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## Upcoming SNA Committee Meetings

**Housing Committee**  
March 5, 6:00 p.m. @  
615 Ellice Ave.

**Community Connecting Committee**  
March 6, 6:00 p.m. @  
615 Ellice Ave.

**Environment and Open Spaces Committee**  
March 9, 10:30 a.m. @  
615 Ellice Ave.

**Youth Committee**  
March 11, 7:00 p.m.  
@ 430 Langside St.

**CED Committee**  
March 13, 6:00 p.m. @  
615 Ellice Ave.

**Board Meeting**  
March 27, 6:00 p.m. @  
430 Langside St.

## Spence community speaks up for Sherbrook Pool



### **Sherbrook Sharks members Aiden and Jubilee Dueck Thiessen are sad they can't swim at their "second home."**

The Spence community showed some love for Sherbrook Pool on Valentine's Day.

A special meeting to discuss the fate of the public baths drew 60 community members to the MERC gymnasium on February 14. User groups sent delegates to inform the wider community about how they have been impacted by the pool's closure on November 29.

One of the most touching moments came when siblings Aiden and Jubilee Thiessen stood up to tell the audience about how they miss practicing with their

swim team, the Sherbrook Sharks. Jubilee said the pool is like "a second home" because her house is right across the street.

Many other groups shared similar frustrations. The pool was accessible to many groups that ordinarily can't go to other city facilities, such as devout Muslim women and seniors.

The nearest swimming facilities are simply too far for some residents to get to, so they go without, to the detriment of their health and overall quality of life. Friends of Sherbrook Pool helps to organize much of the daily pro-

gramming at the pool. They organized the meeting.

The city closed the pool after a routine inspection found some support pillars had eroded. Board member Marianne Cerilli told the audience that the city has agreed to hold regular meetings with FOSP to keep them informed on what is going to happen with the pool.

**Cameron MacLean**  
Community Liaison  
204-783-5000  
[liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org)

## Community Connecting news

**Town hall meeting with the new Winnipeg police chief:** Meet with Winnipeg Police Chief Devon Clunis Thursday, March 14 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Magnus Eliason Rec Centre (430 Langside St.). Supper at 5:30 p.m. and discussion from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided. RSVP to Cam at 204-783-5000 or email [liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org).

**Women's safety concerns:** Are you a woman who lives, works, or volunteers in the Spence neighbourhood? Are you interested in discussing safety issues or concerns? We're planning three events (a supper meeting, a community walkabout, and self-defense class) this spring that will focus on your experiences. Please contact Chantal at [c-henderson2011@hotmail.com](mailto:c-henderson2011@hotmail.com) if you would like to find out more.

**E-waste:** Do you have an old computer or TV that you want to get rid of? One of the e-waste recycling depots in Winnipeg is Miller Environmental at 1803 Heckla Ave. Contact them at 204-925-9600 for drop-off times.

**Bulky waste:** Call the City at 311 to get bulky waste picked up from your back lane.

**Volunteer opportunity:** The Winnipeg FoodShare Co-op/Good Food Box is looking for volunteers. Every second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m. volunteers pack the Good Food Boxes and receive one individual box and a free lunch! Contact Angela at 204-414-2667 for more information.

**Winnipeg Foodshare Co-op (Good Food Box):** The Winnipeg FoodShare Co-op continues to deliver affordable and fresh fruit and vegetables to the Spence neighbourhood! Bags cost \$8, \$15, and \$20 and are available to all. For more information contact Tanya at 204-783-2834 or email [greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org) or stop by the SNA office (615 Ellice Ave.).

March pick-up dates: **March 6** (3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.); **March 20** (3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.) Sign-up and pay by March 13.

**Molly Johnson,**  
Community Connecting Coordinator  
204-783-4141  
[safety@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:safety@spenceneighbourhood.org)

## Housing improvement grants are back

The Community Housing Improvement Initiative Grants program is an opportunity available to homeowners and rental property owners every year in the Spence neighbourhood. The aim of these exterior grants is to help improve the quality, safety, appearance and to extend the life of homes. Last year 31 homeowners and 11 landlords completed projects that included new fences, gates, roofs, and repairs to fascia, eaves, soffits and paint. In total, \$82,335 was invested into our community.

This month we have began preparing the applications for the 2013 spring/ summer term. Applicants will be ready for pick up at the 615 Ellice Ave. office at the end of April. Reminders will be posted as the date approaches.

**Isabel Jerez,**  
Housing Coordinator  
204-783-2758  
housing  
[@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:@spenceneighbourhood.org)

## Please join us for a TOWN HALL MEETING and SUPPER



## with WINNIPEG POLICE CHIEF DEVON CLUNIS

Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Magnus Eliason Rec Centre

430 Langside Street

Supper at 5:30pm

Meeting from 6 to 8 pm

Dinner and childcare to be provided

RSVP to Cam at 204-783-5000 or [liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org)

Event hosted by the Winnipeg Police Service and the Spence Neighbourhood Association





# March Seed Starting

Gather together with community members, gardeners and first time seed starters to help start seeds for community gardeners and volunteers.

We will start a variety of seeds and take a look at our plants in the basement.

**All are welcome**



## WHEN

Wed March 13 2pm  
Tuesday March 19 5pm  
Tuesday March 26 6pm  
Thursday March 28 2pm

## WHERE

615 Ellice Ave

These workshops are Free Snacks will be provided  
Questions? phone Tanya at 783-2834 to register.



## Pat Martin

MP Winnipeg Centre

Need help with a  
Federal issue?



892 Sargent Avenue | Winnipeg MB | R3E 0C7  
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## West End Proud!

**ANDREW SWAN**  
MLA FOR MINTO

892 Sargent Ave. • 783-9860 • ajswan@mts.net

## Grand Garden Opening & Volunteer Celebration

**Monday March 4, 2013 at 6pm**

The Environment and Open Spaces volunteers and gardeners  
work hard to keep our gardens and green spaces clean.

**Thank-you**

RSVP—Tanya Suderman at 204-783-2834 or  
greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

Proudly Serving  
the Spence  
Neighbourhood

**Rob  
Altemeyer**

MLA for Wolseley



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# March 2013 Spence Neighbourhood



SUN	MON	TUE
3  FP: 10:00am to 6:00pm Y: 6:00pm to 10:00pm	4 <b>Garden Grand Opening and Volunteer Appreciation</b> 6:00pm @ 615 Ellice Ave.  BB: 3:30pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm	5 <b>Housing Committee</b> 6:00pm @ 615 Ellice Ave. BB: 3:30pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm
10  FP: 10:00am to 6:00pm Y: 6:00pm to 10:00pm	11 <b>Youth Committee</b> 7:00pm @ 430 Langside St. Our West Central Times submissions due  BB: 3:30pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm	12  BB: 3:30pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm
17  FP: 10:00am to 6:00pm Y: 6:00pm to 10:00pm	18  BB: 3:30pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm	19 <b>Seed Starting Workshop</b> 5:00 p.m. @ 615 Ellice Ave.  BB: 3:30pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm
24  FP: 10:00am to 6:00pm Y: 6:00pm to 10:00pm	25 <b>Spring Break hours begin</b>  FP: 12:00pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm	26 <b>Seed Starting Workshop</b> 6:00 p.m. @ 615 Ellice Ave.  FP: 12:00pm-6:30pm Y: 6:30pm-9:30pm

## Calendar legend:

**BB:** Building Belonging (Ages 6-12)

**FP:** Free Play (Ages 6-12)

**Y:** Youth (Ages 13-18)

Please call **783-5000** to confirm committee meeting times.

## Building Belonging Even

Mondays: Art City

Tuesdays: Let's Talk Science

Wakarusa Centre, Girls Sports

Wednesdays: Wrestling @

Fridays: Music lessons 4:00-5:00pm

March 25-28: Spring Break





## Building Belonging

Thanks to everyone who came out for our “I Love to Read” family party. Riel MLA Christine Melnick gave away books on behalf of “Share the Magic” and we learned more about Black History Month. Volunteers from Frontier College helped kids read books and play literacy games to enter to win great prizes of more books and Good Food Club Boxes. The kids were super excited to meet local author Pat Harrison and her dog Charlie, one of the stars of her children’s books. They were also able to act out their own favorite stories in kid-made costumes and props created with Art City at our storybook movie and photo booth. Photos can be picked up March 28, from 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

In February, we also went skating with police at Central Park as part of Skates and Badges and made chocolates to share with loved ones for Valentine’s Day.

At Festival du Voyageur, we learned about Winnipeg’s vibrant Francophone and Metis cultures. We can’t believe Spring Break is almost here and we’ll be starting seeds for this year’s Kids Garden.

Register for our school year program. Monday to Friday, 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. September to June. Open to all kids 6-12 at no cost!

**Ida Bakken & Allison Besel ,**  
**Building Belonging Co-ordinators**  
**204-783-0292**  
**Buildingbelonging**  
**@spenceneighbourhood.org**



**When: Thursday March 21 6pm**

**Where: 615 Ellice**

**Movie: Vegucated**

Watch documentaries about environmental issues around the world. We will discuss how it impacts us in the Spence Neighbourhood and eat Popcorn. We will gather once a month.

Watch the newsletters and posters for details.

Contact Tanya at 204-783-2834 or  
[greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org) for more details

### Coming up in March:

Mondays: Art City

Tuesdays: Let’s Talk Science @ Wii Chiiwaakanak Centre, Girls Sports Club

Wednesdays: Wrestling @ UW

Fridays: Music lessons 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

March 25-28: Spring Break! 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Join us for lunch, then head out for awesome outings every day. Watch for our Spring Break sign at our Family BBQ for details!

March 28: Family BBQ 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Celebrate the return of spring and meet the youth volunteers who spent their break with our kids!

**Thanks:** Festival du Voyageur, SOAR Heartland, Fort Gary Mennonite Brethren Volunteers, Lori Chastellaine, Christine Melnick Pat Harrison & Charlie, Skates & Badges

## FIRST JOBS 4 YOUTH

*Free training opportunity for Youth - March 9 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre. Emergency First Aid/CPR Level C Certification Open to all youth in the neighbourhood. Please call today to register your spot.*

Our Youth Employment Resource Centre is open year round to assist youth with resumes, designing cover letters, assistance with employment applications, obtaining your identification and practice for interviews. Find out about work and volunteer opportunities as well as education resources. Career Path sessions are also available.

**Call Leslie at 204-783-0290 to set up an appointment or email [firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org)**



Do you need help with shoveling snow or removing pesky ice patches on your property? Call Youth Crew to the rescue! Friendly, eager, local youth are trained and ready to go!

Our program offers casual, hands on, paid work for local youth aged 12-16 years hired by community members like you to provide snow and ice removal, poster, painting and cleaning. We specialize in catering for your special event!

**Always reasonable rates and friendly service! Call Leslie at 204-783-0290 to arrange your work order.**

## Youth Drop-in Program

In February we had some engaging golf pros join us. For a few weeks the youth hit golf balls around the gym and won prizes in accuracy contests. One particularly talented youth was given a golf club to practice with.

Youth Program celebrated black history month with a knowledge contest. Winners took home prizes. In March, we will be visiting Studio 393 on Fridays to create some traditional and contemporary aboriginal art with Graffiti Gallery.

### *The Details:*

SNA Youth Program is open to anyone ages 12-17 and is open seven-days-a-week. New youth are welcome at any time.

We're at the MERC 430 Langside St., and programming includes outings, activities, sports, games, a healthy meal and a safe drive home afterwards.

**Liz Bend,**  
Youth Coordinator  
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&

**Matt Zereselasie,**  
Newcomer Outreach Worker  
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## Cultural Integration Youth Outreach

The Cultural Integration Youth Outreach project works with aboriginal and newcomer youth who are at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system or who are having difficulty successfully integrating into the community.

Youth participants of CIYO automatically get to work Junior Staff shifts at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre and in the community.

In January and February, youth worked at Winnipeg Harvest sorting food into boxes. They enjoyed the work so much that we plan to go back every month.

The youth also created movie backgrounds and props and led the movie-making station at the February Family Event.

Several youth gained experience working with children by babysitting for the SNA Annual General Meeting in January and for the Houseownership Conference last month. Youth are looking forward to gaining certification in CPR/First Aid and Basics in Babysitting in March.

**Marleah Graff, CIYO program coordinator**  
204-986-5467  
[culturaloutreach@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:culturaloutreach@spenceneighbourhood.org)

## Weekend Youth Drop-In

February was cold but we still managed to get the youth out to Festival Du Voyageur.

This event is held in Winnipeg's French Quarter, St. Boniface. It is Western Canada's largest winter festival. The event celebrates Canada's fur trading past and her unique French heritage and culture through entertainment, arts and crafts, music, exhibits and displays.

The weather starts to warm up in March and the youth are already counting the days to Spring break. In March we will be going to a Bollywood concert, we will let you know next time about all the fun we will have.

We are still playing Minute-to-Win-It games, some of them are easy and some are hard.

Come down and play some basketball and eat a healthy snack with us!

**Dale Goulet**  
Weekend Youth Outreach Worker  
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# Calling ALL Writers



FREE News from Spence | St. Matthews | Daniel McIntyre

**Our West Central Times, the West End's community newspaper, is looking for writers for its third issue.**

**Are you a resident with a passion for writing? Do you know a great story about the West End? Are you passionate about your community? Let us know! Contact Cameron or Jen and tell us your idea.**

**The deadline for submissions is May 9, 2012.**



Jen Nagy  
Communications and  
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**Need help with your housing issues? SNA has staff to help you with your housing and rental needs:**

If you have questions relating to housing, please call Isabel Jerez at 783-2758 or email [housing@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:housing@spenceneighbourhood.org)

If you are a renter and are concerned about safety in your building, contact Mary Burton at 204-783-4141 or email [rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:rentalsafety@spenceneighbourhood.org)

If you're homeless and need assistance finding a place to live please call Almera Oduca at 783-4141 or email [row@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:row@spenceneighbourhood.org)

## Do you live in an apartment building in Spence?

We'd like to be able to distribute our newsletters to all Spence residents, but don't have access to apartment buildings and rooming houses. If you are a resident in a Spence apartment building or rooming house and would like to volunteer to distribute the newsletter in your building, please let us know. Contact Molly Johnson (204-783-4141) or Cam MacLean (204-783-5000) or stop by the 615 Ellice Ave. office to find out more.

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### We're online:

[www.spenceneighbourhood.org](http://www.spenceneighbourhood.org)  
Look for us on Facebook  
Twitter: SNAcommunity

The Spence Neighbourhood Association works with the people of Spence to revitalize and renew their community in the areas of health, safety, community economic development, housing, youth, and neighbourhood image.