

CALLING ALL GARDENERS, WANNA BE GARDENERS & CLOSET GARDENERS

If you are interested in growing your own food, creating beauty or trying something new, we are always looking for new community gardeners.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact Tanya at 204-783-2834 visit 615 Ellice Ave. or email greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org



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Spence Neighbourhood Association

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 and Families.

Proudly Serving
the Spence
Neighbourhood

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May 2013

Spence Neighbourhood Association Newsletter



May 2013 Upcoming Committee Meetings

Community Connecting Meeting
May 1 @ 6 pm / 615 Ellice
Holistic Housing Meeting
May 7 @ 6 pm / 615 Ellice
Environmental & Open Spaces Meeting
May 9 @ 6 pm / 615 Ellice
Youth Meeting
May 13 @ 7 pm / MERC

SNA Board Meeting
May 28 @ 6pm / MERC

FIX UP- Grants Applications

It's that time of year again when the snow melts and the obvious need for repairs seems to be more visible than ever. The Exterior Home Improvements Fix-Up Grants available in the Spence Neighbourhood are here to help with the financial burden.

The grants are available yearly for Homeowners and Rental Property Owners so that they can make visual improvements, improve property value, and contribute to community safety.

The Fix-Up Grants available for 2013 are as follows:

Home Owners

1. The Curb Appeal Grants are for a maximum of \$800 with the owner contribution of 5%.
2. The Small Grant is for \$1,000 with the owner contribution of \$200.
3. The Medium Grant is for \$1,500 with the owner contribution of \$300.
4. The Big Project Grant is for \$2,500 with the owner contribution of \$2,500.

Rental Property Owners

1. The Basic Rental Grants are for \$1,500 with the owner contribution of \$1,500.

2. The Rental Big Project Grants are for \$2,500 with the owner contribution of \$2,500.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- April 19, 2013 – applications are available for pick up at 615 Ellice Ave. office or on www.spenceneighbourhood.org for download.
- May 22, 2013 - applications and all supporting documents due to be submitted to SNA

To check for eligibility or ask for further details please contact Isabel at 204-783-2758 or housing@spenceneighbourhood.org.





Thanks to everyone who joined us to fill garbage bags at the Community Cleanup! Kids and youth also competed in a soccer tournament for some great prizes to help launch the spring Futsal league. The City of Winnipeg's SPIN program is helping our kids develop their basketball skills.

Players received Steve Nash jerseys and will earn their own ball if they keep going until May 14.

To celebrate Earth Day Wildlife Haven brought their rehabilitated ambassador birds to teach the kids how to tell if baby animals need help.

In May we'll pick out our plants for the Kids Garden, make gifts for Mother's Day and take our skateboards out to the local park. Register for our school year program! Monday to Friday 4-6pm September until June / Open to


all kids 6-12 at no cost!

Coming up in May: Mondays: Art City/ Tuesdays: SPIN Basketball (ends May 14) / Wednesdays: Wrestling @ UW / Thursdays: Kids Garden

May 20- MERC closed, No Program

May 24- Family Event 4-7pm

Special Thanks: Wildlife Haven & Our SPIN Basketball coaches and volunteers

Contact Ida & Allison @ 783-0292
buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org 



City of Winnipeg planners came to visit with youth at MERC and seek input on the planning of the new outdoor basketball court. During the monthly Youth Committee meeting the youth thoughtfully suggested ideas to improve the outdoor court.

Some of these suggestions included better lighting, nets with adjustable heights as well as more seating in locations around the court.

During spring break some youth took part in babysitter training and are prepared to start caring for younger chil-

dren. The babysitting course will be offered again in the summer.

SNA Youth Program is open to anyone ages 12-17 and is open 7 days a week. New youth welcome at any time. We're at the M.E.R.C., 430 Langside, and programming includes outings, activities, sports, games, a healthy meal and a safe drive home afterwards.

If you have any questions, or wish to meet with us, please contact: Liz B or Matt Z 204 783-0292, youth@spenceneighbourhood.org, or drop by the MERC! 


Want your say?

The Youth Committee meets monthly to plan out our calendar of events and gives you a chance for feedback. Got a great idea or a major beef?

We'd love to hear it! The next youth committee meeting will be May 13 - 7pm @MERC



Pat Martin
MP Winnipeg Centre



Need help with a Federal issue?

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Phone: 204-984-1675 | e-mail: pat.martin.c1@parl.gc.ca



DID YOU KNOW?

E-waste pick up - May 4

Do you have an old TV or computer in your home that you want to get rid of? The City will not pick these items up from your back lane. Items can be dropped off at depots around the city (see <http://greenmanitoba.ca/your-nearest-depot/>) or on Saturday May 4th have your goods in the back lane by 10am and we will come by to pick them up!


Soccer Academy & Summer League

With winter finally winding down it's time to have some outdoor fun. Spence Neighbourhood Association, The University of Winnipeg and the Youth Agencies Alliance are excited to announce the 2013 Soccer Academy and Summer League.

Set to begin in early May, this free program provides children and youth ages 6-17 with an opportunity to develop new skills, learn the rules of the game and interact with athletes from the U of W Wesmen Soccer Team. All participants will be provided with equipment and no previous experience is required!

While we wait for the snow to melt, children under 12 can participate in the Steve Nash Youth Basketball

program (Tuesdays) or the U of W Inner-City Wrestling program (Wednesdays). ***For more information or to register for any of our sports pro-***


grams, drop by the MERC at 430 Langside or contact Will at 783-0290 or sport@spenceneighbourhood.org. 





Night light

The days are getting longer, but the nights are still dark! Consider leaving your front (and back) porch lights on at night to increase feelings of safety and security in the neighbourhood! *It will add very little to your Hydro bill.*

Are you interest in being on a committee that discusses community economic development in your community? Please contact Sam, the Skills Bank Coordinator by calling 204-783-2758 or drop into 615 Ellice Ave for more information and/or if you would like to attend the next CED committee meeting. 




West End Proud!
ANDREW SWAN
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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 (204-783-4141) or Mackenzie (204-783-5000) or stop by the 615 Ellice Avenue office to find out more. 



Bulky waste?

Call the City at 311 (or email 311@winnipeg.ca) and schedule a pick-up! The cost is \$5/item. Do the goods belong to someone else? Providing the City with a detailed description of the bulky waste and an exact location will speed up the pick-up! If you can, consider including a photo of the garbage. Be aware that to comply with the City of Winnipeg's Livability By-law you should have a back lane address clearly displayed for City staff to see. *You can pick up a free back lane number plate from our 615 Ellice Avenue office. Call Molly at 204-783-4141 for more information.* 



Volunteer opportunity!

The Winnipeg FoodShare Co-op/Good Food Box is looking for volunteers. Every second Tuesday from 9-2pm volunteers pack the Good Food Boxes and receive one individual box and a free lunch!

Contact Angela at 204-414-2667 for more information. 

May pick-up dates: May 15 (3-6pm)

[sign up and pay by May 8.

May 29 (3-6pm) [sign-up and pay by May 22].



I WORK FOR YOU!

City Councillor
Harvey Smith

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Vertical Gardening Workshop

When?
Wed. May 22, 6pm

Where?
446 Langside International Garden


Create a vertical garden.
Ideas and supplies will be shared.

Workshops are **Free** Snacks will be provided
Please phone Tanya at 783-2834 to register.




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.

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MAY



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