

# NEWSLETTER

### **FEBRUARY 2024**



## **Environment & Open Spaces**

Winter for gardeners is a time for dreaming, scheming and planning. To help plan for 2024, your community garden program held an open house. Despite the cold weather, quite a few community members came out to the MERC to hear about last year's successes and offer suggestions for this one.

Providing support to the youth emerged as a priority-every summer we employ dozens of youth to maintain & improve green spaces in the Spence Neighbourhood. Folks also recommended growing more salad greens and improving outdoor lighting.

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



Our next event will be the Seedy Saturday, March 9 from 10:30-3:30 at the Millennium Library downtown. Sometimes seen as the kick-off to the gardening season, it features a seed swap table, vendor tables and educational workshops.

For more information, please contact your EOS coordinator, Stephen, at greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org or 204-783-2834.



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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
MAURA@SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG







#### **HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH MENTOR:**

#### <u>ANITA</u>

PROVIDES ADVICE ON:

- EMPLOYMENT & INCOME ASSISTANCE (EIA)
  - ACCESSING EMERGENCY SHELTERS
- FOOD SECURITY: WHERE AND WHEN TO GET MEALS
- SYSTEMS NAVIGATION HELP, REFERRALS TO OTHER SUPPORTS AND HOUSING AGENCIES
- CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR EXISTING HOM CLIENTS

#### RENTAL SAFETY COORDINATOR:

#### **JASMYNE**

PROVIDES ADVICE ON:

- RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES BRANCH (RTB)
  - WORKING WITH YOUR LANDLORD
- HYDRO ARREARS
  - BED BUGS
- CONNECT2 VOICEMAIL SYSTEM
- SYSTEMS NAVIGATION HELP, REFERRALS TO OTHER SUPPORTS AND HOUSING AGENCIES
- CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR EXISTING RENTAL SAFETY CLIENTS





## HOUSING DROPIN

The Rental Safety Coordinator, Jasmyne will be hosting Housing Drop Ins every Tuesday afternoon from 1-4

Tuesday Afternoons 615 Ellice Avenue

1 pm -4 pm

For any questions contact Jasmyne: 204-998-5993

Visit our website for more information www.spenceneighbourhood.org/programs/housing/



SNA's Housing Team can assist participants & community members with opening a FREE bank account at Assiniboine Credit Union. (need 1-2 pieces of I.D., the application & a voucher)

For more info Contact Jasmyne 204-998-5993

or Anita: 204 999-4485

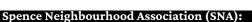


Spence Neighbourhood Association



We believe in the power of collaboration and hard work.

Together, we strive to make a positive impact in the world.



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Building Belonging, Children, Newcomer Youth Outreach, West End 24 Hour Safe Space, & Youth Drop-In



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Youth Employment Hub, First Jobs 4 Youth, & Youth Crew 430 Langside Street (Magnus Eliasion Recreation Centre-MERC):

Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)
350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):
Community Sports Program
Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org



## **BED BUG COVERS**

Twin & single bed bug mattress covers for Spence Residents

SNA's Housing Department has bed bug covers for Spence Community Members, to get some for your household please stop by 615 with your health card with current address



## RENTAL SAFETY

#### **Eviction Prevention**

Spence Neighbourhood Association is partnered with Sleep Country and created a program to provide gently used mattresses & box springs to Spence community members to help people stay in their homes comfortably and prevent them from entering into homelessness.

Please contact Jasmyne at 204-219-5126 smyne@spenceneighbourhood.org for any questions



Sleep Country

#### **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)

contact Chantel at

donations@spenceneighbourhood.org Thank You!



## **BORROW** our furniture steamer

- COMPLETELY PESTICIDE FREE METHOD OF BED BUG CONTROL
- KILLS ALL BED BUG LIFE STAGES INSTANTLY
- CAN BE USED OVER AND OVER AGAIN AT YOUR LEISURE
- STEAM WILL PENETRATE CRACKS AND CREVICES TO CONTROL BED BUGS IN HARD TO REACH AREAS
- SAFE TO USE ON MATTRESSES, BED FRAMES. **FURNITURE, CARPETS EDGES, ETC**



Stop by the Housing Department

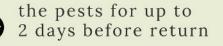
@ 615 Ellice with I.D



Sign agreement and leave Identification



Steam and exterminate the pests for up to



Please ask to see Anita, Jasmyne or Cheryl

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#### **Building Belonging**

Our School Year 2023-2024 after-school 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 MacNamara 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 dedicated for youths aged 12 - 18 years old who are residing around Spence neighbourhood. Our school-year hours run Monday to Friday from 6:30pm - 9pm with daily healthy meals and drive home. Youth program offers WMBA basketball league, DJ workshop, mental health workshops, online gaming and more

Get the registration forms or program calendar from MERC, 430 Langside. or email: apid@spenceneighbourhood.org.

#### Community Sports Program

Currently SNA Sport has a Free to Play Soccer Program during the week with 2 age groups.

Ages 9-11 (Minis) And 12-18 (Youth). Both of these programs are a perfect way to engage in

Up tempo, high level, training to polish your soccer skills and learn new ones.

Basketball 4 All has also began weekly programming. This is a basketball program for anyindividuals looking to learn and participate in organized basketball training.

If you have any questions about any of these programs please contact Ethan at

Sport@Spenceneighbourhood.org

#### **Youth Employment Hub**

The Spence Neighbourhood Association's Youth Employment Hub - for more information regarding the First Jobs 4 Youth Program, the Youth Crew program or the Young Parents Employment Program, please contact Leslie at 204 801 6740 or email <a href="mailto:firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org">firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org</a>

#### **Youth Crew**

For Youth Crew Services including catering, flyer delivery and yard care, please contact Lesliei at 204 801 6740 or email :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 summer - WE24 manager at Email: <a href="mailto:summer@spenceneighbourhood.org">summer@spenceneighbourhood.org</a>

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Holistic Housing 615 Ellice Contact: Housing Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.105 housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Executive Director
615 Ellice
Contact: Executive Director at 204 219-4806
or michele@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 204-783-2834 greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org



