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THE McKernan Messenger

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Next League Meeting

Tuesday, October 4
at 7 p.m at the hall.

7th Annual McKernan BBQ/Luau



Saturday, Sept. 17
Gowan Park
(11341-78 Ave.)
1 to 5 p.m.

Meet the Architects
of the McKernan
Community Centre:
presentation at 3 pm at
the Hall.

Come have some
fun and meet
your neighbours

*production and delivery
deadlines may mean this notice
arrives after the event; sorry if
we missed you!



A fresh face for the rink shack

As you may have noted, our little green rink shack has received a decorative paint job by arrangement with the iHuman Youth Society, a charitable organisation that works on the rehabilitation of street kids through the arts. The theme on the rink shack represents the four seasons on the four walls.

Your charitable donation will help the McKernan Community League pay

for the work. A cheque, payable to the iHuman Youth Society, would be extremely welcome. A charitable receipt for amounts of \$25 or more will be issued by iHuman. You can give your contribution to Wayne Rogers, Wiggert Hessels or Frank Weichman. Mark your donation with 'McKernan rink shack'.

Community Centre planning update

The McKernan Community Centre will be the new name of the renovated and expanded community hall. A motion to this effect was approved by the committee and the board after much discussion.

Hilary Gray, chair of the Hall Redevelopment Committee, presented the committee's recommendations to the board. Most importantly, the construction plan is being reconfigured so that the renovation of the old hall building is done first and the addition is done second. This was at the suggestion of the provincial funding agencies, to break the project into stages that could be more easily funded.

The renovation phase will involve remodelling the basement including improvements to the McKernan Childcare Society's facilities; adding a new metal roof; adding a new front entrance/foyer area including elevator installation; construction of offices and accessible washrooms on both levels; construction of a servery; and new mechanical and electrical rooms. This will be funded through current casino and savings accounts, donations from the Childcare Society and from Alberta Adaptabilities Association, in-kind donations, and grants we are applying for from the City of Edmonton and the province's Community Facilities Enhancement Program. If grants are approved in this fall and winter, renovations could begin in the summer of 2012.

The second phase is the addition to the north, which will also house the Alberta Adaptabilities Association (talks are still underway to work out the details of a partnership between the association and the league). A new boardroom and meeting room on main floor will also be part of this phase, as will the parking lot construction. A final, much smaller third phase will involved landscaping and some changes to the rink structure.

The architects will be making a project presentation at 3 p.m. at the league BBQ Sept 17, and Hilary will be on hand to give a time-line and funding summary, including a way for ordinary community members to make contributions.

Lots of ways to get your league membership

In September, our terrific community volunteers are going door to door to make it easy to sign up as a Community League member. We would like to thank them for their time and effort in this regard. Remember, you can always sign up as a community member at Maurice Pharmacy, in case we missed seeing you, or fill out the membership form in this issue of the Messenger. Membership brings you all sorts of community benefits, including reduced fees at City recreation facilities and the use of our own rink and hall.

McKernan Community League Membership 2011/2012

Member Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Children: _____

Type of Membership (please circle):

Family -- \$30

Single Parent Family -- \$20

Single -- \$15

Senior or U of A Student -- \$5

Amount Enclosed: _____

of Skate Tags required: _____ League Donation: _____

Willing to volunteer? Yes No In what capacity? _____

Comments: _____

Clip and deliver/ mail to: McKernan Membership Committee
c/o Sean Jones
11162 -73 Ave. Edmonton T6G 0C4

Thank you for your continuing support.

Neighborhood services

Host Families Wanted! Host families provide homes, meals, and share family activities with students from all over the world. Visit www.polarhomestay.ca

Green Circle Preschool is a parent cooperative offering learning through play for children 3 to 5 yrs, mornings at Parkallen School: greencirclepreschool.com.

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

Incredible Edibles

What's cooking in the kitchen? Learn how to prepare simple tasty food! Kids age 6 to 10 will learn about kitchen safety, cleanliness and how to select healthy foods in this four-week course. Two session available:

Session 1

Each Sunday, Oct. 16 to Nov. 6,
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

McKernan Hall (11341-78 Ave.)

Cost: \$47.50

eReg code: 432270

Session 2

Each Sunday, Nov. 13 to Dec. 4,
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

McKernan Hall (11341-78 Ave.)

Cost: \$47.50

eReg code: 432271

Registration

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

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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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What's new with our green spaces

Green Shack report

by Emma

Every year Edmonton city parks puts a program together called "the green shack" for kids from all around the neighborhood. The green shack is stocked with all sorts of craft and game supplies for the kids to play with.

This year was probably the best year ever. The leaders were so much fun and worked well together.

The wading pool this year was turned into a sprinkler instead. And lots of games were held running through the sprinkler on very hot days.

We had LITs who volunteered and helped out with activities too. A couple of the LITs brought board games that we could play. There was an annual sand castle competition, and we didn't win, but we made a giant ice cream sundae.

We went on a field trip to Churchill square and went swimming in the fountain. That was a lot of fun. I am very sad that it's over this year.

McKernan Park revitalization report

by Rasbmi Mandhane

The committee has met with City Park Planners to design the Concept Plan for Phase I of the McKernan Park Revitalization. The proposed construction date for Phase I will be in spring/summer 2012. This will be the conversion of the wading pool to a spray deck and a skate spot. Also, we are thrilled to have Brandon Pedersen, from the Edmonton Skateboard Association, on our committee for his input into our skate spot. Our next step is to submit our application to the Neighbourhood Park Development Program by the end of this month. We hope to be successful and have our CFEP award of \$95 000 matched by the City of Edmonton. Also, with Councillor Ben Henderson's support, McKernan Park will be receiving a picnic table from the City through the Parks Amenities Program. The McKernan Park Committee continues to work with Playworks, our playground vendor, in creating a space which is multipurpose, urban and attractive to people of all ages in the McKernan community.

Pocket Park report

by Carolyn Jones

Residents brought a variety of beautiful plants for the plant-in in June. There was a nice turn out (around 20 people) who braved the mosquitos for the Canada Day celebration. We have a had a dedicated team of volunteers who have each looked after the park for a week this summer. A Big Thank you to them for wedding, watering and keeping the park clean: Marilyn Logan & brother, Frank Weichman & his wife; Michelle & Greg Jones; Shanthu Mano, Godo & son; Rob, Leonie & Miranda Stewart; Peter & Hilary Gray; Aida Roige; Peter Laiss; and Carolyn & Sean Jones.

Passers-by the park often stop and compliment our volunteers. They are surprised and impressed to find out that the park is maintained by volunteers.

We will be organizing a Fall Clean-Up day on October 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your gardening tools and garbage bags to help out!

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Rent the hall (11341-78 Ave.)!
Contact hall rental coordinator Ray Pallard at 780 438 0367,
hallrental@mckernancommunity.org More information at the hall
is available at www. mckernancommunity.org.

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or call 780-436-0611



Community briefs

I Swim Scona Week-long Pool Party

Celebrate the re-opening of Scona Pool (10450-72 Ave., in Scona High School) at the I Swim Scona Week Long Pool Party. The week kicks off with a free pool party on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. with games, food, music and, of course, swimming. From Sept. 18 to 23, you can sample all the ways to Scona - from kayaking and synchro to scuba and aqua-size. Download the I Swim Scona Passport from sconapool.com. On Wed., Sept. 21, join Public School Trustee Michael Janz for the Ward F Back to School Pool Party & BBQ from 6 to 8 p.m. (RSVP for this event at Michael@michaeljanz.ca or 780-288-9866).

Singing and more for seniors

The Southwest Seniors Outreach Society is looking for singers! Practices are Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at 10832-62 Ave. (basement of St. Agnes Church). Southwest Seniors also offers other programs including clogging, community dance, weekly luncheons, bus trips and cards. Call 780-435-9515.

Volunteers needed

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.

Volunteers needed

Casino

Our next casino is Sept. 22 and 23 at Casino ABS on Argyll Rd. Volunteers are needed for all positions and shifts. This is our major fundraising for our hall project. Please contact Hilary Gray at 434-0480 to volunteer.

Children's Program Coordinator

Wanted: involved and enthusiastic parents or grandparents to coordinate children's programs in McKernan, which are jointly hosted by the McKernan Community League and the City of Edmonton. Please contact Rashmi Mandhane: vicepresident@mckernancommunity.org.

Messenger Photographer

Want to see your photos in print? We are looking for someone to take a photo or two of newsworthy items for the Messenger. You'll need an email and a digital camera, and be willing to pop out at a day's notice to snap a few shots as we need them. Contact Roberta Franchuk at newsletter@mckernancommunity.org.



PRIMETIME

What is Primetime? This initiative provides people in the 'prime' of their lives with an opportunity to get together and discuss topics of common interest.

Where: Chapel, lower level, McKernan Baptist Church (11103-76 Ave.), south door entry.

When: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:00am

Who: People 55 years of age and older

Cost: None

Contact: Robin at 780-436-0611 or Darlene at 780-907-1400

Come for coffee and stimulating conversation - and bring a friend!

October 11 - Eye Health Month

November 8 - Arthritis

December 13 - Relationships with Adult Children

Development Applications (June 8 to Sept. 7)

This list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan this summer. 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:
11207-Univ. Ave.	To construct an addition to a single detached house (remove existing second storey and build new second storey) with second storey deck. To construct a detached garage and to demolish an existing garage (new 7.92m x 4.57m)
10939-Univ. Ave.	To construct a rear-detached garage (7.92m x 7.92m) and demolish the existing garage.
10913-73 Ave.	To construct an addition/extension to roof dormer on right elevation to a single detached house
11231-75 Ave.	To construct an addition (rear attached garage and front veranda) and a rear uncovered deck (2.44m x 3.66m) to a single detached house and to demolish an existing detached garage.
11254-75 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite (2 bedroom) existing without permits
11335-75 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite (2 bedroom) existing without permits
10977-76 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house (7.70m x 6.26m) and a detached garage (7.35m x 6.15m) building. To construct a semi-detached house with fireplace & rear deck. To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
7603-111 St.	To construct a front uncovered deck (3.05m x 6.64m at 0.91m ht).
7704-110 St.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage) (7.32m x 7.32m)
11538-77 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 6.71m x 6.71m).
11138-78 Ave.	To construct an addition to an existing single detached house. (adding 2 dormers to the existing roof and 1.5m x 6.4m uncovered deck in the front yard.
11212-78 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with attached garage, deck, veranda and fireplace with a basement development and a secondary suite development and to demolish an existing single detached house
11325-79 Ave.	To construct a semi-detached dwelling with fireplace, veranda & uncovered rear deck and to demolish a single detached house & detached garage
11340-79 Ave.	To construct interior alterations (basement development)(no secondary suite)