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A McKernan home with impressive frontyard snow fortifications.

SNOW Removal Assistance

The McKernan Community League is offering free snow removal assistance to selected McKernan residents. To qualify for assistance you must fall into one of these categories:

- seniors (65+)
- persons with a disability with reduced ability to remove snow and ice from their residential walk (18+)
- persons with limited mobility
- newcomers to Canada requiring assistance with their first Canadian winter

If you fit any of these criteria and need snow removal please contact mckernanmaintenance@gmail.com to schedule a visit.

This service has been funded by a grant from the city of Edmonton's "Snow to Go" Snow Removal Program. The League has used the grant money to purchase a snow-blower and to pay the wages of the individual performing the snow removal.

CITY WINTERSCAPE CONTEST

Beautify the neighbourhood with snow sculpture and winter decoration

The city's Winterscape Photo Contest is running through February 27. This contest gives Edmontonians an opportunity to be creative and imaginative, showcasing their winter gardens, art projects, and playful designs. A winterscape is a way of decorating a yard or landscape using snow, ice, natural objects, colour, decorations, and lights. You can create a winterscape in your front yard or in a public space like the park.

You can nominate yourself or your neighbours at edmonton.ca/winterscapes. Simply submit a photo in one of the following categories: Winter Art, Winter Garden, or Winter Play.

This year every nominee will receive a snowman building kit, while supplies last, and there will be a weekly draw for a gift card to a River Valley winter patio. Spread winter cheer through February 27 and beautify our neighbourhood.

SUPPORT THE CHARLES SIMMONDS PARK RENEWAL

While the Charles Simmonds Park Renewal Committee establishes a formal donation program, you are able to contribute to the fundraising effort by purchasing TruEarth products.

TruEarth is a purpose-driven company that specializes in eco-friendly laundry detergent strips. They sell a wide variety of other environmentally-conscious home products.

The link below takes you to an online store where 20% of all sales are given directly to the McKernan Community League for the funding of the Charles Charles Simmonds Park Renewal.

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/mckernancommunity>

UPDATE: HAWRELAK PARK CLOSURE

Since the release of our last issue CTV news has reported that the official closure date for Hawrelak Park is March 13, 2023.

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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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McKernan Messenger

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McKernan Rink Hours

- **Weekdays**
3 - 6pm Family Skate
6 - 9pm Shinny

Note: Tuesdays 8-10pm rink is booked for Broomball

- **Weekends**
11am - 6pm Family Skate
6 - 9pm Shinny

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. More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at www.mckernancommunity.org.

Capacity & Rates

	Main Hall	Meeting Room
Capacity	150	60
Hourly Rate (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.

McKernan Playgroup Organizer



The community league is currently looking for someone to organize the McKernan Playgroup, a casual, weekly, drop-in playdate that can take place indoors at the hall or outside in a park, depending on weather. If you have young children and are interested in meeting other parents and families and helping with the playgroup, please email:

philipgkloc@gmail.com

Community Events

Silver Skate Festival

Silver Skate, Edmonton's longest-running winter festival, will run in Hawrelak Park February 10 - 20, 2023. The festival includes a snow sculpture garden, a heritage village, sporting events, and a 1 km skating loop. Embrace Edmonton as a winter city and check out this great event!

Creating a Neighbourly Vibe

Are you hoping to get more connected in your neighbourhood? Do you want to know your neighbours and feel a stronger sense of belonging? Abundant Community Edmonton (ACE) is running online workshops to train leaders in building safe, connected, vibrant communities. There is a two-hour online session running Feb 9. Visit https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services_for_communities/abundant-community-edmonton for more information and registration links.

SURVEY: HOW DO YOU READ THE MESSENGER?

Help us craft the future of The Messenger

As we try to balance accessibility and sustainability, we want to know how and why you read The Messenger. There are three ways to let us know!

1. Online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJZSGVX>
2. Email newsletter@mckernancommunity.org answering the questions below.
3. Answer the questions below in writing and leave your responses in the McKernan Community Hall mailbox.

What form of the The McKernan Messenger do you read?

- online or printed copy

Is it important for you to receive a printed copy of The Messenger?

- yes or no

What Messenger content is most important to you?

- community events
- community contacts
- development information
- civics and municipal issues
- ads for local businesses and services
- other (please specify): _____

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REC CENTRE DISCOUNTS FOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERS

One of the benefits of buying a community league membership is the discounted rates you receive at City of Edmonton recreation centres. Simply show your current community league membership and get 20% off monthly and annual passes, or 15% off multi-admission passes. This means that an annual adult membership costs only \$400 instead of the usual \$500. With the multi-admission passes an adult can go to a rec centre for as little as \$6.90 per visit.

These generous discounts are the result of a partnership between the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and the City of Edmonton. It is called the Community League Wellness Program (CLWP).

League Memberships are affordable:

- \$15 for single adults
- \$25 for households, including 2 adults and all children under 18
- \$20 for single parent households, including all children under 18
- \$10 for seniors and students

Membership terms are from September 1 to August 31.

Depending on what facilities you use at city rec centres, the discounts provided by the CLWP can cover the cost of a community league membership in only a few visits.

The CLWP is just one of many benefits of buying a league membership. Other business partners offering discounts to league members include Cloverdale Paint, Acclaimed! Heating Cooling and Furnace Cleaning, and the U of A Bookstore.

League memberships are available at efcl.org/membership-purchase or email mckernanmembership@gmail.com.

Development Applications

January 1 to January 31, 2023

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan. 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/

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