

February  
2007



**March League meeting**  
Tues., March 6 at 7 p.m.  
at the hall.

All welcome!

## This month:

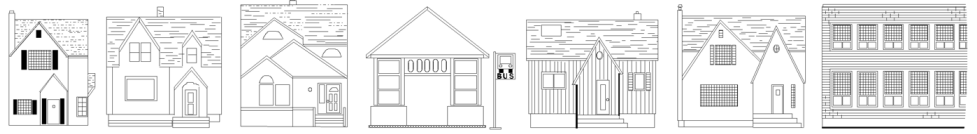
- Up your alley??
- Help wanted
- Lose that clutter

## 109 St.: What's next?

*from the city of Edmonton website:*  
"Discussions regarding the draft report have commenced with communities within the study area. Once the communities have provided their feedback and changes are made to the document as required, the report will be finalized for presentation to City Council, perhaps in April 2007."

## What can you do?

- Read the draft report on the city of Edmonton website; copies also available by calling Erik Backstrom, 496-6055 or erik.backstrom@edmonton.ca
- Forward your comments to McKernan Housing Issues person Jane Arscott, janea@athabascau.ca, and to erik.backstrom@edmonton.ca.



# THE McKernan Messenger

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## 109 St. report under the microscope

The 109 Street Corridor Study was under scrutiny at the Feb. 6 League meeting, as City Planner Erik Backstrom met with league members to hear feedback on the draft report prepared by consultants after this summer's workshop and open house.

The overall vision for 109 St. as presented in the report, Erik outlined, is:

North from the High Level Bridge south to Whyte Avenue : move to commercial mixed use with commercial (stores, etc.) on the main floor, plus the top 2 or 3 stories residential. Parking lots would be relocated to the rear.

South (from 82 to 80 Ave): up to 4 stories, as per current zoning

(from 80 Ave. to 61 Ave., which includes McKernan): 2.5 stories in row-housing style developments facing 109 St. This would require a zoning change to allow denser developments.

While meeting attendees spoke in favour of parts of the document, including its support of improved pedestrian facilities including wider sidewalks and boulevards, improvements to built form nicer buildings , inclusion of street canopy trees, and improvements to the transit system infrastructure, there were also many concerns.

### Problems with the report

- The report is difficult to read and appears self-contradictory in a number of areas.
- The McKernan Community Development Plan puts a height restriction of 2.5 stories on development; the consultant's report suggests development nodes be considered at University Avenue and at 69 to 72 Avenues that would allow for heights up to 4 stories. People expressed concerns that this height allowance would filter back into the rest of the community despite the current zoning and plans.
- There was some confusion about a suggestion put forward by the Parkallen Community League to allow a "bonus density" system, which would let developers build up to 3 or 4 stories if certain improved criteria were met. This suggestion has not been fleshed out yet, Erik pointed out. The criteria under which this development would be allowed have not been outlined, but might include outstanding building quality or environmental performance. As well, a mechanism would have to be outlined as to who would decide if a proposal met the criteria. Overall, this is a system that has not been tried in Edmonton; meeting attendees felt it difficult to judge with so little detail presented.
- The orientation of properties will be changed to face the street. How will this affect the street and the bordering communities?
- Would commercial development allow bars to open? Erik noted that an addition could be made to the plan to specifically prohibit this.
- There was some general opposition to increasing density as more people mean more pressure on existing infrastructure and services, leading to transit congestion, parking problems and road congestion. Erik Backstrom did provide some words of warning: "We could take out all references to increasing density, but then this document would be ignored by council." The city's Smart Choices program is taking a holistic look at densifying communities and pressures will only continue to mount.

Long-time members of the community reminded the city that McKernan has already allowed for higher density by agreeing to RF3 zoning instead of RF1 zoning at the time the Mature Neighborhood Overlay was adopted. This change was generally understood to be "the price to be paid" for greater certainty in future developments. For this reason there is strong resistance to any further changes to the present zoning at this time. The 109th Street plan needs to incorporate current zoning into its future plans for our section of the west side of the street. There was also concern that by allowing the higher density up to four lots in from the street, higher density would encroach on residential streets that remain viable. Generally, much frustration was expressed about the track record of developers and the city in creating desirable projects, and the inconsistent application of rules.



## Community briefs

### Adopt a Block to make McKernan litter-free

When the snow melts, the litter comes out – but you can help change that. Join the City of Edmonton's Capital City Clean Up to pick up litter in McKernan. Sign up with family, friends and neighbours for one cleanup per week from April 30 to August 19 and keep your corner of the neighborhood looking great. Call 944-5470 or send an email to [capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca](mailto:capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca).

### Bookish volunteers needed

The Cross Cancer Institute is opening a book store on site at 11560 University Avenue at the end of March. The Book Store will feature best sellers, magazines, cards and gently-used books for patients, families and staff. Volunteers are needed for a variety of 4-hour weekday shifts, which includes training, parking, a chance to work with great volunteers, and the knowledge that you are making a difference for cancer patients and their families. Go to [www.cancerboard.ab.ca](http://www.cancerboard.ab.ca) or call 432-8334.

### Be a leader on the playground

Applications from youths interested in working for the City of Edmonton as a playground leader will be accepted until February 23. Check the City's website at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca). Summer programs begin on July 3.

### 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; [rafranchuk@hotmail.com](mailto:rafranchuk@hotmail.com).

### On the Web

[www3.telus.net/nocente/mckernan.html](http://www3.telus.net/nocente/mckernan.html)

The website is managed by Camille Cunningham, 428-4323; [camillec@shaw.ca](mailto:camillec@shaw.ca).

### 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.

### Dance and movement for kids

This exciting new and unique dance/movement program for children is designed to offer a broad variety of movement, dance and combined arts experiences to stimulate growth in many aspects of your child's development. Sessions are at McKernan Hall and run for 10 weeks on Thursdays starting April 5. Sessions are:

- 4-5 years old                      time TBA
- 6-7 years old                      6:10 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 8-9 years old                      7:10 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.

Contact Vanessa Harris at 436-1590 or [vandot2@telus.net](mailto:vandot2@telus.net), or see [www.geocities.com/jazz\\_moves](http://www.geocities.com/jazz_moves).



### Opportunities for local artists

The Jeff Allen Gallery (Strathcona Place Senior Centre, 10831 University Ave.) is presently accepting applications for Exhibits in 2008. One of our mandates is to give local artists an opportunity to display their works of art. Interested artists call Rita Mittlesteadt at 433-5807 for more information or to obtain an application.

### More on wily coyotes

The City Park Ranger notes that young coyotes are moving from their parents' dens at this time of year, so there may be an increase in coyote activity. Coyotes that are comfortable around people become bolder and may pose a threat to pets or even small children. Make our neighborhood less attractive to this smart and adaptable predator:

- do not feed coyotes
- secure garbage bins and composters
- remove litter

If you encounter a threatening coyote in your neighbourhood, phone the City Park Ranger at 496-2950 or (cell) 446-4314.

### The Zen of Composting...



is yours to learn with the City of Edmonton's Master Composter program. This 40-hour course qualifies you for volunteer activity promoting the four Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle and

recover. Over 350 graduates of the program are actively teaching sustainable waste management practices in Edmonton. The 2007 course begins April 17. Call 496-5991 or check [www.edmonton.ca/waste](http://www.edmonton.ca/waste). Register by March 16.

## Community Contacts

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HISTORIAN	Ed Stover	989-1520
HALL RENTAL	Tim Baier (evenings)	434-9901
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BABY SITTING REGISTRY	Lori Janssen	437-3159
SOCIAL CONVENER	Ann-Marie Thivierge	433-4277
ICE RINK / POCKET PARK	Peter Gray	434-0480
U of A LIAISON	Bente Roed	436-9398
COMMUNITY SERVICES (City of Edmonton)	Terri Johnson	496-5926

## Pay up for alley paving

The City of Edmonton's Transportation and Public Works Committee voted Jan. 9 to develop a long-term program for managing the paved alley network, financed through 100 percent property-owner funding. This means that residents of neighborhoods such as McKernan which have a system of paved alleys will be asked to pay for all rehabilitation or reconstruction work on alleys except when underground utility work is being done, when the utility will pay.

The rationale for this decision is that "The existing budget is not sufficient to provide the necessary funding for renewal of existing paved alleys, and since only a portion of city residences have back alleys it is equitable that those residents should fund alley renewal."

After discussion at the February League meeting, president Hilary Gray has forwarded a letter to council on behalf of the community condemning this decision. The letter cites the damage to alleys caused by garbage collection vehicles; the need for maintenance of inner city infrastructure vs. continuing to build new developments on the city's periphery; and the fact that alleys are public property.

"I appeal to you to reinstate the policy of repair and upkeep of lanes in the older areas, without it being a further financial burden to the residents, many of whom are elderly and have lived in their neighbourhoods for long periods of time," the letter continues.

*If you have further comments to add on this issue, contact Ward 5 councillors Bryan Anderson and Mike Nickel, or mayor Stephen Mandel.*

## Events in the community

**Jeff Allen Gallery:** Strathcona Place Senior Centre (10831 University Ave.) Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fantastic Comes in Four** from Feb. 6 to Mar. 1 showcases the paintings of four seasoned artists, J. Chambers, D. Schacker, C. Feir, D. McPhee, portraying their own appreciation of landscapes, flowers, wildlife and portraits in paint and creations from barn board using varied techniques, depth of colour and mood. **The Times and Places** from Mar. 1 to Mar. 29 features photography that transcends time yet has a modern journalistic flair from award-winning professional photographer Darlene Hildebrandt. Exhibit reception Sun. Mar. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Development Applications

(January 12 to February 5, 2007)

This month's list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan in January and February. These permit types include House Development, Accessory Building Development, Minor Development, Sign Development, Uncovered Deck Development and Home Occupation. Any development that occurs should have a permit.

Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton website [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) > Permits and Licenses > Monthly Building Permit Summary. For more complete directions on navigating to the permits, see the Housing Page at the McKernan website: [www3.telus.net/nocente/Housing.htm](http://www3.telus.net/nocente/Housing.htm)

For further information, or if you are concerned about a development, contact Jane Arscott, 433-1739; [janea@athabasca.ca](mailto:janea@athabasca.ca)

Address	Permit(s) for:	Application date
11346 - 79 Ave.	To operate a Minor Home Based Business (landscaping service-contractor)	Feb. 5
11209 - 79 Ave	To construct a detached garage (6.7m x 6.7m) and demolish an existing garage.	Jan. 12

Free skating! on our rink at 11341-78 Ave

Kids under 14: M-F: 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Broomball: Tu: 8 to 10 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.

You must have your League skate tags with you. Join today!

## McKernan Community League

### Membership 2006/2007

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M/F

Type of Membership (please circle):

Family -- \$30

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Parent Family -- \$20

Single (with skate tag) -- \$15

Senior or U of A Student (no skating) -- \$5

# of Skate Tags required: \_\_\_\_\_ League Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to volunteer? Yes No In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and mail membership form to:

McKernan Membership Committee c/o Mary Heacock  
7231 - 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 1J4

# Help wanted



## BELMAC BASKETBALL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The McKernan and Belgravia community youth basketball program requires a volunteer coordinator for September 2007. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity contact Steven at 414-1663.

## Messenger Distribution Coordinator

A great job for an active community-minded person who likes a bit of fresh air. Count out flyers and distribute to deliverers, Sept-June. Suitable for a conscientious person of any age. Interested? Contact Jane at 433-1739.



## Qualified Babysitters

There are currently no names on the babysitting list. Young people who have completed the Babysitting course are invited to put their names on the list. Contact Lori Janssen at 437-3159.



## University Acupuncture, Massage and Herbal Therapy Center

has relocated to your  
neighbourhood.

**OPEN HOUSE:**

**Saturday, March, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10am-10pm**

**Free massage will be given.**

**The following conditions are managed at our center:**

Headache, Chronic body pain, Poor circulation, Insomnia, Poor memory, Stress, Anxiety, Fatigue, Hypertension, Pre-menstrual syndrome (PMS), Menopause, Obesity, Whiplash, Disability of limbs, Poor appetite, Constipation, Palpitations, Cough, Infertility, Diabetes, Cancer and more.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact

**988-1889 or stail@telus.net**

11710-87 Avenue, The Windsor  
**(2 Blocks West of the Butterdome)**

# Clean your clutter for a good cause

Is your house full of stuff that's too useful to throw out, but not valuable enough to put on eBay? Bring it to the Allendale Garbage Fair!

A Garbage Fair is a one-day recycling event where volunteers collect and redistribute the items listed below to different schools, daycares, playgroup, and church/senior organizations, mostly within our immediate community. The purpose is to promote the idea of recycling to benefit other groups and to assist in decreasing the amount of garbage going to the landfill.

This special community event is being organized by the #24 Parkallen Scouting Group and the Allendale Community League. If you have questions about any needed items or know of another group that could benefit from this event, please phone Karen at 436-4899.

## Only these items will be accepted:

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|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey Sticks (including broken)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Material                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby food jars (glass)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Corks                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skis   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wool and knitting supplies                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stainless steel bowls      | <input type="checkbox"/> Popsicle sticks                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broom handles, dowels  | <input type="checkbox"/> Beads or buttons                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice cream pails with lids  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe cleaners                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis balls (any condition)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Felt or leather scraps                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Campbell's soup /V8 labels | <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons (wax or pencil)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer accessories: diskettes, CD's, floppy disks, mice or keyboard (NO HARD DRIVES, PRINTERS, MONITORS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Thread, cord or ribbon                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Seashells                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing cards                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal bedding: washable absorbent sheets, towels, pillowcases, blankets                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Games (complete only)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry (including broken) | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting cards                       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles (mark complete or incomplete)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Watches (including broken) | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter-size paper (good on one side) |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed toys                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spices                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes (useable, plain)           |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet supplies (leashes, brushes, durable toys) | <input type="checkbox"/> Calendars (with pictures)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrapping/tissue paper                |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Keys                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Perfume                              |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnets                    |   |

**ALLENDALE GARBAGE FAIR** Allendale Community Hall , 6330-105 A Street Sat. April 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Welcome to our domain: [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org)  
Look for McKernan Community info at this webspace soon!