

# **NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2022** 

## **BUILDING BELONGIINGS SUMMER PROGRAM IS HERE!**

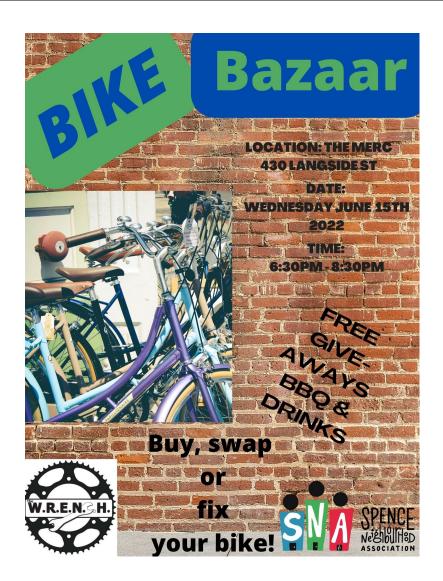
#### By Allison Besel

Building Belonging is wrapping up our School Year Program for 2021-2022 at the end of June and we would like to thank all the kids, partners, volunteers, funders, donors and staff team who have made everything possible. Congratulations to all the participants who are graduating Grade 6 and will be moving on to Junior High and Youth Program in the fall! We are so lucky to have watched you grow.

Our barrier-free Summer program for kids ages 6-12 will run Monday to Friday 12-3pm at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (430 Langside St.) starting July 4 until Aug. 26. Lunch and snacks are provided, with pickup from home 11:00am-12:00pm and walk/drive home from 3:00-4:00pm available within the Spence neighbourhood. We are so excited to welcome two local youth to work with us through SNA's First Jobs 4 Youth Program. City of Winnipeg Recreation Technicians will be at the centre from 10am-4pm and the splash pad outside the centre will be on to keep folks cool from 9:30am until 8:30pm. We will move our bodies with Gym kyds Gymnastics Centre every week, jump higher and run faster with four Track and Field Workshops with Athletics Manitoba, and keep caring for our Kids Garden and learn about the environment with SNA's Environment and Open Spaces team all summer long. We've invited our friends from Freeze Frame Manitoba to teach us how to make Claymation films and the Frontier College Book Tent for literacy activities and book giveaways. Summer application forms are available at the MERC and on SNA's website. Spend the summer learning, playing, creating and meeting new friends with Building Belonging!

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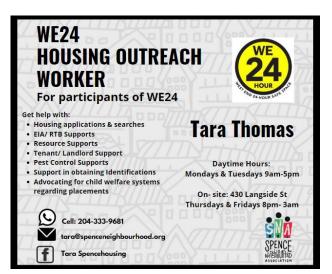
## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING ONLINE

KEEP YOUR EYE ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NEXT DATE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG
OR EMAIL THE COMMITTEE CONTACT PERSON
LISTED ON PAGE 4











Socks. ,Shoes, Toothbrushes ,Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap, New Under Wear, Razors, Shampoo and Conditioner, Bottled Water, Back Packs, Granola Bars, and Individual snack items.

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

### Receive up to

\$14,000

toward the purchase of a home in Spence, Central Park, Centennial, West Alexander, Daniel McIntyre, or St. Matthews!



Conditions apply Eligible income: \$35,000-\$84,600

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!



Mail Pick Up &
Door Service
430 Langside (MERC)
Monday - Friday
10 am - 2 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



Michele Wikkerink
Interim Executive Director

### **NEW SNA STAFF!**



**Diamond Johnny - Community Liaison** 

Please welcome Michele Wikkerink, who is serving as our interim executive director while Lin is on parental leave!

Michele comes to us from the North End, where she worked for over 12 years at Indigenous Family Centre. Her work has always centered on her interests in food security, neighbourhood revitalization, harm reduction, and social justice. She is the author of several publications including People and Stories of Canada to 1867 and The World Today, its People and Places.

Michele is excited to be at SNA because of the wide variety of work we do. From helping people with housing, to ensuring people have a crack at their first jobs, to the 24 hour safe space and programming for youth, the ability to come alongside and see people participate and grow in their own neighbourhood is inspiring. Michele is looking forward to lending a helping hand in the community gardens scattered throughout the neighbourhood and being a part of making the neighbourhood bloom!

She would love to connect with you about ideas for the neighbourhood so please feel free to stop by and see her at 615 Ellice! I am the new Community Liaison for S.N.A. I am very thrilled to be part of the SNA team.

I hope to use my time at S.N.A. to build connections with community members, better understand their needs, and work together to bring about the changes needed to grow and aspire. The future of every community depends on harnessing its residents' energy, creativity, and resources. I look forward to creating connections that give purpose and meaning to the community.

Being part of a meaningful community is about having a sense of responsibility and connection to your world.

Ultimately, we are all part of one big family: humanity.



**Tara Thomas - WE24 Housing Outreach Worker** 

Boozhoo!
I am the new WE24 housing Outreach Worker!
I moved to Winnipeg's West End in 2019
I love the Spence Neighbourhood & I'm excited to be joining the Spence Neighbourhood Association & WE24 Safe Space

Want to advertise in our newsletter?

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get-involved/newsletter
for more information.



#### Website and Social Media

Website: www.spenceneighourhood.org

Facebook: SpenceNeighbourhoodAssociation

Twitter: SNAcommunity
Instagram: SNAcommunity

#### **Building Belonging**

Our School Year 2021-2022 program for ages 6-12 runs Monday to Friday 3:30-5:30pm until June 24 with a daily meal, structured activities and pickup from John M King and Sister Mac schools and walk home available. Programming will follow social distancing guidelines and spaces may be limited. Our Summer Program will run Monday to Friday 12-3pm with a meal and pick up from home available starting July 4 until Aug. 26 Registration forms are available at the M.E.R.C (430 Langside St.) or on the SNA 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 Thursdays, Fridays and on Saturday from 12-1:30pm. We also have basketball at MERC for drop in every night 6:30-9 pm. Free to play soccer is Thursday and Friday nights Basketball with guest coaches is happening this month, Reach out to sport@spenceneighbourhood.org for additional information

We will be having a few different programs for Sport coming soon.

#### **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

Contact Mel - WE24 manager at Email: mel@spenceneighbourhood.org





Community gardening off to a late start

this year, owing to the weather

There are still beds open, but those will be

getting filled soon. (680 Memules

Open hours at greenhouse (689 Maryland)

Marsdays 4-6pm.

For more info contact

greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org or leave a message at (204) 783-5000, x 102

This may be your last chance to claim a garden for the season j

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Holistic Housing
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 liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org Environment and Open Spaces
615 Ellice
Contact: EOS Coordinator at
204-783-5000 ext. 102 or
greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org



