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THE McKernan Messenger

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Annual General Meeting

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

First League meeting
of the season.
All welcome!



Upcoming events

July

July 1: Canada Day get-together at the Pocket Park, 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your flag and some cookies, admire the flowers, have a glass of lemonade.

July 3: Summer park program begins in McKernan Park.

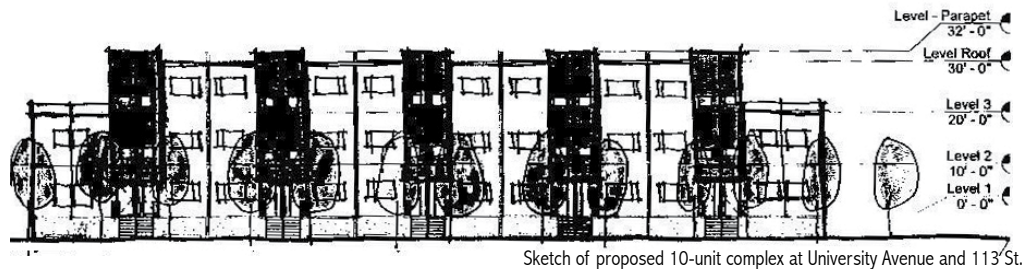
July 14: Community BBQ event.

August

August 22: 109th Street Corridor Study Report presented to City Council Executive Committee.

September

September 4: League AGM for 2007-2008 year.



Sketch of proposed 10-unit complex at University Avenue and 113rd St.

Major condo development seeks zoning change

A major rezoning and condominium development is being proposed that would put 10 three-storey units on two lots at 113 Street and University Avenue.

Nikathan Developments is proposing a rezoning on the two contiguous lots at 11255 University Avenue and 7905-113 Street from RF3 (Low Density Development) to DC2 (Site Specific Development Control Provision), to allow this non-conforming use.

The proposal contravenes many of the regulations laid out in the Mature Neighborhood Overlay (see page 3) that governs development in McKernan, including height, number of dwellings, and garage access across a boulevard. It is also not in keeping with the traditional character of the neighborhood and not sensitive in scale to existing development.

The McKernan Community League opposes this development and will be dealing with the Planning department and City Council about it. Residents, in particular neighbors who are affected, are encouraged to get in touch with Lynne Chapman (439-5607), Hilary Gray (434-0480) or Jane Arscott (433-1739) with comments.

McKernan Barbecue and

Fundraising Event!

3rd Annual

Saturday, July 14
2 p.m. to 7 p.m.



11341-78 Ave. (McKernan Hall and rink)

Join us for games ("two-bit" carnival, miniature golf, croquet, etc.) plus prizes, music, and lots of fun!
Silent auction and displays in the hall!



Barbecue: hamburgers \$3, hot dogs \$2, drink or cake \$1.

Come have some fun and meet your neighbours

We are fundraising for facility improvements.
For more information or to volunteer, please
email mckernancommunityleague@telus.net or phone 433-4277



Community briefs

109 St. Corridor Study goes to Council

The 109th Street Corridor Study Report will be presented to City Council at the August 22 Executive Committee Meeting. The final consultants' report will be available about a week prior to the Executive Committee Meeting and can be accessed at www.edmonton.ca > Infrastructure & Planning > Current & Future Projects > 109 Street Corridor Study.

More than a garbage can, it's a work of art!

The Community Can Program is a small group of visual companies that have come together to offer an unique program to give back to the community through art and design. The Outdoor Garbage Can program places and paints garbage cans in public spaces. The Inside Garbage Cans program helps groups collect material for other community projects. See www.communitycanprogram.com for details.

Donate plants and get Generations Gardening

Generations Gardening and Growing Together, a community building project in South Edmonton, is looking for both donations of perennials and volunteer mentors to help with the project this summer. Contact Linda at: Linda.Bombardieri@edmonton.ca

Volunteer for Art

Here are two volunteer opportunities for bringing more art to Edmonton: Old Strathcona is transformed into an outdoor studio and market place with the **Whyte Avenue Art Walk**, July 13 to 15. Assist with art programming, artist sites and more. Call 432 0240. **The Works Art and Design Festival** transforms one square mile of downtown Edmonton into North America's largest free celebration of art, June 22 to July 4. Administration, carpentry, tour guiding and more volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Misha Gostick at 426-2122, ext. 230, volunteer@theworks.ab.ca or visit www.theworks.ab.ca

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 June 28 see **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. From July 3 to July 26 it's **Art Unlimited**, featuring talented sisters Isabelle Kleparchuk and Mary Jane Trafiak. This is a mixed media exhibit using paint brush and palette knife, encompassing a large variety of subject matter. Raku Pottery will also be part of this fine show. Opening reception July 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Minkha Sweater Sale Open House, Sat. June 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Windsor Park Hall (11840-87 Ave.) Handknit pure alpaca designs, traditional and contemporary, from the Minkha



Women's Knitting Cooperative in Bolivia. Scarves, hats, vests, cardigans, pullovers, long vests and coats now also available in Peruvian Pima cotton. Marketed by volunteers from Save the Children Canada. Support a great cause and keep someone you love warm.

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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 on the web, or purchase at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Avenue.

"Filling in" Mature Neighborhoods??

Hilary Gray was one of the attendees at the May workshop on Basic Planning Principles for Residential Infill in Mature Neighbourhoods. These principles will form part of the Smart Choices development plan that looks at small scale infill with focus on mature neighborhoods. Workshop attendees worked on infill plans for "practice" neighborhoods, looking at housing, schools, parks, shopping, and all the other aspects that make a community livable.

Mature Neighborhood Overlay

City of Edmonton bylaws state: "The purpose of the Mature Neighborhood Overlay is to ensure that new low density development in Edmonton's mature residential neighbourhoods is sensitive in scale to existing development, maintains the traditional character and pedestrian-friendly design of the streetscape, ensures privacy and sunlight penetration on adjacent properties and provides opportunity for discussion between applicants and neighbouring affected parties when a development proposes to vary the Overlay regulations."

A Final Open House open to the community at large will be held in September or October, at which the proposed Residential Infill Principles will be presented as a "final draft" prior to them being submitted to City Council for review in November.

Documents, including comments from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, are available at www.edmonton.ca > Infrastructure & Planning > Planning > Smart Choices.

Development Applications

(May 1 to June 7, 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 Jane Arscott, 433-1739; housing@mckernancommunity.org.

Address	Permit(s) for:
7708 - 110 St.	To operate a Minor Home Based Business (Admin Office for a Renovation Company).
11430 - 79 Ave.	To construct an Accessory Building (Detached Garage-20' X 24') and to demolish a detached garage.
11127 - 73 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations to a Detached Garage (addition of overhead door on south side of building).
11424 - 77 Ave.	To construct a rear 2-tier uncovered deck (Tier 1: 9' x 10' @ 3' high) (Tier 2: 9' x 15' @ 1.5' high).
11106 - 78 Ave.	To construct an Accessory Building (Detached Garage 7.32m x 6.71m) and to demolish an Accessory Building (Detached Garage 4.36m x 6.79m).
11130 - 76 Ave.	To construct a Semi-Detached House and to demolish existing house.

Come Join the fun!

Free drop-in Belmac playground program starts July 3

McKernan Park

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

(wading pool opens 1 hour after program begins)

Seeking Signwriter with Snappy Slogans

Are you good at thinking up quirky, interesting slogans? Do you want your thoughts visible to thousands of people every week? Volunteer to maintain the new McKernan Community League sign! Facing busy 114 St., the sign will provide community information and other messages and will need regular updating. Contact Hilary Gray at 434-0480, president@mckernancommunity.org.

June league digest

League executive elections in September

Executive elections are held at the September Annual General Meeting. President Hilary Gray is finishing her term and Vice-President Ann-Marie Thivierge will move into the President's post. Hilary will stay on as Past President as well as Planning Officer. This means we are looking for a new Vice-President who supports the President, step into her/his shoes as needed, and may even follow into the President position.

As well, interested people are needed for the following positions:

- Programs Officer: works with the City's Central Area Council on Recreation programs in the community.
- Sign Guru: someone to keep the message on our new sign up to date. See ad in this issue.

If you are interested in getting involved in these or any other area, contact Hilary Gray.

Edmonton Clinic

Community representatives met with Capital Health and the University of Alberta in May to hear plans for the new Edmonton Clinic. Surrounding communities including McKernan, Windsor Park and Garneau will be kept up-to-date on the planning for the \$577-million health sciences facility at 114 St. and University Avenue. The clinic will open in 2011 and will house diagnostic services and day clinics including family medicine, diabetes, orthopedics, neurosciences, rehabilitation and dentistry.

More than 2,000 health sciences professionals will operate out of the facility, which is forecast to serve one million patient visits annually. No living accommodations for patients are currently included in the planning, and this, along with traffic, parking, and other access concerns, will be brought up by the communities.

New secretary and Park overseer

A couple of fresh faces have stepped in to help out with league tasks.

Leah Trueblood will be starting as Secretary this summer, handling minutes and all that stuff.

Rob Wilson is taking on the Pocket Park responsibility, replacing Peter Gray who has worked hard for several years on both the Park and the Rink.

Polish up the Pocket Park

The Pocket Park has been planted in annuals, and a maintenance schedule is being kept. If you'd like to sign up for some watering and weeding duties to keep our award-winning park looking great, call Rob Wilson at 988-0612.

Coming soon: more secondary suites?

An estimated 10,000 illegal secondary suites currently exist in Edmonton, a goodly number of them in McKernan and other university neighborhoods. Now there may be new rules for basement suite developments aimed at increasing the number of legal secondary suites, to provide more affordable housing options.

Following a non-statutory Public Hearing on June 13, city staff will be coming back to council's executive committee at the end of the month with draft rules that would permit more secondary suites.

A June poll of Edmonton homeowners showed support for secondary suites with firm rules or conditions around the development of the suites including adequate off-street parking for tenants. City staff also propose that only owner occupied houses be allowed to have secondary suites. It is not expected that Zoning Bylaw amendments will allow more than one secondary suite in a single principal dwelling.

The city is also considering some form of amnesty program for Edmonton's estimated 10,000 illegal basement suites (see *Basement Suite Blues*, sidebar).

The city may phase in its new rules on secondary suites in homes, with newer suburbs the first to benefit.

If you as a tenant, landlord, or homeowner have comments about Zoning Bylaw amendments regarding secondary suites, check out www.edmonton.ca/secondariesuites for background information and an on-line survey.

Basement Suite Blues

The City notes that the majority of existing secondary suites are illegal for one or more of the following reasons: the suite is not allowed under current zoning; the suite does not meet the requirements of the Alberta Building Code or Fire Code; or the suite does not have a valid development permit and/or building permit.

Changes to the Zoning Bylaw will not automatically make existing suites legal.

A homeowner must apply to the City to ensure that their proposal for a suite, existing or new, conforms to the Zoning Bylaw and the Alberta Building Code. Zoning Bylaw changes will not address Building or Fire Code issues. New Building Code standards were adopted by the Province in December 2006, while changes to Fire Code standards are not expected to be implemented until December 2008.

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



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11304-78 Ave.

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9 a.m. to noon daily

\$25 per child, \$10 for each
additional child in family

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