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THE McKernan Messenger

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June League meeting

Tuesday, June 5 at 7 p.m.
at the hall.

Last League meeting
of the season.

All welcome!

Parent input needed on pool

Do you have kids who love to wade in McKernan Park? Your input is needed on renovations that will be happening to the wading pool.

Changes to provincial health and safety standards has meant that the city will be rehabilitating all wading pools and converting them to either:

- a spray deck; or
- a wading pool with filtration, circulation and disinfecting system (limited numbers).

If you want to find out what the options are for McKernan park, or to represent the views of McKernan parents to the city, contact Hilary Gray at 434-0480. McKernan Park pool will remain a wading pool with daily manual chlorination for the 2007 summer season but redevelopment will happen in the next few years as city finances allow. Note that because of the manual chlorination process, the wading pool will open at 11 a.m.

Some city pool facilities have already been built or rehabilitated. To see what can be accomplished, stop by one. The nearest are King Edward Park at 7803-87 Street, and Riverdale Park at 10144-89 St.

Upcoming events

May

May 26: Pocket Park Plant-In: Bring a pack of annuals to the Pocket Park (University Ave. and 112 St.) between 10 a.m. and noon.

June

June 5: Last League meeting of the season. Secretary needed ASAP.

June 10: Second annual 73 Ave. block party (109 to 112 Street). Watch for notices.

July

July 3: Summer park program begins in McKernan Park.

July 14: Community BBQ event. Stay tuned.

September

September 4: League AGM for 2007-2008 year.



Why wait for the street sweepers?



Rewing up the bikes

Signs of spring



Another big hole

Water main renewal on 112 St. around 73 Ave. has created yet another big hole in McKernan streets. While the pipes will be in soon, repaving may not be completed until June 15, according to City Transportation.



Community briefs

Veggie co-op delivers fresh, local, naturally grown vegetables weekly

Barnswallow Corner Farm is a Community Shared Agriculture CSA located 30 minutes south of Edmonton. They deliver fresh, local vegetables to Lansdowne, where members pick them up once weekly. Members participate in the workings of this family venture by coming to the farm to help grow these wonderful vegetables a small time commitment of 12 hours per season. The cost of a season's membership is 375. The amount of vegetables delivered is based on a family of 4. There are 1/2 shares available. For more information, call Margot at 387 3588.

Elm pruning time ends

The City of Edmonton has the largest population of healthy elm trees in North America. To preserve this precious resource, no elm tree pruning can occur in the spring and summer. The beetles responsible for Dutch Elm Disease are active during this time and can be attracted to the scent of fresh tree cuts. The City of Edmonton Bylaw 11468 prohibits elm tree pruning between April 1 and September 30. If you see problems with a city elm tree, or for more information, contact the City of Edmonton Parks at 496 8733 or visit www.edmonton.ca/tree.

Free wood chips

Wood chip mulch is excellent soil coverage to maintain moisture, reduce weed competition, and discourage people from trampling on plant material. Available at Old Man Creek Nursery. Call first 467 4222 for directions and to make sure of supply. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You must load the chips yourself; no tools are supplied a compost fork, pitchfork or scoop shovel is recommended. No limit, no cost.

Events in the community

Youth Learn to Sk8board: Allendale Community Hall, 6330 105A St., June 3, 1 to 3 p.m. Come out and learn basic skateboarding road skills: pushing, stopping, balance skills and tricks such as tic tac, ollie and pivot. Ages 8 to 14. FREE!

Youth drop in day: Allendale Community Hall, 6330 105A St., June 3, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome to drop by and try out all sorts of activities, including Giant Basketball if you dare! FREE!

Jeff Allen Gallery: Strathcona Place Senior Centre 10831 University Ave. Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Until May 31 see **Burst of Colour** with decorative and practical pieces from potters, woodworkers and fabric artists. Interesting original paintings in varied mediums of oil, acrylic and watercolour will also be featured. You might even find a gift for Mother's Day! From June 5 to June 28 it's **Coloured Pencil Works**, a groups showing featuring Olya Bociurkiw and students demonstrating the versatility of coloured pencil in their pieces of work in the form of animals, portraits, nature and landscapes. Opening reception June 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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McKernan Community Hall

Our community hall at 11341-78 Avenue is available for rental hourly or daily. Call Tim Baier at 434-9901 (evenings) for booking information. Discounts are available for community league members.

McKernan Messenger

The McKernan Messenger is published ten times per year (we take the summer off). Deadlines are:

- advertising submissions: 1st of the month
- content and letters: 7th of the month

Contact Roberta Franchuk at 431-4924; newsletter@mckernancommunity.org.

On the Web: www.mckernancommunity.org

The website is managed by Camille Cunningham, 428-4323; webmaster@mckernancommunity.org.

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 student (without skating) only \$5. A bargain! See the membership form in this issue and on the web, or purchase at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Avenue.

Development Applications

(April 1 to May 1, 2007)

This month's list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan in April. Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton website www.edmonton.ca > Permits and Licenses > Monthly Building Permit Summary. For more complete directions on navigating to the permits, see the Housing resource at the McKernan website: www.mckernancommunity.org/resources/housing.html

For further information, or if you are concerned about a development, contact Jane Arscott, 433-1739; housing@mckernancommunity.org.

Address	Permit(s) for:	Application date
7603 – 110 St.	To construct an Accessory Building (Detached Garage 7.32m x 7.92m) and to demolish existing Detached Garage (7.62m x 6.21m).	25 April
11319 –75 Ave.	To construct an Accessory Building (Detached Garage 24' x 24') and to demolish an Accessory Building (Detached Garage).	18 April
11319 –75 Ave.	To construct an addition to a rear uncovered deck (uncovered deck 3.60m x 4.50m @ 0.95m).	18 April

- In the last month the housing committee has reviewed two sets of plans for new construction and been alerted by an owner about plans underway for renovations to a third property.
- There has been on-going communication with the owners of 11216–75th Ave. regarding their plans. Owners are currently consulting their neighbours to seek approval for their plans, which they will then present to the housing committee.
- There has been no communication between the housing committee and any of the owners seeking building permits this month.

Dogs in the Park

Question: When I go with my children to play at the local park or watch their soccer game, I'd like to take our dog along. Are dogs allowed in the park?

Including your family dog on a walk in the park with your kids is practical and fun, but when you are visiting playgrounds, picnic sites or sports fields, you must follow some very specific bylaw rules regarding dogs on parkland, or you could receive a bylaw ticket.

Dogs may be walked on parkland if they are:

- On leash and on a trail or sidewalk
- On leash and on a boulevard
- On leash and in a sign permitted area
- In a designated off-leash area
- At least 10 metres from any playground or picnic site.

Dogs are not allowed into playgrounds, schools and grounds, picnic sites, sports fields, golf courses and park facilities. The fine for walking dogs in these areas is \$100.



For further information, e mail Bylaw2202@edmonton.ca.

Park Rangers 780 496 2950
www.edmonton.ca/rivervalley
cms.rangers@edmonton.ca

Animal Control 780 496 8860
 Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw #13145
www.edmonton.ca/animalcontrol

Dog Off-Leash Areas 780 496 1475
www.edmonton.ca/parksforpaws

Go off-leash

The nearest off-leash areas to McKernan are:

Belgravia: Saskatchewan Drive, top of bank from 71 Ave. to University Ave.

University: top of bank between 111 St. and 116 St.

Whitemud Park and Hawrelak Park hiking trail in the river valley: multi use granular trail from Whitemud Park to footbridge, excluding old Keillor Road and designated equestrian trail

May league digest

League sign

Members approved the purchase of a sign for the Community League. The double sided sign will be located on the Hall site on 114 St. It will have the league name and a changeable message area, to give exposure to the league and its activities. Construction and installation should be completed by the summer.

Messenger delivery

If your copy of the Messenger is not delivered in good condition or on time usually by the end of the 3rd week of the month please contact David Woolf at 433 1739.

Memberships

The league has sold 140 memberships this year, a very good showing. Peter Gray collected over 50 memberships from rink users alone. Thanks also to Maurice Pharmacy for continuing to support the league through membership sales.

Finances

The purchase of a 10,000 GIC has restored our financial safety cushion, depleted by hall repairs last year. Our income continues to almost balance our expenses.

Pocket Park

The Pocket Park spring cleanup will be done May 11 and 12, and the plant in will be May 26. Get ready for another award winning green space!

Unfriendly neighbors

A number of complaints to Bylaws regarding problems with a McKernan property seem to have resulted in improvements. Property complaints can be reported to Bylaw Services at 496 3100; crime concerns can be reported to Edmonton Police Services at 423 4567 non emergencies only .

Construction damage

If construction equipment or workers are damaging public facilities, you can report them to the city 496 3100 . Contractors or owners are liable for mess or damage to sidewalks, trees, boulevards etc. caused by construction.

Fence removal

A work bee will take place soon to remove the dilapidated section of chain link fencing that separates the hall parking lot from the rink.

Edmonton Clinic

President Hilary Gray will represent the league in stakeholder groups, led by Capital Health and the University of Alberta, to keep informed of activities relating to the construction of the Edmonton Clinic at 114 St. and University Ave.

Funky Fusion Craft Sale

Sunday, June 3 2 to 5 p.m.
Parkallen Community Hall, 6510-111 St.
For more info: info@innerjourneys.ca

Church / Community Picnic

BBQ, salads, sweets, refreshments provided
"Jumpy Thing" for children Bring lawn chairs/blankets
Come, eat, and have fun!

Gowan Park Sunday, June 24 12 noon
Sponsored by McKernan Christian Church
Call 436-4089 for information

Come Join the fun!

McKernan Park
Monday to Thursday
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free drop-in Belmac playground program starts July 3



**University Acupuncture, Massage
& Herbal Therapy Center**
11710-87 Avenue, Edmonton AB, T6G 0Y3
Tel: (780) 988-1889, Stai1@telus.net

Spring is the time for self-awareness, self expression and to rejuvenate.

After a long winter we need to cleanse our bodies of excesses and dissatisfying emotions.

What benefits can you achieve with the experience of each of our Therapies?

Acupuncture, Massage and Herbal Therapies can bring on their own and in combination enormous benefits, just to mention a few:

- Improve circulation
- Regain energy
- Relieve depression and anxiety
- Relieve pain from muscles and headaches
- Relax stiff muscles
- Relieve allergies
- Make you happier and healthier

Experience a relaxing and caring atmosphere. Enjoy a complimentary 15 minute massage every third Saturday of the month for 2007.

Kid's Camp



McKernan Christian Church
11304-78 Ave.

July 9 to 13
9 a.m. to noon daily

for more details call 436-4089 or
check out our website:
www.mckernanchurch.ca

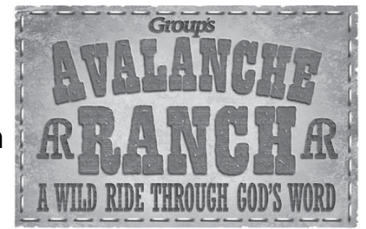
Avalanche Ranch Summer Camp

McKernan Baptist Church
11103-76 Ave.

July 16 to 20
9 a.m. to noon

Age 3 and 4: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Age 5 to Grade 6: every day
\$5 per day or \$25 per family

NEW! Register on-line at www.mckernanbaptist.ab.ca
Questions? 436-0611 or blain@mckernanbaptist.ab.ca



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