

January
2011

Next League Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2011
at 7 p.m at the hall.

Rink hours

Your community league membership buys you free skating on our rinks at 11341-78 Ave.

You must have your League skate tags with you. For league membership information see page 2.



Kids under 14:

M-F: 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Registered Programs:

Tu: 3 to 5:45 p.m.

Public skating / Shinny:

M, W, Th, F: 6 to 9 p.m.

Tu: 6 to 8 p.m.

Sa, Su: 1 to 9 p.m.

Broomball:

Tu: 8 to 10 p.m.

The rink is also available for rental. Contact Peter Gray at 434-0480.



THE McKernan Messenger

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Funding secured for Phase I of park plan

2010 ended with a bang for the McKernan Park!! We are very excited to inform you of our award of \$95,000 from the Government of Alberta through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

This Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant will allow our community to fund above-ground spray deck features and rubber surfacing for the proposed spray deck area. Recognizing the importance the existing concrete wading pool surface is to our youth, the CFEP grant will also fund skate features allowing this area to be optimally used by many age groups and for a longer duration throughout the year.

The CFEP cheque will be presented to the McKernan Park Committee by MLA Fred Horne at 2:30 p.m. at our WinterFest on February 5.

What's ahead for 2011?

The McKernan Park Committee will continue to work with the City park planners and playground equipment vendors, and will also engage our local youth in designing PHASE I. PHASE I, the wading pool conversion, is now planned for spring 2012. The committee will apply for the

Neighbourhood Park Development Program grant from the City of Edmonton. Any funds our community raises (including the award from CFEP) can be used to receive matching funds from the City of Edmonton. Our plan is to continue addressing the needs for McKernan Park as identified by you, the McKernan residents.

Feel free to contact the McKernan Park Committee by email: Rashmi Mandhane secretary@mckernancommunity.org. To help spur some ideas, see page 4 for a draft Park Concept Plan with some suggestions of how the new park might finally be used.



McKernan Winterfest 2011!

Saturday, February 5

1 to 5 p.m. at the rink.

Skating! Refreshments! Fun for all ages!

Come out and meet your neighbors

La tige sur la neige (Snow taffy)

Hot drinks and warm conversation

Bannock making and marshmallow roasting

Supervised kids' activities

See photos from 2010: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mckernancommunity/>



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 secretary@mckernancommunity.org

Youth Community Cruiser

Youth age 11 to 14 can take a field trip every Friday night! Activities include bowling, laser tag and assorted winter fun. Co-hosted by Belgravia and Parkallen Community Leagues. Cost includes all admission and transportation.

Fridays starting Jan. 21, 6:15 to 9:00 p.m.

Belgravia hall (11540-73 Ave.)

Cost: \$60

no eReg code; call 311 to register

Babysitting Course

Learn what it takes to be a great babysitter! This well-rounded course covers basic child care, first aid, safety, and play. The course will be taught by a qualified instructor and will include role playing, brainstorming, and hands-on exercises. Certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of the program. Co-hosted by McKernan and Parkallen Community Leagues.

Thursday March 3 (Teacher's Convention), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parkallen hall (6510-111 St.)

Cost: \$55

eReg code: 390163

Registration

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

Experts of all kinds needed

Want to help your community using your skills in LAW or CONTRACTING/TRADES? McKernan needs your expert assistance with our hall redevelopment project! Contact building committee chair Hilary Gray or president Wayne Rogers to find out how you can help with our exciting sustainable building project (see contact info this page).

Rent the hall!

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	\$25/hr	\$30/hr

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

Community Contacts

PRESIDENT and EFCL & CAC REP	Wayne Rogers president@mckernancommunity.org	780-916-6275
PAST PRESIDENT	Ann-Marie Thivierge	780-433-4277
VICE-PRESIDENT	-- needed --	
SECRETARY	Rashmi Mandhane secretary@mckernancommunity.org	780-430-7970
TREASURER	Wiggert Hessels	780-432-6379
TRANSPORTATION	Frank Weichman	780-435-7811
HOUSING ISSUES and HALL DEVELOPMENT	Hilary Gray housing@mckernancommunity.org	780-434-0480
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SOCCER - Adult	Kelvin Jones kelvinejones@mac.com	
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SOCIAL CONVENOR	-- needed --	
HISTORIAN	Ed Stover	780-436-4089
POCKET PARK	-- needed --	
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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.

MEMBERSHIPS	Sean Jones	780-990-0385
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McKernan Community Hall

Our community hall at 11341-78 Avenue is available for rental hourly or daily. Discounts are available for community league members. See info at www.mckernancommunity.org.

HALL RENTAL	Ray Pallard hallrental@mckernancommunity.org	780 438 0367
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McKernan School team cricket champs

The McKernan Mustangs took part of the 15th Annual School Indoor Cricket Tournament which was held on Saturday, October 30th at the Cricket Academy Saville Sports Center. In the Lower Schools Division (U-11), the Mustangs won the championship by defeating Parkland Immanuel Christian School. Individual awards for the tournaments were given to Avinash Rajendra (best batsman), Jonathan Wild (best bowler) and the (M.V.P.) Chayton Hetman.

Photo (from left): Ward Patterson (Coach), Rayyan Hudda, Avinash Rajendra, Brandon Kastendieck, Chayton Hetman, Jonathan Wild, Ian Lima, Liam Foster, JC Guérette (Coach)

Neighborhood services

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www.mckernanchurch.ca



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Community briefs

Clean sidewalks with Sno-Way

Student volunteers from the Fresh Start Outreach High School on 76 Ave. will occasionally be available to shovel snow. Contact Gino at 433-8100 or gino.ripoli@ecsd.net to add your name and address to the Sno-Way program's list. This assistance is being offered free of charge to seniors or residents with mobility limitations, and will be provided only as students are available. Donations to the Sign of Hope Campaign will be accepted but are not necessary.

Survey on neighbourhood shopping habits

The City of Edmonton wants to hear how you use and what you think about your neighbourhood shopping sites; specifically sites with 3 to 10 shops located within or on the edge of a residential neighbourhood. Your information will guide the city to assist small businesses, property owners and residents to improve these centres and to make them valuable parts of your local community. Fill in the survey at www.edmonton.ca/cornerstoreproject to be eligible to win a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at one of Edmonton's fine local restaurants.

Itching to get your hands in the dirt?

There may be (lots) of snow on the ground, but you can get your mind back on gardening by planning to volunteer this summer at the Green & Gold Community Garden on the U of A South Campus. The volunteer-run garden grows healthy vegetables and herbs for the community. Proceeds support Tubahumize, an organization that supports women and children affected by the genocide in Rwanda. Volunteers — novice or experienced — are always needed to help with garden work or in other areas. An information session on the garden will be held in February — email green&gold@sph.ualberta.ca to get the details when they are available. See http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden for more info.

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- K-9 regular program
- K-9 French Immersion
- 7-9 Late French Immersion
- 7-9 International Spanish Academy
- Extensions program (Grade 3-6)
- After-school care centre

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 9
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN INFO EVENING

Thursday, February 24
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

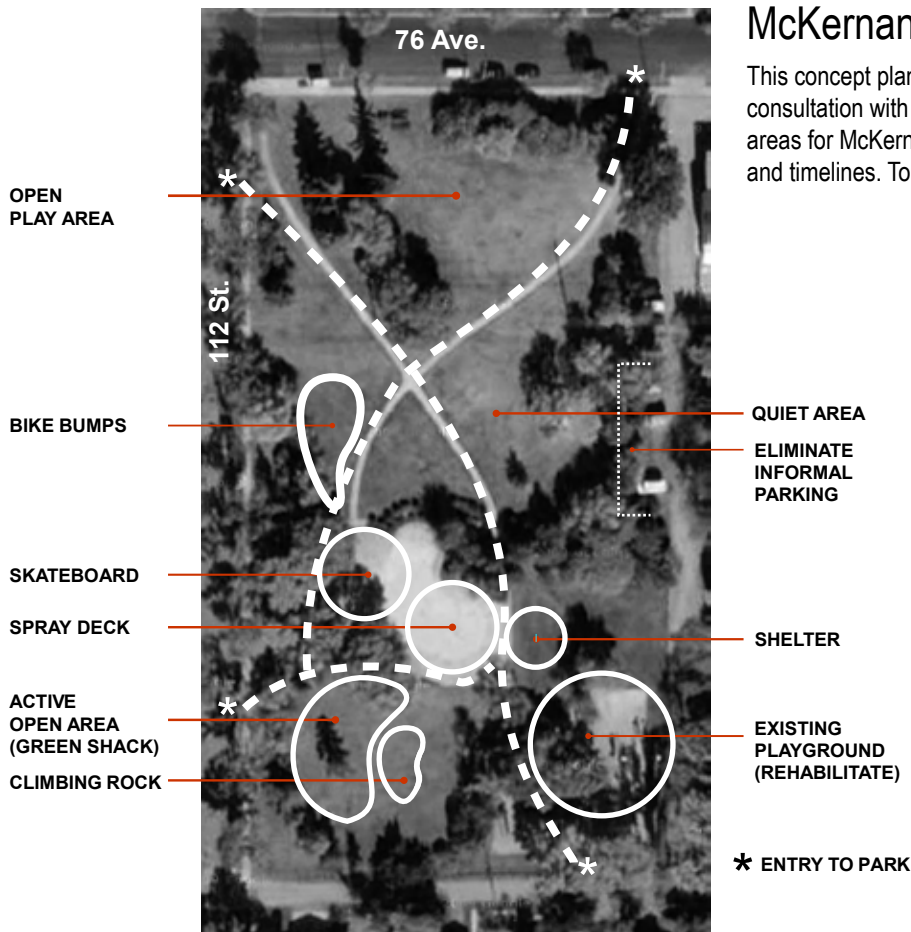
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Dr. Marie Caley, at 780-435-4163.

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McKernan Park Concept plan

This concept plan, developed by a City of Edmonton's landscape architect in consultation with the McKernan Park Committee, outlines proposed usage areas for McKernan Park. The committee is working on more detailed plans and timelines. To contact the Park Committee please see page 1.



Belmac child/youth outdoor soccer registration

Step 1: Register online at www.swemsa.com before Feb. 12.

Step 2: Bring forms and checks to one of the in-person sessions:

Sun. Feb. 13
at Belgravia Hall, noon to 3 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 17
at McKernan Hall, 6 to 8 p.m.

Remember your league membership or buy one at the session. See p. 2 for membership information.

League notes January

League looking into hall partnership

The league executive supported a motion by the Hall Redevelopment Committee to work with the Alberta AdaptAbilities Association towards a partnership for redeveloping and using the hall. This would allow the league to access more funding for the work, while AdaptAbilities would be able to use portions of the hall for their programming and office. If this can be worked out successfully, the league is in a good position to access the first round of City funding for league facilities, announced in December. Funds for the first phase of the redevelopment, the addition to the north, will come from existing fund pools plus casino money (the next casino will be in the third quarter of this year). The second phase, consisting of the upgrade to the existing building plus landscaping, parking and rink changes, will require more fundraising.

Rink report

The rink has been kept in good shape, with special thanks to rink helpers Brian, Ben and Greg who maintained the ice over the holidays. Skating lessons have started with an excellent response; classes are full of young skaters.

Disappointingly, the bathrooms in the rink shack have been vandalized twice, requiring costly repairs. Anyone who sees suspicious activity is asked to call 911 to report it immediately.

Trustee Janz to meet McKernan school

Public school board trustee Michael Janz will be meeting with the McKernan school council Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. at the school. All in the community are welcome to attend.

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