

Beat On The Street

Beat on the street asks question of community members during SNA events. We asked people at our event- The March For Peace- "In Your Opinion, What Makes A Safe Community?"

- " More police qualified to do their job"
- " Family, friends, Knox United Church"
- "People knowing their neighbours, because it takes the fear away"
- "Alert neighbours looking out for each other. Women's centres"
- "Less gangs, actually no gangs"
- "peace, friendliness, people knowing eachother"

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the Spence
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CALLING ALL YOUTH WRITERS!

Our West Central Times wants you! If you have an idea for an article, a few photos, a poem, or even a song that you want to have published in our upcoming December - February issue, please contact Makaria at the information below. Deadline for Submissions is November 13 at noon. Come with your own ideas, or we can supply them! Great for your resume and personal experience.

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WINTER BREAK CAMP

REGISTER NOW

Join Us December 28 & 29, 2015
10:30AM-4:00PM

The University of Winnipeg Health & RecPlex
(350 Spence Street)
CAMP IS OPEN TO AGES 8-14.

Participants will have an opportunity to partake in a variety of Sport and Art activities run by experienced and enthusiastic staff!
(more information on specific activities will be available at a later date)

CAMP IS OFFERED FOR FREE
To Community Members
(as dictated by the Community Charter)

Lunch Provided

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SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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West End 24/7 Safe Space

As a youth outreach worker with Spence Neighbourhood Association, Craig Settee is making a difference. He is helping youth see their potential - showing them good paths that are available. Growing up in the West End Craig saw young people in the streets being exploited. It's still happening today, and Craig believes creating a 24-hour safe space for youth can help exploited young people with resources, food, and a place to rest.

"West End 24/7 would be somewhere for harm reduction strategies, and for basic needs."

When a child or youth is on the street a basic need, like some food or a shower, this can bring them back to feeling human again. A basic need is love and compassion, and that's what we want to provide. And as Craig says, "to get off the streets where something bad might happen," is something past tragedy has taught us. Please add your voice to the effort to create a 24-hour safe space for children and youth in the West End. Please contact Jamil for more information at the contacts below.

Find our proposal online at www.spenceneighbourhood.org, like our Facebook-page to stay informed, at [Facebook.com/Westend247](https://www.facebook.com/Westend247), and follow us on twitter @WestEnd24/7Together we can make a difference!

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Committees & Announcements

Housing Committee:
November 3, 6PM | 615 Ellice

Safety Committee:
November 4, 6PM | 615 Ellice

CED Committee:
November 9, 6PM | 615 Ellice

Youth Committee:
November 10, 7PM | 430 Langside

EOS Committee:
November 12, 6PM | 615 Ellice

Tenant's Committee:
November 16, 6PM | 430 Langside

SNA Board Meeting:
TBA, 5PM | 430 Langside

Announcements:
November 11, SNA Closed!

November 28, Santa Claus Parade, 4:30 PM | Portage Ave. @ Young St.

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unaccompanied children and youth, and veterans who may need specific services.

- Findings from the Street Census will demonstrate the housing and service needs specific to Winnipeg.
- The Street Census will provide information to aid community organizations, funders and all levels of government plan for the funding and service needs of homeless persons in Winnipeg.
- Street Census data can be used at a policy level to facilitate successful solutions and coordinate resources, including informing the new Plan to End Homelessness and the Federal Government's Homelessness Partnering Strategy.
- The Street Census will engage with a large number of the people, helping to raise awareness and knowledge of homelessness among the public.
- The Street Census will allow us to measure changes in homelessness. If there is funding, we will be undertaking this Street Census every two years.

Where can I get a copy of the 2015 Winnipeg Street Census Final Report? The full report is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2016 and will be available online <http://streetcensuswpg.ca>

The Winnipeg Street Census

The Street Census took place on Oct 25, 2015 in shelters and Oct 26, 2015 at various locations and throughout Winnipeg streets- including the Spence neighbourhood.

What is a street census? A Street Census is a survey conducted over a 24-hour period to gather information about the extent and nature of homelessness in Winnipeg. The survey will produce a 'snapshot' of our overall homeless population and provides data on how this population changes over time.

Why is a Street Census important? Conducting a Street Census is essential for all communities. Until now, we have had no reliable estimates of how many people are homeless in Winnipeg. We do not know whether homelessness is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same. The Street Census is a tally of who is homeless on a given day and indicates where they stay, and for how long / how many times they have been homeless. It also gathers demographic information like age, gender, and Aboriginal or newcomer status. The Street Census is anonymous—no names or personal identifiers are collected.

How will the Street Census information be used? Although this Street Census cannot measure the comprehensive picture of homelessness inclusive of economic, social and cultural histories; the Census will help us understand the magnitude of homelessness in Winnipeg, and details about who is homeless.

- Street Census information will allow us to develop a portrait of homelessness in Winnipeg, including

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To Move or Not to Move?

As the weather gets colder and the days become shorter, most will pick up the pace while doing their errands, trying to get to their destinations quickly just to stay warm. Once we are done with daily tasks, some cannot wait to get home and curl up with a warm blanket and a meal.

But, some of us will be less fortunate. When these people return home they struggle to find comfort in their under-heated rooms. WHY? Some homes/rentals will have heating systems break down, and some will have to be maintenance. Others will have drafty windows and around doors, and others places will only turn on the heat seasonally. This situation can be very frustrating, especially when it lasts for far too long.

The Rental Safety Coordinator will be offering a small workshop for community members to come and learn about practical steps to make your homes a little less drafty, before making the decision to move.

Event: Practical steps to keep your home warm
Where: 615 Ellice Ave
When: November 9, 2015
Light snacks provided

Information will also be provided on when a rental property should turn on the heat, outlined by the Residential Tenancy Branch. To register for the workshop please contact Cortney.

Cortney | (204) 783-4141



Sheila Soulsby- Youth Outreach Worker

Hello Spence Community! I come to Spence with a background in counselling and the arts and I am excited to contribute my knowledge and experience to the Spence team. I am looking forward to getting to know the MERC youth and staff better and to work with individuals to help them achieve their goals. If you have any questions contact my email!

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ART FROM THE HEART 

16th Art Show & Sale
Supporting the development of inner city and low income artists



Free Admission
(Donations Welcome)
100% of sales go to Artists
Cash preferred

Nov. 20th, 7pm-9pm
Nov. 21st, 10:30am-3pm

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Rooming House Assistance Program – New Funding Available!

Rooming houses play an important role in the Spence neighbourhood. They often represent the only housing option vulnerable, low-income individuals can afford. Many of these rooming houses are large, old houses in poor condition, with too many tenants sharing bathroom and kitchen and requiring significant repair and maintenance. Through the years, we have steered landlords towards assessing improvement grants and resources so that not only the structures are solid but also that the tenants experience an improvement in their quality of life. SNA staff will continue to support in this capacity and therefore encourage you to apply.

The Rooming house Assistance Program provides financial assistance to private owners of rooming houses in Manitoba to repair or rehabilitate their property. Repairs will bring the rooming houses up to a **minimum level of safety** for the tenants and may also **improve liveability**.

Eligible applicants:

Are private owners and unsubsidized private non-profit corporations and cooperatives owning rooming house that serve as permanent housing for the occupant.

Eligible properties:

Property must be a minimum of five years old, Must contain four or more rentable bed units, Property requires major repairs or be lacking in basic



safety and health requirements, Rents must be at or below the Program Rental Limit for the area. Must have registered rents with the Residential Tenancies Branch and be licensed with the City of Winnipeg. If landlords are not compliant at the time of application, they will be required to register their rents before approval.

Eligible repairs:

Repairs that address basic safety, health, and/or structural as set out by the Manitoba Fire Code, and other deficiencies that put tenants at risk. Liveability repairs are eligible such as kitchens and bathrooms, but all other repairs are to be completed first.

Available amounts:

The assistance is in the form of a 10-year forgivable loan and is based on the cost of repairs, the number of eligible bed units within a project, and the location of the property.

Number of Units	Maximum Funding per Bed Unit	
	Southern Manitoba	Northern Manitoba
4 to 6	\$25,000	\$29,000
7 to 10	\$20,000	\$24,000
11+	\$18,000	\$22,000

Due date:

Accepting applications Oct 20-Nov 24, 2015
For applications and further details go to:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/progs/rhap.html>

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Building Belonging

October was full of spooky treats! We ended our Kids Garden season with a bonfire where we roasted marshmallows for s'mores and cooked banana boats. Our kids were blown away by the moving, living dinosaurs, glow-in the dark decorations and handmade carnival games at Art City's Jurassic Dark Halloween Party. Winners got to dig for fossils made by kids at Art City Outreach. The U of W's English Language Program brought international student to the MERC to help us carve pumpkins and decorate monster cookies. Our kids really enjoyed the chance to share their favorite Halloween traditions with the students.

In November we're excited to bring kids out to take advantage of great opportunities for learning and growth in our community! Tune-in at the West End Cultural offers group piano, guitar and drum instruction on Tues & Thurs from 4-6pm for ages 9 & up. SNA's Sports program is running hip-hop dance workshops on Wed until Nov. 18 from 4:30-5:30pm at the United Health and RecPlex multipurpose room. Let's Talk Science is back at the Wii Chiiwaakanak Centre on Fridays from 4-6pm with hand-on experiments and support from student mentors. We're so lucky that these awesome program are open to all kids in the neighbourhood.

Special Thanks:

Art City Outreach
Our Dance Instructor Alemar Kegala
Santa Claus Parade

Lauren | 204-783-0292 | bb@spenceneighbourhood



Sports

DRIVERS WANTED!

We are looking for individuals who possess a class 4 driver's licence to help transport our youth basketball teams to and from games on weekends (Saturday/Sunday). If you are interested, contact info is below.

BASKETBALL PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING OCTOBER 19

The Basketball Program will be in full swing starting Monday, October 19, 2015. Contact below for questions and practice/game schedule.

DANCE PROGRAM WITH GRAFFITI GALLERY
Do you like to dance? Are you interested in learning new dance moves? Are you between the ages of 6 and 12 years old?

If you answered "YES!" then come join the program! Dance sessions are held at the U of W Recplex (350 Spence Street) on the 2nd floor in the Multi-Purpose Room. Sessions run 4:30-5:30PM every Wednesday on the following days in November:
Wednesday, November 4
Wednesday, November 18
This program is drop-in only with a max attendance of 20 individuals each session so get there fast! We'd love to have you!

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL EVERY THURSDAY

You ready to put in work? Drop by at the MERC (430 Langside Street) and come play some ball. This program is for youth grades 7-12. See you at 7:00PM on the following Thursdays in November:
Thursday, November 5
Thursday, November 12
Let's shoot the lights out!
Mubo | (204) 783-0292



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The **Spence Neighbourhood Association** works with the people of Spence to revitalize and renew their community in the areas of *holistic housing, community connecting, community economic development, environment and open spaces*, and *youth & families*.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>1</u> FP: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM Y: 4:00 – 9:30 PM	<u>2</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm	<u>3</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm Housing Committee: 6PM 615 Ellice	<u>4</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm VP: 6:30 -7:30 Safety Committee: 6PM 615 Ellice	<u>5</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm	<u>6</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm 	<u>7</u> FP: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM Y: 4:00 – 9:30 PM
<u>8</u> FP: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM Y: 4:00 – 9:30 PM	<u>9</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm CED Committee: 6PM 615 Ellice	<u>10</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm Youth Committee: 7PM 430 Langside	<u>11</u> REMEMBERANCE DAY SNA CLOSED 	<u>12</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm VP: 6:30 – 7:30pm EOS Committee: 6PM 615 Ellice	<u>13</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm 	<u>14</u> FP: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM Y: 4:00 – 9:30 PM
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<u>29</u> FP: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM Y: 4:00 – 9:30 PM	<u>30</u> BB: 3:30 – 6:00pm Y: 6:30 – 9:30pm	 Women's Intergenerational Singing Circle: Every second Friday at the United Health & Recplex MPR 5:00 – 6:30 PM  Girl's Night: Every Friday at the United Health & Recplex MPR 6:30 – 9:00 PM  Homework Club: Monday – Thursday at 430 Langside 4:30 – 7:30 PM				

BB = Building Belonging (grade 1-6) | Y = Youth (grade 7-12) | FP = Free Play (age 6-12) | VP= Violence Prevention (age 10 -18) Activities are held at 430 Langside