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THE McKernan Messenger

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Next League Meeting

Tuesday, February 7
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.

Get ready for park construction this summer!

We have received notice from the City of Edmonton that our project, the McKernan Skate Spot and Wading Pool Retrofit, has been approved for matching funding from the Neighbourhood Park Development Program (NPDP).

Our project is slated for construction this summer 2012. The existing concrete wading pool will be converted into a spray deck area, with an urban flair, and a skatebard spot. We hope to improve access to this area, and add a water fountain and much needed garbage bins, benches and picnic tables.

The NPDP funding will match what we have raised by April 1. So far we have received \$95,000 from the Community Facilities Enhancement Program from the Province of Alberta and \$4,000 in community donations. But we still need more — at least \$10,000 more — although exactly how much more depends now on the design of the skate spot and our final decisions of what to include.

Our next fundraising goals are to apply for Edmonton Play Space Grant Program; continue with our community Buy a Brick (see page 4) donor recognition program (donations over \$100 receive an engraved recognition brick; donations of \$1000 or more will have their name printed on the the water feature!) and host a Community Family Dance at McKernan School — look out for details. The Edmonton Skateboard Association is also fundraising for the skate spot; see their website <http://mckernanskateboardproject.com/> and watch for more information in next month's Messenger.

With the construction of the spray park starting this spring, McKernan Park will be unavailable for use by the summer park program. City staff and community members are investigating other options, including holding the program at Gowan Park (by the hall) or in Belgravia.

McKernan Winterfest 2012!

Saturday, February 25

1 to 4 p.m. at the rink.

Skating! Refreshments! Fun for all ages!

Come out and meet your neighbors

La tirz sur la neige (Snow taffy)

Hot drinks and warm conversation

Bannock making and marshmallow roasting

Supervised kids' activities

See photos from 2011: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mckernancommunity/>



Volunteers needed

Rink maintenance volunteers

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. Wednesday volunteer needed in particular! Contact Peter at 780-434-0480.

Snow sculpting social volunteer

McKernan needs a volunteer to attend a cool Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues workshop that teaches league volunteers how to conduct a winter event, including a hands-on snow sculpting session. The workshop is January 28 at Oliver Community League Hall, 10326 - 118 Street, 9 am to 12 pm. Contact Ann-Marie Thivierge before January 25, 2012 to arrange to attend.

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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McKernan Messenger

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League notes January

Still waiting for consultation...

The League board of Directors voted in favour of withdrawing its representative, for the time being, from the University of Alberta Community Consultation (UACC) committee. A letter outlining our dissatisfaction with the University's current approach to consultation, along with our criteria for return to committee, will be sent to the university. Other AUCC member communities are pulling out as well. In December the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition filed a legal challenge saying the university failed to follow its own requirements to properly consult with neighbourhoods around South Campus in its plans to develop the Balmoral Curling Rink site.

Sandbox on the move

The community league sandbox is now located on the south side of the hall (closest to the school). Free sand is available for sanding sidewalks in the winter.

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Development notes

McKernan Baptist Church is looking at redeveloping the three lots it owns along 76 Ave. west of 111 St. — plans for a two-storey development are ready to go before the church Board. If accepted, a development permit will be sought. McKernan Day Care, which occupies one of the existing buildings on the property, and other neighbours will be watching the process with interest.

Housing committee chair Hilary Gray noted the continuing trend in McKernan to demolish the small bungalows in the area and replace them with semi-detached houses. This is in keeping with the City's infill policy and the Smart Choices program which encourages controlled densification in older neighbourhoods. Our community also serves to accommodate university students, and teaching and research personnel, so it is a trend we generally support.

Development applications (December)

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:
10985-73 Ave	To demolish a single detached house and accessory building (detached garage)
10952-75 Ave	To construct a secondary suite within an existing single detached house
10935-76 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house and detached garage To construct a semi-detached house, To construct an attached garages to a semi-detached house. To construct a detached garage.
11445-78 Ave	To demolish a single detached house



Community briefs

Toddler Tunes

Toddler Tunes is part singing group/part playgroup for parents and their tots aged between 18 months to 4. It involves 30-40 minutes of singing and playing with instruments, followed by playtime for the tots and tea and chat for the parents. Dads are especially welcome. The group is free, although in the initial period we would gratefully appreciate a \$5 donation per session to help buy equipment like wooden instruments and props for the songs. The group will meet on Saturdays from 3:00-4:30 (in a private home for now so that working parents can participate, and to avoid conflicts with toddler nap times. For further information contact Deana Heath at heathdeana@gmail.com

Outdoor soccer registration

Register now for Belmac child/youth outdoor soccer! Go to www.swemsa.com to start the process. In-person payment sessions will be Thurs. Feb. 23 at McKernan Hall and Sun. Feb. 26 at Belgravia..

Softball registration

Registration for minor softball will be held at a variety dates and community locations in South Edmonton starting Feb. 25. Valid community league membership needed! See www.southedmontonminorsoftball.ca for dates and times.t



Building McKernan Park Brick by brick

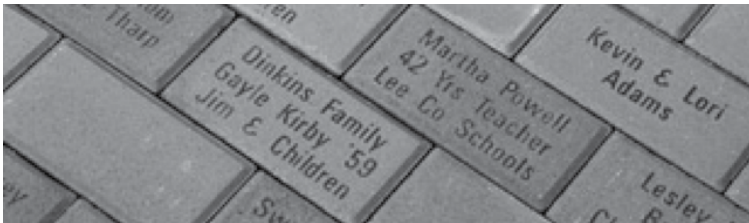
Spray Deck and Skate Spot construction will start this spring!

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. Those who have already contributed are also eligible.

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) _____

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Make cheque payable to City of Edmonton.

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

Community Standards Liaison report Parking issues, Part 1

Peter Rausch

It seems that parking-related issues are some of the biggest concerns with most residents — and they reflect broad range of issues. Enough in fact, that I'll be addressing some of the key problems and standards over two articles.

We have a lot of non residents parking in our community due to our proximity to the University, the hospitals and the LRT. Many of our streets and avenues have been designated "Resident Parking Zones" (UA2). The areas have restrictions on the length of time a vehicle can be parked before they are ticketed during weekdays. Residents in these areas can obtain a permit to be placed on their windshield in order not to be ticketed.

Parking Enforcement Officers do patrol the area, but not on an ongoing/routine bases. Street parking enforcement is administered by the Edmonton Police Service and not by Bylaw Enforcement (in most cases). You can phone the EPS at 780 423-4567 (NOT the City at 311) if you have an issue with a vehicle in a marked Residential Parking Zone that is parked over the allotted time.

There is a process through the City to have your street included, if it is not currently covered by Residential Parking Restrictions. Please feel free to call me if you would like your area included.

The City also provides for disabled parking zone (permanent or temporary) in front of one's home. You can call 311 to register. You will need to have a valid disabled parking placard and be registered with the Disabled Adults Transportation.

My final note for this month addresses front lawn parking. Unless there is a proper driveway and curb access, parking on your front lawn is a bylaw infraction. You can call 311 to have someone from Bylaws address the issue.

Please call me at 780 437 5238 if you have any concerns regarding parking or other community standard concerns. My next article will address alley parking, RVs and trailers, commercial vehicle and other parking issues.

McKernan couple need house in University area to rent while tearing down and rebuilding new house. Must have garage, basement and allow cats. Needed for March for approximately 10 months - 1 year. Call 780-433-7683, or 780-902-7683 or 780-708-3964.

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