

September
2009

**Next League
Meeting**

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
at 7 p.m at the hall.

LOST?

Not anymore!

The McKernan Community League, with the City of Edmonton, is hosting a

**GPS Geocaching
Program**

Sat. Sept. 26, 2 to 4 p.m.
Kinsmen Park

This FUN introduction to navigation skills is open to people ages 7 to adult. The program is open to residents of ALL communities.

Explore the River Valley with a friend, your children or on your own!

Call 311 to register or
ereg.edmonton.ca
Course code: 338471

Cost: \$25. Equipment will be provided or bring your own.

McKernan Community League

Casino

October 30 and 31
Casino Edmonton (Argyll)

Volunteers still needed,
especially count room and
chip runners; call Hilary Gray
at 434-0480.

Funds go to a bigger and better hall.



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**Prize-winning sand
castle comes from
McKernan**

The summer park program at McKernan Park produced not only a whole bunch of happy, tired and sandy kids this summer, it snagged the top prize in the district sandcastle building contest. For more info about the summer park program plus news on the splash park, see League Notes on page 3.

League business gears up in September

The September league meeting also served as McKernan's AGM. A solid turnout of regulars ensured that quorum was reached and important decisions could be made.

New executive

Most important of all business was executive elections. Wayne Rogers was unopposed in his bid to move from the post of vice president to president and was welcomed into his new post. Wayne served as president in 1994/1995 and has been active with the league for many years, most recently representing McKernan at the Central Area Council of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

Unfortunately, although a number of nominations were made for vice president, no one was willing to take on the position. The VP post is usually a training ground for the presidency and is very important for running the league effectively. We fervently hope that new volunteers will continue to become involved in the league, and that the post will not remain unfilled.

Most other non-elected positions are filled although a few openings are still available for eager volunteers, include membership coordinator and rink maintenance. See page 3 for details.

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5th Annual

McKernan Barbecue

Saturday, Sept. 19

McKernan Park (75 Ave. and 112 St.)

2 to 6 p.m.



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

Come have some fun and meet your neighbours

We are fundraising for facility improvements.

Development news

Committee activity

Although summer was a busy construction season, it seems like most developments have been within the specified parameters, as only a few minor issues have come to the attention of the housing development committee. One major exception remains the property at 113 St. and 78 Ave., which required significant community attention to prevent the developer from constructing a building that did not at all meet community standards.

In May, a stop-work order was issued at the site by the city because work was proceeding without a permit. The giant hole left when the basement had been excavated and footings poured was deemed a hazard, so the developer was forced to fence the area. In June, the developer applied to build a two-unit dwelling, attached side-to-back, which the city designated a Stacked Row House under its guidelines. However, since the proposed unit was too large for the lot, the permit was refused. The developer appealed the refusal before the city's Development Appeal Board. Several members from McKernan Community League attended the long meeting and spoke in support of the city's position, citing the numerous irregularities in the consultation process as well as the nonconforming size of the house. The board upheld the planning department decision, and the developer was told to revise the plans and do proper consultation with the community. Although one meeting was held with the League's housing development committee, no further plans have been brought forward. The giant hole in the ground remains.

The importance of neighbors: a reminder

Developers are required to consult with the community and neighbors regarding any proposal that requires a variance, i.e. a relaxation of the city rules on size, height, etc. If you are approached about a development in your immediate vicinity, and you do not understand the changes that are being requested, you do not have to agree to the development right then. Please contact Hilary Gray, chair of the housing development committee, to get more information. Make sure you make an informed decision; it is not unknown for developers to misrepresent their projects to get neighborhood support. Once a permit has been issued, it is too late for neighbors to complain about variances that were granted.

Fresh Start school

A permit has been requested for renovations to the former McKernan Market to allow Edmonton Catholic Schools' Fresh Start program to move in. The League hopes to meet with school officials soon to learn more about the plans. The development is allowed under the current zoning.

Development Applications (June 1 to Sept. 1)

This 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 mapping website maps.edmonton.ca > Development Applications. For further information, or if you are concerned about a development, contact Hilary Gray, 434-0480; housing@mckernancommunity.org.

Address	Permit(s) for:
10905 - 73 Ave.	To operate a major home based business (hair salon)
11328 - 73 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 7.31m x 6.71m)
11323 - 75 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (property management)
11341 - 75 Ave. 11339 - 75 Ave.	To construct an uncovered deck, existing without permits.
7603 - 110 St.	To construct a front uncovered deck/landing, existing without permits
11222 - 76 Ave.	To construct exterior and interior alterations to an existing commercial school.
11335 - 76 Ave.	To construct a basement development.
11107 - 77 Ave.	To construct a front (open trellis 1.83m x 5.49m) deck
11219 - 77 Ave.	To demolish existing single detached house and garage and construct a single detached house with uncovered rear deck, front veranda and fireplace. To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
11107 - 78 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (4.8m x 6.6m detached garage) and to demolish an accessory building (3.69m x 6.74m detached garage)
11523 - 78 Ave.	To construct an addition to a single detached house (sunroom 3.78mx5.14m).
11412 - 79 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with a veranda, basement development and to demolish an existing single detached house.
11548 - 78 Ave	Roadway closure adjacent to parcel. Application Date: 20July 2009

Community Contacts

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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 students only \$5. A bargain! See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org, or purchase at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Avenue.

MEMBERSHIPS -- needed --

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.

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DISTRIBUTION	John and Molly Crabb	780-435-2597

www.mckernancommunity.org

WEBSITE MANAGER	Camille Cunningham	780-428-4323 webmaster@mckernancommunity.org
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McKernan Community Hall

Our community hall at 11341-78 Avenue is available for rental hourly or daily. Discounts are available for community league members. See info at www.mckernancommunity.org.

HALL RENTAL	Ray Pollard	hallrental@mckernancommunity.org
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Enthusiastic people needed

Keep your community strong and healthy, and help McKernan continue to be one of the best neighborhoods in the city: become involved with your community league!

The McKernan Community League is looking for people to help with a few key positions. Contact Wayne Rogers at 916-6275 for more details about any of these opportunities.

Membership coordinator

The membership coordinator manages the sales of league memberships. Good organizational skills needed but the time commitment is not large.

Backup hall rental coordinator

Responsible person required to assist with rentals of McKernan Hall and serve as backup for regular rental coordinator. Must be able to handle bookings, keep track of keys, oversee hall usage and keep records. Living close to the hall (11341-78 Ave) would be an advantage.

Rink maintenance

A dedicated person or group needed to set up and maintain the skating rink (11341-78 Ave) from about October to February. A steady evening commitment is required. Without rink maintenance there will be no rink!

Vice President

If you already have experience with a community league or other volunteer board, you might have the skills for vice-president. Duties include assisting the president with league business and chairing meetings as required.

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Hall redevelopment

The redevelopment of the community hall is entering an exciting phase. Architects Tang and de Ridder have been retained and are working on the building plans. Meetings with the hall redevelopment committee have been very positive, with lots of exciting ideas presented for a beautiful and functional building renovation/addition. A community meeting will be scheduled for later this fall to unveil the final plans and to introduce residents to the concepts behind the project. The committee has applied for a number of grants to fund the project; as well, the next casino is slated for October 30 and 31 and should bring in another sizeable amount.

Spray deck

Spray park committee members visited all the spray parks in the city this summer, taking photos and documenting the features of each. A survey was also distributed through the summer park program and online. If you haven't filled out a survey yet and still wish to do so, check the website at www.mckernancommunity.org, where you can also view the photos from other parks. The committee will be meeting soon to finalize plans and look for funds.

Summer park program

The summer park program was again successful, with leaders Megan and Grace shepherding a group of kids through a summer of splashing, games and activities in McKernan Park. See page 1 for a photo of the group's prize winning sand castle. The leaders expressed some concerns about the condition of the wading pool and the playground equipment, and the lack of bathroom facilities on site. A complete playground redevelopment might be looming...

Neighborhood watch on crime

Edda Loomes reminded residents to join Neighborhood Watch and keep an eye out on crime activity. Application forms are at watch.edmonton.ab.ca. As well, neighborhood crime maps are on crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca.

Commercial area

With the closure of the market and the bookstore, and the incipient move of the TD Bank, the future of the commercial centre on 76 Ave. is up in the air. Although the space is unlikely to be rezoned to something different, the league still supports the idea of a commercial node offering neighborhood services.

League financial picture

The audited financial statements for 2008-2009, presented by Treasurer Wiggert Hessels, show an overall solid financial picture with income exceeding expenditures for the year. We have \$67,929 of casino money to start work on the hall redevelopment and \$32,981 in operating funds and savings. Hall rental continues to be a large source of income, but repairs and maintenance on the aging hall are a significant expense.

Neighborhood services

Need an electrician? Call Rob - Master Electrician at 780-433-3837. For all your electrical needs

WANTED: Responsible student to supervise 2 children (9 & 10) after school in Parkallen, 345-5PM. \$10/hr. Refs reqd. Call 780.438.8207 eves.

Green Circle preschool in Parkallen has openings for the Tuesday/Thursday class for 3-5 year olds; greencirclepreschool.com or Dyane at 780-436-5408.

Advertise your neighborhood services for free! Maximum 140 characters. Send to newsletter@mckernancommunity.org or drop in the mailbox at McKernan Hall (11341-78 Ave.) Space is limited and ads are accepted at the discretion of the editor.

McKernan Community League Membership 2009/2010

Member Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Children: _____

Type of Membership (please circle):

Family -- \$30

Single Parent Family -- \$20

Single -- \$15

Senior or U of A Student -- \$5

Amount Enclosed: _____

of Skate Tags required: _____ League Donation: _____

Willing to volunteer? Yes No In what capacity? _____

Comments: _____

Clip and deliver/ mail to: McKernan Membership Committee
11341-78 Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 0N1

Thank you for your continuing support.



Community briefs

Get fit, save \$\$, join the league!

Don't wait until skating/hockey/soccer season! Buy your membership in the McKernan Community League for 2009-2010 early and get the benefits right away, including saving 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! Membership forms are available in this issue; at the website, www.mckernancommunity.org; at the Maurice Pharmacy (76 Ave.); or at the BBQ event (see page 1) Sept. 19. Door-to-door canvassers will also be out this month.

Synch those strokes at Scona

The Orca synchronized swimming club (www.orcasynchro.org) is a recreational club for children (5 to 21 years) located at Scona Pool. Programs run once or twice a week, plus optional cross training program. Lane and family swim options plus a synchro program for moms put the whole family in the pool.

Housing options for seniors

Seniors need safe housing options. Whether you're planning appropriate housing for yourself, family members or significant others, you can learn about the range of housing options and community resources available for older adults at the FREE Seniors' Housing Forum at the Central Lions Senior Centre, (11113-113 St.) Sept. 26. Lunch will be provided. Register at 780 423 5510 or e-mail khanula@mysage.ca. View the schedule at seniorshousingforum.blogspot.com.

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. For schedule and information, contact Jazz Moves Dance School at 436-1590 or vandot2@telus.net, or see www.geocities.com/jazz_moves.

Girl Guide registration

Join the fun with Girl Guides. Registration is Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Parkallen Hall (6510 - 111 Street) Group are Sparks (5-6), Brownies (7-8), Guides (9-11), Pathfinders (12-14), Rangers (15-18) and Leaders (18+). Contact Tonya at 780 435 5068 or rainbowvalleyguides@hotmail.com

McKernan Christian Church

A caring church that is "Reaching Out" to Serve Those in Need

11304-78 Ave NW
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780-436-4089

pastor@mckernanchurch.ca
www.mckernanchurch.ca



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