



SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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THE VACANT BUILDINGS BY-LAW: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Did you know the City of Winnipeg has a by-law that regulates the condition of vacant buildings, and works to discourage the boarding of vacant buildings? This is by-law No. 79/2010, the Vacant Buildings By-Law!

According to the City of Winnipeg, the intent of the Vacant Buildings By-Law is to:

- Reduce the risk of fire
- Reduce safety hazards for firefighters and emergency personnel
- Reduce urban blight
- Contribute positively to neighbourhood renewal by discouraging vacant buildings to remain inactive for extended periods of time
- Reduce illegal activities
- Ensure vacant buildings are brought to habitable standards prior to occupancy

How does it work?

In order for a vacant residential building to be boarded up, the owner must apply for a Residential Boarding Permit, which costs **\$2,360** for a single one-year permit. These fees are intended to discourage long-term boarding of properties, and can be partially refunded if the owner is able to secure the building without the use of boarding, or obtains an Occupancy Permit to make it habitable once again.

If a building is left vacant without first obtaining a Residential Boarding Permit, the owner may be subject to a \$1,000 fine, plus the \$2,360 permit fee. If the owner does not comply with by-law orders to address problems with the building, the City has the power to repair any dangerous issues, and charge the owner on their property tax bill. If an owner continues to be noncompliant, and is convicted of an offence under the Vacant Buildings By-Law, the process can lead to the city taking ownership over the property.

What can you do?

Buildings that are subject to complaints from the community will be inspected by a City of Winnipeg by-law officer. If you suspect a building has been left vacant without a permit, or if a vacant building is not being maintained (i.e. it appears to be unsecured or dangerous, looks dilapidated, there is garbage on the property, or if it has been vacant for an extended period of time), you can report the issue to 311, or speak with the SNA Housing Coordinator.

Before reporting your concern, SNA recommends writing down the following information:

- Address of the building
- Detailed description of your concern
- Approximate date that you first noticed the issue
- Approximate length of time you believe the building has been vacant
- Whether the building is boarded or not
- If you have a smartphone or digital camera, take photos of the building and the area of concern

Submit the above information and photos by email to:

311@winnipeg.ca OR
housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

If you do not have access to email, call:

311 OR
SNA Housing Coordinator: 204-783-5000 Ext. 105

If you need help getting photos off your device, the SNA Housing Coordinator can assist you.

For more information on the Vacant Buildings Bylaw, please visit the SNA office at 615 Ellice Ave. to pick up a brochure, or visit the City of Winnipeg website.

Source:

www.winnipeg.ca/cms/BLES/PNS/vacantbuildings.stm

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JAMIL MAHMOOD A TRUE COMMUNITY LEADER

To say that SNA wouldn't be what it is today without Jamil would be an understatement. After starting a summer job with the Green Team in 2004, Jamil quickly fell in love with the work and the community. He worked in Building Belonging (BB), expanded Youth Programs, and became SNA's Executive Director in 2010. He has had the pleasure of building relationships with our BB and Youth participants while watching many grow to become SNA staff or work closely connected to the organization. Jamil has described his time at SNA as "life-changing".

To Jamil, the greatest gift from the organizational structure is the space to develop programs from the community based on their needs. A key example of that is WE24. Jamil said "The hardest part of expanding youth programs was knowing that at 10 o'clock we didn't know where those kids were going to be for the next 12 hours until we opened in the morning". Because of the space in our structure for staff initiative, SNA has been able to go far beyond being a youth program or housing organization. As Jamil said, "We do so much - we're 5 organizations in one if not more", offering wrap-around support including children & youth programming, housing, an overnight safe space, harm reduction, youth employment, and so much more.

Staff's drive to turn community needs into programs has been heavily influenced by our leadership. "A lot of workplaces would hear a wild idea and see all the downsides, barriers, and negatives thinking things may be impossible or too hard." said Lin Howes Bar (Acting Executive Director) "Spence is the opposite of that - and that's largely because of Jamil and his vision.". When asked about her past and future at SNA, that influence was clear when Lin said "It's really exciting to work in a world where at any time a new idea could come forward that could change the face of the programming we offer in this community. The only thing we need to do to get idea to thing is work, and I'm down for that."

This April, Jamil returned to working on the front-lines full-time as an Outreach Worker for Street Connections, a Harm Reduction mobile public health service through the WRHA. Jamil said "I think there's a huge disconnect between the health system and the community. Street Connections connects that".

While Jamil will remain on staff for the transition, his influence on SNA will be lasting. According to Lin, "A lot of people outside the organization think that Spence is really cutting edge and innovative, and that's only true because Jamil has lead with that stuff. Those things are Jamil's personal qualities that have bled into the work. Jamil is so creative and comes at things really naturally from a problem-solving perspective. I think he's the most innovative person I've ever met.". We are grateful for the hard work, time, and energy Jamil has dedicated to the organization.

BUILDING BELONGING UPDATE

When kids head back to school they can continue to learn and grow with Building Belonging. Our free school-year 2019/2020 after-school program for ages 6-12 at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre, (MERC, 430 Langside St.), runs Monday to Friday, 3:30-5:30pm, starting Sept. 9, 2019.

Kids receive a healthy meal, with daily structured activities, as well as pickup from Sister MacNamara and John M. King schools with drive home within the neighbourhood available.

Join us to skateboard at local parks, learn to swim, create with Art City Outreach, build physical literacy with Fit Kids, Healthy Kids at the U of W RecPlex and harvest veggies from our Kids Garden. This school-year's registration forms are available at the MERC front office!

We are looking for community volunteers to support our program, help make meals and mentor our participants.

Apply online at www.spenceneighbourhood.org. Contact our Building Belonging coordinators Allison or Johnathan at 204-783-5000 or buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org

HYDRO HELP

Are you behind on payments, or going to be cut off? Rental Safety now offers support with your Manitoba Hydro Bills. Contact Rental Safety at 204-783-5000 ext 107 or rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

WE24 FALL UPDATE

WE24 is open from:

- 11AM -7PM**
- Fridays**
- Saturdays**
- School Holidays**

Message us on Facebook or call 204-333-9681 for any questions! 430 Langside St.



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.

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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

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Building Belonging

Monday-Friday | 4-6PM | 430 Langside
 Oct 1st and 25th | 3:30 - 6PM | Drop-In Only | No Program
 Structured programming for kids ages 6-12 with lunch and snacks provided. Pick up from home and drive home available within the Spence neighbourhood. Registration forms available at MERC.
 Contact: Allison or Johnathan 204-783-5000

Youth Program

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

Art City Outreach

Mondays | 4:00 - 6:00pm | 430 Langside St.
 Express yourself at art workshops for ages 6-12 ft. facilitators & guest artists
 Contact: Allison or Johnathan 204-783-5000

Sticks and Stones Nature Play

Tuesdays | 9:30AM - 11:30AM | 446 Langside St.
 Weekly drop-in for 0 to 6 year-old children and their caregivers gives opportunities to bond, enjoy outdoor space, and grow together. Snack provided. No registration required. Behind the MERC. Contact: rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org or wgm@communities4families.ca

Kids Cooking Classes

Thursdays | 4PM-6PM | 430 Langside
 Cooking classes for kids ages 6-12 with Food Matters Manitoba.
 Contact: Allison or Johnathan 204-783-5000

Girls Night

Fridays | 6:30 - 9:30PM | 350 Spence in the MPR
 Girls night is a safe space for female-identifying youth in grades 7 to 12 to share a meal, learn new skills, build self-esteem and make new friends.
 Contact: newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org

WE24 Overnight Safe Space

Fri, Sat, & Holidays | 11PM - 7AM | 430 Langside
 An overnight space for youth ages 13-26 to rest and relax, access food, resources, and basic needs in a supportive, kind, and warm environment. Open every day there is not school the next day.
 Contact: 204-783-5000 ext.110 or tracy@spenceneighbourhood.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Holistic Housing Committee Meeting

Oct 1 | 5:30-7:30PM | 615 Ellice
 Contact: Housing Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.105
 housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Connecting Committee Meeting

Oct 3 | 5:30-7:00PM | 615 Ellice
 Contact: Community Connector at 204-783-5000 ext.106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

CED Committee Meeting

Oct 8 | 5:30-7:30PM | 365 McGee
 Contact: Youth Employment Hub Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.115 or firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth & Families Committee Meeting

Oct 9 | 7-8:30PM | 430 Langside
 Contact: Youth & Families Director at 204-783-5000 ext. 111 or hilary@spenceneighbourhood.org

Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting

Oct 10 | 6-7PM | 615 Ellice
 Contact: EOS Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

Caretaker's Committee Meeting

Oct 16 | 5-6PM | 615 Ellice Ave.
 Contact Rental Safety Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.105 or rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

55+ PROGRAMS & EVENTS

55+ Social Club

Oct 28 | 1-3PM | 625 Portage
 Oct 14 | No Program
 Spence Neighbourhood and West-End adults 55+, elders, and seniors, please join us for a free coffee or tea, 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.

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Indoor Herb Garden Workshop

Oct. 3 | 6 - 7PM | 615 Ellice
 Make and take home an indoor herb garden. RSVP Required
 Contact: Olivia at 204-783-5000 ext 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

Beeswax Wraps Workshop

Oct. 8 | 6 - 7PM | 615 Ellice
 Make and take home your own reusable fabric food wraps that replace plastic wrap. RSVP Required
 Contact: Olivia at 204-783-5000 ext 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

Residential Tenancies Branch Information Session

Oct. 9 | 5 - 6PM | 615 Ellice
 Interested in knowing more about about rights as a tenant? Contact: 204-783-5000 ext 107 or rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Macrame Plant Holder

Oct. 17 | 6 - 7PM | 615 Ellice
 Make and take home a beautiful rope houseplant holder. RSVP Required
 Contact: Olivia at 204-783-5000 ext 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

SNA Board Meeting

Oct 22 | 5:30 PM | 430 Langside
 Contact: SNA's Executive Director Lin Howes Barr at 204-783-5000 ext.103
 lin@spenceneighbourhood.org

Kitchen Circle

Oct 28 | 5 - 7PM | 615 Ellice
 Cook and eat a healthy, affordable recipe together at this free all ages program. No experience is necessary. Registration required.
 Contact: 204-783-5000 ext.102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

Rental Safety Drop-In

Wednesdays | 1:30PM - 3:30PM | 615 Ellice Ave.
 First come, first serve. 20 minute time slots. If you are unable to make the drop in times contact Rental Safety to book an appointment.
 Contact: 204-783-5000 ext 107 rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Move Me

Thursdays | 3:00PM - 4:00PM | 615 Ellice Ave.
 Are you looking to move and need support? Our weekly drop-in program may be able to help. Contact: 204-783-5000 ext 107
 rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Wahkohtowin Strengthening Families Program

Thursdays | 5-8PM | 365 McGee
 WSFP is a 14 week, skills based program that decreases conflict & increases positive communication, focusing on the areas of bonding, boundaries & monitoring. Free program, meal, transport and childminding. Families must have at least one youth between the ages of 11-17. Registration is required!
 Contact: 204-783-5000

Our Place Safe Space

Fridays | 5-11PM
 OPSS is a "comes as you are" drop-in safer space for those who identify as sex workers, experiential folks, victims/survivors of sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking (all ages, genders, and Nations). Harm reduction services and fun free dinner provided.
 Contact: OPSS Outreach at 204-774-7005 ext.104 or safety@dmsmca.ca



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Children & Youth

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11PM - 7AM

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@430 Langside St.

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