

September  
2008



**League Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 7  
at 7 p.m at the hall.

*Welcome  
new residents*

A warm welcome to anyone who has recently moved to our community, be you students, new homeowners, or new arrivals to Edmonton. We hope you find our community pleasant, healthy and vibrant, and that you will want to make a positive contribution yourself.

### **Get fit, save money: join the league!**

Besides the community benefits of league membership (programs, socials, newsletters, and more), there is a fitness benefit as well. You can save 20% on annual passes or 15% on multi admission passes at any City of Edmonton Leisure, Sports and Fitness facility. That can mean savings of hundreds of dollars a year!

Buy your 2008-2009 Community League Membership today:

- use the form on the back page of this issue
- print out a form at the website, [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org)
- pick up a form at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Ave.

### **Canvassers needed**

Some league volunteers will be canvassing the community in the next weeks. If you would like to help in the membership drive, contact Peter Gray at 780-434-0480.

### **Pocket Park Clean-up**

Saturday, October 18th  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

112 St. and University Ave.

see page 3 for details



# THE McKernan Messenger

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## Community plays in the park

The annual McKernan summer BBQ was another successful event, with burgers, tug of war, live music, and fun for all.



**More community  
activity photos are  
on page 2.**

## President's Message

Hope you all had a great Summer! Fall is now upon us and with the beautiful colours of the leaves it is time to start planning for winter. This is the time to make sure your car tires and furnaces are prepared.

Thanks to those who donated towards our Summer Barbecue held at the McKernan Park on 76 Avenue and 112 Street. We re looking for additional volunteers for this event as it is normally held in July or August. We also encourage the businesses within our community to participate. Special thanks to the following donors: Constable Stevens, Firefighters of Station 3, TD Canada Trust, Hulbert's, Belgravia Book Store and Treasures, Bunches at Parkallen Place, Campus Pizza, CBC, Capital Packers, City of Edmonton: CRC Representative Kate Russell, Coles Books, Edmonton Book Store, Fiore Cantina Italiana, Garneau Safeway, MLA Kevin Taft, Lord Shoes, Running Room, Shoppers Drug Mart Garneau, Ta Amici Café Coffee Shop, Talbots, The Artworks, XL Barber Shop. Also an extra thank you to Donna at Kevin Taft's office for her special help.

McKernan Community League continues to fundraise in order to improved our facilities. If you wish to donate towards an updated facility, please do not hesitate to contact us. Any amount of funds will be appreciated.

Special thanks to Hilary Gray and team who is working on the Housing and Hall Committees. Their dedication is greatly appreciated. Welcome back Roberta Franchuk from sabbatical. She also had been very dedicated in working on our newsletter "the Messenger". Thanks Roberta.

We had our Annual General Meeting in September and there are new changes to the Board Members. A list will be sent out on the website. We are once again looking for volunteers for various activities and those who can come to our meetings to give suggestions/input on what is happening in our community.

I would also like to welcome anyone that recently moved into McKernan including students and their families. We hope that you will enjoy the neighbourhood as much as we do as it has lots to offer. We are currently doing a Membership Drive so if you see information in your mailbox, please take the time to read up on our Community League and give me a call. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Your President who is dedicated to making McKernan the best of the best.

*Ann Marie Thivierge*



A painting bee took place at the community hall June 28, with 8 community members (plus local MLA Kevin Taft, above) doing the prep work while a professional painter did the finishing.

## Hall Development News

Community surveys to assess support for the hall renovations came in through the summer and will be used by the Hall Redevelopment Committee in its proposal to the city for support and permissions, which should be complete by the end of September.

In the next phase of the project, local sustainable architects will be asked to present a phased proposal to complete the project over a 6 to 10 year time frame.

An infrastructure assessment was completed of the existing hall by A.D. Williams Engineering in July. The report showed basically a sound structure which is suitable for renovation and extension, although some upgrades were listed at various levels of urgency. The league agreed to set aside 10,000 from its regular account to deal with the highest urgency needs: new humidifiers, new bathroom air exhaust, and new electrical panel. A repair to the front entrance has already been carried out by Wayne Rogers and Bill Brenner at a lower than budgeted cost. The medium and low urgency repairs will be incorporated into the hall upgrade.



## Church spruces up Gowan Park

Members of McKernan Christian Church spent Sept. 6 sprucing up Gowan Park near the league hall. Pastor Ed Stover (also the community historian), said the cleanup was "both because we are part of the community, but also to show how much we appreciate this community and its members." After picking up litter, pruning shrubs and raking the playground, helpers were treated to a BBQ. Thanks to all who participated!

## Welcome students!

It is a beautiful and exciting time to be on the campus of the University of Alberta and likewise it is an exciting and beautiful time to live in McKernan Community League.

When the leaves changed last year I saw my community very differently. I didn't know very much about the Community League, except what I gleaned through reading the McKernan Messenger. This year, after serving as the Secretary for the 2007/2008, I have the honor of saying... that I still don't know much about what is going on. However, I have a much better appreciation of how little I know about what is needed to make this community work.

Mainly, I had no idea that there were so many great opportunities to be involved in community league! I also didn't know how interesting, engaging and important the community league is. For example, the community league is involved in housing development and the extension of the LRT, two exciting and controversial issues in our city. If you are interested in expanding public transition, public spaces, politics, and community I really encourage you to give some of your valuable time to your community league. It is a space in which everyone can make a difference, especially you.

I am in awe of the hard work of those who keep this community running while we write papers, attend class and, perhaps once in a while, grab a well-deserved Guinness. Meetings are monthly and really don't take much time out of your schedule, if you are interested in improving your community I cannot imagine a better, or less appreciated place to start than the McKernan Community League.

I hope you have a terrific term.

*Leab Trueblood*

## Community Contacts

For a complete listing of volunteer community contacts, see our website at [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org)

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City of Edmonton:		
CITY COUNCILLORS	Bryan Anderson	780-496-8130
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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 780 433 9622 for booking information. Discounts are available for community league members.

## McKernan Messenger

The McKernan Messenger is published ten times per year. Deadlines are: 1st of the month for advertising, 7th of the month for content and letters. Contact Roberta Franchuk at 780 431 4924 or [newsletter@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:newsletter@mckernancommunity.org).

## www.mckernancommunity.org

The website is managed by Camille Cunningham, 428 4323, [webmaster@mckernancommunity.org](mailto: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.

# On the Development front: salons and garages

The Housing Development Committee received notice this summer that the hair salon at 10903 77 Ave. is applying to be rezoned to a DC2 from its current RF3 designation. Numerous neighbors have

expressed strong opposition to this rezoning, based on a history of mistrust between the property developer and the community. The Planning Department and City Councillors are aware of the community opposition to

this change. Residents will be kept up to date on the status of this proposal.

Two applications for garage developments were turned down by the Planning Department for not meeting criteria: an application for a garage suite at 11333 University Ave., and an application at 10916 75 Ave to leave the non compliant garage as built.

## Applications (June 1 to September 12)

This month's list covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan this summer. 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 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 - 73 Ave.	To construct an uncovered deck (3.57m x 2.52m at .98m in height), existing without permits.
10964 - 74 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (administration office for I Heart Painting).
10960 - 75 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 6.7m x 6.7m)
10969 - 75 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with a rear uncovered deck (2.44m x 3.66m) and to demolish a single detached house and detached garage. To construct an accessory building (detached garage 7.32m x 7.92m)
10957 - 75 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house (9.17m x 7.94m) building and an accessory building (detached garage 6.69m x 7.31m). To construct a single detached house with a deck and fireplace and detached garage. To construct an accessory building (detached garage 26 x 24)
11339 - 75 Ave.	To demolish existing single detached house and detached garage and to build a new semi-detached house.
10922 - 76 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (administration office for general contractor in ceramic tile).
11426 - 76 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (publication editing)
7603 - 112 St.	To operate a minor home based business (administration office for a concrete company).
11147 - 77 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 6.71m x 6.71m) and to demolish existing accessory building detached garage.
11159 - 78 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a single detached house.
11340 - 79 Ave.	To construct a semi-detached house and to demolish an existing single detached house & attached garage.
11531 - 80 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 7.31m x 7.31m) and to demolish existing garage.
11541 University Ave.	To demolish a (garage 3.77m x 6.18m ) building. To construct a two storey accessory building (shed/workshop, 5.48m x 6.70m with a 1.06m x 1.06m landing from the 2nd floor) with solar panels.

## About the Pocket Park

The community Pocket Park is located on the corner of 112th Street and University Avenue. The park contains a flower garden, and is maintained weekly by community volunteers throughout the summer, with a spring plant-in and a fall clean-up. This year the clean-up will take place on Saturday, October 18th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can just turn up that morning and put yourself to an hour's work taking out annuals, shifting some dirt, trimming perennials, and other things that need to be done to prepare the garden for winter. Anyone who walks by the park, or lives in the community, is welcome to join us--in fact, MORE THAN welcome. It provides an opportunity to mingle with your neighbours and get to know others in the Garneau-McKernan community, as well as make our community a better place to live! Anyone who wants to be involved in the garden maintenance next year, please contact Rob Wilson, 780-988-0612 or [rwilson.robert@gmail.com](mailto:rwilson.robert@gmail.com).



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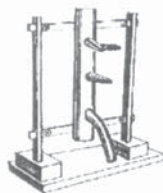
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (please circle):

Family -- \$30

Single Parent Family -- \$20

Single (with skate tag) -- \$15

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

## League Digest: September

### New faces

The September league meeting also served as McKernan's AGM. While the executive members elected in 2007 complete their two year terms next year, a new secretary, Rashmi Mandhane, and a new treasurer, Wiggert Hessels, were confirmed. Members in attendance at the September meeting gave special thanks to Leah Trueblood and Bob Gansel for their work as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

### Get those trains rolling

Transportation watchdog Frank Weichman noted that the city is projecting a start date of April 2009 to get the LRT extension running to McKernan. Since the track and trains will be ready before then, anyone who would like to see the station functioning sooner is encouraged to contact our elected officials (see contacts, page 2).

### Crime on 76 Ave.

There have been reports of criminal activity in the commercial area on 76 Ave. at 112 St. We encourage anyone who witnesses such activity to contact the police immediately.

### 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 McKernan Community League sign! Facing busy 114 St., the sign provides community information and other messages and needs regular updating. Contact Hilary Gray at 780 434 0480.

### Graffiti removal reminder

The city's new Community Standards Bylaw 14600 requires the prompt removal of graffiti on public and private property. If a property owner discovers graffiti on their property they should contact Police at 780 423-4567. To report graffiti on public or private property not your own, call 780 496 8200.



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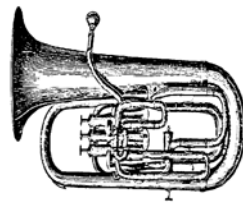
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### Brass Instrument Lessons



Do you play (or would you like to play) a brass instrument? Do you wish to renew those rusty skills?

Lessons are offered in the McKernan area on euphonium/ baritone, tuba and elementary trumpet. I am a full time professional musician and an experienced teacher. Please ring Scott at 437-2724.

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