

# NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2023** 



## **Environment and Safe Spaces**

Spring is finally here!

The snow banks have melted, and perennial plants are waking up: garlic, lilies & tulips among others have been spotted poking up through the dirt. More birds are around, singing an early morning chorus. We've been busy collecting sap from the Manitoba maples, and tending to indoor seedlings. May is going to be a busy month in the Environment & Open Spaces Department, with 2 public events:

Saturday 13 May - WEST END SPRING CLEANUP (rain day: 27 May)

Meet at MERC parking lot (430 Langside), starting at 12.30pm. Have a warm drink & snack while you pick up supplies, and choose a block to help clean up. Spend an hour or 2 beautifying the neighbourhood, then meet back up at MERC for food, prizes & music. Also, bring down any e-waste (old computers, electronics, batteries etc.) you want to get rid of, as Mother Earth Recycling will be picking them up.

### Saturday 27 May Seedling Sale & Giveaway -615 Ellice Ave, back lot.

If you want a community garden plot this year, please get in touch! We have 8 or 9 gardens to choose from, throughout the Spence Neighbourhood (and beyond!) If you email the address below we can send you an application form, or call to find a time to meet in person. We will also have paper forms available at the MERC and offices at 615 Ellice Ave. And remember Greenhouse Open Hours are currently Tuesdays 10-1, at 689 Maryland.

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### CANADA LEARNING BOND EVENT

WHEN? Tuesday, May 23rd from 1 PM-4:30 PM WHERE? Spence Neighbourhood Association (615 Ellice Ave.) WHO? Open to all children, youth, and families

- > Apply for a Birth Certificate and open your RESP on the spot
- > Open a bank account and a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) on site (with a parent/guardian if under 18), apply for the Canada **Learning Bond**
- > Connect with Spence Neighbourhood Association for more information

Get up to \$2000 of FREE money for school!

LEARN MORE AT: TTPS://WWW.FUNDMYFUTURE.CA/



### Who can receive the Canada Learning Bond?

- Was Born on or after January 1, 2004
- · Must have a Valid SIN and be a resident of Canada (We can support you to get your SIN)
- · Being from a low- to moderate-income









**Mail Pick Up &** 430 Langside (MERC) Monday - Friday 10 am - 2 pm



### **HIS ISSUE**

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 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 MELVIN@SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG

# **WE24 HOUSING OUTREACH** WORKER



For participants of WE24

#### Get help with:

- · Housing applications & searches
- EIA/ RTB Supports
- Resource Supports
- · Tenant/ Landlord Support
- Pest Control Supports
- · Support in obtaining Identifications
- · Advocating for child welfare systems regarding placements



Cell: 204-998-3235

jefferson@spenceneighbourhood.org



Jefferson Spencehousing

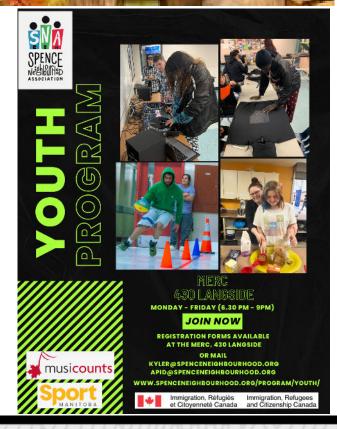
# **JEFFERSON**

Daytime Hours @ 615 Ellice: Monday & Tuesday 9am-5pm

On- site: 430 Langside St Thursday & Friday 8pm-3am







# RENTAL SAFETY COORDINATOR



- Eviction Support
- Tenant- Landlord Mediation
- RTB Support
- Hydro Arrears
- Bed Bug Support

...And more!





Cell: 204-998-5993



**Jasmyne Spence Rentalsafety** 



rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

\*\* Please call, fb or email to book an appointment\*\*

Monday - Fridays 9:30am-4:30pm 615 Ellice Ave



#### Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA):

Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org

615 Ellice Avenue (Head Office):

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

Building Belonging, Children, Newcomer Youth Outreach, West End 24

**430 Langside Street** (Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre - MERC): Hour Safe Space, & Youth Drop-In



365 McGee Street (West End Commons):

Youth Employment Hub, First Jobs 4 Youth, & Youth Cre 231 Isabel Street (Central Neighbourhoods):

Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org

# **NEED YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE?**

SNA'S HOUSING TEAM
IS HOSTING A
FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATE CLINIC
OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(PIs note, this is for <u>ADULT</u> Certificates only)

615 Ellice Ave
Please knock when you arrive

May 17th, 2023 1:30PM-3:30PM

Any questions, contact JASMINE (204) 999-4485 Email: row@spenceneighbourhood.org







### Donations Needed! WE24

Brand new underwear, Socks, Shoes Toothbrushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant, Soap, Razors, Summer Clothes, Pads & bottled water.

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

or

contact Chantel at

donations@spenceneighbourhood.org

Thank You!

# ARE YOU A WE24 PARTICIPANT BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-26?

NEED HOUSING HELP?





### **Young Parents Employment Program**

Are you a parent with a pre-school aged child?

Need paid training and experience for future employment?

Want to have your child nearby while working at no cost to you?

Start Date Tuesday, April 25th, 2023.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 pm
Location: WestEnd Commons, 365 McGee Street
Age Requirement: 13 to 29 years old
EIA recipients welcome

Be prepared to Cook, Bake, and Clean in a kitchen.

Get training in Emergency First Aid & CPR, Food Handlers,

Workplace Safety & Health, WHMIS, professional identification,
and more.

Register by completing an application on our website www.spenceneighbourhood.org or by leaving your name and number at 204-219-5114





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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.) 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 or drive 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

Newcomer Youth Program is in full swing! The program is dedicated for youths aged 12 - 18 years old who are residing around Spence neighbourhood. Join us for Basketball Clinic starting on April 3rd, which will be scheduled twice a week until the end of June. Arts and Cricut workshops are back in the program. We are also starting swimming lessons as well as girls night out every week. Culturally appropriate healthy meals will be available as well as drive home after the program. Get the registration forms or program calendar from MERC, 430 Langside. or email: apid@spenceneighbourhood.org.

### Community Sports Program

Free to play is wrapping up the indoor season end of April, information will be available about spring and summer free to play soccer. SNA is going to host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in June, team spots are limited.

Reach out to sport@spenceneighbourhood.org for additional information.

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

Want to advertise in our newsletter?
Go to spenceneighbourhood.org/
get-involved/newsletter
for more information.

#### Youth Employment Hub

SNA's Youth Employment Hub's First Jobs 4 Youth is running our Summer 2023 Session starting at the end of June. We will be taking 10 youths aged 16-20. Visit our website and complete the application online or drop it off at office room # 102 West End Commons, 365 McGee Street or Email the First Jobs 4 Youth Coordinator @ aaron@spenceneighbourhood.org.

#### Youth Crew

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

For Youth Crew Services including catering, flyer delivery and yard care, please contact **Brandi** at 204 219 5114 or email brandi@spenceneighbourhood.org

### WE24 Overnight Safe Space

Monday - Sunday 11:00 pm - 7:00 am 430 Langside - MERC Contact Mel - WE24 manager at Email: mel@spenceneighbourhood.org

\$14, 000 towards the purchase of a home in Spence!

Do you know a family with at least one dependent, who has not owned a home within the last five years?

They may be eligible for the new Spence Neighbourhood Homebuyer Assistance Program!

Help us find some new neighbors, and spread the word!

Conditions apply. For more information, visit the website below, or pick up an application form at 615 Ellice Ave ( Mon/Wed/Fri, 12-5pm).



spenceneighbourhood.org (click on "Incentives")

(204) 783-5000 ext.5

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
newcomer@speceneighbourhood.org

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





