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Next League Meeting

Tuesday, June 7
at 7 p.m at the hall.

Last meeting before summer
break



The Compassion House expansion will look like separate houses. Drawing supplied by Stantec.

Compassion House expansion designed to fit the neighbourhood

This summer and fall will see construction activity at the Compassion house site on 76 Ave. and 109 St. as the facility expands westward onto the two adjacent lots.

Compassion House hosts people from communities in northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories who are attending clinics at the Cross Cancer Institute to treat breast cancer. Since the house opened in 2002, demand has always exceeded the space available, with about as many people being turned away as are able to be accommodated, said Executive Director Mellissa Craft.

The expanded house will contain 14 suites instead of the current 6, and will have improved accessibility for visitors with reduced mobility. The building will also feature an expansive kitchen — always the meeting place for visitors — along with a new wellness room, theatre and sunroom.

Blending in

The project is being managed by Stantec, who also did the original building. Architect Peter Osborne and a design review committee worked to integrate the building addition both with the existing building and into

the neighbourhood.

Although large, the building will not feel imposing or blocky. From the avenue the building will look like three separate houses. The connection between the houses is recessed from the avenue, and the architecture treatments will continue on all sides of the building. The goal is to retain the look and feel of the existing 76 Ave.

Parking will remain behind the house, along with a south entry and patio area.

Because the plan met all the requirements for its zoning as applied under the 109 St. zoning bylaw, passed last year, it was approved by the City without problems. The McKernan Community League Housing Development Committee was also pleased with the project.

"We've always been proud to have Compassion House as part of our neighbourhood, and we are very pleased with the consideration for the community that has gone into these expansion plans," said league president Waynen Rogers.

To find out more about Compassion House, call 780-425-7224 or go to compassionhouse.org.



Bike lanes on 76 Ave....
... and other improvements to Edmonton's bicycling infrastructure will be on display at an
Open House
Saturday, June 4
at Southgate Centre (near the mall food court)
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Transportation staff will be on hand to answer questions about cycling, new parking restrictions and other sustainable transportation issues. Detailed information will also be going out to neighbourhood residents later this month, and will be posted at www.edmonton.ca/cycling. Watch for more details in June.

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Subject to prior bookings, the hall is now available for evening rentals on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. After June it may be open other nights also. Contact hall rental coordinator Ray Pallard at 780 438 0367, hallrental@mckernancommunity.org More information at the hall is available at www.mckernancommunity.org. The hall is located at 11341-78 Avenue.

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.

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

Four Wheel Drive/Ride to Survive

Stay safe while having fun! Learn basic bicycle skills and rules of the road. For children aged 4 to 10. It is recommended that children over 6 be off training wheels. Helmets and bike bells are mandatory.

Sunday May 29, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

eReg code: 384721

Registration

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

Neighborhood services

Math tutoring/homework help. Gr. 6-9. Offered in McKernan Belgravia area by Math 30 student, 90%+ average, with some French. 15\$/hr. Contact Daniel.U94@gmail.com

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Advertise your neighborhood services for free! Maximum 140 characters. Send to newsletter@mckernancommunity.org or drop in the mailbox at McKernan Hall (11341-78 Ave.) Space is limited and ads are accepted at the discretion of the editor.

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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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League notes - May

Hall development committee

Chair Hilary Gray reported that the committee has secured the continued support of the McKernan Child Care Society to remain in the building, while adding Alberta Adaptabilities Association as a new partner. A more detailed timeline of construction has been prepared which will see sod turning in the spring of 2012! This gives the committee more time to get the detailed drawings completed, secure approval from the City and collect as much funding as possible. Another casino will be held September 22 and 23, 2011.

Pedestrian crossings

While the pedestrian light timing at 74 Ave. and 78 Ave. is acceptable during off-peak hours, people trying to cross at rush hours are often faced with waits of up to four minutes even while traffic is at a standstill in one direction. Frank Weichman continues to search for ways to get pedestrians safely across faster. He and other neighbours will be meeting with Councillor Ben Henderson to come up with ideas to take to city traffic planners.

Holding the U accountable

The South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition, a group of neighbourhoods surrounding and affected by the development of the U of A South Campus, is investigating

how closely the University is following its own stated plans. Although the university does have considerable leeway in developing its physical plant — for example, they are not bound by City zoning and planning guidelines — they are accountable for adhering to long-range and sector development plans as approved by the province. The league approved McKernan's contribution of \$1500 to assist with the coalition's research into this issue.

Rink wrapup

Peter Gray requested up to \$3500 to make needed repairs to the rink, including a new access door for equipment, as well as to service the snowblower, brush and scrapers.

University Avenue traffic disruption

Residents will have noticed lane reductions on University Avenue west of 114 St. A new turn lane is being added to improve access to 115 St., which will be the main entrance to the Edmonton Clinic. Northbound traffic on 114 St, turning west on University Ave will be limited to one lane. The westbound curb lane and adjacent sidewalk will be closed. Pedestrian traffic from 114 Street to the Cross Cancer Institute will be limited to new sidewalks south of the Aberhart Centre. The work should be completed by the end of August. McKernan and other surrounding communities received notice only a week ahead of time that this work would be taking place.

Clean it up, help your neighbour — or call it in to the Bylaws office

McKernan Community League members met recently with representatives of the Community Standards Branch at Planning and Development — the people responsible for enforcing the Community Standards Bylaw. This is the bylaw that ensures that properties are kept tidy and safe.

While McKernan has similar issues to its surrounding neighbourhoods, there are certain complaints that are very common here: specifically, snow and ice on sidewalk, and untidy yards. The next most common complaints, graffiti and dogs (running loose or barking) come in far behind.

Why report it?

Under the “broken windows” theory, disorder leads to more disorder and eventually social unrest. Litter, discarded furniture and noise make a neighbourhood unwelcoming and attract more of the same negative attributes. Keeping properties in good repair and fixing problems when they are small is an important part of maintaining good communities.

Sometimes reports of small things (cars parked illegally, garbage piling up, untidy properties) can lead to discoveries of large

problems (stolen vehicles, drug houses, people in distress).

- Keep your own property in good shape
- Lend a hand if your neighbour needs help
- If the problem is too big or too dangerous, report it to the city. Call 311, email 311@edmonton.ca, or use the Online Bylaw complain form at www.edmonton.ca

What happens to a bylaw complaint?

It is recorded by the Community Standards Branch. A Municipal Enforcement Officer opens an investigation and will investigate your complaint within 4 business days. The officer may issue a warning notice with directions to remedy the problem within a specified time frame or issue a bylaw ticket with a \$250 fine depending on the circumstances. The officer may issue an order, which allows the City to fix the problem and bill the property owner for the cost

The information you provide will be used to process your complaint, but your name and address will not be made available to anyone else.



Summer Program

Windsor Park After School Care

Windsor Park After School Care has an exciting summer program filled with activities, games, crafts and field trips for your school-aged child this summer. You may register by the day, week or month.

For more information or a registration form please contact Ava or Ruth at 780-439-1456 or at wpas@shaw.ca.

Rates: \$50/day \$150/week \$500/month

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Summer Camp Program 2011

Belgravia Out of School Care will be offering care for the summer months of July and August, 2011.

We are conveniently located in the Belgravia Community League Hall, 11540-73 Avenue, have access to a wonderful playground, within walking distance to a wading pool and several other great playgrounds. Field trips will be planned weekly, daily activities, sports, cooking and art, and science projects.

Our camps are available for ages K-Grade 6 (must have completed kindergarten and going into grade 1).

Cost: \$175.00 per week (7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

If you require care for the summer months and would like to explore the summer camps at BOSC, please contact us for more information:



Jennifer Tkachuk
780-660-2672
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Pocket Park

Cleanup to be held
end of May

Plant-in in early June

For dates and info,
contact Carolyn Jones,
780-990-0385



Development news

Construction season is heating up so residents are reminded to keep your eyes open for new activity. If you have any questions about a project, contact Hilary Gray, 434-0480; housing@mckernancommunity.org.

Development Applications

(Apr. 1 to May. 6)

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.

Address	Permit(s) for:
11150-72 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with a rear covered deck, fireplace, front veranda and to demolish a single detached house and detached garage. To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
10980-75 Ave.	To construct a rear-detached garage (6.10m X 6.10m) and to demolish the existing garage.
11231-75 Ave.	To operate a major home based business. (Midwife clinic operating three days per week, five client site visits per day, maximum two client visits at a time)
7601-115 St.	To operate an outdoor patio (6.34m ² of public space) to an existing specialty food service (34 seats)
7712-109 St.	To demolish a single detached house (7.92m x 7.32m) and an accessory structure (detached garage 6.25m x 3.81m).
11117-78 Ave.	Home occupation development permit: business development through marketing consulting, and leveraging technology.
11151-78 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 7.32m x 6.71m) and to demolish a detached garage (6.41m x 3.69m)

Meet the executive

Executive elections

Elections for the positions of president, vice-president and directors-at-large were held under the new bylaws at the April league AGM, while treasurer and secretary elections will be held in 2012. All board positions are for two-year terms. Here is a brief introduction to the board members.

Wayne Rogers - President

We bought our house in McKernan in 1986 and 2 youngest of my 4 children went to McKernan School in the 1990s. I had built our first home, a log house, on 40 acres near South Cooking Lake; but after 16 years the driving became too much. It was clear, that if we moved it must be to the centre of the city not the suburbs. Voila here I am. As a professional engineer specializing in lighting I have been consulting for some 40 years and our company has been in Old Strathcona since 1989. I am involved in other community organizations, serving on the boards of the Kiwanis Club of South Edmonton, iHuman, and the Old Strathcona Business Association.

Rashmi Mandhane - Vice- President

I moved to Edmonton from Ontario with my husband and two children in 2007. We decided to purchase our home in McKernan for its central location, proximity to the hospital and university, and our preference for living in a mature neighborhood. My children attend McKernan School and we love being able to walk there each day! I am a physical therapist at the University of Alberta Hospital, working in arthritis care. My roles within the League include: Lead for the McKernan Park Committee; organizing children's programs in McKernan; and communicating League news and events by email to McKernan residents. Feel free to contact me if you would like to be involved in the park or organizing programs.

Wiggert Hessels - Treasurer

I keep myself busy with WH Bookkeeping Services and live in a McKernan house, since 1999, with three loving women. Lucky me! And I enjoy being the treasurer of MCL. I also am the representative of the Community League to South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition and would like to hear from residents about any concerns regarding the developments proposed by the University at South Campus as well the Faculte St. Jean.

Carolyn Jones - Secretary

I grew up in the neighbourhood area and am very familiar with the community. Over the last three years I've been helping out with the spray deck committee and am excited to

take up a new role with the executive. I am pursuing a master's in education and have volunteered with other community activities around the city. I love gardening and am also going to be coordinating the maintenance of the pocket park this summer.

Hilary Gray - Director

I am joint owner with my husband Peter of Grays' Haven Bed and Breakfast for the past nine years, our retirement project after both working for over 30 years in the teaching profession. We have lived 12 years in McKernan and have been involved in the community league from our retirement in various capacities including treasurer, secretary, president and past president. Community members are welcome to talk to me about housing developments —your own or those of others — and if you want to be involved in the development of the new hall facility either with expertise or a donation (money or products).

Sean Jones - Director

I have been a proud resident of McKernan for three years now. I've been helping with community membership for the last two years and am looking forward to an expanded role as a director this year. I will miss having the wading pool in my "backyard" but am eagerly looking forward to the spray deck! Please feel free to get in touch with me about membership or anything other comments or concerns you have about life in McKernan.

Steve Wallace - Director

My wife and I moved into McKernan as newlyweds in 2004. We've since expanded the family and have a baby and preschooler. We love living in such a central location and being within walking distance of daycare, school and the LRT. I'm a geologist by profession specializing in water resources, as odd as that may sound. I have been involved with the community league ever since moving here, and currently sit on the park and hall



The McKernan Community League Executive 2011-2012: (from left) Steve Wallace, Wiggert Hessels, Rashmi Mandhane, Sean Jones, Carolyn Jones, Ann-Marie Thivierge, Hilary Gray, Wayne Rogers. Not available: Michelle Jones.

development project committees. My wife and I maintain the league website, so be sure to check it out! I'm also involved with the community soccer organization, Belmac United, as a player/coach of one of the adult teams.

Michelle Jones - Director

I currently hold the position of director at large and will be helping Ann-Marie with social events. I am a registered nurse working in Emergency at U of A. I have a 17-month old daughter who keeps me busy the rest of the time (and a husband!). We have lived in this area for nearly three years but I did go to the U of A in the 90s and lived in the Garneau area so it is like coming back home to live here! All of my extended family lives within walking distance of here and I love being able to walk to work. My husband and I hope to continue to be involved in the community league as we plan to live here for quite some time.

Ann-Marie Thivierge - Past President

I work as an executive and legal assistant in various capacity and was league president from 2007 to 2009. I have lived in McKernan for about 14 years and love very much the neighbourhood and surrounding communities. I also help out with planning event such as our annual community barbecue, which allows me to help in getting the neighbours together to socialize with each other in building a better community. I am also fortunate in having been able to develop good relations with the Edmonton Police Service and firefighters at Station 3 within the community, along with local businesses. As a graduate of the Citizen Police Academy, I may also be able to help with some questions on crime prevention and direct someone to the appropriate person or office.