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# THE MCKERNAN MESSENGER

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## SPEED HUMPS COMING TO 112 ST

The city facilitator for the McKernan Street Lab has determined that speed humps are the most suitable way to address traffic safety concerns on 112 Street between 76 Avenue and University Avenue.

With winter approaching, the humps will be installed in the spring of 2024. Space will be left on both sides of the humps so as not to impede cyclists or other rollers. The McKernan Transportation Working Group has asked the facilitator to still also consider options such as a vibrant crosswalk for the school crossing at 78 Avenue.

The McKernan Street Lab started last year after residents reported traffic safety concerns along 112 Street, a busy walking and cycling route with the University to the north and McKernan Elementary to the west.

A public engagement survey was conducted in June of this year. 88% of respondents said that they had observed traffic safety issues in the neighbourhood, with speeding and short-cutting being the most commonly observed.

You can read more about the McKernan Street Lab in the "What We Heard Report" at [edmonton.ca/mckernanstreetlab](http://edmonton.ca/mckernanstreetlab)



Green and gold: fall foliage outside McKernan Elementary

## VARIED REACTIONS TO PROPOSED ZONING BYLAWS

Edmonton municipal politics is currently dominated by the city's proposed zoning renewal bylaw, which is now finishing a multi-day public hearing.

Speakers supporting the bylaw note its encouragement of housing density and variety, two things that could lead to better affordability. Speakers opposed to the bylaw have mentioned potential impacts to the environment, traffic, parking, and property values. Many have suggested that the proposed bylaws primarily benefit property developers, at the expense of current residents.

For its part the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) has endorsed the Zoning Bylaw Renewal, but with an important caveat. The organization's support is contingent on an amendment to be added immediately after passing

which includes formal climate mitigation measures. The EFCL stated, "Community leagues have provided specific feedback on climate mitigation. It needs to be in the bylaw."

This is the first comprehensive overhaul of Edmonton's zoning bylaw in over 60 years. The proposed changes would reduce the number of types of zones from 46 to 24. Examples of changes to residential zones are the removal of mature neighbourhood overlays, and allowing housing up to three storeys, including duplexes, row housing, and small apartments, in neighbourhoods across the city.

The zoning renewal bylaw was designed to align with the City Plan, and to support Edmonton in becoming a healthy, urban, climate-resilient city of 2 million people.

You can read more about the proposed changes at [edmonton.ca](http://edmonton.ca).

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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. See the membership form at [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org).

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# Seeking Rink Manager



The McKernan Community League is currently seeking a new rink manager for the coming winter season. For more information please contact Greg Jones at [ghajones@hotmail.com](mailto:ghajones@hotmail.com).

## RENT THE MCKERNAN COMMUNITY CENTRE!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open again! Our newly renovated facility includes smaller meeting spaces along with a refurbished hall complete with danceable wooden floor and air conditioning. For bookings, contact [hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com). More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org).

### Capacity & Rates

	Main Hall	Meeting Room
<b>Capacity</b>	150	60
<b>Hourly Rate</b> (GST will be added)		
Weekend (Fri evening, Sat, Sun)	\$65/hr	\$55/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$45/hr	\$35/hr
Long-Term Rentals (multi-week, with contract)	\$40/hr	\$30/hr

Residents of McKernan who are members of the community league receive a 15% discount on one-time hall rentals. GST will also be charged on rentals. Damage deposit will also be required, and renters must obtain their own event insurance.

## REMINDER: YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES



A reminder that the last collection day for yard waste is Monday November 20, 2023.

# Community Events

## Campus Food Bank Food Drive

On Saturday October 28 friendly volunteers from the Campus Food Bank will be going door-to-door collecting donations. Desired items include bulk grains like cereal and pasta, canned protein and vegetables, and ready-made dishes like canned chili and ramen noodles. Please leave food donations on your porch if you don't want a knock on the door.

## McKernan Haunted Shack

On Saturday October 28 the shack at the McKernan skating rink will be transformed into a haunted house. There will be a tame, spooky experience for younger children, and a more intense, terrifying experience for the older and more adventurous. This event runs 6pm to 10pm.

## Free Ice-Making Workshop

Receive training and tips from an experienced community ice maker. Learn how to make great ice and do routine maintenance. This class runs Tuesday November 14 from 6pm to 8:30pm at the South Clareview Community League Hall at 3250 132a Ave NW. Register before November 8 by emailing [shannon.murray@edmonton.ca](mailto:shannon.murray@edmonton.ca)



"Raking leaves" in McKernan

## Community League Memberships

Don't forget to buy or renew your membership with the McKernan Community League! Membership benefits include:

- access to all league skating rinks (city-wide!)
- reduced rates for hall rentals
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# Korean Street Food in Garneau

by Allan Suddaby

If all you knew about Mukja was that it specializes in hot dogs and fried chicken, you might have some inkling of how fun the food is. Once you learn that you can garnish your hot dog with crispy octopus fritters and wasabi mayonnaise, you start to get a more complete picture.

Not so long ago this space on 109 Street was occupied by 'It Dog, which likewise focussed on hot dogs and fried chicken. For my money it had some of the better fried chicken in the city. Now under new ownership and re-branded as Mukja, the chicken is still excellent, but they have leaned into the sweet and spicy flavours (and joyful excess) of Korean street food.

Hot dogs here come in two formats: on a bun, or as a Korean corn dog.

While the buns are much too large for the hot dogs, they come sluiced with sweet sauces and quirky toppings like bulgogi beef or the Japanese octopus fritters called takoyaki. The takoyaki at Mukja are much better than they need to be as novelty hot dog toppings: they are delicately crispy on the outside, creamy and custardy on the inside, and studded with tender pieces of octopus.

Korean corndogs are a bit different than the North American midway variety: the dogs are impaled on a chopstick, and then not only battered but also rolled in breadcrumbs, for a wonderful crispy layer outside the

**MUKJA K-STREET FOOD**  
8621 - 109 St NW

familiar chew of the batter. Once out of the fryer they are squirted with all manner of sweet and tangy sauces: chili mayo, honey mustard, and ketchup, among others. Maybe don't wear a white shirt, unless you also have a bib.



Rice bowl, kimbap, and dukkboki from Mukja K-Street Food

The other hallmark of Korean hot dog culture is the regular inclusion of mozzarella cheese with an almost unbelievable stretchiness.

The fried chicken is very good: always fresh, with moist meat, a crispy crust, and all the syrupy glaze sauces you would expect. Try the "Snow Chicken", which comes covered in a blizzard of grated parmesan and white sugar.

Alongside the hot dogs and chicken are other Korean comforts. The long slippery rice cakes called *dukkboki*, whose dense and persistent chew have no real analogue in western cooking, come swimming in a spicy red sauce alongside fish cakes and a hard-boiled egg. There is also excellent *kimbap*, the versatile Korean snack of meat, veggies, and rice rolled in seaweed. They are cut into rounds, and the cross-sections are pretty mosaics of, say, spicy pork, pickled turnip, carrots, and shredded omelette.

Mukja does a lunch service, but they are also licensed and open till midnight most days.

*Allan Suddaby is a Red Seal Chef, Certified Chef de Cuisine, and Culinary Arts Instructor at NAIT Polytechnic. He lives in McKernan with his wife and two children.*

The Charles Simmonds Park Community Garden Group is currently seeking feedback to determine the interest, viability, and sustainability in developing a community garden.

Access the survey by clicking [this link](#), or by scanning the following QR Code.



## Charles Simmonds Fundraising

The Charles Simmonds Park Renewal still needs \$27,000 in community fundraising before January 2024 for work to begin that year.

Donations can be made by e-transfer ([mckernancommunityfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:mckernancommunityfundraiser@gmail.com)) or cheque. Make cheques out to City of Edmonton, with Charles Simmonds Park Renewal in the memo line. Cheques can be dropped off or mailed to the McKernan Community League (11341 - 78 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6G 0N1).

Please provide your name, email address, and phone number, and note if you require a tax receipt, and whether or not you consent to public acknowledgement of your donation.

Consider donating to this worthwhile and long overdue project! Visit [www.mckernancommunity.org/charles-simmonds-park](http://www.mckernancommunity.org/charles-simmonds-park) for more information on donating, and to read about the multi-year process the committee has undertaken to improve this community amenity.

# Development Applications

September 15 to October 15, 2023

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan. Complete information, including permit number and the name of the applicant, is available at the City of Edmonton mapping website. If you have any questions about a project, contact [housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org).

11450 - 80 Ave	To install one freestanding on-premises sign
11243 - 73 Ave	To construct a single detached house with unenclosed front porch, rear partially covered deck (4.88 m x 5.28 m), and exterior stairwell.
10920 - 73 Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
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# The Haunted Shack at McKernan Rink

a Spooky Story by Angela Espejo



Once upon a Halloween night in McKernan, lights flickered mysteriously on 76th Avenue. Sandy, a longtime resident, felt her black cat, Whiskers, go tense. An old photograph of the McKernan School fell from the wall, revealing an inscription on the back: “To awaken the past, speak this incantation beneath the McKernan-Belgravia Station lights.”

Armed with flashlights, Sandy and a group of daring neighbours ventured to the LRT station. As they recited the incantation, the platform lights turned a ghostly purple. An ancient, cobweb-covered train approached, revealing spectral students dressed in 1950s attire—vanished alumni of McKernan School.

“We’ve returned for one night to relive our joyful days,” their leader said, “but we need your help to make McKernan’s Halloween unforgettable.”

The supernatural students led the group to an old, mysterious building. With ethereal power, they levitated pumpkins and manifested floating orbs of light. Sandy and her neighbours rigged sinister sounds and decorations, creating a Haunted Shack.

Neighbours from McKernan and beyond lined up for the Haunted Shack, shrieking in both terror and delight. The night was a hauntingly epic success.

As midnight neared, the ghostly students regrouped at the Haunted Shack. “Your community spirit has reignited ours,” their leader said. “The Haunted Shack will return as a symbol of McKernan’s unity and imagination.”

They boarded their train, vanishing into the mist, but not before promising to inspire future frighteningly fun Halloweens from the realm beyond.

And so, this Halloween, McKernan will have a Haunted Shack that stands as a monument to a night when the past and present joined in eerie harmony. Make sure to check out the fun and get your spook on!

## McKernan Haunted Shack

Saturday October 28, 6pm to 10pm

All ages welcome!

Choose tame or terrifying experience

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