

# **NEWSLETTER**

# SEPTEMBER 2022



# **Environment & Open Spaces Program 2022**

As the season moves towards fall, let's look back on a wonderful summer in your community green spaces! We were lucky to have a great group of young people, part of the First Jobs for Youth program, helping out. They got a chance to help keep the green spaces looking beautiful, and learn a bit about gardening. Weeds were kept in check, litter & sharps removed, community compost bins maintained. We are especially proud of new garden beds installed at the garden behind the MERC. And look out for bright new signs throughout our green spaces, painted by garden assistant Emma Catcheway

At your community greenhouse (689 Maryland), it has also been a busy year learning how to grow in a brand new facility. Many thanks to all our volunteers, especially Huguette & Son!

An exciting addition to the greenhouse site is a community fridge! Think of a little free library, but for food. It was organised and installed by winnipegcommunityfridges@gmail.com.

To celebrate the harvests & change of seasons, we are having a garden party at the greenhouse site on Saturday, 24 September. We will have gardening workshops, greenhouse tours, a fall supper and music. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information, or contact greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org for more information, or to volunteer.

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# **Building Belonging**

The Building Belonging summer program, which ended in the last week of August, was a great success. Our participants learned from new experiences, explored the community, and made new friends. The Building Belonging team would like to thank all the partners and funders and our First Jobs 4 Youth workers for providing support and opportunities for our participants. Our partners Gym Kids Gymnastics Centre and Athletics Manitoba engaged everyone in physical activities and fun games. Freeze Frame offered workshops on claymation film making, which was an excellent learning opportunity. The Frontier College Book Tent joined us for literacy activities and gave the kids their own books. The City of Winnipeg brought us to visit indoor pools for S.P.I.N Water Polo workshops and we swam at outdoor pools. We collaborated with SNA's EOS team for weekly Kids Garden programming to learn how to plant vegetables. We went on exciting outings such as strawberry picking, the Manitoba Museum, Tinker Town, Assiniboine Park Zoo, Transcona Aquatic Park and the Living Prairie Museum.

Our after school program starts on September 12, Monday to Friday from 3:30-5:30 PM and will run throughout the school year. Application forms for our after school program can be found on SNA's website or at Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (430 Langside St.) We look forward to seeing everyone back at the M.E.R.C!

We want to thank Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church Of Christ)
Care for Humanity
for fundraising 1000 school supplies for our
Youth Programs.
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we love what they do!

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# **First Jobs 4 Youth**

Congratulations to the 14 First Jobs 4 Youth who graduated in August!

It was a busy and exciting summer filled with the return to inperson activities after two long years of remote training and work assignments.

They all received Emergency First Aid with CPR training and workshops on their rights, workplace safety and labour standards. They learned about working remotely, as well as in teams. They helped out by doing tasks in our community gardens, with our children and younger youth, with our sports programming, in our office at 615, and assisting the 1 Just City Drop-in at the West End Commons.

We are looking forward to seeing them in their fall placements and another group starting later on this fall. Applications will be out soon!





#### **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):

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Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org

# RESOURCES

# HOMELESSNESS or couch surfing? Get help with: Monday - Fridays Housing Applications & Searches 9am-4:30pm EIA Supports Identifications Supports Community Supports & Resources · Health Services & Social Services Supports 615 Ellice Ave Jasmine Cell: 204-999-4485 Jasmine Spencehousing row@spenceneighbourhood.org \*\* Please call, fb or email to book an appointment\*\*



# **Donations Needed! WE24**

Jackets, Brand new underwear, Socks, Shoes/Boots, Toothbrushes.

Tooth Paste, Deodorant, Soap, Razors

Bottled Water.

All donations can be dropped off at 430 Langside (MERC) or

contact

Chantel at donations@spenceneighbourhood.org

# Thank You!

Mail Pick Up &

430 Langside (MERC)

**Monday - Friday** 

10 am - 2 pm

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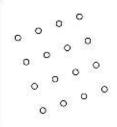




# CALLING ALL LANDLORDS

DO YOU NEED HELP RENTING OUT YOUR UNITS? COME PARTNER WITH THE SNA HOLISTIC HOUSING

TEAM!!



- 6 MONTH WRAP AROUND SUPPORTS FOR TENANTS WE HOUSE WITHIN YOUR BUILDINGS
- LANDLORD/TENANT ADVOCACY & MEDIAITION
- BED BUG SUPPORT

## PLEASE CONTACT JASMINE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTNERING EMAIL:ROW@SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG CELL: 204-999-4485

# Are you a WE24 participant?

Ask us about the

# WE24 HOUSING OUTREACH PROGRAM

The program provides mentorship based support to youth 13 -26 as they transition from homelessness or risk of homelessness to successful tenancy

+Assist with housing support/information

+ Information about services and resources for youth

+ EIA, RTB advocacy

+Wrap around support

Eternity Littlejohn 204-998-1390 eternity@spenceneighbourhood.org

430 Langside Street Monday & Tuesday 8:00 pm - 3:00 am

615 Ellice Avenue Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Jefferson McPherson 204-998-3235 jefferson@spenceneighbourhood.org

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## **Building Belonging**

Our School Year 2022-2023 program for ages 6-12 at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (430 Langside St.) will start on September 12 and run 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. Registration forms are available at the M.E.R.C or on the Spence Neighbourhood Association website. Contact us at

buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org

## **Newcomer Youth/Youth Drop In Program**

Our in person Youth Drop In program is happening this fall from Monday to Friday from 4 pm till 6:30 p.m. Join us for a snack, basketball, soccer, volleyball, or some fun arts and crafts activities. Transportation provided at the end of the program. Have any questions? Contact us at newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org

#### **Community Sports Program**

Southside basketball academy is coming back monthly for clinics starting September 15, grade 7 and up , free to play soccer is still Tuesdays-Fridays ages 11-17 5-7 pm and under 11 Saturdays 12-1:30p.m.

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

**Environment & Open Spaces** The consistent rain this summer has led to wonderful growth in your community gardens. The children's garden near the MERC is especially bountiful, check out the giant sunflowers! Last few days have been spent planting many perennials that were generously donated; keep your eyes peeled for more raspberries & roses. hydrangea & cherries throughout the neighbourhood. For more info contact greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org or leave a message at (204) 783-5000 x 102

Work on greenhouse site is coming along, we are currently installing a brick patio. A toilet has been placed onsite for gardeners, volunteers & the general public. We have started planting fall crops of squash, melons & peppers. **Garden party coming soon!** 

**Community Greenhouse** 

**Open hours at greenhouse (689 Maryland)** suspended till fall. Contact greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org

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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



