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THE McKernan Messenger

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Next League Meeting

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

Expo site planning

The first part of the November meeting will feature a presentation plus Q&A with Expo 2017 community engagement staff. Come with your questions and comments!

Bylaw revisions

Also under discussion will be revisions to the league bylaws. See website for details.



Remember to VOTE

Edmonton municipal election
Public and separate school
trustee elections

October 18

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting station is McKernan
Baptist Church, 11103 - 76 Ave.

Did you know?

In the last (2007) municipal
election, Ward 5 had the
highest voter turnout in the
city at 32.69%

Pocket Park Clean-up

Saturday, October 23rd
10 a.m. to noon

112 St. and University Ave.

Council candidates hear from the community

Four of five candidates for Edmonton City Council were able to attend the October league meeting, where they heard some of the concerns of residents. Ben Henderson, Lori Jeffery-Heaney, Duane Good Striker and Helen Razga were also given a few minutes to outline their vision for Edmonton. Sheila McKay was unable to attend. Our thanks to the candidates for coming out.

Full house for public school trustees forum

The public school trustee candidates' forum held at the McKernan Hall on September 29 was attended by near full house of 80 people from communities across Ward F. The forum was organized by the McKernan and Queen Alexandra Community Leagues and McKernan School Council. All three candidates — Joanna Rozmus, Bev Sawyer and Michael Janz — participated and did a good job fielding some tough questions from the audience and organizers. Topics that were raised included the current school review process and potential closures, value of schools to community, trustee accountability, the board's relationship with municipal and provincial governments, and students with special needs. The event was well received by trustee candidates from other Wards who attended, who commented on the strong role communities are playing in the absence of Board-run forums during this election. The organizers would like to thank everybody who attended, including candidates. Residents and parents who were not able to attend are encouraged to view video interviews of the candidates on the Edmonton Public Schools website (2010 Trustee Election). See McKernan website for more important links.

Calling all skaters!

McKernan's skating rink is maintained by volunteers and used regularly by community members (especially young shinny players). We need 4 or 5 hearty types to commit to regular maintenance of the ice and property. FREE ice-making training is included, plus supervision by our experienced ice-maker Peter Gray.

Without enough volunteers, we will NOT have a rink this year.

Work on the rink has to start as soon as the ground freezes, which will likely be in the next month. If you are interested in having a rink facility and can commit to a few hours a week, please contact Peter at 434-0480.

Enthusiastic people needed

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

Many of these posts require only a small time commitment, and are a great way to meet your neighbors.

Unless otherwise noted, contact Wayne Rogers at 916-6275 for more details about any of these opportunities.

Rink Helper

It's not too early to think about skating! See information about the community rink, page 1.

Pocket Park

If you have an interest in gardening and a bit of organizational ability, you might be the right person to help coordinate the work and volunteers at the combined Garneau/McKernan Pocket Park at 112 St. and University Ave. Contact Rob Wilson at 780-988-0612 to get the details.

Social Convenor

We are looking for a social, active person to help organize one or two events per year.

Housing Development Committee

An extra set of eyes to review development proposals would be very useful! Minimal time commitment, but a good eye for plans would be helpful.

Your ideas here

Do you have something you'd like to see the league do? A suggestion for a program, activity or issue? Skill you'd like to contribute? Get in touch and let us know.

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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.

HALL RENTAL	Ray Pallard	780 438 0367	hallrental@mckernancommunity.org
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Hall Rental Costs

Time of rental	McKernan CL Members	Non-Members
Friday, Saturday and holiday evenings or other times with alcohol service:	\$200 / 6 hrs + \$30 per additional hr	\$240 / 6 hrs+ \$40 per additional hr
Weekend days, non-holiday evenings	\$30/hr	\$40/hr
Long-term renters with contract	\$25/hr	\$30/hr

Damage deposit and key deposit may also be required. Events where alcohol is served require event insurance through the renter.

Correction

The last issue of the Messenger should have thanked the good folks at St Paul's United (not Anglican!) Church for their assistance with the summer BBQ.

Apology

Due to an extended delivery mixup, some residents of McKernan received their September issue of the Messenger very late. The Messenger team apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused, and has taken steps to ensure this problem doesn't occur again.

Neighbourhood services

Babysitter Available! Experienced Uni. student looking to babysit in neighbourhood. Times negotiable. Can help with homework. Speak Eng, Ukr, and Fren. Call Susanna @780-271-2032.

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Community briefs

Scouting in the South

The 24 Parkallen Scout Group is still accepting registrations of boys and girls for their Beaver (ages 5-7), Cubs (ages 8-10) and Scouts (ages 11-14) programs. Our scout group has been offering an exciting program for the children of the Queen Alexandra, Allendale, Parkallen, Pleasantview, McKernan and Belgravia communities for over 25 years. Our programs meet every Wednesday at the Parkallen Elementary School gym starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information please contact Robert Leddy at 780-903-0878 or email robert-leddy@hotmail.com. Visit our group website at www.24parkallen.blogspot.com.

Free Public Skating

City of Edmonton arenas offer free drop-in public skating through December! Times for nearby rinks are:

Tipton (10849-81 Ave):
Mondays 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confederation (11204-43 Ave):
Saturdays 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Kinsmen Twin Arenas (1979-111 St.) (try the Century Park LRT):
Sundays 4:45-5:45 p.m.
Thursdays 12:15-1:15 p.m. (seniors only)
Thursdays 2-3 and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Development news

A proposal for the replacement of an existing front garage plus bonus room at 11254-73 Ave. was turned down by city planning, but owners are appealing to the Subdivision Development Appeal Board. Because the proposed variance is minor and neighbours have been diligently consulted and are in favour, the Housing Development Committee has supported the owners' appeal. A decision has not yet been made by the board.

City planners are also investigating an illegal concrete pad that has been installed at 11458-79 Ave. and encroaches on city property. Neighbours are concerned that the pad is designed to provide paid parking. The committee is following the investigation.

Development Applications (Sept. 1 - Oct. 5)

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:
7235-112 St.	To construct an uncovered deck (3.96m x 4.87m) @ 0.86m in height.
10928-75 Ave.	To construct a secondary suite, existing without permit.
11158-77 Ave.	To demolish a building (detached garage).
11422-77 Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck (4.87m X 5.56m), existing without permits.
11259-78 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (6.10m X 10.97m) detached garage.
11103 University Ave.	To construct an accessory building (shed 10' x 12').
11109 University Ave.	To demolish a (single detached house and garage).
11225 University Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (administration office for a real estate consultant). To operate a minor home based business (administration office for a renovation business).

Events in the Community

Books and Baking Bonanza (and more!): St. George's Anglican Church (11733 87 Ave.) Sat. Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come for soup, buns and pie plus lots of great items.

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. *My Love of Landscape* shows the seasoned artist and instructor Jean Roth's expert use of brush strokes and colour. Runs to Oct. 29. *Artists Planting Seeds of Hope* features landscapes, flora and still life using mixed media and print making by students of the Mustard Seed Program. Expressing a range from simple to complicated, the general use of bold colour, intense emotion and love of art are the making of a very interesting exhibit. Runs Nov. 3 to 26; opening reception Nov. 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Swim, Drink & Fish Public Information Session, Nov. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. (Aurora Room, Lister Conference Centre, 87 Ave. and 116 St.) Dr. Michael G. Sullivan will deliver a highly visual, practical and interactive presentation and discussion on the present and future of our ability to swim, drink and fish in the North Saskatchewan. As well, learn about the new organization, North Saskatchewan Riverkeeper, and meet director Glenn Isaac. Reception begins 7 p.m. RSVP glenn@saskriverkeeper.ca.

Crime report

Putting your empties to good use

South-central communities have noticed an increased number of people who rummage through bottles and recycling bags looking for bottles, cans and milk jugs to return. Bottle picking leads to increased litter, and some bottle pickers have exhibited threatening behaviour. For increased community safety and cleanliness, please consider donating your bottles to a local bottle drive, or to Empties to WINN to support the Winnifred Stewart Association, rather than leaving them out for bottle pickers.

The Empties to WINN will supply bags, a bag stand, and regularly scheduled pick-ups from your home, plus a \$16 tax receipt for every full bag of recyclables. The Winnifred Stewart Association's community and facility-based programs assist individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives and become integral members of their communities. See <http://www.recycleenterprises.com/> or call Empties to WINN at 780-413-8846.

Bottle drives are also held by the Boy Scouts, Belgravia School and other worthy causes.

Licence plate thefts

If you regularly park your vehicle outside your house, be aware that thefts of licence plates are also on the rise. To prevent your plate from being stolen (and/or replaced with a different licence plate) you can obtain security licence plate screws/bolts from the front counter at Old Strathcona Police Station (7903-104 St.) or from an authorized business (see <http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/> platescrews for a list). Anti-theft licence plate screws are designed to allow anyone to use a screwdriver to put the plates on with the screws, but require a specialized tool — only available to police and authorized partners — to remove the license plate screws.

Thefts from vehicles

Thefts from vehicles continue to be a problem. Remember to remove all valuables from your vehicle. A yellow "All Valuables Removed" placard can also be obtained from the Old Strathcona Police Station.



Laura Marrelli makes fresh coffee at Tra Amici Cafe.

McKernan Profile

If you're in the mood for a homemade gelato or a relaxing place to have a cup of coffee and read a book, settle in to one of the comfy chairs in Tra Amici café, in the heart of McKernan on 76 Ave. and 112 St.

The café moved into the neighbourhood about three years ago from its original location in Little Italy, says manager Laura Marrelli. The location has been good for attracting local customers, as well as people who spot it as they go by. "We get a lot of regular customers, we call each other by our first names," she says.

Regular customers (including a Vespa riders' club) come in for the relaxing atmosphere, to read or do computer work. The fresh panini, soup and sandwiches are an attraction, and pasta dishes will soon be on the menu as well, says Marrelli. And when summer returns, we can enjoy a gelato at the outdoor tables — what could be better?

McKernan Profile showcases some of the businesses, people and organizations that help make our community such a great place to be.



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McKernan playground gets a few new pieces

Planning for a big revamp continues

This past month the City of Edmonton replaced older park equipment through their Park Conservation Program.

The City covered the entire replacement cost (equipment and installation) for the senior slide, senior swings and the junior playstructure. These changes were to occur in the summer of 2009 but were deferred to this year due to budget constraints. Although the McKernan Park Committee was not involved in the selection of the equipment for the park, we are pleased the City is working to ensure the park is meeting safety regulations. The McKernan Park Survey conducted this summer indicated "Updated Park Equipment" as your #1 need for our park. The top 10 Park Features selected by you were:

1. updated playground equipment
2. drinking water fountain
3. climbing structures
4. skateboard features, washrooms (tie)
5. more picnic tables
6. shaded/covered areas
7. security lighting
8. open grassy area, more seating/benches, more waste containers (tie)
9. toddler area
10. sand play area

The McKernan Park Committee will be meeting with the City Landscape Architect and Park Planners to develop an overall plan for the park based upon your suggestions.

Please contact Rashmi Mandhane at secretary@mckernancommunity.org if you would like to donate funds towards this community project or would like to join our committee.



Linda Duncan, MP
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of our community*



McKernan Community League Membership 2010/2011

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
c/o Sean Jones
11162 -73 Ave. Edmonton T6G 0C4

Thank you for your continuing support.

League notes October

South Campus neighbours to discuss Expo

The South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition's second meeting to discuss its community expectations for Expo and South Campus development is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Oct. 25, 7 to 9 p.m., at Belgravia Hall. Contact Donna J. White, Constituency Manager for MLA Kevin Taft at (780) 414-0719 or Edmonton.Riverview@assembly.ab.ca to RSVP or for more information.

Separately but on the same topic, the U of A will be holding another open house to discuss its plans for south campus. The open house will be Nov. 29 at the Saville Centre gymnasium from 4 to 8 p.m. Will the university be listening to the neighbours? Drop in and find out...

New tenants at TD Bank property

The League has been told that TD Bank property at 76 Ave. and 112 St. will be the home to an orthopaedics clinic. Renovations are expected to start shortly with an opening aimed for January.

Bike rack at hall

Thanks to the owners of Southgate Mall who donated an older large bike rack to community leagues – thanks also to Belgravia, who directed it to us! The rack is now installed at the hall.

Hall development

The Hall Development Committee has submitted a grant application to the Federal Government for money from the Enabling Accessibility Fund. Details on a possible partnership with Alberta Adaptabilities are being worked out, while the McKernan Child Care Society will continue as a tenant and are being consulted on the hall plans. The committee is also following with interest the EFCLs proposal to city council to allocate money to community leagues for infrastructure renovation at their October budget meeting.

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ART & HEALING: SUPPORT GROUP for WOMEN

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First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (drop-in)
Next workshop is on Saturday, November 6
Location: 6529 - 111 Street

Contact Mady Mooney 780-242-6065, or
madymooney@shaw.ca for further information or
to register (small classes).