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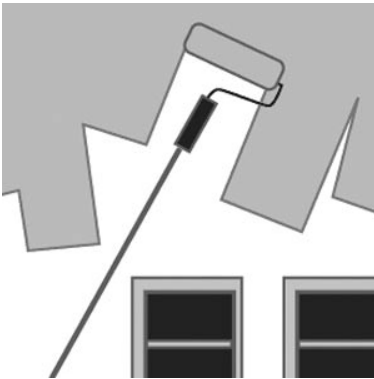
## Annual General Meeting

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

First League meeting  
of the season.  
All welcome!

## Hall Painting Bee

moved to a new  
date:



June 28  
starting at 9 a.m.  
Come and lend a  
hand! Lunch will be  
served.

Drop cloths/shirts are also  
needed so send yours along  
even if you can't paint!

Contact Hilary Gray at  
434-0480,  
housing@  
mckernancommunity.org



## A-plantin' at the Pocket Park



A hardy tribe of volunteers was out June 7 to put some colour into the 113 Street Pocket Park. Volunteers planted annuals, cleaned and cultivated, pruned and watered to get the park in shape for summer. Longtime garden supporter Marilyn Logan adds her contribution here.

## McKernan Barbecue and Fundraising Event!

4th Annual



in cooperation with McKernan Baptist Church

Saturday, July 19

McKernan Park (76 Ave. and 111 St.)

Join us for games plus prizes, music, and lots of fun!  
Silent auction! Barbecue!

*Come have some fun and meet your neighbours*

We are fundraising for facility improvements.

For more information or to volunteer, please  
email [president@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:president@mckernancommunity.org) or phone 433-4277

## REMINDER

Please fill in your hall survey, found in last month's Messenger.  
Lost your copy? Download it from the web site ([www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org)) OR call Hilary Gray at 434-0450  
**DEADLINE IS JUNE 30. Get your survey in today!**

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### McKernan Community Hall

Our community hall at 11341-78 Avenue is available for rental hourly or daily. Call Jody Pantel at 433-9622 for booking information. Discounts are available for community league members.

### McKernan Messenger

The McKernan Messenger is published ten times per year. 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](http://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.



## Community briefs

### Free fun at the Park

The FREE Summer playground program runs July 2 to August 14 at McKernan Park, 76 Ave. and 112 St. Park leaders will be organizing games, activities and crafts for children ages 6 to 12. Hours are Mon to Thurs: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fri 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The wading pool will also be open Mon to Thurs: 2 to 5:30 p.m., Fri: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Younger children are welcome but must be supervised.

### Kids Camp 2008

McKernan Christian Church presents a camp for kids aged 4 to 12. "A Whole Lot of Something Out of Nothing!" runs July 28 to August 1 from 9 am to 12 noon daily at 11304 78 Ave. For more information, call Meghan at 780 436 4089 or visit [www.mckernanchurch.ca](http://www.mckernanchurch.ca).

### Big Bins for big junk

Cleaned out your garage lately? If you have large household items that can't be set out for regular garbage collection e.g. old couches, mattresses, broken lawn furniture, large and small electronics computers, large/small appliances dishwashers, toasters and yard waste, bring it to the next southside Big Bin event on August 23 and 24 at the Blue Quill Yard 11304 25 Ave. Old clothing and household hazardous waste are NOT accepted. See [www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup](http://www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup) for more details.

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# Development Applications

(May 1 to June 5, 2008)

This month's list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan last month. Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton mapping website: [maps.edmonton.ca](http://maps.edmonton.ca) > Development Applications. Choose 'List of Development Applications' by 'Neighborhood: McKernan'. For further information, or if you are concerned about a development, contact Hilary Gray, 434 0480; [housing@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:housing@mckernancommunity.org).

Address	Permit(s) for:
10961 - 75 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with hot tub, basement development and fireplace.
10961 - 75 Ave.	To construct an Accessory Building (detached garage)
11333-University Ave.	To construct an Accessory Building (detached garage 7.31m x 7.92m)
11229 - 78 Ave.	To operate a Major Home Based Business (Piano Instruction)
7615 - 111 St.	To construct a detached garage and develop a garage suite.

## Development notes

A house on 111 St. and 77th Ave. has been granted a "grandfathered" permit to allow garage access across a boulevard to a new garage. The access is allowed for a single entrance only; no permit to widen the access has been granted.



## Ladies, are you in need of relaxation?

Give yourself a well deserved hour of nurturing and relaxation.

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I look forward to meeting you!

Mady Mooney, R.M.T.

Call 242-6065 (Edmonton) or e-mail [mamooney@telusplanet.net](mailto:mamooney@telusplanet.net) for your appointment.

## League notes: June

### 76 Avenue intersection changes welcomed

The community league will be sending a letter to the Transportation Department to thank them for revising the 76 Avenue and 109 Street intersection. The new (old) configuration is safer and better for residents and other users.

### Shedding light on our sign

A motion was passed to look into providing lighting for the community sign. The city will have to give us approval. The lighting will cost approximately \$2000. Using solar power was discussed but the payback time is too long. To reduce costs, we will be installing the lighting ourselves: a work bee may be necessary.

### Non-resident parking

Non-resident parking restrictions may be applied in the southern part of McKernan (between 72 and 76 Ave. especially west of 112 St.). Under the restrictions, residents would be given free parking permits while other parking would be limited, during weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., to 2 hours. Before restrictions are applied, two-thirds of residents must agree. Parking pressures from the University and the hospital are expected to continue to increase.

### Infill guidelines drafted

The City's Smart Choices development planning process is looking at residential infill projects in mature neighborhoods. Draft guidelines are available on the city website at [www.edmonton.ca/smartchoices](http://www.edmonton.ca/smartchoices). This draft will be going to council in September for approval.

### Properties in disarray

Municipal Enforcement Officers enforce "community standards" bylaws to deal with such issues as noise complaints, recreational vehicle parking, sidewalk snow removal, correct sign placement, nuisance properties, garbage storage, minimum maintenance of buildings, boulevard concerns, noxious and restricted weeds and many more. If you have a concern, go to [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) > Bylaws > Online Bylaw Complaint Service or call 496-3100.



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# Transportation news

Our stakeholders advisory committee held its last meeting on May 1 to discuss the results from the public meetings that were held in April on the issue of West LRT. The recurrent theme was how best to inform the public on this, and almost any other plan that affects citizens. We in McKernan, and the same is experienced in all other communities, face complaints that 'nobody told me' after any change, and regardless of our best effort at communicating. Only a small fraction of the population responds to proposed changes, and then often not until it is too late. How many of you bother to vote? All this to express my (our) frustration about informing the public and getting the public to react to City Council at an appropriate time.

Like last month's announcement of the LRT Open House at the School of the Deaf, the public hearing at City Council's Public Works and Transportation Committee (PWT) will have passed by the time you get this issue of the Messenger. I will have made a submission on behalf of McKernan.

Excerpts from Frank's submission to the PWT:

"I have become uncomfortable with the LRT system as it is being implemented in Edmonton. I am particularly uncomfortable to what has happened in my neighbourhood, along 114 Street. What once has been touted as a neighbourhood friendly light rail transit option has in fact become a freeway on rails designed to transport the maximum number of people at the highest possible speed. Yes, we residents of McKernan will soon have excellent access to the LRT, and we are looking forward to being able to use it, but the LRT right-of-way is a serious intrusion on a residential community and I am apprehensive about the precedent set in our community for future LRT routes elsewhere. I must admit that the overbuilt SLRT route along 114 Street is still preferable to the eight lanes of car traffic we would have faced otherwise."

Frank has some suggestions for transportation planning on the West LRT:

"First, work is being done now to lay the tracks on the north side of University Ave for the SLRT extension. Put in the switches NOW for the WLRT line where it is likely to feed into the SLRT line south of Health Sciences Station.

## Are you a stay-at-home mom/dad looking for a playmate for your little ones) and some extra income?

We are looking for a McKernan area family to look after our two year old daughter from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday beginning in August/September. For more information please contact us at 445-9215 or juliet.em@gmail.com.

"Second, start taking a serious look at low floor, street level loading vehicles. They can't use the same platforms as our present cars, but can and should be used for feeder lines. Low floor trains are now the norm elsewhere in the world and, as long as the transfers are properly implemented, can make LRT to LRT transfers easier than transfers between bus and LRT. I understand that low floor trains are slightly more costly, but the cost of stations, and their visual impact, is significantly less.

"Third, as far as I can see, ETS will have a number of express buses running along parts of 87 Ave. Make sure the buses can use the LRT right of way. Low floor trains have the advantage that they can make the stations accessible to both buses and trains.

*F. Weichman*

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## Events in the community

**Church/Community Picnic**, McKernan Christian Church, June 22 starting at 12 noon in Gowan Park 78 Ave. and 113 St. All welcome!

**Jeff Allen Gallery**: Strathcona Place Senior Centre 10831 University Ave. Mon. to Fri. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. **Expressions in Colour** is a very diversified exhibit by two new artists who use primitive to sophisticated techniques and bright colours to express their love of art. Elsa Robinson uses a sharp, distinctly bold approach favouring mostly abstracts and portraits. Natalie Wilson Natasha to her friends prefers close to home and hearth style for her still-life, flora and landscapes with her Indoor/Outdoor approach. Runs July 2 to 31. Exhibit reception July 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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