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The annual McKernan Community League Barbecue was held at the newly renovated hall on Sunday, September 18. The event included complimentary food and live music by jazz fusion group JZ Cocktail.

## SCONA POOL TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY IN OCT

In August City Council voted to permanently close Scona Pool, citing recurring maintenance issues and recent system failures such as the pool's heat exchanger.

An assessment conducted in July estimated that at least \$6 million would be necessary to extend the life of the facility by five to 10 years.

Many in the community had hoped to keep Scona Pool operating until the opening of the Rollie Miles Recreation Centre, which is currently in the design phase but has not yet received funding. Council will discuss funding for the new "mini rec centre" in November as part of the fall budget.

Scona Pool first opened in 1957. It is currently the oldest operating public pool in Edmonton.

## Metro78 Sent Back to City Admin Proposed Apartments will Remain Six Stories High

City Council has referred the Metro 78 development plan back to city administration for revision, though not for the reasons many Belmac residents had hoped. Council asked that the plan address concerns about safe waste collection as well as the width of the adjoining greenspace. The 23 m height of the proposed buildings, approximately six stories, exceeds the recommendation of the McKernan Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), but was not mentioned in the referral.

There were many presentations for and against the project at the public hearing held on September 13. Those in favour of the project noted its good design and alignment with city goals for densification and increased LRT use.

Reasons for opposition included the building height, impacts to traffic, light, and privacy, and the relatively small number of three-bedroom units. Many speakers, including Mayor Sohi, mentioned the loss of public

trust that may result if the ARP is amended.

While the ARP suggests a maximum building height of 14.5 m, approximately four stories, council determined that the increased setbacks and upper story "step-backs" in the building design are an adequate trade-off for the 23 m height. Additionally city administrators noted that the new City Plan designates 114 Street as a secondary corridor and suggests building heights of four to eight stories, and that the City Plan takes precedent over the ARP.

The rezoning application will be discussed again at public hearings on December 6, 2022.

Metro 78 is a project by Pinto Properties that proposes two apartment buildings occupying four lots at 114 Street and 78 Avenue. Each building will have as many as 71 residential units. The proposal includes a public greenspace, commercial tenants on the main floor, and a \$100,000 contribution to the Charles Simmonds Park Renewal.

## THANK YOU!

To Jenn Branch

For helping with the upgrades at our newly renovated hall. We are thrilled with the new look and appreciate your time and effort!

To Darlene Dudley

For being our Hall Manager for so many years. You were a fixture at the Hall and will be hard to replace. We wish you well as you move on to a new chapter in life!

-The McKernan Community League

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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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## Job Posting: Hall Rentals Advisor

The McKernan Community League is currently seeking a Hall Rentals Advisor, responsible for liaising with long- and short-term renters and reporting to the League Board on hall activities.

This is a paid position estimated to require 20 hours per week.

Resumes can be emailed to philipgkloc@gmail.com and jenbodnar@hotmail.com.



### JOB DESCRIPTION LINK

<https://www.mckernancommunity.org/post/job-post-hall-rentals-advisor>

## Rent the McKernan Community Centre!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open again! Our beautiful 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>	50	30
<b>Hourly cost (GST will be added)</b>		
<b>Weekend</b> (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday)	\$65/hr	\$55/hr
<b>Weekday</b> (day and evening)	\$45/hr	\$35/hr
<b>Long-term rentals</b> (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.



The Main Hall at the McKernan Community Centre

# Community Events

## U of A Days

From September 22 - 25 the University of Alberta is inviting community members to join alumni, students, faculty, and staff for a weekend of fun, games, music, learning, and discovery.

Events include campus tours, scavenger hunts, science talks with Dan Riskin, and presentations on reclaiming indigenous cultural heritage.

For a full event listing visit [ualberta.ca/events/u-of-a-days/index.html](http://ualberta.ca/events/u-of-a-days/index.html)

## Bike Tour of Playgrounds

On Sunday, September 25 from 9am to 1pm City Councillor Michael Janz will be leading a bike tour through the southern part of ward papastew. The ride starts at Square One Cafe in Aspen Gardens, visits several parks, and ends at The Three Amigos in Rideau Park for lunch. A complete timeline can be found at [michaeljanz.ca](http://michaeljanz.ca)

## So Long Scona Pool

On Sunday October 2 from 1pm to 5pm there will be a farewell party at Scona Pool. Go for a final swim, make an entry in the memory book, and enjoy snacks and speeches.

## Scona District Open House

On Thursday October 6 from 5pm to 8pm there will be an open house regarding District Planning at the Queen Alexandra Community League. Stop by to learn about the City Plan, District Planning, and share your input.

## Bike Parade: Greenfield CL to City Hall

On October 8 a 2pm Councillor Michael Janz will be leading a bike parade from the Greenfield Community League all the way to City Hall. After the ride Janz will be providing pizza for the participants.

## Braithwaite Dog Park Grand Opening

On Sunday October 16 the Garneau Community League is celebrating the Grand Opening of the Braithwaite Dog Park. The event runs from 2pm to 4pm and includes speeches, snacks, and refreshments. Organizers ask that you bring your own mug. Dog not required.

# City-Wide Events

## Electric + Hydrogen Vehicle Expo

"More and more people are going electric. Edmonton's first-ever EV Expo is your opportunity to get to know the options and advantages of electric and hydrogen powered transportation, from cars to bikes to buses, and more." This event runs September 24 and 25 at the Edmonton Expo Centre. It is free and open to all.

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**Mondays 9 am- 10:30 am: for dates contact Michelle/ join whatsapp group**

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**Michelle Mitchell (780) 934-7038**

## Ongoing Community Fundraisers

Don't forget to check out the products offered by these groups. Sales help support the community.

- The Gudbox - Affordable, fresh, seasonal produce! Visit [www.thegudbox.ca/mckernan](http://www.thegudbox.ca/mckernan)
- TruEarth - Eco-friendly laundry detergent and other home products. See [fundraising.tru.earth/mckernancommunity](http://fundraising.tru.earth/mckernancommunity)

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# Development Applications

June 15 to September 15

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](https://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](https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx). If you have any questions about a project, contact [housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org).

10948 - 74 Ave	To construct a Single Detached House with Unenclosed Front Porch, rear uncovered deck and fireplace.
11543 - 78 Ave	To construct a Single Detached House with Unenclosed Front Porch, rear uncovered deck, and Basement Development.
11151 - 73 Ave	To operate a Minor Home Based Business.
11318 - 75 Ave	To demolish a House.
11262 - 79 Ave	To construct interior alterations to a Semi-Detached House.
11444 - 78 Ave	To construct a Detached Garage (6.06 m x 7.27 m).
10989 - 73 Ave	To demolish a House.
11307 - 79 Ave	To construct exterior alterations to a Semi-Detached House.
11547 - 78 Ave	To construct a Pergola over an existing rear uncovered deck.
11230 - 77 Ave	To construct interior alterations to a Single Detached House.
11534 - 77 Ave	To demolish a Single Detached House and detached Garage.
10937 - 74 Ave	To construct interior alterations to a Single Detached House.
10948 - 74 Ave	To construct a rear Detached Garage (7.32 m x 6.71 m).

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## WANT TO LEARN MORE about Zoning and Development?



The City of Edmonton has produced an informative podcast called Making Space that discusses zoning and development.

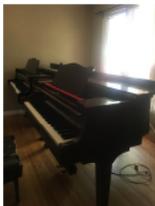
Topics include open-option parking; market, affordable, and supportive housing; and important city documents like the Infill Roadmaps and Art of Living Policy.

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# Casino Volunteers Needed for Green Circle Preschool

Green Circle Preschool, located in Parkallen, is running a fundraising event on October 4 and 5 at The Grand Villa Casino, next to Rogers Place.

While their parents will be volunteering to cover as many shifts as possible, Green Circle is looking for additional volunteers to help out! If you are interested in volunteering, please email [vicepresident@greencirclepreschool.com](mailto:vicepresident@greencirclepreschool.com) for more information.

## In Memoriam: Peter Gray

The McKernan Community League Board would like to offer its sincere condolences to the friends and family of Peter Gray, who passed away this month.

Originally from England, Peter and his wife Hilary came to Canada to teach in small town Alberta. After a busy career with lots of travel, the Grays moved to Edmonton and opened a bed and breakfast on 77 Avenue where they welcomed travellers from around the globe.

Peter served as the McKernan Rink Manager for many years, scraping and flooding the ice almost every night during the winter. He also played Santa at many a McKernan Christmas party.

In 2020 Peter and Hilary moved to Belgravia where they enjoyed the community and sunrises.

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Peter Gray helping with the demolition of the old McKernan rink, c. 2007

# SPEAK UP!

## City Seeks Input on New District Plans

The new City Plan organizes Edmonton into districts that will be developed to create “15 minute communities”. The goal is that most of the amenities and services needed for daily life to be a 15 minute walk or roll away.

McKernan is in the Scona District, and the city is in active public engagement regarding the draft District Plan. Make your voice heard!

### Read the draft Scona District Plan:

[www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/Scona\\_District\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/Scona_District_Plan.pdf)

### Provide ideas and feedback:

[engaged.edmonton.ca/sconadistrict](http://engaged.edmonton.ca/sconadistrict)

### Attend the Scona District Open House

Thursday, October 6 from 5pm to 8pm at the Queen Alexandra Community League.

## Community League Memberships

A friendly reminder to buy or renew your Community League Membership this fall! Memberships give you access to the rink, as well as discounts on hall rentals and certain events.

- Family \$25
- Single Parent Family \$20
- Senior \$10
- Students \$10
- Single Adult \$15

Memberships can be purchased by filling out the form on the McKernan Community League website and sending it to our membership director.

Memberships can also be purchased in-person at any Servus Credit Union branch in Edmonton.

# McKernan Snaps: Summer 2022

A few photos from McKernan this past summer.



There was a rash of vandalism at McKernan Park in June, with tags spray-painted over nearly every surface.



In July, Westrich hosted a community meet and greet with inflatable toys, carnival games, food, and music. Westrich is involved in several developments in McKernan, including a rezoning application on 76 Ave and 114 Street. Shortly before this event someone opposing the Charles Simmonds Park Renewal put up lawn signs.



A little music fan dancing to the jazz fusion of IZ Cocktail at the McKernan Community League Barbecue.