

September
2020

Next league board meeting

MONDAY, October 5
(new day!)

7:00 p.m. at the
Community Centre

Visitors welcome. To bring up a topic at the board meeting, please contact President Roberta Franchuk at least one week before the meeting. Bring your mask!

Welcome, new residents

A warm welcome to anyone who has recently moved to our community, be you students, new homeowners, or new arrivals to Edmonton. We hope you find our community pleasant, healthy and vibrant.

Free memberships!

At the June AGM, league members voted to make memberships available at no cost to eligible residents for 2020-2021. The membership form is in this issue of the Messenger and online at the league website (www.mckernancommunity.org). Memberships can also be purchased online through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website (<https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>) — and the \$5 online administration fee will be waived if you buy at the EFCL site on Community League Weekend, September 19 and 20!

Benefits

League members get reduced rates to city recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness Program, participation in organized sports, reduced hall rental rates, use of skating rinks (at all leagues!), and discounts at business such as Cloverdale Paints, House of Wheels and U of A Bookstore.

Plus membership gives you a voice in the shaping of your community.



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Outdoor music fest hits the right notes

An enthusiastic socially-distanced crowd attended the McKernan Outdoor Music Festival in Gowan Park on Saturday, August 22. This event featured musicians Kyle and Greg, Julia Vos, Valentina Benvenuti, David Unsworth and Karac Hendriks. Donations went to the musicians, while the community league provided support for some logistics. Greg Jones had the original idea and managed the event, while logistics, signage, tent and the stage handled by volunteers, including Phil Kloc, Cherie Hoyles, Matthew Wood, Paul Caines, David Sulz, Muir family, Kyle Jones, Tanya Berry, Michelle Jones, Fiona Jones and Darlene Dudley. Big thanks to everyone who worked to make this a success! The festival went so well that it may become an annual event, as a community alternative to larger festivals.

Delayed AGM held in June, new board members elected

The league's Annual General Meeting, originally scheduled for April but rescheduled due to COVID, took place June 25 with social distancing at the hall. The board bid farewell to two members: Jennifer Branch-Mueller left as treasurer for a sabbatical to Austria, while Agnieszka Matejko stepped down as secretary to devote more time to community art. Director Phil Kloc stepped in as treasurer, while two new members joined the board.

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McKernan Community League

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Rent the community centre for your event! Now with social distancing!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open for rentals with reduced capacity. According to provincial guidelines as of June 12, 2020, meetings and social gatherings can now happen with a maximum of 50 people (inside) and 100 people (outside). Expanded cleaning protocols are being developed. In accordance with recent guidelines, events with shared food and/or significant social contact will not be allowed. Social distance of two metres must be maintained for all non-household members. For detailed up-to-date guidance on specific activities see www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.

Our beautiful air-conditioned facility has two meeting spaces: one smaller meeting space and one larger with danceable floor. For bookings, contact hall rental coordinator Darlene Dudley at hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com or see our website (www.mckernancommunity.org) for more details.

Rental rates – REVISED SEPTEMBER 2020

	Main hall	Meeting room
Capacity	50	30
Hourly cost (GST will be added)		
Weekend (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday)	\$65/hr	\$55/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$45/hr	\$35/hr
Long-term rentals	\$40/hr	\$30/hr

*GST will also be charged on rentals

Residents of McKernan who are members of the community league receive a 15% discount on one-time hall rentals.

Damage deposit and key deposit may also be required. Events where alcohol is served require event insurance through the renter.



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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. Memberships are ZERO dollars for 2020/2021! See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org or in this issue.

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League notes September

Charles Simmonds Park renewal

At the league meeting Sept. 1, the Charles Simmonds Park renewal committee outlined the steps they have taken so far in their quest to upgrade the park to a unique space that will complement the other park developments in McKernan and create something that people on both sides of 114 Street can enjoy. The general details of the project have been approved under the City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Park Development Program. A City Project Manager and Landscape Architect will be assigned this fall. They will work with the community park committee to develop a park concept, conduct community consultation, design and eventually build the improvements. If you have any suggestions for the park or would like to participate in the process contact Gail Fraser-Steffler at gfs@shaw.ca. Information on the project and updates will be included at mckernancommunity.org.

Hall rental changes

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a loss of approximately 90 per cent of the summer revenue from hall rentals, but users are slowly returning. Regular tenants McKernan Child Care Society and Alberta AdaptAbilities are back, along with a small number of evening users (Ad Astra Rhythmic Gymnastics and Nantanreikan Karate) — all operating under strict hygiene conditions. Regular rental groups including yoga, music and dance will not be back in 2020-2021, but it is hoped the health situation that would allow these groups to return will be clarified by spring/summer. Some community one-time rentals will be allowed, depending on numbers and availability.

Playgroup moves outside

The Monday morning playgroup will be taking to McKernan Park (112 St. and 76 Ave.) on Mondays from 10 - 11.30 a.m. starting Sept. 14. Playgroup for kids ages 0 to 5 is a great way to meet families in the local community and get some fresh air. It will be a fun and safe way to play in the fall. Led by Mary Cox (cox.marylouise@gmail.com or 647 561 4061).

Community art

Be on the lookout for a couple of art projects around the community. The McKernan Rangoli Walk will allow adults and children to colour in the outlines of beautiful butterflies or mandala patterns to brighten the sidewalks of our community. The Rangoli Walk appears at two locations: Alberta Butterflies is located along 78th Avenue leading to McKernan Hall (east of 114 St.), and McKernan Mandalas is in the Pocket Park along University Avenue and 112 St. This project, managed by Agnieszka Matejko, was featured in the City of Edmonton's Keep Neighbouring newsletter!

McKernan Rocks is about bringing people together in community. Paint your rock and then hide it somewhere in McKernan or the surrounding area. Found a rock? Take a photo with it and post it at the McKernan Rocks Facebook page. Then replace it or hide it somewhere new!



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Scott MacLean is the league's new treasure. He has lived in McKernan since 2011 with his wife Ariane and three boys. He grew up in Cape Breton and spent 13 years in the Canadian Forces as a medical officer, retiring in 2017. He now works as an ER physician in the Edmonton area.

Rolinda Graham joins as the newest director-at-large. She moved to McKernan with her husband Jim and 2 daughters in 2016. The girls attended McKernan school and are now at Strathcona High School and Harry Ainlay. The Grahams love the walkability of McKernan and the convenience of the nearby LRT.

Reports were also presented on the state of the league's finances. With the hall debt reduced to \$148,438 at the end of 2019 and a healthy surplus, the league moved into the challenging 2020 year in a pretty solid financial position. The hall rental report noted that up until Covid-19 we were steadily building ourselves as a venue of choice with many repeat renters and referrals from satisfied renters.

Also at the AGM, membership costs were voted on as required by the league's bylaws. In recognition of the financial challenges facing many community members — and the low revenue generally acquired by membership fees — members voted to set the fees to zero for 2020-2021. Fees normally range from \$10 to \$35 depending on membership class. See information on page 1!

110 St. residents suggest shared-use street

Residents of 110 St. between 76 Ave and Saskatchewan Drive have been speaking to the City since the fall about the separated bike lane proposed for their street. Installation of this bike lane would necessitate the removal of parking and possibly boulevard trees, along with making the street one-way. These residents are concerned that this presents significant accessibility problems for residents, visitors and home support services.

Residents now are pointing to the success of the COVID-inspired shared use streets — one of which was installed along 110 St. — where speed limits have been reduced to 20 km/h and space has been marked out for cyclists and pedestrians. Such a shared-use street treatment, they say, could be continued permanently along 110 St. at a significantly lower cost than installing and maintaining bike lanes separated by concrete medians and with heavy signage. Winter snow clearing could still be managed, while residents would have better access to their homes. Should a separated bike lane be necessary in the future it would still be possible to install it along the street. Embracing the shared-use street concept would foster a more connected neighbourhood, reduce neighbourhood redevelopment costs and address resident and visitor accessibility concerns. No response has been received from the City to this suggestion yet.

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Development news

Development applications (Jun. 1 – Sept. 4)

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan this summer. 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 www.edmonton.ca/mckernan. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

Multi-unit housing proposed

A planning application has been recently made to rezone 11508-80 Avenue from Single Detached Residential Zone (RF1) to Small-Scale Infill Development Zone (RF3) to allow for the development of small scale multi-unit housing. Under RF3 zoning, up to four units could be built on the site. More information has been requested from Planning about this proposal.

Westrich project update

The Westrich project at 115 St. and University Ave. has been approved and a development permit to allow construction was issued at the end of July. Before then, however, community members engaged with the developer Richie Lam to push for some adaptations of landscaping and building finishes to make the project blend a little better with the community. Westrich agreed to several of these adaptations, including adding more stone to the front; using more evergreens in the landscaping along 115 St. to soften the edge of the property; improving visibility for vehicles entering/exiting the parkade at 115 St. to ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists; and ensuring the University Avenue face of the building offers an inviting street presence.

Lam also agreed to support the Charles Simmonds Park renewal project, as the park will be a solid amenity for the residents of the new building. The form of this support is open, as the project is in early stages, but could include landscape design and support for fundraising activities.

Although this negotiation came at a very late stage in the development process, it did reinforce the value of community consultation for all parties.

10916–72 Ave.	Short term rental–AirB&B
11210–72 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
11254–73 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations to a single detached house (water retention structure–swimming pool, 4.87 m in diameter) (Completed) To operate a major home based business. (Short term rental–shared–Cute & Cozy in Edmonton).
7303–113 St.	To install a hot tub in the rear yard of single detached house (2.24 m x 2.03 m). (Issued)
10981–75 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house. To construct a semi-detached house with unenclosed front porch(s), front balcony(s), fireplace(s) and side entrance(s)). To construct an accessory building (detached garage (11.28m x 6.55m)).
11104–75 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (search engine optimization service company–Easy Mode Media)
11334–75 Ave.	To operate a major home based business (massage therapy–Magic Hands & K-9 Therapy). Expires July 16, 2025.
10922–76 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a single detached house, existing without permits. (Issued)
7611–110 St.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house.
7613–110 St.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a semi detached house.
11134–76 Ave. 11136–76 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (addition to mutual accessory building enlarging proposed garage depth to 6.70m, overall size (12.20m x 6.70m)). (Issued)
11301–76 Ave.	To demolish an accessory building (detached garage). (Issued)
10902–77 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house. (Completed)
10903–77 Ave.	To construct an addition (second storey, unheated room) and to construct interior alterations.
10927–77 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house and detached garage. (More info requested) To construct a 4 dwelling multi-unit housing development (row house) with unenclosed front porch, and to demolish a single detached house and accessory building (detached garage). (More info requested)
10930–77 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (on-call dog walking service–On Call Dog Walk)
7711–110 St.	To operate a minor home based business (creates custom home decor (yarn wall hangings, needle felting decor, etc) for sales–Wilder Folk Collective).
7719–110 St.	To operate a short term rental (whole house).
11103–77 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house. (More info requested) To construct a semi-detached house with an unenclosed front porch, fireplace, basement development (NOT to be used as an additional dwelling), and to demolish an existing single detached house. (On notices) To construct an accessory building (mutual detached garage (10.98m x 6.71m)). (More Info Requested)
11115–77 Ave.	To construct a front uncovered deck to a single detached house (irregular shape, 8.14m x 3.21m @ 0.84m in Height). (On notices)
11202–78 Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck.
11429–78 Ave.	To construct an addition to a single detached house (rear covered deck, 4.88m x 4.27m). (Issued)
11260–79 Ave. 11260C–79 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations (driveway extension 20ft x 9.5ft).
11303–79 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house. (Issued)
11305–79 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house. (Issued)
11255 University Ave.	To operate a minor home based business–(administration office only for a general contracting business).

Pinto project update (114 St.)

Neighbours of the proposed Pinto development for two multi-unit four-storey apartment buildings (at 114 St. and 78 Ave.) have received an update on the project from consultant Kirsten Goa. Pinto Developments has engaged Marcelo Figueira with Green Space Alliance to work with the proposal to see if it can fit more closely to the Area Redevelopment Plan, and to engage the community along the way.

Goa reports that Figueira, who has extensive experience with community engagement, design planning and public space, plans to hold three community meetings/workshops to help inform a new proposal, one that will achieve the intentions of the ARP. One of the workshops will probably focus on the public realm (connectivity through the site, pocket park or plaza, including design elements), while another will likely be about the built form of the building(s) themselves and the third will look at both aspects together.

This new proposal will still require a DC2 rezoning because of the challenges (size, orientation) of this location, but is unlikely to include the microsuits that were part of the original proposal.

Goa points out that engaging Figueira is a positive sign, and could bring out a proposal that does a much better job of meeting the goals the community set out when the ARP was created — as well as giving everyone will have more of an opportunity to be involved in the process.

Stay tuned for more information on the consultation meetings.

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McKernan Playgroup MONDAYS

New location: McKernan Park

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Veg in Yeg sprouts in McKernan

You may have noticed a garden plot bursting with plants that popped up this summer on a vacant lot on University Ave between 110 and 111 Streets. A neat sign boasts 'Fresh Veggies' and directions on how to order from Veg in Yeg (veginyeg.ca).

This plot is the newest location for an urban farming project that had its beginnings in Garneau in 2014. Now run by Nicole, a hard-working graduate student originally from Manchester, U.K., the garden offers a wide variety of fresh vegetables under a pay-what-you-can model — and shows bright ideas for bringing local food to communities.

The McKernan lot needed a lot of work, says Nicole, but it became available after the Garneau location was sold. She and a handful of other volunteers worked hard to pull weeds, shovel clean soil, install irrigation and mulch paths, not to mention starting 800 plants from seed in late winter ready to transplant come spring.

Now the lot is bursting with everything from kale to carrots to cucumbers, beets to brussel sprouts, supplemented with delicious greens and delicate herbs grown in an indoor tower garden at Grant MacEwan University.

Volunteers are people who know a bit about or want to learn more about gardening, although a few are mainly looking for a way to get out of the house and in touch with the natural world.

Response has been great, says Nicole, with more demand than the small lot can keep up with. She outlines many ideas for expansion, including using sunny front or back yards in other lots, and matching unused garden space across the community with volunteers who could plant and harvest.

Her plans for next few years including investing in the soil and site and adding a community compost area. One big item holding the project back, she says, is the lack of storage — she could really use a convenient shed or

garage to store tools and supplies, and more fridges, freezers or cold storage areas to keep the produce fresh for longer. More experienced garden mentors could also be helpful as she and her volunteers work out the best crops and techniques for growing in Edmonton.

She also dreams of setting the organization up as a non-profit so she could offer a wage for employees and expand to other sites to provide both more jobs and food for the community.

(*YEG is the international call sign for the Edmonton airport, and has become a quick label for the city on social media.)

To find out more, or if you have any resources (time, money, freezer space, non-profit advice?) to offer the project, check out veginyeg.ca; email hello@veginyeg.ca or call (780) 914 8889.



McKernan Community League Membership 2020/2021

Membership term: Sept. 1, 2020 to Aug. 31, 2021

FOR 2020-21: ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NO CHARGE!!

Type of Membership (please circle):

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11258 78 Ave. Edmonton, AB T6G 0M7

memberships@mckernancommunity.org

Memberships can also be purchased online through <https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>

Skate tags will be available later in the season, depending if rinks will be allowed to open.

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