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Donations can be made by e-transfer (mckernanccpsfundraiser@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 for more information on donating, and to read about the multi-year process the committee has undertaken to improve this community amenity.



On September 10 the McKernan Community League hosted a pizza party, with cake, popsicles, and other treats.

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City Considers Retiring McKernan/Belgravia ARP

In a document released in August titled "District Planning: an Overview of Changes 2023", the city proposed the retirement of the McKernan/Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP). This is a change from the 2022 proposal to keep the plan as a statutory document.

The city notes that the majority of policies in the ARP are reflected in the new Scona District Policy. However the ARP conflicts with the new City Plan in a few important ways, notably the recommended building height along the 114 Street corridor (14.5 m versus 23 m).

The conflicts between the ARP and The City Plan have been an important point of discussion in public hearings on major developments in McKernan such as the Metro78 project.

The McKernan/Belgravia Station ARP was approved by City Council in July 2013. It encompasses all of Belgravia and McKernan, except properties along 109 St. The document sets out the vision for land use and zoning decisions for the next 25 years. The stated goal of the document is to enhance and strengthen the local character of the neighbourhoods while promoting transit-oriented development and encouraging infill.

There will be a virtual information session specifically about the McKernan/Belgravia ARP on November 1, 2023. This will be a 1.5 hour session to explain why the ARP is being proposed for retirement. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. You can sign up for the virtual session by emailing districtplanning@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.

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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.

REMINDER: YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES



A reminder that yard waste will only be picked up on two days this fall: Monday October 23, and Monday November 20. See Page 6 for information on leaf raking assistance.

Community Events

U of A Days

September 21 - 24, 2023, are U of A Days. Everyone is welcome to join U of A alumni, students, faculty, and staff for a weekend of fun, games, music, and discovery. There will be events and speakers at both the North Campus and Campus Saint-Jean. Visit ualberta.ca/events/u-of-a-days/index.html for more information.

Climate Camp

Climate Camp is a weekend-long in-person convergence hosted by Climate Justice Edmonton. Activists and organizers will come together from across Alberta to develop new relationships and attend skills-building workshops. These event runs October 13 - 15 at the University of Alberta. Visit indigenousclimateaction.com/events/climate-camp to register.

McKernan Pub Nights Return!

They're back! Friday October 20, 2023, from 7pm to 11pm the McKernan Community League will host a cash bar at the hall (11341 - 78 Ave). All league members and their guests are welcome. Come share a pint with your neighbours!

McKernan's Haunted Shack

On Saturday October 28, 2023, there will be a haunted house set up in the McKernan Rink Shack (11321 - 78 Ave). Watch for more information in the October Messenger!

Orange Shirt Day at Kinsmen Park

Honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day this September 30 by visiting Kinsmen Park. Traverse healing trails with Root for Trees, delve into Indigenous wisdom, and support local artisans. Kinsmen is also the starting point for the 3rd Annual Orange Shirt Day Run and Walk.



On August 19 an as-yet unnamed brass band performed in Gowan Park. Popcorn and candy were provided by the McKernan Community League.



Heather McPherson
Member of Parliament
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Counter Culture - Where to Eat in Scona District

Great Pizza in and around McKernan

by Allan Suddaby

Great food critics visit a restaurant multiple times before publishing a review, allowing them to taste the full menu and evaluate the consistency of the food and service. By this criterion, I can think of no other set of restaurants I am more qualified to write about than our local pizza shops. While there is only one in McKernan proper, we live a short walk or bike ride from some of the best and most distinct pizzerias in the city.

Campus Pizza. My first taste of Campus Pizza was shortly after I moved out of Lister Hall and into a basement suite in McKernan. Twenty years on, it has fed me more meals than any other restaurant on earth. Campus makes classic North American pan pizzas with consistently, uniformly crispy bottoms, concentrated, herbaceous tomato sauce, and generous toppings. A few years ago they introduced signature pies, novel concoctions like perogy pizza, donair pizza, and taco pizza. These are all fine in their own way, but there is little that can dissuade me from their pepperoni pizza with its classic flavours of chili and fennel.

The current owners have extended Campus Pizza's hours late into the night (3am on Saturdays!), a major boon to McKernan's university students and other night owls.

Sepp's. A short walk north, in Garneau, you can get the best New York style pizza in the city, bar none. Sepp's is unique in Edmonton in many ways. Orders can't be phoned in; they must be placed online. Not only is the pizza strictly take-out, there isn't even an indoor space for customers to enter: you just walk up to a window on the south side of Ace Coffee to pick up your order.

With the exception of a puffy, chewy crust, New York pies are wide and flat as a bedsheet. Sepp's crust is ultra-thin but persistently crispy: it's almost miraculous how such a thin layer of bread can remain so crisp while in contact with sauce and cheese. Toppings are nuovo-Italian, so expect "prosciutto cotto" instead of "ham". My favourite Sepp's pie is the Apulo, with spicy soppressata and jalapeño balanced



The "Donair, Don't Care" Pizza from High Dough.

by a sweet honey drizzle. Sepp's might be the most expensive pizza in Edmonton on a dollars per gram measure, but there is nothing else quite like it within a day's drive.

High Dough Detroit Style Pizza occupies an awkward segment of Calgary Trail that I have not thought about much since the Billingsgate Seafood Market closed. It moved here after rapidly outgrowing its first location in Garneau, where the owners had previously operated Three Boars. The conversion of Boars to High Dough was perhaps the smartest and most successful COVID-era pivot in the Edmonton restaurant scene.

Detroit style pizzas are thick, rectangular slabs, with cheese sprinkled right to the very edge of the pie. Along the edges where the cheese meets the pan there is a crispy lip of lacy, caramelized cheese that brings deeply savoury flavours and a small universe of texture. These are hefty pizzas: one pie will comfortably feed two, especially if you tack a Tahini Caesar Salad onto your order.

The High Dough menu contains some quirky flavours: there's a Korean pie with kimchi, for instance, and a perogy-esque pie with potato, bacon, garlic, and dill. For

the traditionalists, there is an excellent pepperoni pizza. High Dough's pepperoni is a narrow, dry style. The sliced rounds are like coins, and when baked they form little crunchy cups with a bit of spicy oil pooled in the bottom. High Dough also has what is probably the city's best take on donair pizza. The spiced meat is crumbled instead of sliced, and the infamous 'white sauce' is syrupy-sweet, but counterpoised by fresh tomato and sharp pickled jalapeños.

Rosso Pizzeria. Back in Garneau, Rosso Pizzeria serves old-school, Neapolitan style pizza. This is hand-stretched dough with lovely, large, irregular bubbles that blister and burn in the intense heat of a wood oven. The sauce is essentially just crushed San Marzano tomatoes, and the cheese and toppings are sparse, letting the crispy, chewy dough shine.

Rosso does take-out, but as the only full-service dine-in pizza joint in the area, it is a great place to turn a pizza into an entire evening. Start with a negroni and olives or roasted cauliflower, then order an ice-cold Peroni, or a frothy Lambrusco, and savour your pizza. Finish with a small caffè affogato: it's just the jolt of sugar and caffeine you need to start your walk back to McKernan.

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.

Campus Pizza

7610 - 112 St NW

Sepp's Pizza

11053 - 86 Ave
(back door!)

High Dough

7341 - 104 St

Rosso Pizzeria

8738 - 109 St

Development Applications

June 15 to September 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.

11234 - 73 Ave	To construct a single detached house.
11251 - 73 Ave	To construct a semi-detached house.
10929 - 73 Ave	To construct a semi-detached house.
7725 - 110 St	To construct a single detached house.
10989 - 74 Ave	To construct a semi-detached house.
11130 - 72 Ave	To construct a semi-detached house.
11314 - 75 Ave	To construct a semi-detached house.
11221 - 79 Ave	To construct a garden suite.
11414 - 76 Ave	To construct a multi-unit housing building.
7712 - 110 St	To change use from single detached house to 3-dwelling multi-unit development.
11311 - 76 Ave	To develop a secondary suite.
11251 - 73 Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
11339 - 75 Ave	Interior alterations to semi-detached house.
10948 - 74 Ave	Exterior alterations to single detached house.
10913 - University Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
11204 - 77 Ave	To construct an addition.
11419 - 79 Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
7725 - 110 St	To construct an accessory building.
11313 - 76 Ave	To construct a rear addition.
11167 - 73 Ave	To construct an accessory building.
11130 - 72 Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
1121 - 79 Ave	To demolish a detached garage.
11251 - 73 Ave	To construct an accessory building.
11313 - 76 Ave	To develop a secondary suite.
7725 - 110 St	To demolish a single detached house.
10909 - University Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
10989 - 74 Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
11250 - 73 Ave	To construct a deck.
11519 - University Ave	Interior alterations.
11159 - 73 Ave	To install renewable energy device on house.
11234 - 73 Ave	To demolish single detached house.
11234 - 73 Ave	To construct accessory building.
10941 - 75 Ave	To construct a deck.
11162 - 73 Ave	To demolish a detached garage.
10917 - University Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
10903 - University Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
11314 - 75 Ave	To construct an accessory building.
10953 - 76 Ave	Exterior alterations to a single detached house.
7218 - 112 St	To demolish a single detached house.
11314 - 75 Ave	To demolish a single detached house.
10907 - University Ave	To demolish a single detached house..

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DISTRICT PLANNING: more opportunities for engagement

The final phase of District Planning public engagement is scheduled from October 23 to December 1, 2023. The city project team wants to hear Edmontonians' feedback and perspectives on potential future work, the refined policies, and content of the draft District Policies.

There is a series of District Planning Information Sessions through October and November, as well as opportunities to share feedback by booking a one-on-one Chat With a Planner session, and online surveys.

Visit edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/district-planning-public-engagement for more information.

The Benefits of Community League Membership

While most of our community social events are open to all McKernan residents, purchasing a community league membership lets you take advantage of other amenities, notably the outdoor rink, as well as participate directly in community decisions by voting at League meetings.

There are also some great discounts available to league members. Perhaps the most compelling is 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.

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/membershippurchase or email mckernanmembership@gmail.com.



FREE LEAF RAKING

c/o McKernan Baptist Church

October 23rd is one of the city's two yard waste collections of the season. On Saturday October 21, volunteers from McKernan Baptist Church are offering to rake leaves, bag them (bags provided), and place them at your curb or alley for pickup. They can also simply rake the leaves and leave them in piles for use in compost. This offer is open to all McKernan residents. To sign up for this generous service, visit www.mckernancommunity.org and follow the link to add your address to the volunteers' list of properties.

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