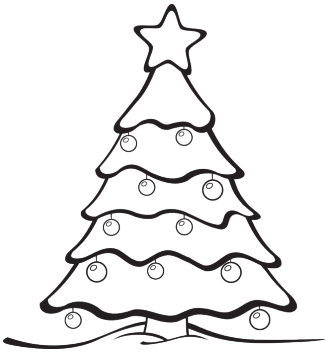
December
2021

Next league board meeting

TUESDAY, Jan. 11
7:00 p.m. online



Wishing you, your family and friends a safe and peaceful holiday season and a healthy new year!

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Time to strap on the skates!

The McKernan rink and ice trail are open again for the season, thanks to the hard work of our volunteer rink team!

Please follow all signs and instructions at the rink. Use of the rink facilities is at your own risk. Please be considerate of all users and maintain appropriate distance for people not in your household.

The rink shack is open for the season, although capacity is limited. Tables are available outside for seating and skate changing. The rink is maintained by the league, and you must have valid community league skate tags to use the rink (see membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org).

There will be times when a firepit will be on at the rink for your enjoyment. Stay tuned for details on times and days.

To volunteer for ice maintenance, contact Greg Jones, 780-222-2096 or ghajones@hotmail.com

Rink hours

Family skate

(priority to families with kids under 15
Weekdays 3-6 pm
Weekends 11 am-6 pm

Stick and skate

Daily 6-9 pm

50/50 winner!

Mark Yip of McKernan was the lucky winner of the first McKernan Community 50/50 draw on December 11, taking home a prize of $1330.

Congratulations, Mark!

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets. The other half of the prize split will help the community with repairs to the rink and hall maintenance.

Build a snowman this month and win a prize!

The McKernan Community Leagues is again hosting a Community Snowman Competition for December. Build a snow person (or sculpture!) in Gowan Park (78 Ave. and 113 St., near the rink), Braithwaite Park (University Ave. and 113 St.) or Charles Simmonds Park (78 Ave. and 115 St.), or in your own yard. Take a picture and send it to president@mckernancommunity.org or to facebook.com/McKernanCL before December 31. We'll post photos and you could win a prize!

Please maintain social distance from other park users if you're working in a park!

Belgravia Watch update - crime in the community

Richard Law of Belgravia Watch continues to report on suspicious activity in Belgravia and McKernan. Thefts from garages are still high, and at least one snowblower has been stolen this season. Bikes continue to be a target even in the winter - best protection is to lock your bike even in the garage.

You can be added to the Belgravia Watch email list by contacting belgraviawatch@gmail.com

For urgent police response, including suspicious activities, call 911 ; concerns or complaints to the non-urgent line, 780-423-4567.

Produce boxes purchased through The McKernan Güd Box raise funds to offset the cost of replacing damaged boards in the community rink.

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Community centre opening slowly

Our community centre will be open for limited rentals as allowed under Alberta Health Services guidelines.

Please contact hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com with questions.

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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.

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Development news

Development applications (Nov. 1 to Dec. 15)

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan this month. Permits are under review unless otherwise noted. 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. Requested and approved planning applications (i.e. for rezoning, not development) are listed at https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

10937–74 Ave.	To construct a two-tier front uncovered deck (upper tier: 2.44 m x 1.83 m; lower tier: 2.44 m x 1.53 m), existing without permits. (Issued)
10936–75 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (short term rental accommodation) (Approved –No development permit required)
11231–75 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (administration office for counselling services). (Approved – No development permit required)
11154–78 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
11450–80 Ave.	To install a fascia on-premises sign (University Heights) (Issued)

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Within 15 Minutes ...

will be back in January with a new to explore!

Community briefs

Mount Carmel Junior High could be closing

The Board of Trustees of Edmonton Catholic Schools will be voting in 2022 on closing the junior high (grades 7-9) program in Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, on 76 Ave. and 105 St. A public meeting will be held January 20 for interested people where the board will share information, including the rationale, the plans for students, and timelines for decision making. People are invited to submit comments (written or video) to engagement@ecsd.net before January 24.

The board decision will take place at the regularly scheduled public board meeting on February 23. More information is available at https://www.ecsd.net/page/38345/notice-regarding-our-lady-of-mount-carmel-school

League notes (December)

Hall sublease and rental update

The board is in the process of renewing the sub-leases of the hall's two long-term tenants, the McKernan Child Care Society and Alberta AdaptAbilities. Both groups are great renters and their presence is key to the hall's long-term sustainability. The City has to approve all space sub-leases, so this has to be negotiated with all parties. Progress has been good so far and the board hopes to have the new sub-leases in place soon.

With regard to ongoing activities in the hall, a few more groups have started using the space: in addition to Ad Astra Gymnastics, we have Strathcona Kyokushin Karate Club (for a few months), Tiger Taekwondo and a Tai Chi group using evening space in the main hall. All groups are working closely with Darlene, the hall manager, to ensure that their activities are run safely and with respect to all current health protocols.