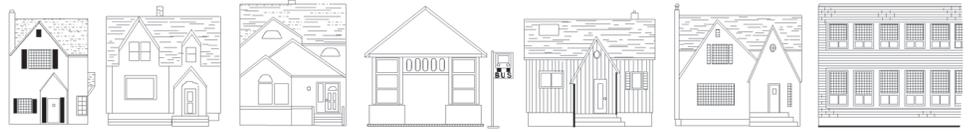


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Next league board meeting

TUESDAY, Feb. 8
7:00 p.m. online

Soccer updates

Registration

Registration for outdoor soccer for kids will start in February - stay tuned for dates. All registration will be done via email and e-transfer again in 2022.

Coordinator still needed!

Our amazing Belmac soccer community needs one or two people to take over this role to keep our soccer program running! The soccer coordinator is responsible for Belgravia and McKernan soccer registrations, team formation, coach coordination, and equipment distribution. The bulk of the work for this volunteer position needs to be done between February and March each year for the outdoor season, plus wrap-up work in June/July. Full training by SWEMSA is available and a handover will be available from the current coordinator to ensure a smooth transition!

Please email belmac@belgraviaedmonton.ca or contact Carley on 780-288-1584 for more information.



Bitter cold in December didn't stop Nathalie Mergl from creating some great snow sculptures in her yard - she's the winner of our snowman contest!



Shovelling help from UNICEF

Having trouble keeping on top of the snow and ice? If you are a senior, you can contact UNICEF Campus' Snow Keepers snow removal program to be matched with a pair of organization volunteers from the area who will help you keep your sidewalks and driveway clear of snow.

Contact snowkeepers.ualberta@gmail.com or call Phoenix at 780-862-7360. You must supply shovels for the volunteers to use at your home!



McKernan Rink open!

Family skate

(priority to families with kids under 15)

Weekdays 3-6 pm

Weekends 11 am-6 pm

Stick and skate

(freestyle only: no shinny)

Daily 6-9 pm

Volunteer: Greg 780-222-2096 or ghajones@hotmail.com

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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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Events in the community

Ice on Whyte Festival, Dr. Wilbert McIntyre Park (8331-104 St.), Jan. 27 to Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park will be filled with ice and snow exhibits, International Ice Carving Competition, and the Ice Bar! Gate admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 2-12. See www.iceonwhyte.ca for details.

Silver Skate Festival, Hawrelak Park, Feb. 11 to 21. The 25th anniversary of this Dutch-flavoured winter festival of arts, culture, recreation and sport. Visit the Snow Sculpture Garden, visit this year's Heritage Village installation, and listen to local Indigenous elders' oral histories via Night Sky story telling. Grab a Winter Box from one of our local culinary partners and explore Hawrelak Park. www.silverskatefestival.org

Community briefs



Add fun to your yard with a winterscape

This year, celebrate winter by creating a beautiful yard in front of your house, school, or workplace. You can sculpt with ice and snow to create a building, statue, maze or scene; add lights or even candles, or bring in colourful ornaments. Plants and natural materials can also make a wonderful scene. Nominate your own winterscape or others by submitting a photo to the City of Edmonton's website at www.edmonton.ca/winterscapes. The nomination period is Jan. 15 to Feb. 25. Categories are: Winter Garden, Winter Art and Winter Play. The website also features winterscaping ideas and a photo gallery of past events.

Elm tree pruning

Healthy elm trees can be pruned on private property only until March. This restriction is to reduce the potential for infection by Dutch elm disease, a deadly disease that can affect any elm tree that has destroyed millions of American elm trees across North America. The disease is caused by a fungus that can be carried by the elm bark beetle. It is a violation of the Community Standards Bylaw to store elm firewood or to transport any part of an elm unless it is to a disposal site, prune an infected elm tree, or to prune between April 1 and September 30 in any year. Elm trees on boulevards and other public areas are maintained by the City and crews do tree care in the late winter. If you see a public elm tree that has broken branches or looks unhealthy, report it by calling 311.

Within 15 Minutes ...

So, my Mom, Danin, called me today and asked me if I had the following: an ivy, a fern and a snake plant. Weird? Not really. I have so many plants. I love my plants, I love taking care of them, I sometimes neglect them by accident, but I adore them, and they always forgive me. They make me happy and cozy in my house.

Apparently, humans spend around 85% of their time in their homes... probably more for us Canadians with -30 degree weather and COVID cases surging. Apparently, house plants make humans very happy. Apparently, just having one houseplant increases this happiness substantially.

I love planting seeds inside at the end of a long winter, I love my flowers outside in the spring, I love my garden in the summer, and then reaping the benefits in the fall...but my houseplants are trusted and true...year-round!

Which brings me full circle, there is this plant shop, called the "Little Plant Shop" over in Old Strathcona (where the old Bee Bell Bakery used to be...remember?) and it is a locally owned wonderland of green love! They specialize in houseplants and terrariums and also have locally made wares and botanically inspired décor. You can shop online, in store when space is available, or you can make an appointment. It's adorable and affordable and they have the cutest little green babies you will ever want! From snake plants, ivy, and ferns to more exotic and harder to take care of varieties. Make yourself happy, take care of something new, fill your house with green! Again, plants detoxify and produce oxygen, as everyone well knows, but the happiness that plants bring is insurmountable. True bliss for these long, cold days before we go outside again. The only thing...get them home quick! Especially in this weather...

Within 15 Minutes: Located at 8116 Gateway Blvd or online at www.littleplantshopyeg.com. Phone number is 780-399-7817. I ordered online and it was -30 when I did my pickup...-40 with the windchill, so...I DROVE! It took me 15 minutes to get my items, bring them home, unwrap them and now I'm getting some green love. The plants I chose, all different varieties of ferns, were fresh, beautiful, bug free and...happy! So was I...did I mention plants are also great for mental health? Call ahead because it's COVID, mask up and be safe friends!

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Development news

Development applications (Dec. 1 to Jan 7)

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.

11163–73 Ave. 11167–73 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
11303–75 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (administration office for consultant–The Joy of Home). Approved– no development permit required
10928–77 Ave.	To change the use of a single detached house with secondary suite to 3 dwellings of multi-unit housing (dwellings on top of the other), including exterior landscaping.
11154–78 Ave.	To demolish and construct a single detached house with fireplace, secondary suite(s) and uncovered deck. To construct an accessory building (detached garage (8.53m x 8.53 m)).
10925 University Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck (7.47m x 4.57m @ 0.9 m in height).



Revised proposal for 6 storeys on 76 Ave. by LRT

A revised proposal for a 6-storey building on four lots at the northwest corner of 76 Ave and 114 St. is being prepared. Initial discussion from the developer, Westrich, suggests that they will be looking at a Direct Control (DC2) rezoning and a height of 20 to 20.5 m, with 118 condo units and up to 92 parking spaces in underground parking. This is a revision from their initial proposal in the fall. The majority of units would be two-bedroom, with about 11 three-bedroom units suited for families. They are currently not looking at including any commercial development.

Based on this very preliminary information, the height remains an issue as the Area Redevelopment plan calls for maximum 4 storeys at this site. The large number of parking spaces would suggest a significant impact on traffic, which concerns the community – as the location directly next to the LRT station south entrance would suggest that the building could be better oriented more strongly to transit/active transportation.

An actual proposal should be arriving to the community in the next few weeks, and McKernan will continue to share information with Belgravia on this project.



Heather McPherson

Member of Parliament
Edmonton Strathcona

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