

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 .

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.



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



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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

News

RENTAL SAFETY COORDINATOR

Get help with:

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

...And more!

JASMYNE
Cell: 204-998-5993
Jasmyne Spence Rentalsafety
rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Monday - Fridays
9:30am-4:30pm

615 Ellice Ave

SNA SPENCE Neighbourhood Association

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

SNA HOUSING

HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH MENTOR:
ANITA
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

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HOUSING DROP IN

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/

WE ALSO HELP WITH ... BANK ACCOUNTS!

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

SNA Spence Neighbourhood Association

Assiniboine CREDIT UNION

We believe in the power of collaboration and hard work. Together, we strive to make a positive impact in the world.

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
430 Langside Street (Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre - MERC):

Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org



Resources



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



COME SEE THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 615 ELlice AVENUE

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
jasmyne@spenceneighbourhood.org for any questions



SleepCountry

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!



**Free Snow Removal Service
for Local Senior Residents**

Youth Crew is able to provide free week day snow removal services for local seniors. Give Leslie a call at 204 801 6740 or email Fierstjobsforyouth@spenceneighbourhood.org



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 2 days before return

THE ULTIMATE Steam Cleaner



Please ask to see Anita, Jasmyne or Cheryl

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Programs

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 any individuals 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 firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth Crew

For Youth Crew Services including catering, flyer delivery and yard care, please contact Leslie 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: summer@spenceneighbourhood.org.

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

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@spenceneighbourhood.org

Environment and Open Spaces

615 Ellice
Contact: EOS Coordinator at
204-783-2834
greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org

