth, Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program, & Youth Crew.

583 Ellice Avenue (John Howard Society): Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex): Community Sports Program

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SNA YOUTH ARE GOING TO THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES 2017!

Toronto (July 16-23).







Coaches), Alicia and Rachelle earned a scholarship at the University of Winnipeg Collegiate where they played for the Collegiate Wesmen and with their team won AAA JV Provincial Championship in 2014/2015 basketball season. The twins also won AAA Varsity Provincial Championship 2016/2017 ending their High School Basketball on top.

We would like to wish Alicia, Rachelle, Callie, Justine Dunsford, Daniel Simard and the rest of Team Manitoba the best of luck at the 2017 The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in

This will be Alicia and Rachelle's second time participating in the NAIG. They were starters for the U16 Team Manitoba Female Basketball in 2014 (Regina). 2017 will be Callie and Justine's first

time for the NAIG and hopefully not their last.

Alicia and Rachelle graduated from University of Winnipeg Collegiate in May 2017 and plan to attend University of Winnipeg in the Fall. Callie and Justine and the General Wolf Basketball Team made it to the final four this year but fell short and lost to Sisler by 1 point. All girls spend their evenings playing ball their siblings, improving all of their game.

The Dunsfords would like to share special thanks to Nick and Carly, Jack Anderson, and the many coaches they have had over the years!



Daniel Simard really enjoys basketball. For the past year, he played for the MERC and City of Winnipeg School Division 1 basketball teams. Daniel's divisional team won the championship! Basketball is all Daniel thinks about and thanks SNA for the opportunity to play and practice at the MERC.



BBQ FUNDRAISER & CONCERT FEATURING JD AND THE SUNSHINE BAND

JD and Gilbert getting set up for the concert!



As some of you may know, we recently experienced a breakin at one of our locations and several laptops and a projector were stolen. This equipment is essential to the delivery of our community programs.

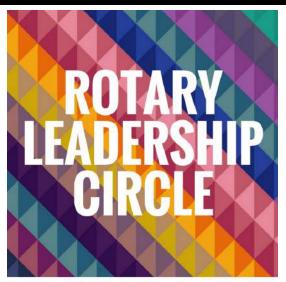
"Losing equipment that is vital to our community programs makes it very hard to deliver them. We are hoping to turn this negative event into a positive and awesome opportunity for the community to come together and support us in replacing these items. What better way to do that with an amazing local band and hotdogs!" - Jamil Mahmood, Executive Director, Spence Neighbourhood Association.

We kindly asked folks to join us on June 27 to raise funds for new program equipment by way of a lunch hour BBQ and concert featuring the musical talents of JD and the Sunshine Band. You showed up and supported us!

"Thank you so much to all who supported SNA at the BBQ fundraiser! It was exciting and encouraging to see so many people come out and enjoy the afternoon together. A special thank you goes out to JD and the Sunshine Band for providing us with their top notch music, University of Winnipeg for hosting us on their lawn, and Councillor Cindy Gilroy for donating to our event! Days like this remind us how supported and surrounded we are by our wonderful and talented community!" - Kristen Wiltshire, Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program Site Coordinator at Spence Neighbourhood Association.

JD and the Sunshine Band was born out of the music recording module of the Sunshine House Solvent User's Recreation Project (SURP) and is a creative collaboration comprised of local musicians and street-involved folks participating in Sunshine House programming. JD and the Sunshine Band "takes stories, slang, and humour off the streets of Winnipeg, [and] gives them a backbeat and melody and returns them to the streets with renewed swagger," (Manitoba Music). Julijana Capone, of Beat Route, once described the band's music as "bleary-eyed country jams with psychedelic diversions and humourous narratives." SNA is a BIG fan of JD and the Sunshine Band and hope you are too. For more information about JD and the Sunshine Band, please

visit: https://sunshinehousewpg.org/band.

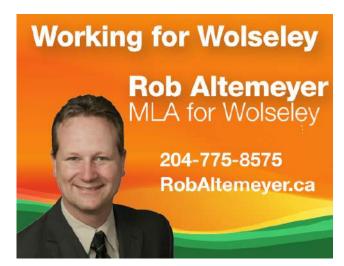


SNA's ROTARY LEADERSHIP CIRCLE is designed for Spence Neighbourhood youth (10-14 years old) to develop life and employability skills.

During July, and August 2017, youth will be given opportunities to build qualifications, skills, and certifications for their resume. Such skills include, but are not limited to: decision making, team building, communication, leadership, resource management, and program planning.

For more information or to register, please contact Will at rotary@spenceneighbourhood.org or 204-783-5000 Ext. 109.





I FOUND A NEEDLE. NOW WHAT?

Needles discarded in the community are becoming a growing concern for our community members and us. You can take action to keep yourself and others safe. Most of the time, you can safely dispose of the needle yourself:

If you have a sharps container, place it on a steady surface. Alternatively, find a sturdy container with a lid/pop bottle.

Put on a pair of thick gloves that are not easily pierced (optional) • Use a pair of tongs, pliers, or tweezers to pick up the needle. Do NOT attempt to put the cap of the needle back on.

Pick up the needle with the tip pointing away from you. If you have a sharps container, it may be used multiple times until it's full. If you are using any other container, cover the lid with tape for extra security and dispose of in the garbage, not into recycling.

For those with full sharps containers, they may be dropped off for proper disposal at 615 Ellice Avenue or call Street Connections.

What if I am poked by a needle?

It is very unlikely to become infected with a virus as a result of a needle poke, as most viruses die very quickly once exposed to air. However, due to the uncertainty of the situation it is always best to treat these injuries promptly:

Allow the puncture site to bleed to flush away germs.

Wash the area thoroughly with soap and water.

Go to an emergency room as soon as possible to be assessed for health risks.

Information adapted from: 496 Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction "What to do when you find a needle?" WHRA. Pamphlet.

Where can I get a sharps container from?

You can get a sharps container through our Community Connecting Coordinator at 204-783-5000 Ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org. Street Connections, a mobile public health service, also supplies sharps containers and can be reached at 204-981-0742.



Street Connections is a mobile public health service. Our goal is to reduce the spread of sexually-transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs), including hepatitis C and HIV, and reduce other drug-related harms.

We are part of Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's (WRHA) Population and Public Health Program.

Public health nurses and outreach workers staff our van, which drives around the city every evening except Sunday. You can also find us during the day from Monday to Friday in our office on the main floor of 496 Hargrave St. We're closed on most holidays so give us a call if you're not sure. You can call us at 204-981-0742, send us an email at outreach@wrha.mb.ca, or visit our website at www.streetconnections.ca.

We base our services on a harm reduction philosophy. This means that we support programs and policies that improve the health of people who use drugs and support people in their efforts to keep themselves and the larger community safe, without judging people for their sexual or drug use practices.



SHIFTING TO SUMMER MODE

It's summer and we are shifting to summer camp mode! **Building Belonging**'s Summer Programming runs Monday to Friday from 12-4:30PM starting on July 10, 2017. Our summer programming includes gardening, gymnastics, music lessons, outdoor activities, and so much more! Five of our participants have been selected to participate in an overnight camp experience with Youth Agencies Alliance and Momenta!

We kindly ask that parents, caregivers, and guardians please fill out our Summer Registration Form for all children and youth wanting to be involved in our free Summer Programming. Forms are available at 430 Langside Street. Reminder: BB has program registration every July (for our Summer Programming) and September (for our After School Programming). If your child was registered for the school year, we require you to submit an updated form for our Summer Programming. Without a summer registration form, your child cannot go on outings with us. Please submit them as soon as possible.

Please note: There will be no BB programming on July 3-7, July 24, August 7, and 24. The last day of BB Summer Programming will be on August 25 our after-school program will be returning on Monday, September 11, 2017. The City of Winnipeg's Free Play Drop-In Summer Program will be offered at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC - 430 Langside Street) starting Tuesday July 4, 2017. It runs 10AM-4PM daily.

Special thanks to:

Food Matters Manitoba, The Winnipeg Foundation Camp and Summer Program Grant, First Jobs 4 Youth, YMCA -YWCA Student Work Summer Exchange, Momenta, YAA, Kidsfest, City of Winnipeg Learn to Fish, Winnipeg Fringe Festival, Maggie Henderson, and Janel Bortoluzzi.



SNA's Newcomer Youth / Youth Drop-In Program is super jazzed for a summer of fun! Get ready for Beach Fridays, Canada Summer Games, skateboarding, and a whole lot more adventures activities inside and outside the city. SNA's Youth Program participants have the opportunity to attend Youth Agencies Alliance (YAA) and Momenta's Summer Camping Program, which provides youth the opportunity to participate in summer camping and outdoor learning experiences. Camp runs August 14-18.

Beach Fridays: July 7, July 14, July 21, August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1. Pick up: 11:30AM. Drive home: ~6PM.

Canada Summer Games: August 2, 3, 9, and 10.

There will be no Youth Programming on: July 3-6, 24, 28, 31, August 7, 24, 25, and 28, 2017.

Watch for Youth Program's official and complete July and August calendars - available soon at the City of Winnipeg's Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC) - 430 Langside Ave.

BUILDING BELONGING INFORMATION:

FREE for all Spence Neighbourhood children ages 6-12! Registration required; accepted anytime.

Makaria Labun & Allison Besel
Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC)
430 Langside
204-783-5000 Ext: 112
bb@spenceneighbourhood.org
buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org

NEWCOMER YOUTH / YOUTH DROP-IN PROGRAM INFORMATION:

FREE for all Spence Neighbourhood youth ages 12-18! Registration required; accepted anytime

Katie Boyd Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC) 430 Langside 204-783-5000 Ext: 113 newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org

SECURITY DEPOSITS COMMUNITY CLAIMS GARDENS, A I

When you move into a rental unit, the landlord can ask you for a security deposit (sometimes called a damage deposit). This deposit can't be more than half of the first month's rent. For example: If your rent is \$640 per month, the security deposit can't be more than \$320. If you have a pet, or want to get a pet, and your landlord gives written permission to do so, you may also have to pay a pet damage deposit. The pet damage deposit, as of August 1, 2104, can be up to one month's rent. The rules about pet damage deposits were different before August 1, 2014. Your landlord must give you a receipt for your deposit(s). Make sure you keep it.

At the end of your tenancy, your landlord must return all of the deposit(s) plus interest to you within 14 days of the end of the tenancy. The landlord may not have to return the deposit(s) to you if you owe rent, the unit needs cleaning, or you (or your pet) caused damage. When you move, make sure you give the landlord an address, so they can return your deposit(s).

If your landlord does not return your deposit(s), take your tenancy papers and receipts to The Residential Tenancies Branch (RTB). RTB staff can assist you with deposit returns. When you go to RTB, please request a Deposit Information Sheet, if you feel your landlord owes you your security deposit money.

For more information, please visit: http://www.gov.mb.ca/cca/rtb/ or connect with Cortney, SNA's, Rental Safety Coordinator, at 204-783-5000 Ext. 107 or rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org.



Chantal plants herbs with the kids at the MERC

COMMUNITY GARDENS, A PLACE TO GROW

Community gardens are places where Spence Neighbourhood residents can have a space to grow their own food and access resources like seeds, seedlings and organic fertilizer.

Our gardeners are young families, senior citizens, university students, newcomers and refugees. They are growing fresh vegetables to feed themselves and their loved ones. Even though the gardens are located in public parks, they are a free-for-all. They belong to the people who take of them.

Sometimes we plant community plots that are meant for anyone to pick for a quick snack as they are walking by. If you see a sign encouraging you to help yourself, please stop and have a taste! Otherwise, please leave the plants alone.

Volunteers and SNA staff put countless hours into maintaining these green spaces, from mowing the grass to removing weeds to planting vegetables and flower beds. Please respect our efforts to improve the neighbourhood by not walking through the garden beds, littering or taking from people's vegetable gardens.

We encourage you to visit the 12 community gardens throughout Spence Neighbourhood. Many of the gardens and green spaces have benches and tables for community members to relax and have a quiet moment away from the hustle and bustle of the city streets.

Welcome to our new Community Garden Assistant Chantal Ramraj!

Chantal will be maintaining the neighbourhood gardens, facilitating Kids Garden activities at the MERC, and working with the First Jobs 4 Youth staff to keep our green spaces tidy and safe. When you see Chantal hard at work in the gardens, give her a wave, hello or high-five!

For any questions about our community gardens, compost, or local food contact Natalie, our Environment and Open Spaces Coordinator, at greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org or 204-783-5000 ext 102.



OPEN EVERY NIGHT THIS SUMMER

June 30 to September 5, 2017 www.spenceneighbourhood.org





ACTIVE LIVING IN SPENCE

SENIOR FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GET
ACTIVE WITH US!

JULY 14

11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

GYM AT 430 LANGSIDE (MERC)

Tick off activities off the ParticipAction
150 Playlist to enter for prizes!

For more information contact Community Connecting at 204-783-5000 ext 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org





Join us for a

NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVEABILITY BY-LAW PRESENTATION

Learn about City of Winnipeg By-laws that impact our neighbourhood and community

Presentation will be followed by an optional safety audit of Area 5 (Sherbrook to Young between Ellice and Sargent) @ 2:30 pm July 10 1 pm - 2 pm @ 615 Ellice Ave





For more information contact the Community Connecting Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

SHARON'S CABBAGE
ROLL FAMILY RECIPE





PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD JULY 19 | 5 PM 615 Ellice ve

FREE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

AT 204-783-5000 EXT 106 OR AT 615 ELLICE AVE



IT'S NOT RIGHT

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

PRESENTATION BY THE **HEALTHY AGING**

RESOURCE TEAM

THURSDAY, JULY 20 2-3 PM AT 615 ELLICE

Info and Registration: 204-783-5000 ext. 106





Winnipeg Regional Office régional de la Health Authority santé de Winnipeg







WELCOME TO THE TEAM TERUNI!



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I am Teruni Walaliyadde and I am the new Community Liaison for SNA. I live on Spence and I am really excited to be working for SNA. After 4 years of being a full student at the University of Winnipeg, I finally saw the light at the end of tunnel; I graduated on June 15th, 2017 with a B.A. in **Human Rights and Conflict** Resolution Studies. However, I have much more to learn and I will always be a life-long student, learning from the many life experiences as I venture out into the world.

During my time at UW, I had awesome opportunities to participate in field courses that took me to Colombia, Thailand and the United Nations, in New York. Trying to keep busy-- assignments weren't really enough;)—I was involved in students groups and volunteered at numerous events, on and off campus. Being a Sri Lankan, I enjoy spicy food and I also have a sweet tooth for my favourite dessert chocolate meringue, however, I do NOT like a bar of chocolate! I love animals but have a mortal fear of snakes, event the harmless non-poisonous ones. I like to cook and garden too. But, my favourites are dancing, reading for leisure, and hanging out and talking with friends.

I look forward to connecting with you and building relationships as your Community Liaison and to work together to bring a safe and enjoyable Spence Neighbourhood. Please call me at 204-783-5000 Ext. 109 or email me at liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org for all your SNA needs.

SNA's Community Liaison is the first point of contact when an individual, family, organization, business, service provider, community group, or stakeholder connects with SNA. This connection may be on the phone, electronically, by mail, or in person at the City of Winnipeg's Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC), a community event and/or gathering, community meeting, or outreach opportunity. The Liaison greets folks with a warm welcome to SNA and MERC does their best to seamlessly link people to staff, programs, building spaces, and community resources and ensures their experiences with SNA and MERC are respectful and dignified. We strive to increases positive involvements, communication, and relationships with community members, participants, and user groups - thus, decreasing stigmas about our neighbourhood and communities. The Liaison additional takes on SNA administrative and MERC building monitoring duties.

Rune, former SNA Community Liaison, has moved into to the part-time SNA Communication Coordinator position this past June. The Communications Coordinator manages external and internal communications including, but not limited to the promotion a positive public image, dissemination of information on SNA's behalf, and creation of related promotional materials. Communications includes social media, website, press releases, poster making, pamphlet creation, creating an annual report and a monthly newsletter. Should you wish to connect with Rune about any of the above, please email rune@spenceneighbourhood.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

FUNDRAISER SOCIAL:

Prison Visiting Rideshare - Manitoba is hosting a dry fundraising social on July 14th at the West End Cultural Centre (WECC) for **Bar None** and **Gizhiwenimin**.

Bar None is an abolitionist prisoner solidarity group based out of Treaty 1 Territory in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Prison Rideshare is an ongoing project of Bar None to connect people with rides to visit their friends and loved ones who are in prison. Gizhiwenimin is a grassroots network that works to help support LGBTQ2S+ refugees coming to Winnipeg. WECC is wheelchair accessible and the event is kid friendly. Tickets are on sliding scale (10\$-30\$) for folks 12+. Kids 12 and under are free. Tickets are available at WECC (586 Ellice Avenue) or Bar None (barnone.wpg@gmail.com). Doors: 6:30PM. Music: 7PM. Ends: 11PM.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS:
C2C: Two Spirit & Queer People Of Colour Call
To Conversation With LGBT & Allies
Conference. October 20-22, 2017 at The
University of Winnipeg.

This is a call to conversation. We are gathering scholars, community members, activists, artists, students, youth, and traditional knowledge holders to dialogue on the work being done in two-spirit (2S) and queer people of colour (QPOC) communities. We call on our communities and institutions to act in a spirit of reconciliation. This conference calls for critical dialogue between 2S and QPOC communities and with LGBT and cisgender heterosexual allies about how best to move forward. We are currently calling for proposals of papers, artist talks and poster presentations. Submissions are requested by July 31, 2017. For more information and to \triangleright G submit a proposal, please visit: ш www.uwinnipeg.ca/c2c/call-forpresentations.html

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BB: Building Belonging (6-12 years old) – 430 Langside **CCC:** Community Connecting Committee – 615 Ellice Ave

CEDC: Community Economic Development Committee - 365 McGee

CW: Community Walkabout - 615 Ellice

ESOC: Environment & Open Space Committee - 615 Ellice

HC: Housing Committee – 615 Ellice KC: Kitchen Circle – 615 Ellice





OP: Our Place Safe Space (Sex Workers & Sexually exploited 1018) – \$23 Eilice SBDM: SNA Board Meeting – 430 Langside

TBA: To be announced at a later date

TC: Tenants Committee – 430 Langside WE24: West End 24 Hour Safe Space for youth (13-24years old) – 430 Langside WSFP: Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program - 365 McGee

Y&FC: Youth & Familes Committee - 430 Langside

YP: Youth Program (Grade 7-12) - 430 Langside

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