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THE **McKernan Messenger**

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League Meeting

Tuesday, October 2
at 7 p.m at the hall.

All welcome!

Casino volunteers needed

Volunteers will be needed for the McKernan casino, Wednesday February 6 and Thursday February 7, 2008 at the Palace Casino at West Edmonton Mall. See story in this issue.

Election info

Edmontonians go to the polls for the municipal election **Monday, October 15**. Voters will select a candidate for mayor, two candidates for councillors in our ward (Ward 5), and one candidate for Trustee in either the Public (Ward F) or Catholic (Ward 5) School District.

This year all voters must present identification at the polls. The ID, such as an Alberta Driver's Licence, Alberta Health Care Card or a Canadian passport, must confirm your age and identity.

McKernan is in voting subdivision 502. Our voting station is McKernan Baptist Church, 11103 - 76 Avenue. Voting stations will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on Where To Vote, phone 496-8008, or see www.edmontonelection.ca.

Casino in 2008 to raise funds for hall redevelopment

A community league committee is looking at redeveloping the league hall and will be working a casino in February to raise funds for the project.

The Casino/Hall Development Committee, consisting of chair Hilary Gray, treasurer Avril Crossley, Robin Thain of the McKernan Child Care Society, Wayne Rogers, and Michelle Hordal of Alberta Adaptabilities, will be coordinating the casino and drawing up the required plan for the use of the funds. The two-day casino could bring in as much as \$70,000.

"The main purpose of having a Casino is to raise funds for our building," says Hilary. "Some of us have had a dream for a while now to either do a major addition and renovation or knock down and rebuild a more practical, purpose-built facility for modern times and needs."

She cites the large maintenance requirements of the current 50-year-old hall, the heavy use by regular tenants, and increasing demand for space for various community activities as reasons for looking at redevelopment.

Volunteers are needed for shifts at the (non-smoking) Palace Casino at West Edmonton Mall for February 6 and 7. Deadline for volunteer commitment is November, so please contact Hilary Gray if you can take on a shift. The work is not onerous, and it is good opportunity to meet other community members. The committee would also welcome ideas for hall redevelopment.



McKernan Hall: 50 years old and time for a change?

AGM sees new executive

Volunteers needed for a number of interesting positions

The September league meeting also served as McKernan's AGM, and included the election of new officers for 2007-8. Those beginning new two-year terms are Ann-Marie Thivierge who moves into the position of president; Hilary Gray who automatically assumes the post of past president, and who will also take on planning issues; Wayne Rogers has accepted the position of vice-president; Leah Trueblood who was voted in as secretary; and Bob Gansel who was re-elected as treasurer. Most other non-executive participants will continue in their positions.

New people are, however, needed to fill a few key positions in the league. These include:

- rink maintenance coordinator for the skating rink
- hall rental coordinator to handle bookings of the hall
- housing issues officer to keep an eye on development in the community
- programs officer to arrange community programming
- parent park program advisor to provide feedback on the summer parks program

See the rest of this issue for more information on these positions.

Members in attendance at the September meeting gave special thanks to Hilary Gray for a job done excellently in her three years of service as league president.

Need a break, Mom?

Wednesdays 9:15 to 11am

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McKernan Baptist Church

11103 – 76 Avenue, Edmonton 436-0611

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Windsor Park Co-Operative Preschool

Our playschool currently has spaces available for the 2007/2008-school term. The program runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 am to noon. To be eligible, children must be 4 or be turning 4 before March 1, 2008.

We operate out of the Windsor Park Community League, on 87 Avenue and 118 Street. Our teacher has a Bachelor of Education and is experienced with early childhood education.

For more information, please contact
Sandra at 433-4754.



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I look forward to meeting you!

Mady Mooney, R.M.T.

Call 242-6065 (Edmonton) or e-mail
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for your appointment.

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McKernan Community Hall

Our community hall at 11341-78 Avenue is available for rental hourly or daily. Call Hilary Gray at 434-0480 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 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, or purchase at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Avenue.

The writing on the wall...

Graffiti removal in McKernan

McKernan, like the rest of Edmonton, is the target of graffiti vandals/"street artists". One of the summer's targets was the hall mural (facing 114 St.). Although hall maintenance person Neil Armstrong was able to remove the paint from the hall itself, the mural was also damaged and will need to be repaired. The rink shack is a constant target as well.



McKernan rink shack: a graffiti victim many times over

City council is considering a new bylaw requiring all property owners to clean up graffiti or face a possible \$250 fine. Outgoing president Hilary Gray has written a letter to council outlining the community's concerns that we could be penalized for being the victims of vandalism.

Council has also suggested a \$3.2-million program aimed at cleaning up graffiti city-wide. The three-year plan must still be passed as part of the 2008 budget.

Development Applications

(June 1 to September 5, 2007)

This month's list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan in May. 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 Hilary Gray, 434-0480; housing@mckernancommunity.org.

Address	Permit(s) for:
10922 - 76 Ave.	To demolish the existing accessory building (detached garage - 3.74m x 6.79m) and construct a new accessory building (detached garage - 7.92m x 6.71m).
11134 - 78 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (7.32m X 5.49m detached garage).
Plan 2746HW Blk 1 Lot 16	To construct an addition to a religious assembly building (new entry, coat room and elevator) (McKernan Baptist Church).
11247 - 79 Ave.	To construct an addition to a single detached house (attached front covered entryway 10 x10).
11114 - 76 Ave.	To construct a semi-detached house and to demolish a single detached house and a detached garage.
11327 - 76 Ave.	To construct a semi-detached house.
10969 - 76 Ave.	To demolish a (single detached dwelling) building and to construct a semi-detached house.
11429 - 78 Ave.	To construct interior alterations to a single family house (adding an accessory kitchen to the basement of a single detached house not to be used as a secondary suite).
11458 - 77 Ave.	To install a hot tub in the rear yard of a single detached housing development.
11453 - 79 Ave.	To operate a minor home-based business (Electrical contracting, administrative home office only).
11321 - 78 Ave.	To construct an on-premises freestanding sign ("McKernan Community League" with 4 lines of manual changeable copy)
11159 - 73 Ave.	To construct an uncovered rear deck (5.15m x 3.79 m @ 1.2m high) and a front uncovered porch with stairs (1.5m x 2.9m @ 1.2m high).

Enthusiastic people needed

The McKernan Community League is looking for people to help with the following positions:

Hall rental coordinator

Responsible person required to coordinate rental of McKernan Hall. Must be able to handle bookings, keep track of keys, and oversee hall usage. Living close to the hall (11341-78 Ave) would be an advantage. Remuneration: \$2000 per year. Contact Hilary Gray at 434-0480 for more details.

Rink maintenance coordinator

Like to skate? Want to see our community rink in top shape? Volunteer to help maintain the McKernan Community Rink!

You will be responsible for preparing the surface, setting the ice and regular flooding during the winter months October thru March, depending on the weather).

Groups are welcome to take on this position. There is a small remuneration available. Contact Peter Gray at 434-0480 for more details.

Park program parent

We need a parent to provide feedback on the summer park program and other city programs for kids. If you have ideas or comments about the park, playground or other kid-related areas, contact Ann-Marie Thivierge.

The summer park program was a success again this year for children of all ages. Attendance was good with an average of 10 children per hour. The wading pool in particular was a hit with everyone and leaders enjoyed working at the site.

Housing Issues coordinator

The League needs a Housing Issues Coordinator to monitor property development within and affecting McKernan. An interest in housing issues is required; understanding of zoning and regulations is an asset.

Property development that does not conform to city planning regulations must be presented to the community league before it goes to the city for approval. The Housing Issues coordinator is the key person in reviewing the applications for these developments and representing the community's interests. For more information on this position, contact Hilary Gray at 434-0480.

League Digest: September

No word on 113 St. development proposal

The league has received no further information regarding the DC2 rezoning application for properties at 113 St and University Ave. Nikathan Developments will have to contact us if they are going to pursue another application.

Around the hall

The fence repair is finished and the league sign should be installed in September. An insurance appraisal has quoted the value of the hall building, rink shack and yard improvements at \$608,500. This value is used in calculating our insurance coverage.

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Events in the community

Jeff Allen Gallery: Strathcona Place Senior Centre (10831 University Ave.) Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Until Sept. 21 view the artistic talents of the instructors for the fall/winter session which commences in September 2007. There will be paintings in watercolour, acrylic, oils, and collage, fabric art, pottery and woodwork, both practical and decorative.

Get paid to get the vote in

Workers (18 years or older) are needed October 15 at 228 polling stations across the city for the 2007 municipal election. Remuneration for the positions ranges from \$115 to \$315. Staff must arrive at 8 a.m. to help set up the station and stay in the voting station until the polls are closed at 8 p.m. and the equipment is packed and stored.

Apply in person at the Election Office at 16304 - 114 Avenue, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call 496-8008, or see www.edmontonelection.ca.

McKernan Community League Membership 2007/2008

Member Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Children: _____

Type of Membership (please circle):

Family -- \$30

Amount Enclosed: _____

Single Parent Family -- \$20

Single (with skate tag) -- \$15

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

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