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THE McKernan Messenger

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6th Annual McKernan Barbecue plus



Garage Sale

Saturday, August 28
Gowan Park
(78 Ave. and 113 St.,
beside the
community hall)

Barbeque and party
starts at 12 noon

Garage Sale
starts at 10 a.m.
and includes a

Book Sale
(across the street at the
McKernan Christian Church)

See p.4 for details.

*Come have some
fun and meet your
neighbours*

Funds go to park and hall
improvements.

Hair salon zoning approved

Community input ignored by council

Despite the best efforts of the McKernan Community, in particular the Housing Development Committee, the rezoning of the Lawrence salon on 109 St. was approved by city council at a public hearing on June 7. The salon will be allowed to continue to operate under a set of conditions as approved in the DC2 zoning, including minimal landscape improvements and paved parking.

Despite the fact that the city's own planning department opposed the rezoning, and that community opinion was strongly against it, the majority of council accepted the owner's arguments that problems stemmed from ignorance and that the interests of the business were paramount over those of the neighbours. The effect of having an island of commercial development in the middle of the not-yet-finalized 109 St. redevelopment plan was also not deemed important by council, although no councillors actually spoke in favour of the motion.

Housing Development Committee chair Hilary Gray expressed disappointment with the result, saying, "It seems so wrong that something like this turns on the whim of a few people who do not live in the area and can be swayed with "no skin off their noses.""

The conditions of the zoning as outlined in the bylaw include:

- no expansion of the existing building
- exterior finish of stucco and stone
- vehicle access from the alley only
- paved parking for 5 vehicles
- boulevard restoration
- parking for 6 bicycles
- low ornamental fencing on the east side

Progress on these improvements will be monitored by the community over the course of the summer.

Results of the vote

Against rezoning (3): Councillors Iveson (Ward 5), Sloan and Henderson.

For rezoning (8): Councillors Anderson (Ward 5), Leibovici, Krushell, Caterina, Gibbons, Batty, Sohi and Thiele

Absent: Mayor Mandel, Councillor Hayter.

Minutes of the meeting will be available later this month at the city's website, http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/current-meetings-council-committees.aspx. The rezoning was done under Bylaw 15458, which is available in draft form.



Make McKernan Park a park for all: Survey

The McKernan Park Project Committee plans to work with the City's landscape architects to design a Concept Plan for the entire park. This will enable our community to add features to the park over the year which is guided by an overall vision. When you receive the survey please take a few moments to share your vision for McKernan Park with us. The park should be for all community members, so even if you aren't a kid (or don't have kids), please give us your feedback on what the park could be for you.

Our new spray deck is planned for spring 2011. We have contacted suppliers to provide us with designs. The McKernan Park Project committee is busy completing a CFEP provincial grant application to fund the spray deck features.

If you would like to make a contribution to the McKernan Park project, please contact Rashmi Mandhane at secretary@mckernancommunity.org. All cheques should be payable to: City of Edmonton. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a receipt eligible for an income tax credit. We will be able to leverage all donations by applying for additional funds from the province.

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**A new McKernan
Park survey –
please fill out!**

AGM highlights

The McKernan AGM was held June 2; the league has revised its fiscal year to run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, which lets us hold our AGM in the spring instead of the fall. Several new faces came out to enjoy the wine and cheese mixer and to witness elections for the two executive posts that were open this year. Rashmi Mandhane and Wiggert Hessels both graciously stood for new terms as secretary and treasurer respectively and were elected unanimously. Thanks to them for filling these critical roles, without which our league could not function.

As well, Wiggert presented the financial report for the year, which showed the league to be in a healthy fiscal position. Our expenses of \$10,782 were outweighed by our revenues of \$25,080, leaving us with a net income of \$14,297. Our assets include \$57,988 in operating funds and savings and another \$54,806 in casino proceeds that are earmarked for the hall redevelopment. This is certainly not enough money to allow us the complete our two urgent projects, the hall and the McKernan Park playground, so fundraising will be the focus of our work in the near future. Thanks to all who came out to the AGM. Remember, all McKernan residents are welcome at any league meeting.

Volunteers needed

Contact Wayne Rogers at 780-916-6275, president@mckernancommunity.org for more information.

Membership Drive

In September, McKernan's annual membership drive will begin. We will need some help with door-to-door canvassing and hope to have 10 to 20 volunteers to help. We'd hope each volunteer could canvass about 40 houses, or about 2 blocks. If you are interested in getting out and about, meeting your neighbours and helping your community league, please email memberships@mckernancommunity.org. We are planning the drive to coincide with the September 18th Community League Day.

Social Convenor

McKernan's social convenor has (inconsiderately) moved away! So we are looking for a social, active person to help organize one or two events per year.

Pocket Park Coordinator

Coordinate the green thumbs that make our Pocket Park glow in the summer!

Housing Development Committee

An extra set of eyes to review development proposals would be very useful!

Front Yards are in Bloom all over McKernan

...and we want to recognize the best. Our eager volunteer, JoAnne Simons, is out searching for the best yards in McKernan and nominating them for the Front Yards in Bloom awards. These awards are sponsored by the City, the Edmonton Horticultural Society and Canada Post.

If you know a great yard you'd like to see recognized, send JoAnne a note at jojo@jubeanz.com. You can also call the city directly at 311. The deadline for nominations is July 8 so don't wait!



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POCKET PARK	-- needed --		
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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.

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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.

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Community briefs

Church / Community Picnic

On Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 12 noon, the McKernan Christian Church is sponsoring a FREE BBQ at Gowan Park (78 Ave / 113 St, by the rink/hall and playground) – open to everyone! Come and enjoy a couple of hours in the park, with good food, and meet new friends or re-acquaint with 'old' friends! For further information, please contact Pastor Ed @ 780-436-4089.

Car Free Day

Come to the Downtown Farmer's Market area (102 ave. between 100 and 104 St.) on Saturday June 19 from noon to 4 p.m. for Park(ed) Car-Free Day to celebrate healthy, active and environmentally-friendly ways of getting around. YMCA activity Zone, downtown walking tours, Eco-mobility Library and cycling safety sessions are featured, along with the contest for best decorated parking stall.

Walk 4 Abilities

On Sunday, June 27 our community will host the Second Annual Walk 4 Abilities. Walkers will take to the streets of McKernan in support of the Alberta AdaptAbilities Association, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing a variety of programs for children with special needs. Registration commences at McKernan Community League Hall at noon and the walk begins at 1 p.m. A post-Walk BBQ will follow. Teams and individual walkers are welcome to participate. Register online at www.events.runningroom.com, or see www.adaptabilities.ca for more information.

Canada Day at the Pocket Park

We'll see you all on July 1st, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Pocket Park for a short Canada Day celebration.

Get your league memberships this summer!

Don't wait until skating/hockey/soccer season! Buy your membership in the McKernan Community League for 2010-2011 early and get the benefits right away, including savings on fitness passes at city-owned recreation centres like the Kinsmen. Memberships will be on sale at the summer BBQ event (see page 1).

Development Applications (May 5 to June 5)

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:
10965-74 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage 8.23m x 7.32m).
10969-75 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (7.3m x 7.3m detached garage)
11418-77 Ave.	To construct a secondary suite, existing without permits.
11330-78 Ave.	To construct a semi-detached house with front covered verandas (1.22m x 1.83m) and rear uncovered decks (1.22m x 2.44m), and to construct an accessory building (detached garage 6.40m x 9.14m).
11340-79 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (6.25m X 11.58m detached garage)

11162 - 82 Ave. (College Plaza)

780-761-3675 (Reservations accepted)

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A Master Suzuki Teacher, trained in Matsumoto Japan with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, Diana Nuttall invites you to learn if Suzuki Method lessons are for you and your child by visiting and watching lessons.

Community Garage Sale and BBQ August 28!

Special 2010 offer for members of the McKernan Community from the Northern River Karate School

One month of free classes (Yoga classes included!)



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in the Belgravia Community Hall

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for more information contact Ken at kenanjen@shaw.ca
or 780 707 3693 www.ThreeBattles.com



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The Messenger is back again in September. Have a wonderful, safe summer!

Community Garage Sale!

Things in your house that you don't need anymore? You might have a lot or just a few, but you can get rid of all of them at the McKernan Community Garage Sale, held August 28 in conjunction with our annual summer BBQ.

You can rent a table, set up your treasures yourself and sell all that stuff that's been cluttering up your house forever. Or, if you just have a few things, donate them to the league and we'll sell them for you!

Garage sale tables will be set up in the community hall (113 st and 78 Ave.). Set up time will be the evening of August 27 and the morning of August 28. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the

BBQ will begin at noon and will include games, fun and great grilled food.

Table rentals are \$30. All proceeds from rentals and donations go towards the Hall addition and renovation project.

Please call either Hilary 780-434-0480 or Roberta 780-431-4924 to book a table. Deadline for booking your table is August 21 and space is limited, so book soon.

While you're browsing at the Garage Sale, you can also wander across the street to the McKernan Christian Church's Book Sale at the same time! Stock up on great reading for the whole family.



July 12- 16, 2010
9:00am - noon

For more information visit
www.mckernanbaptist.ca

Or call 780-436-0611

Ages 3 to Grade 6

\$40 for a week of BIG fun!

McKernan Baptist Church

11103 76 Ave



Summer Park Playground Program

Children 6 to 12 years old can join the fabulous city leaders at McKernan Park every weekday from July 4 to August 26 for the free drop-in Green Shack summer program that features games, sports, crafts, music, drama, special events and fun. Children under 6 are welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

New this year: a Porta-Potty on site!

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday

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

(wading pool opens about one hour after program starts)

Sponsored by McKernan and Belgravia Community Leagues

Summer Program

Windsor Park After School Care

Lots of great theme weeks including: Survivor; School's Out 4 Summer; Rockstars & Movie Stars; Supreme Sports; Crazy for Cooking; Mad Scientists; Back to the Future; Aspiring Artists & Into the Wild

Field trips including lots of swimming, recording a CD, Street Performers, hot dog roasts & many more! Plus daily games and activities

\$150 week or \$525 month (subsidy available for families who qualify)

Contact Ruth at 780-439-1456 or at wpas@shaw.ca

GOING ON A SAFARI Camp

August 9-13, 9:00 a.m.-noon
Cost: \$25/child or \$35/family
Ages 3-10



Call Julie @ 780-709-6601 to register
www.mckernanchurch.ca/activities/events.html
McKernan Christian Church 11304-78 Ave

McKernan Profile

Children and youth with special needs have a home away from home on 75 Ave. with the McKernan AdaptAbilities program.

In 2006, the program moved from Allendale Jr. High to the basement of what was the home of executive director Michelle Hordal and her husband Shane. The home setting was so popular with the children and parents that the program was expanded to the full house after the Hordals moved out. Now five staff members work in shifts for the after-school program, which takes a maximum of 10 children. Evening respite care and teen night programs serve varying numbers as needed. The facility is licensed and accredited through the province. AdaptAbilities allows families to get a short break from the day-to-day work of caring for a child with special needs, explains Hordal. The children gain valuable life and social skills from the learning experiences and activities in the program.

AdaptAbilities raises funds and awareness through its annual family Walk 4 Abilities, held here in McKernan (June 27 this year) and open to the general public.

AdaptAbilities McKernan staff: Mahalia Coniah, program coordinator; Déri Levang, HR volunteer and program director; Michelle Hordal, executive director.

