

SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SIX TIPS FOR BICYCLE SAFETY

Keep you and your ride safe this season! Here are some bike safety tips that are sure to make your ride enjoyable, safe, and secure.

1. Always lock your bike up!

It only takes a second to steal a bike. Locks may seem like a big investment but it costs a lot less than a new bike. A strong U-Lock can prevent your bike from being stolen. Lock up your bike to something secure like a bike rack. Make sure you are locking up to the FRAME of your bicycle. Poles and trees are not a safe lock up space.

2. Ride on the road and go the right direction!

Sherbrooke, Maryland, and St. Matthews all have proper bike lanes. Use them and make sure you are riding the right direction so you aren't going into oncoming traffic. Riding on the sidewalk increases the risk of collisions at intersections (and driveways) if motorists don't see you coming, especially at back lanes and when they are turning.

3. Stay safe at night!

If you are not wearing bright coloured or reflective clothing, or using a bike light at night time, you can be struck by a vehicle. Being seen is important for your safety!

4. Wear a helmet!

If you wear a helmet properly it can save your life or prevent serious injury. Even if you are a good cyclist, there is always a chance you can get in a collision with a motorist.

5. Follow the rules of the road!

The best way to stay safe is to stay predictable. Don't run red lights, don't ride on the sidewalk, and don't weave through traffic. Take your time and follow the rules so that cars can predict what you are going to go next.

6. Stay aware & stay calm!

If you are riding your bike, it is important to be aware of your surroundings. Listening to music on an MP3 device can be dangerous while riding because it can distract you from hearing the surrounding traffic. Also stay calm, one moment of anger or frustration could distract you from the road and you need to be alert at all times!

If you have any donations of gently used locks, helmets, and safety vests, please contact Olivia at (204) 783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org to arrange pick-up or drop off

SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD

COMMUNITY **INCENTIVES PROGRAM**

application deadline: may 3, 2019

SNA's Community Incentives Program grants up to \$5,000 to projects that make the Spence neighbourhood an even more amazing place! Project like, block parties, music festivals, art installations, or more!

For applications and information

www.spenceneighbourhood.org/ community-incentives

Contact: 204-783-5000 Ext. 109 or liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org

WE'RE COLLECTING RECIPES TO CREATE A COMMUNITY COOKBOOK!

To submit a recipe, & for more info, contact Olivia at 204-783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@ spenceneighbourhood.org

WAHKOHTOWIN: CREATING SPACE FOR ART & EXPRESSION

The Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program is a free 14-week program that offers wrap-around support to families and works with them to decrease conflict and increase communication in their family life. Every session in our program begins with a painting exercise where participants are given time to create something that represents a feeling of acceptance, safety, and security. We share the reasons why we painted what we did and staff request that we be able to hold onto the paintings so we can decorate our space for the entire session. Below are three painting from session 8.

Our 8th Session just closed out on April 13th and we are doing intake for a new session, starting May 2 and running every Thursday from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, until July 25th, ending with a graduation celebration on Saturday, July 27th. If you're interested in joining us to learn how to decrease conflict and increase communication in your family life connect with us! Our program is queer/ two spirit friendly!

Please contact the Site Manager to register or inquire: Kai@spenceneighbourhood.org 204-771-7691









As a renter you might need to pay a security deposit. Your landlord must give you a receipt that shows: the amount paid, the date it was paid, & the address of your rental unit.

Remember to always get a receipt.

Need a rent receipt? Come see the Rental Safety Coordinator at 615 Ellice Avenue, 204-783-5000 Ext. 107

REMINDER: WE24 HOURS HAVE CHANGED

As of April 1, WE24 will no longer be open weekdays. But! You can contact us through Facebook or 204-333-9681 for any questions or support or just to say hi!

WE24 Hours Starting April 1st:

Friday, Saturday: 11PM-7AM Nights before school holidays: 11PM-7AM

In May, WE24 will be open 11PM-7AM on: May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, & 31

Tracy McKenie and David Len, WE24 Co-Managers 204-783-5000 Ext. 110 tracy@spenceneighbourhood.org david@spenceneighbourhood.org

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, 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, Homework Club, & Youth Crew.

231 Isabel Street (Central Neighbourhoods): Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Phone: 204-783-5000 | Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org |

Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org

FIRST JOBS 4 YOUTH: SUMMER SESSION

Are you a youth 15-18 years old? Are you looking for part-time work during July and August?

Keep your eyes open for First Jobs 4 Youth Applications coming out soon! They will be at Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (430 Langside St), 615 Ellice Ave, West End Neighbourhood Resource Centre and online in early May.

Contact: 204-783-5000 Ext. 116 or aaron@spenceneighbourhood.org

SNA'S MAY '19 PROGRAM/EVENT LISTING

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Building Belonging
Monday-Friday | 3:30-5:30PM | 430 Langside
Structured programming for kids ages 6-12 with lunch and snacks provided and pick up from home and drive home available within the Spence neighbourhood. Spring Break will consist of outings. Registration forms available at MERC. Contact: SNA Building Belonging Coordinators at 204-783-5000

Art City Outreach

Mondays | 4-6PM | 430 Langside

Express yourself with facilitators and guest artists at art making workshops for ages 6-12. Contact: SNA Building Belonging Coordinators at 204-783-5000 ext.112.

Youth Program

Monday-Friday | 6:30-9:30PM | 430 Langside Programming and outings for youth grades 7-12 with a meal provided and drive home available within the Spence neighbourhood, or bus tickets provided. Registration forms available at MERC. Contact: Newcomer Youth and Outreach Worker 204-783-5000 ext.113 or newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org

Social Circus Intensive & Drop-In

Intensive: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 3:30-6:30PM | 350 Spence

3 week Social Circus Intensive starting May 20, ending June 7 with a performance. Contact

socialcircus@spenceneighbourhood.org **Drop-In:** Fridays | 3:30-5:30PM | 350 Spence

Drop-in circus programming for youth ages 16-29. Learn circus

skills in a safe and supportive space. Contact socialcircus@spenceneighbourhood.org

WE24 Overnight Safe Space

Fridays, Saturdays, Holidays | 11PM-7AM | 430 Langside An overnight space for youth ages 13-26 to rest and relax and access food, resources, and basic needs in a supportive, kind, and warm environment. Contact: WE24 Manager 204-783-5000 ext.110 or sean@spenceneighbourhood.org

55+ Social Club 55+ PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 13, 27 | 1-3PM | 625 Portage

Spence Neighbourhood and West-End adults 55+, elders, and seniors, please join us for a free coffee (or tea) and participate in light conversations and stress-free activities. 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Support workers welcome. Accessible venue. Gender inclusive washrooms. We do not meet on national and provincial holidays. Contact: Community Connector at 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS Community Connecting Committee Meeting

May 2 | 5:30PM | 615 Ellice

Contact: Community Connector at 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Holistic Housing Committee Meeting

May 7 | 5:30PM | 615 Ellice

Contact: Housing Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 105 or housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth & Families Committee Meeting

May 8 | 7-8:30PM | 430 Langside

Contact: Youth & Families Director at 204-783-5000 ext. 111 or kristen@spenceneighbourhood.org

Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting

May 9 | 6PM | 615 Ellice

Contact: Environment and Open Spaces Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org COMMITTEE MEETINGS CON'T CED Committee Meeting

May 14 | 5:30PM | 365 McGee

Contact: Youth Employment Hub Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.115 or firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org.

Tenants' Committee Meeting

May 21 | 5:30PM | 615 Ellice

Contact Rental Safety Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 105 or rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Caretakers'/ Landlords' Committee Meeting

May 28 | 4PM | 615 Ellice

Contact Rental Safety Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 105 or rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

SNA Board Meeting

May 28 | 5:30PM | 430 Langside

Contact: SNA's Executive Director at 204-783-5000 ext. 103 or jamil@spenceneighbourhood.org

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Kitchen Circle May 27 | 5-7PM | 615 Ellice.

Cook and eat a healthy, affordable recipe together. It fills up fast! All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Registration required for this free program. Contact: Environment and Open Spaces Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org.

Our Place Safe Space

Fridays | 5-11PM

OPSŚ is a "comes as you are" safer space for those who identify as sex workers, experiential folks, victims/survivors of sexual exploitation and victims/survivors of human trafficking (all ages, genders, and Nations), operating as a drop-in. Harm reduction services and fun free dinner provided. Contact: OPSS Outreach at 204-774-7005 ext.104 or safety@dmsmca.ca

SNA's Jane Walk

May 5 | 1-3PM

Details to be announced. Contact Contact 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Mental Health Awareness Workshop

May 7 | 10AM-12PM | 430 Langside

This workshop aims to provide participants with basic knowledge on the topic of mental health and mental illness. Contact 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Workshop and Community Lighting Audit

May 8 | 7-9PM | 615 Ellice. Contact 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or

safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and **Biphobia**

May 17 | Details to be announced. Contact 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

SNA @ Pride Parade

June 2 | Details to be announced. Contact 204-783-5000 ext. 106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program

Thursdays | 5-8PM | 365 McGee

Session 9 begins May 9. WSFP is a 14 week, skills based program that decreases conflict and increases positive communication, focusing on the areas of bonding, boundaries and monitoring. Registration required! Free program, meal, transport and childminding. Families must have at least one youth between the ages of 11-17. Contact: 204-783-5000 ext. 125 or kai@spenceneighbourhood.org

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Children & Youth

Programming	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Building Belonging Mondays-Fridays 3:30PM-5:30PM Drop-In Only:	June 2 SNA @ Pride Parade	Programming, hours, and locations me be subject to change without much notice. SNA is closed evenings, weekends, May Day, and national and provincial holidays.	Programming, hours, and locations may be subject to change without much notice. SNA is closed evenings, weekends, May Day, and national and provincial holidays.	1 May Day - SNA Offices Closed	2 Community Connecting Comm. 5:30-7PM	3 Our Place Safe Space: 5-11PM	4
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Mondays-Fridays 6:30PM-9:30PM Drop-In Only: May 6:3:30PM-6PM No Program (SNA Closed)	12	13 55+ Social Club 1-3PM	14 CED Committee: 5:30PM	15	16 Wahkohtowin 5-8PM	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia Our Place Safe Space:5-11PM	18
West End 24 Hour Safe Space	19	20 Victoria Day - SNA Offices Closed	21 Tenants' Committee 4PM	22	23 Wahkohtowin 5-8PM	24 Our Place Safe Space: 5-11PM	25
May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 31 11PM-7AM Social Circus	26	27 55+ Social Club 1-3PM Kitchen Circle 5PM	28 Caretakers Committee 4PM SNA Board Meeting 5:30PM	59	30 Wahkohtowin 5-8PM	31 Our Place Safe Space:5-11PM	June 1

@430 Langside

Mondays, Wednesdays,

Intensive:

Fridays 3:30PM-5:30PM

Building Belonging (6-12 years old)

SNA Board Meeting **Event &**

West End 24 Hour Safe Space for Youth (13-26 years Program

Youth & Families Committee Youth Program (Grade 7-12) Locations

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