

COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE WINTER PROGRAM

By Stephen Kirk

The garden is a wonderful teacher - and of its many lessons, one of the most valuable is patience. In the cold dark season of winter, we must patiently await the spring. After planting seeds, we have to wait for sprouts. We learn that the vegetables we eat as a quick snack are the end result of many months growing.

And so it is with your community greenhouse. At every step along the way, delays are teaching us to be patient (but hopeful!) Slowly but surely, progress is being made. We are pleased to report that, since the last newsletter, electricity has been connected. Heaters have been installed. Water (*thank-you Shoal Lake*) has been hooked up. We have received generous donations of woodchips & sand (*thank-you Reimer Soils*) which have been spread around the site, so it won't be a mess of sticky clay come springtime.

After 2 years of fallow, community gardeners are returning to 689 Maryland, to claim their beds for 2022. Some have agreed to volunteer over the winter inside the greenhouse, helping tend the crops. Local schools have expressed interest in participating, so soon we hope to be introducing students to the practise of urban organic food production.

Once we have water, light & heat, we can begin planting. We'll be starting off with crops like lettuce, greens and herbs, that are tolerant of low light and temperature. We are still hoping this can happen in November. For the first few weeks, the focus will be on learning how our new facility fares in the Winnipeg winter. It will be heated by a boiler connected to a loop that runs through the concrete floor. We will be keeping careful track of conditions such as temperature & humidity. What will we need to do to maintain the best possible environment for plants to grow in?

Another priority for this season is planning and preparing for the new year: many catalogues consulted & seeds ordered. Currently, the plan is greens for neighbourhood consumption, bedding plants for community gardeners and a social enterprise salsa garden. I personally am looking forward to growing sweet potatoes and ornamental chillies. If there are specific plants you are interested in seeing grown, now would be a good time to get in touch.

Please contact Stephen, your community greenhouse coordinator, at greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org or 783-5000 x 102, for more information.

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**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
ONLINE**

**KEEP YOUR EYE ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NEXT DATE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG
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RENTAL SAFETY COORDINATOR



Eviction Support
Tenant-Landlord Mediation
RTB Support
Hydro Arrears
Bedbug Support
...And more!

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Receive up to
\$14,000

toward the purchase
of a home in Spence!



Conditions apply
Eligible income:
\$35,000-\$75,592

The Spence Neighbourhood Homebuyer Assistance Program (SNHAP) puts the rising cost of homeownership within reach of qualifying families who may be able to afford the monthly costs associated with owning a home, but who may have difficulty saving for a down payment.



spenceneighbourhood.org/announcements/snhap
for details!

INDIGENOUS INPUT IN LOCAL HOUSING PROJECT COORDINATOR

Cheryl Starr

📞 Cell: 204-979-9169
(9:30 AM - 4:00 PM)

📧 Cheryl Spencehousing

✉️ Cheryl@spenceneighbourhood.org



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Go to spenceneighbourhood.org/
get-involved/newsletter
for more information.

HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH MENTOR



Are you currently experiencing
homelessness or couch surfing?

Jasmine

📞 204-999-4485

📧 Jasmine Spencehousing

✉️ row@spenceneighbourhood.org



**Please call, Facebook message or email to make an appointment

**DONATIONS NEEDED
THANK YOU!**

WE24 - Jackets, Socks, Shoes/Boots, Toothbrushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant, Soap, Razors, Bottled Water, Back Packs, Granola Bars, Individual Snack Items, Mitts and Hats

All donations can be dropped off at 430 Langside (MERC) or contact Chantel at donations@spenceneighbourhood.org



**Mail Pick Up &
Snack/Hygiene Door Service**
430 Langside (MERC)
Monday - Friday
9 am - 3 pm

Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA):

Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org

615 Ellice Avenue (Head Office):

Community Connecting, Environment & Open Spaces, Finance, Homeless Outreach, & Housing

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):

Youth Employment Hub, First Jobs 4 Youth, & Youth Crew
231 Isabel Street (Central Neighbourhoods):
Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org

Church of Christ Donates 164 Boxes

Excerpt From INC News Release

The Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) or Church Of Christ packed thousands of hygiene products into 164 boxes which they personally delivered to the doorsteps of Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA) in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 21, 2021.

The boxes donated by the INC were filled with toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and other hygiene products along with 100 packs of bottled water. SNA happily received the large donation which they will be distributing among the residents who heavily depend on their organization.

"Together with Spence Neighbourhood Association and your organization (Iglesia Ni Cristo) we were able to get some of those must-use supplies very quickly and before winter which is one of the times [that they are needed] the most," Olivia Michalczuk, Director of Grants and Expenses said.

"You came with everything that we have asked for and more," Chantel Scott, Donations Coordinator at SNA said, noting that their residents "have been needing a lot of basic needs."

"A great thanks because it's just been a surprise and it's just amazing and really good work and really good commitment that you guys do, and it was extremely organized like wow," Scott said.

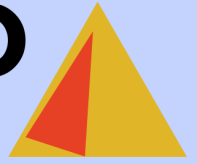
The Iglesia Ni Cristo was registered in the Philippines on July 27, 1914 by its first Executive Minister, Brother Felix Y. Manalo. Since then, the Church has spread to 159 countries and territories around the world, with its members coming from 148 ethnic backgrounds.



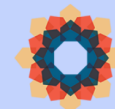
Iglesia Ni Cristo ministers and volunteers in front of the Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA) charity head office in Winnipeg, where a generous donation by the INC was conducted. Joining them were Member of Parliament Kevin Lamoureux, Member of Legislative Assembly Cindy Lamoureux, and Olivia Michalczuk and Chantel Scott of SNA.

WHAT TO DO

If someone experiencing homelessness is sheltering in your building entrance or yard



- **People experiencing homelessness face a wide range of stereotypes and stigma that do not always reflect reality. Do not assume the person:**
 - **is dangerous:** people experiencing homelessness are far more likely to be victims of violence than to perpetrate it
 - **is intoxicated:** behaviour you might identify as intoxication could be a symptom of hypothermia, stroke, disability or mental health crisis
 - **has somewhere safe to go:** nobody chooses to live without shelter, unless their other options seem even less safe to them
- **If the person is awake, say hi. Ask if they need anything:** let them know you'll be calling outreach workers to pay a visit
- **Call Main Street Project Outreach: 204-232-5217**
- **If a person is in danger due to a medical or safety crisis, call 911**
- **Giving things like food, water, socks or money is OK** if you feel comfortable and the person accepts an offer
- **Inviting the person inside (as with any stranger) is discouraged,** for your safety and theirs
- **To offer info on other resources:** check 211, HelpSeeker or the Winnipeg Outreach Network Resource Guide
- **Be safe, be kind, be well**



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street
project



Website and Social Media

Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org
 Facebook: [SpenceNeighbourhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SpenceNeighbourhoodAssociation)
 Twitter: [SNAcommunity](https://twitter.com/SNAcommunity)
 Instagram: [SNAcommunity](https://www.instagram.com/SNAcommunity)



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Building Belonging

Our School Year 2021-2022 program for ages 6-12 runs Monday to Friday 3:30-5:30pm, with a daily meal, structured activities and pickup from John M King and Sister Mac schools and walk home available. BB will be closed from Dec. 23, 2021 until Jan. 6, 2022 for the holidays. Programming will follow social distancing guidelines and spaces may be limited. During any program closures due to restrictions families in the Spence Neighbourhood can register to receive weekly activity packages delivered until we are able to reopen. Registration forms are available at the M.E.R.C (430 Langside St.) or on the Spence Neighbourhood Association website. Contact us at buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org.

Newcomer Youth/Youth Drop In Program

Our Newcomer Youth/Youth Drop In Program delivers cultural recipe packages every Friday. If you are a youth between 12-17 years old and want to get a package you can contact newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org or through Facebook: @spencemerc. We are here to support you!

Community Sports Program

We have Soccer at 5:7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on Saturday from 12-1:30pm. We also have basketball at MERC for drop in every night 6:30-9 pm. We will be having a few different programs for sport coming soon. We will have Family Yoga, Beginners Yoga, Guided meditations, Adult basketball leagues at the RecPlex, and have a drop in program for Dance. Reach out to sport@spenceneighbourhood.org for additional information.

Youth Employment Hub

The **First Jobs 4 Youth** program is providing remote services. Applications are closed. The Coordinator can be reached at aaron@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth Crew is open and is performing essential services at the WestEnd Commons. Contact Leslie at firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org or call 204-801-6740 for all other inquiries.

WE24 Overnight Safe Space

Monday - Sunday
11:00 pm - 7:00 am
430 Langside - MERC
Cell #: 204-333-9681



MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Holistic Housing

SNA Homebuyer Assistance Program

For more information:

www.spenceneighbourhood.org/announcements/snhap

All other programs are working remotely.

See advertisements for contact information for Homelessness Mentor, Rental Safety Coordinator, and Indigenous Input into Housing Coordinator

housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

204-783-5000 Ext. 105

Environment and Open Spaces

Repairs & Maintenance to Garden Spaces is ongoing. The all-season greenhouse at 689 Maryland Ave is now complete.

Please email greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org if you are interested in volunteering. Office hours are still limited due to the pandemic. Please email

greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org for general inquiries or leave messages at: 204-783-5000 ext. 102

Spence Neighbourhood Association will be closed:
December 27 & 28, 2021
January 3, 2022
WE24 will be open 11 pm - 7 am

WE 24 HOUR
FRI-SAT & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 11PM-7AM
430 LANGSIDE • 204-333-9681
WEST END 24-HOUR SAFE SPACE

CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOODS
Centennial • West Alexander • Central Park

GAIN
Gang Action Interagency Network

Please see our website for more information and online resources
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615 Ellice
Contact: Housing Coordinator at
204-783-5000 ext.105
housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Connecting

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

Community Economic Development

365 McGee
Contact: Youth Employment Hub
Coordinator at 204-801-6740 or
firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth & Families

430 Langside
Contact: Youth Programs Manager at
mungala@spenceneighbourhood.org

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