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# THE McKernan Messenger

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## League Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2010  
at 7 p.m at the hall.

All welcome!



## Life on Ice

The community rink is hopping this winter. (Clockwise from top:) Shinny hockey players take to the ice in the evenings; weekend players lend a hand with ice scraping; preschool skaters learn the important skill of getting up again; Andrew Christenson and Peter Gray give the rink its nightly flooding.



## Belmac child/youth outdoor soccer registration

Sat. March 6 at  
McKernan Hall

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sun. March 7 at  
Belgravia Hall

noon to 3:30 p.m.

Remember your league  
membership!

See p. 2 for how to get one.

## McKernan Winterfest 2010!

Saturday, February 13

1 to 5 p.m. at the rink.



Skating! Refreshments! Fun for all ages!  
Come out and meet your neighbors

La tirz sur la neige (Snow taffy)  
Hot drinks and warm conversation  
Bannock making and marshmallow roasting  
Supervised kids' activities



## Kids and Youth Programs

Programs are run by the City of Edmonton with the support of the McKernan Community League. Some programs are also sponsored by neighboring league partners.

If you have an idea for a program for kids or adults, contact Rashmi Mandhane at secretary@mckernancommunity.org or Jocelyn Shulhan at socialevents@mckernancommunity.org.

### Learn to Skate: Still room!

Programs will be 8 weeks, from Tuesday January 5 until Tuesday February 23, weather permitting. CSA approved skating helmets are required!

#### Learn to Skate Ages 4 to 6

Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting Jan. 5  
McKernan rink 11341 78 Ave.  
E Reg course code: 349283  
Cost: 30

#### Learn to Skate Ages 6 to 12

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Jan. 5  
McKernan rink 11341 78 Ave.  
E Reg course code: 349224  
Cost: 40.

### Babysitting

Babysitting courses are for ages 11 to 16. These classes run during the Teacher's Convention break in February. Course codes and cost to be announced soon.

#### Babysitting in Belgravia

co hosted by Belgravia, Windsor Park and McKernan Community Leagues

Thursday Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Belgravia school 11605 74 Ave.

#### Babysitting in Pleasantview

co hosted by Pleasantview, Allendale and Empire Park Community Leagues

Friday, Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Pleasantview hall 10860 57 Ave.

### Geocaching

Using GPS to track and find caches. Ages 9 to adult co hosted by Belgravia, Parkallen and McKernan Community Leagues.

Saturday, May 29, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Cost: 10  
E Reg course code: 394324

## Registration

Register using [ereg.edmonton.ca](http://ereg.edmonton.ca); call the City of Edmonton at 311; or register at any city Leisure Centre.

Your community league membership buys you free skating on our rinks at 11341-78 Ave. You must have your League skate tags with you. For league membership information see this page.

The rink is also available to rent. Contact Peter Gray at 434-0480.

**Kids under 14: M-F: 3:30 to 6 p.m.**

**Learn to Skate: Tu: 3 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Public skating / Shinny: M, W, Th, F: 6 to 9 p.m.**

**Tu: 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Sa, Su: 1 to 9 p.m.**

**Broomball: Tu: 8 to 10 p.m.**

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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](http://www.mckernancommunity.org), or purchase at the Maurice Pharmacy on 76 Avenue.

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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](http://www.mckernancommunity.org).

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# League notes January

## Financial report

Treasurer Wiggert Hessels presented financial statements showing that our major revenue comes from the hall rental, while major expenses are the summer playground program, hall insurance and the Messenger. The Casino account holds 67,929 while our operating account, including GICs, is \$59,053, so our financial picture is reasonable. A full financial report will be presented at the AGM in the spring.

## Hall development project

Hilary Gray continues to navigate her the tortuous way through the bureaucracy of granting agencies. We may also be able to borrow money to be paid back through savings from the environmental efficiency features of the new building.

## Housing Committee

A quiet month for housing, although a neighbor of a property near 114 St. contacted the committee about a "minor home based business" that appears to be turning into an industrial property, possibly also with workers living in a trailer on site. Zoning and bylaws have taken notice and we hope to see action soon.

## Neighborhood services

Parkallen Green Circle Preschool has a few spots open. We are accepting 3-5 yr olds. For more information please call Dyane at 780-436-5408.

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

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.

## Yard Sale

The League is considering hosting a community yard sale. Possible dates might be late April for university year end or late August in conjunction with the annual community barbecue. Residents could rent a table for a minimal charge and sell their treasures. Like the idea? Have suggestions? Want to see businesses included as well? Want to help? Let us know so we can start planning. Contact any member of the executive.

## The fate of the TD Bank building

The building formerly occupied by the TD Bank is up for sale. The League and the City support having mixed residential and commercial use in this area, as neighborhood services are important to keep life and people in a community.

## Rink report

The rink is up and running! Learn to Skate lessons have started, with a few spots still remaining see page 2 for details. Peter Gray's rink crew has had to do an inordinate amount of snow shoveling due to problems with the snow blower, but they will be purchasing a new machine soon as the old one has long since passed its expected life span and has been living on borrowed time for some years now.

## McKernan Park to get a little spruce-up

Kate Russell from the City of Edmonton reported that McKernan Park has been included on the list of parks that will get a small upgrade this year. The upgrade will include:

- Replacing the wooden preschool climbing structure with a metal/composite one
- Replacing the large metal slide
- Lowering the big swings
- Installing a new tire swing, if space permits
- Adding sand

The league is still looking to a complete playground upgrade in the future, but this should keep the site going a while longer.

## Development Applications

(December 1 to January 4)

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 > 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:
10981 - 74 Ave.	To operate a Minor Home Based Business (admin office for Fence and Gutter Contractor)

## McKernan Christian Church

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Small business owners Haymour (XL Barbershop) and Kwok Leung (Campus Pizza)

## McKernan Profile

In the coming months, we will be profiling some of the businesses, people and organizations that help make our community such a great place to be. We start this month with two businesses that have been serving residents for decades: The XL Barbershop and Campus Pizza, tucked away on 112 St. at the side of the former TD Bank building.

XL Barbershop owner Haymour took over the business in 2002, after having worked for the previous owner. "I love the area and the community," he says. "The people are so friendly." The university brings a real variety of people to him for haircuts. "I meet people from countries, I've never even heard the name before." He is proud of the shop's place in the community, pointing proudly to the photos that adorn his mirrors, showing the community in the 1940s and the barbershop in the '60s.

Campus Pizza has been a fixture for at least 30 years, and owner Kwok Leung has been around for the last 12 of those. The hungry junior-high students whom he first served are now adults but remain loyal to his pizzas. "People are more like friends than customers," he says, "They're really nice."

Both Haymour and Kwok emphasize the, despite the uncertainty over the future of the building, they want to stay in the neighborhood. "Everyone has been really supportive," says Haymour.

Small businesses like this bring life to a neighborhood and McKernan is lucky to have them.

## Community briefs



### Lend a hand to get kids off the street

The iHuman youth organization is seeking volunteer for a casino, to be held May 9 and 10 at Century Casino, near Belvedere LRT station. iHuman is a non-profit, charitable organization that works with high-risk youth and to promote their re-integration into the community through a program involving crisis intervention, arts mentorship, and life skills development programs. If you can spare some time to do a casino shift, please contact Frank Weichman at 435-7811 or Weichman@phys.ualberta.ca

### Community Walking Maps

Walkable Edmonton, Active Edmonton, and Community Leagues are working together to create neighbourhood-based walking maps. McKernan residents may be interesting in the maps for Parkallen, created in 2008, and Strathcona Centre, showing some convenient routes for walking that include a variety of destinations and routes. (The Parkallen map includes south McKernan to 76 Ave.) You can download the maps at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) (search for Community Walking Maps), or call 311 to get a copy. If you are interested in participating in creating a map for McKernan, contact Roberta Franchuk at 431-4924.

### Library: Books to you

Need something to read but can't get to the library? The Edmonton Public Library's Home Service brings materials to you! Screened volunteers from the library will drop off books, CDs, movies or other resources to your house, and pick them up. Call 780-496-1888 to register or for more information. If you are able to get to a branch, try Bus route 327 from McKernan to Old Strathcona. It runs along 76 Ave., makes a loop up 109 St. and along 82 Ave, stopping at 82 ave. and 104 St., (only two blocks from the library) before returning home along 76 Ave. The route is a quick and convenient way to reach businesses and services in Old Strathcona. Or, if you are often on campus, drop in to the EPLGo branch in the Cameron Library.

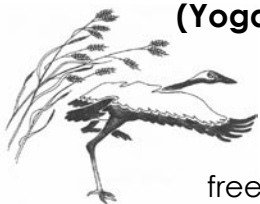
### Events in the Community

**Ice On Whyte Festival:** Old Strathcona Festival Park 104 St. and 85 Ave. Jan. 14 to 24, 2010. Family oriented outdoor festival features an ice carving competition, a beautiful ice castle, an exhilarating ice slide, a children's ice maze and much more. Live musical entertainment and hot beverages. Admission 2. Open weekdays 2 p.m. to 10 pm, weekends 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. [www.iceonwhyte.ca](http://www.iceonwhyte.ca)

**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. *Painter's Vision* showcases the work of the West 4 Art Group passionate painters who create an exceptional display of flowers, landscapes and portraits. Runs Feb. 2 to 24. Exhibit reception Feb. 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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