

SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



MAY 2016

20th Annual Spring Clean Up



As winter's blanket of snow lifted this spring there was the usual scattering of litter left behind. As has happened

for 20 years now, the people of this neighbourhood came together to clean up the debris left behind, creating a fresh start for the spring. On Saturday April 23rd, 2016 SNA hosted the 20th Annual West End Spring Clean Up along with DMSMCA. The event was a great success with over 50 volunteers!

The day was filled with great energy, smiles, and lots of laughter as we filled up the garbage bin that was generously donated by Johnson Waste Management. Volunteers worked to clean the neighbourhood's streets and back-lanes of litter and bulky waste. Bulky waste includes mattresses and couches that have been illegally dumped in back-lanes creating fire hazards; litter on the boulevards and streets keeps the grass and gardens from growing. At the clean-up there was also a collection for E-Waste which is electronic waste. This means things like T.V.s, computers, microwaves, and phones. E-Waste cannot be thrown away in regular garbage because it contains heavy metals and needs special treatment. At other times of the year E-Waste can be disposed of at depots and drop-off locations. By cleaning these things up in our neighbourhood we make sure it stays safe and nurturing for the community.

We would like to thank the Starbucks at 1430 Ellice Ave for donating coffee for everyone before clean-up. A big thanks also goes to Youth Crew for preparing a great meal of tacos for all participants! Raffle prizes were donated by Kristen Wiltshire, Sobey's, Garbonzo's, Feast Café, and Waterfront Massage Therapy. The biggest thank-you goes to those who volunteered to help clean up the neighbourhood. It is a moment to be very proud of when so many people come together to look after the spaces we live, work, and play in.

We know there are still parts of the community that need to be cleaned and that need continuous care; if you would like to clean your own block or part of the community, please email greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org, or stop by 615 Ellice Ave. to get supplies from David, the Environment and Open Spaces Coordinator. You may also contact **David at 615 Ellice Ave.**, or call the MB Electronic Products Recycling Association at [1-888-567-4535](tel:1-888-567-4535) for more info on where to drop off your E-Waste.

Committees and Announcements

Housing Committee
May 3, 6pm - 615 Ellice

**Community Connecting
Committee**
May 4, 6pm - 615 Ellice

**Safety Charter Advisory
Committee**
May 25, 5pm - 615 Ellice

**Community Economic
Development Committee**
May 5, 5pm - 615 Ellice

Tenant's Committee
May 16, 6pm - 430 Langside

EOS Committee
May 12, 6pm - 615 Ellice

SNA Board Meeting
May 31, 5:30pm - 430 Langside

Announcements

May 2: NO SNA
PROGRAMMING

May 7: Rooming House
Assistance Program - Info Session
10:30am - 430 Langside

May 24: MERC is closed
to the public

Residential Tenancies Branch staff will be visiting Spence Neighbourhood Association



Starting in May, the RTB will have a staff member come out to the SNA's Tenant's Committee Meeting each month. At each meeting, we will be talking about an issue important to tenants. Tenants will have the chance to ask questions and see how forms and other documents need to be filled out.

On the Tuesday after the Tenant's Committee Meeting, an RTB staff member will be available at SNA (Ellice location) to meet privately with tenants, go over paperwork and forms, and answer questions specific to their tenancy.

At the May meeting, staff will talk about **Tenancy Agreements and Condition Reports**. We will go over different types of tenancy agreements, what your responsibilities are once you sign one, how to fill out a condition report, and what you should do if your landlord won't do a condition report with you.

If after the meeting you wish to speak privately with the RTB staff member, you can set up a time for the next day. We will be at SNA between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. Make sure to bring any papers you have received from your landlord if you want to speak about a specific problem you are having (tenancy agreements, notices, rent receipts etc). We look forward to meeting tenants in the area and helping them with their questions and concerns.

For more information contact **Cortney (204) 783-4141**
Child minding available upon request.



Finance and Administration Manager Vanessa Meads

Hi there! My name is Vanessa Meads, and I have recently joined the SNA team as Finance & Administration Manager. I hold a Bachelor of Arts (Integrated Studies) with a concentration in Management from the U of M and am currently pursuing designation as a Chartered Professional Accountant. Prior to joining Spence, I held the position of Executive Director at Winnipeg FoodShare Co-op, where I worked with dedicated staff and volunteers to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables in Winnipeg's core neighbourhoods. I look forward to calling on my experience in nonprofit finance, administration, and leadership to support SNA and its staff. I can be reached by phone at **(204) 783-8238** or via email to vanessa@spenceneighbourhood.org.

First Jobs 4 Youth now accepting applications for Summer Work!

First Jobs 4 Youth is a **part time** paid summer/school year work experience and employment training program for local Spence Neighbourhood Youth ages 16-18. Experience and resume not required.

2016 summer (July and August) work program: Develop the skills required to lead children's activities, assist with the sports or newcomer outreach or Rotary Leadership programs, perform landscaping, composting & gardening duties in Spence Neighbourhood's community gardens, & much more. Receive assistance with your ID, training in Emergency CPR/First Aid, WHMIS, Work Place Safety & Health & Rights of the Young Worker.

2016 school year (September to May) work placements: After graduating the summer work program you have the opportunity to take a paid placement with local businesses, agencies or institutions part-time while you attend school. In January we assist you in applying for work with the City of Winnipeg as Recreation Techs.

How to apply: In May - Pick up an application from Leslie @ the West End Commons 641 St. Matthews Ave. or from the MERC at 430 Langside Street. You can also download one from the SNA website. Complete your application and drop off, mail, email or fax it to Leslie at: **West End Commons (641 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg Manitoba, R3G 0G6), fax #204-775-1802** firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org on or before **Friday June 10th, 2016**. Please call Leslie @ 204-801-6740 or 204-786-3470 for more information.



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Housing Update

Spence Neighbourhood Association is a community organization that works with the community to ensure that the neighbourhood flourishes in a way that its residents want it to. The ones that live in the area are the people that face the challenges and celebrate the victories therefore who better to guide and give direction to the work and initiatives in Spence – than its people.

We are currently working on the new Community Plan that is created every 5 years to re-evaluate the work that has been done, identify the current needs and priorities and to share ideas for possible solutions.

SNA's Fustal (Soccer) Skills Academy and Summer League is back for another year!

Registration is now open for the program! Futsal is a 5 on 5 version of soccer that is played on a smaller field than traditional soccer. Futsal allows players to develop their skills quickly, by providing increased opportunities to control the ball. Details of the program are as follows:

- For boys and girls ages 8-14 years old
- Program runs May to August on Tuesdays (boys) and Wednesdays (girls)
- Program starts May 10 & 11 (registration dependant)
- Sessions are from 5:00-7:00PM at the University of Winnipeg Axworthy Health & RecPlex
- FREE OF CHARGE – equipment, uniforms, transportation, and coaching are all provided (uniforms, while supplies last; transportation is limited, contact Sport Program Coordinator for details)
- Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and closes May 6th or when all available spots are filled
- Registration forms can be picked up at: Spence Neighbourhood Association (615 Ellice Avenue), Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre or MERC (430 Langside Street), U of W RecPlex (350 Spence Street), West End Commons (214-641 St. Matthews Avenue), Broadway Neighbourhood Centre (185 Young Street), and Orioles Community Centre (444 Burnell Street)
- Forms can be dropped off at MERC (430 Langside Street)

Please contact the **SNA Sports Program Coordinator** at **204-783-0290** or email sport2@spenceneighbourhood.org for more information.

Housing has been a challenge for our neighbourhood and therefore community identified it as an area that should be focused on. For this plan, we are going over the work we have done and will continue to do as well as get feedback through focus groups, interviews and surveys. Dates, times and locations will be posted on our website at www.spenceneighbourhood.org and at our 615 Ellice location.

We encourage you to get involved whether it be by spending 5 minutes filling out the board below, spending 10 minutes with a survey or an hour attending a focus group where you and your neighbours can talk about housing. We look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Contact Isabel – 204-783- 2758

housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Good Housing What does that look like to you in Spence?	
What do you think are the best things about housing in Spence?	What issues create problems for good housing -what jeopardizes housing?
Share your thoughts about housing in Spence...who should be involved, what resources are needed?	What do you think should be added to the neighbourhood for good housing?



MAY 20

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

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NOTE: BB = Building Belong

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ing (6-12 yrs) Y = Youth (13-18 yrs) FP = Free Play (6-12 yrs)

Building Belonging

Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (MERC)

430 Langside St.

Open to all kids ages 6-12 at no cost!

Monday-Fridays 3:30-5:30, Snack 4:00pm

Safe pickup from John M King and Sister Mac Schools and drive/walk home available

It was great to see all the kids and families who came out to help at the West End Community Cleanup! Thanks for helping to make our community beautiful!

Thanks to Youth Small Grants we now have new skateboards and helmets for our kids to use at the local skate parks. We are so proud of the youth who researched quotes



and presented to the SNA Board to receive the funds and who have also planned an upcoming skate competition!

Congratulations to Gloria Luna Aguilar on your graduation on May 27! Gloria is the first former participant in SNA's Youth Programs to graduate from Red River College's Youth Recreation Activity Worker Program and she has worked in Building Belonging for her practicum, through SNA's First Jobs for Youth and as a volunteer. BB has a longstanding partnership with RRCC to host students from this program and because of their experience in programs and communities like ours they have a unique understanding of the value of our work. We will be cheering on all our practicum students as they celebrate their graduation.

In May we will be making Mother's Day gifts and continuing work on the Youth With Art mosaic. Kids Garden programming will start up in the plot on Furby, as we get the beds ready for the plants we started which have been growing away under the lights in the 615 Ellice basement.

Special Thanks:

The Writers' Union of Canada

Nicole Kaminski

Gloria Luna Aguilar

Moe Sneby

For more information, contact **Allison and Makaria**
@ 783-0292 or
buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Connecting

We loved getting together for some great Community Connecting events this month! Some highlights were our safety consultation with the lovely folks at St. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry drop in, the Youth Photo Voice project on safe spaces in the neighbourhood, and a sidewalk lighting assessment and personal safety workshop! We can't forget our monthly kitchen circle which was led by Justin and Holly this month- we shared some delicious food!

Some dates to mark on your calendars for May:

Community Connecting Committee | Wednesday May 4,
6:00 pm | 615 Ellice ave.

Kitchen Circle | Wednesday, May 11, 5:00 pm | 615
Ellice ave.

Safety Charter Advisory Committee | Wednesday, May
25, 5:00 pm | 615 Ellice ave.

Keep your ears peeled this month for: Upcoming art workshops and Community Walkabouts!

Want to speak with someone about safety concerns, or want to get involved with community connecting events?

Contact Kristen | 204-783-2758



Spence Neighbourhood Community Economic Development 5 Year Plan

What is Community Economic Development?

Community Economic Development (CED) relies on the knowledge and resources of local residents, businesses, and organizations to identify economic, social, cultural, and environmental needs of the community. CED plans can focus on topics such as:

- Pre-employment support
- Skills training
- Job searching
- Financial literacy education
- Buying locally
- Creating community-owned businesses

Why does Spence need a CED plan?

The Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA) has been working on economic initiatives over the last ten years. We've had a number of successful projects in that time, such as the Skills Bank and I.D. programs, however, it became clear that the programming was not fully addressing the neighbourhood's economic development issues in a sustainable way.

Many of our community members are living in poverty; Spence has higher unemployment rates, and lower average income rates than the rest of Winnipeg. Opportunities for adequate employment and skills training, financial support programs, and self-employment are also in need. Local businesses would also benefit from skilled local workforce and strong community connections.

Therefore, SNA has decided to engage in Winnipeg's first community-led CED plan to address these issues, mindfully direct CED priorities, and promote a healthy, stable, and vibrant economy in the Spence neighbourhood over the long-term.

How will the CED plan be made?

SNA will be engaging the community to hear their opinions and ideas regarding CED. Using this information, the plan will outline tangible goals and programming aimed at creating a healthy and sustainable local economy.

April - May 2016: Community Engagements

SNA will engage youth, residents, businesses, and local organizations to hear their stories and ideas through surveys, focus groups, and consultations.

June 2016: Ellice Street Festival CED Community Booth

Come by to fill out a survey and see what others have been saying about CED in the neighbourhood. Enter to win awesome prizes from local businesses and programs.

July - August 2016: Creating the Plan

Working with the CED Committee, the plan will be written according to the input and directions outlined by the community.

September 2016 onwards: Implementing the Plan

The plan will be implemented by SNA and partners.

How can I get involved?

The CED plan will play a vital role in improving the health and sustainability of the Spence neighbourhood, and we'd love to involve as many community members as we can.

1. Fill out the quick survey!
 - o **For residents:** Fill one out online, in the office, or at our consultations. Residents who fill out the survey can be entered in a draw to win a \$25 gift card to Feast Cafe & Bistro!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cedresident>

- o **For businesses:** We'll be visiting businesses in person, or you can fill one out online. Businesses who fill out the survey can be entered in a draw to win \$50 in improvement services of your choice, completed by our Youth Crew!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cedbusiness>

2. Stop by the CED Community Consultation at the MERC (430 Langside) on Tuesday, May 17 from 6-8pm.
3. Join the CED Committee. It meets at 615 Ellice on the first Thursday of the month.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved please contact:

Kayla Penelton

(204) 783-2758

skillsbank@spenceneighbourhood.com



Youth Program

For the past four months of Youth Program, the youth team has implemented a points system to value participants' good behaviour. Youth receive points for helping cook, helping clean the kitchen and recreation centre, attending workshops, and participating in Homework Club. In return for reaching a set points goal, participants receive a prize they share as a group. As a group, they choose their own prize and set a point goal that is fair to match the prize.

For their March points goal, the youth aimed for 30 000 points, which was twice the amount they have ever reached in the past! Our youth surpassed that goal by several thousand points, so we celebrated on a Sunday at Sky Zone. Fifteen youth crammed into SNA's two community vans to head to the trampoline park, where we jumped and flipped and played dodge ball for two fun-filled and sweaty hours! We worked up quite an appetite, so we had a little pizza party after we arrived back at the MERC.

At the next Youth Advisory Committee Meeting at the end of April/beginning of May, youth attendees will decide their next point's goal and prizes to work towards!

By Katie Boyd and Mischa Pustogorodsky

Rooming House Assistance Program Accepting Applications!!

Rooming houses play an important role in the Spence neighbourhood and often represent the only housing option low-income individuals can afford. Many houses are in poor condition, and require significant repair. We are pleased to offer our assistance in a current grant opportunity that can financially assist in repairs. For applications and more details: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/progs/rhap.html> or contact **Isabel** at housing@spenceneighbourhood.org or 204-783-2758.

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 these 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 or be willing to have rents registered with the Residential Tenancies Branch and be or willing to be licensed with the City of Winnipeg.

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, number of eligible bed units within a project, and location of the property.

Number of Units	Maximum Funding per Bed Unit	
	Southern Manitoba	Northern Manitoba
4 to 6	\$25000	\$29000
7 to 10	\$20000	\$24000
11 +	\$18000	\$22000

Applications accepted from April 22nd - June 3rd, 2016

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A
**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTATION**



We're making our very first CED plan and we need to hear from you!
Stop by to share your views and ideas on topics like local skills training,
jobs, and community-owned businesses in the neighbourhood.

WHEN
Thursday, May 12, 6-8 pm

WHERE
MERC Multi-Purpose Room
430 Langside
Snacks will be provided!

**ALL ATTENDEES CAN ENTER TO WIN A
\$25 GIFT CARD TO FEAST CAFE & BISTRO!**

 Contact Kayla Penellton
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