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Next League Meeting

Tuesday, January 10 (a week
later than usual!)
at 7 p.m at the hall.



McKernan Park
Fundraising: Let's climb to
10K together!



Your donation is matched dollar for dollar by the City of Edmonton and all donations over \$20 are eligible for income tax receipts. For a donation of \$100 or more you can receive a commemorative brick that will leave a lasting impression in the park for years to come! (see page 4)

Donation cheques should be payable to "the City of Edmonton" and can be dropped off at 11235 75 Ave. For further information call Rashmi Mandhane @ 780-430-7970 or email: vicepresident@mckernancommunity.org

Christmas Potluck warms hearts

A big thank-you to all who came out to celebrate the holiday spirit at our Christmas Potluck event December 10. Folks new and familiar enjoyed good food, children's activities and community spirit. Special thanks to everyone who helped out: Sean, Michelle, Hilary and Peter who helped decorate; Greg who organized the music; Raymond who arranged for the hall; Rashmi who distributed the invitation poster; Wiggert who stood in for Santa; City rec leaders Natasha and Paul who played games and crafts with the children; and Ann-Marie who organized the event. Thanks also to those who brought all the beautiful dishes, to our neighbour Gracious Goods Café who donated a pot of chili, and to Kate and the City for sponsoring and organizing the rec leaders.



Kids and Youth Programs

Programs are run by the City of Edmonton with the support of the McKernan Community League. Some programs are also sponsored by neighboring league partners.

If you have an idea for a program (for kids or adults), contact Rashmi Mandhane at vicepresident@mckernancommunity.org



Learn to Skate/Play Hockey

Programs will be 8 weeks, from Tuesday January 10 until Tuesday February 28, weather permitting. CSA-approved skating helmets are required! All lessons take place outdoors at the McKernan rink (11341-78 Ave.) and will be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Classes will not be rescheduled.

Learn to Skate Ages 4 to 6
(geared to children who have limited or no skating experience)
Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
E-Reg course code: 443547
Cost: \$30

Learn to Skate Ages 6 to 12
(geared to children with limited skating skills who are still learning the basics)
Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
E-Reg course code: 443551
Cost: \$40.

Beginner Learn to Play Hockey Ages 6 to 11
An alternative to organized and competitive hockey. Drills will focus on stick handling, passing, receiving, shooting, strategy and defensive and offensive skills.
Tuesdays, 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
E-Reg course code: 443558
Cost: \$40
CSA approved skating helmet, skates, shin pads, cup, pants, shoulder pads, gloves and hockey stick are mandatory.

Registration

Register using ereg.edmonton.ca; call the City of Edmonton at 311; or register at any city Leisure Centre.

Rent the hall!

The hall is located at 11341-78 Avenue. Contact hall rental coordinator Ray Pallard at 780 438 0367, hallrental@mckernancommunity.org More information at the hall is available at www.mckernancommunity.org.

Time of rental	McKernan CL Members	Non-Members
Friday, Saturday and holiday evenings or other times with alcohol service:	\$200 / 6 hrs + \$30 per additional hr	\$240 / 6 hrs+ \$40 per additional hr
Weekend days, non-holiday evenings	\$30/hr	\$40/hr
Long-term renters with contract	\$30/hr	\$30/hr

Damage deposit and key deposit may also be required. Events where alcohol is served require event insurance through the renter.

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League Memberships

Memberships in your community league support programs, socials, hall activities, newsletters, and more; PLUS the League is looking out for your interests in housing, transportation, services and more. Memberships are \$30 for family or organizations, \$20 for single parent families. Single memberships with skating are \$15, seniors and students only \$5. A bargain! See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org, or purchase at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Avenue.

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Lonely and neglected? Not with your help!



Rink maintenance volunteers needed

A few more rink helpers are needed to complete the roster of workers and minimize the work for each person. Shifts are short; only one night per week, from 9 to 11 p.m. Contact Peter at 780-434-0480.



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League notes December

Support the rink shack redecoration and iHuman youth

We have not been overrun with donations toward the fabulous work the iHuman youth did in repainting the rink shack. Anything over \$25 is tax-deductible! Cheques payable to iHuman Youth Society, marked for rink shack, can be given to Frank Weichman, Wayne Rogers, or Wiggert Hessels.

Hall redevelopment news

Chandos Construction has been selected to manage the construction of the hall. The provincial CFEP grant will be submitted in March, after the City has reviewed and (we hope) approved our project submission. We have set a target construction start date of March 2013.

Development notes

The development committee investigated a garage being built at 11207- University Avenue with access across the boulevard. Although boulevard access is usually not allowed, this variance was 'grandfathered' as the original garage had access via the boulevard.

Variances requested for redevelopment on a property at 79 Ave. and 113 St. were turned down by the Planning and Development Dept., but the owner went to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and succeeded in having the plan approved, albeit with some conditions. The development committee and some neighbours opposed the proposal.

Development applications (November)

This list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan last month. Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton mapping website maps.edmonton.ca > Development Applications. If you have any questions about a project, contact Hilary Gray, 434-0480; housing@mckernancommunity.org.

Address	Permit(s) for:
11330-78 Ave..	To construct interior alterations in a basement development, not to be used as a secondary suite

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pastor@mckernanchurch.ca
www.mckernanchurch.ca



Come and share the experience!

Volunteers needed for Oilers game ticket sales

Alberta AdaptAbilities Association is looking for 65 volunteers, 18 years or older, to help them with the Oilers 50/50 tickets sales during the Feb. 23 home game against the Philadelphia Flyers. Contact Nicole at 780-431-8446 during business hours or e-mail at info@adaptabilities.ca. Alberta AdaptAbilities is a proud associate member of the McKernan Community League.



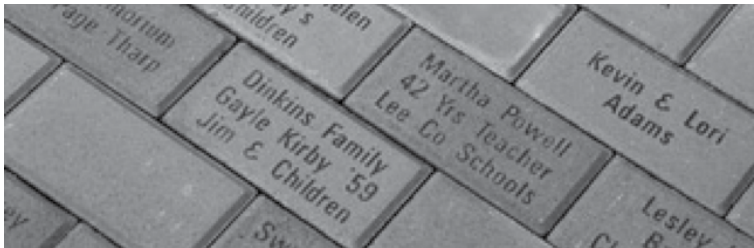
Building McKernan Park Brick by brick

Spray Deck and Skate Spot construction will start this spring!

There is still time to get your brick order in. Have your brick engraved and create a lasting legacy in the new and improved Play Space!

Tax deductible!

Receipts will be issued by the City of Edmonton. For more details, contact Rashmi Mandhane at 780-430-7970 or vicepresident@mckernancommunity.org



Building McKernan Park Brick by brick

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Small brick (4x8) \$100 Large brick (8x8) \$250

(First line of text included. For each additional line of text, add \$10)

Engraved Dedication: PRINT CLEARLY IN UPPER CASE LETTERS

Maximum 3 lines, 11 characters per line

Line 1 _____

Line 2 (+\$10) _____

Line 3 (+\$10) _____

Make cheque payable to City of Edmonton.

Mail or deliver to 11236-78 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T6G 0M7

Community Standards Liaison report Snow and light

Peter Rausch

My article this month focuses keeping the neighbourhood light and bright during the dark days of winter, as well as some snow and sidewalk items:

- You can report any street light (including back alleys) outages to Epcor at 780 412 4500. You can also go to the Contact & Emergency Report page at Epcor's website (www.epcor.ca) and complete the Streetlight Outage Report. Once reported they usually have a crew to replace the light within a week.
- I know there are some alleys that still don't have laneway lighting. There is a process through the city to have the lights installed. Please call me if you are interested in have them installed. Please note that this is not a free service.
- The City holds itself to the same standards of responsibility for removing snow from sidewalks adjacent to its property within 48 hours of a snowfall. Should you notice that the City is not meeting its commitment you can call 311 to have snow removal crew remedy the situation.
- It is also a bylaw infraction to run an extension cord over the sidewalk to plug in car parked on the street.

I am available (780 437 5238) to talk with you regarding any other concerns regarding specific property and community standards.

Night Ride pilot starts Jan. 6

Late night bus service to ferry people home from the Whyte Ave. entertainment district will begin Jan. 6. Running Fridays and Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:20 a.m., the bus will run along Whyte, connect through the University, run down 76 Ave. from 114 St. to 109 St. and then south to taxi stands at Southgate. The bus will stop at all regular bus stops along the route as requested.

The goal, says the city, is to "help patrons and workers of the night-time economy to get home more easily and safely after closing time."

The program was originally scheduled to start in September, but delays in starting meant the pilot was rescheduled to January. After three months, the program will be reviewed.

If you have feedback on the program, call 311 or send an email to: nightride@edmonton.ca

More details, including Frequently-Asked Questions, are available at http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_wide_initiatives/night-ride-pilot-program.aspx.

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