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Next league board meeting

**Tuesday, Mar. 5
at 7:00 p.m. at the
Community Centre
(11341-78 Ave.)**

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

**Your community league
membership buys you free
skating on our rinks at
11341-78 Ave.**

**You must have your League skate
tags with you.**



Kids under 14: Mon-Fri: 3:30-6 p.m.

Family skating: Sat, Sun: 1-5 p.m.
(priority to kids; see posted rules re shinny)

Public skating / Shinny:
Mon, Wed-Fri: 6-9 p.m.
Tues: 6-8 p.m.
Sat, Sun: 5-9 p.m.

Broomball: Tues: 8-10 p.m.

To volunteer for ice maintenance:
Greg Jones, 780-222-2096 or
ghajones@hotmail.com

Apartment update: University Ave and 115 St.

As anticipated, City Council approved a rezoning of several lots at the corner of 115 St. between 80 Ave. and University Ave. in January. Westrich Development had proposed rezoning the parcel to RA8 to allow construction of a medium-rise apartment building of up to six storeys. The rezoning conformed to the McKernan-Belgravia Area Redevelopment Plan for sites near transit hubs, and was approved unanimously.

Both McKernan and Belgravia community leagues expressed concerns about the traffic impacts of the site redevelopment, and Council did approve a request to investigate improvements to University Ave. crossings at 115 and 114 Streets. All development proposals will have to be approved by city transportation and emergency services departments.

Representatives from both communities met with the developer in late January for preliminary discussions about the property. The reps expressed a preference for a lower number of parking stalls and that the development be oriented to pedestrian access.

Westrich indicated that the building will likely be rental units in a "higher end" wood frame building somewhat similar to the Grand Scala development on 76 Ave. at 115 St. Approximately 87 units are under consideration.

The two lots on the corner east of 115 St at University Ave are not part of this development. Preliminary plans indicate the new building's parking lot would be located at 8005-115 St., south of the existing single-family homes on the corner, with the actual building occupying what is currently 11439, 11441 and 11459 University Ave.

Architectural renderings of the proposed building should be available in April or May; construction will likely not start until 2020. Westrich has expressed interest in continuing to meet with the community and receiving information.

Interested in development? Join our Planning Committee! See p.4 for details.

Casino volunteers needed

Thurs. July 18 and Fri. July 19

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Community Centre project.

**Contact Hilary Gray at 780-434-0480
to volunteer.**

Thanks to all volunteers for your
generous help!

NOTICE OF OFFICIAL-TYPE MEETINGS!

Tuesday, April 2

Starting 7:00 p.m at the community centre.

Annual General Meeting (brief!)

- Election of officers (president, vice-president, directors)
- Year-end business

Wine and Cheese Mixer (fun!)

Meet the executive, find out how you can help, discuss your concerns

Kids and Youth Programs

Parkallen Winter Green Shack Program

Children 6 to 12 years old can join the fabulous city leaders at Parkallen Park (11104-65 Avenue) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Feb. 2 to March 1 for the free drop-in Winter Green Shack program that features variety of activities, crafts, cooking and more (skating if weather permits). Children under 6 are welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS - 3:30 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAYS - 1 to 5 p.m.

All activities are outside; please ensure that you come dressed for the weather.



McKernan Playgroup - MONDAYS!

Our playgroup for parents, caregivers and little ones (ages 0-5) meets again! Join us at the Community Centre from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Bring a toy to share, if you want.

Contact Amanda at 780-243-5044 or manda_243@hotmail.com. Check the McKernan C.L. Facebook group for updates.

No meeting Jan. 21, Feb. 25 or stat holidays



Rent the community centre!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open! Our beautiful facility includes smaller meeting spaces along with a refurbished hall complete with danceable wooden floor and air conditioning. For future bookings, contact hall rental coordinator Darlene Dudley at hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com. More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at www.mckernancommunity.org.

	Main hall	Meeting room	Boardroom
Capacity	151	60	16
Hourly cost			
Weekend (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday)	\$75/hr	\$65/hr	\$25/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$55/hr	\$45/hr	\$25/hr
Long-term rentals (multi-week, with contract)	\$50/hr	\$40/hr	\$20/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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POCKET PARK	Michelle Jones	780-289-0635
SOUTH CAMPUS LIAISON	Wiggert Hessels	780-432-6379

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 \$35 for family or organizations, \$25 for single parent families. Single memberships with skating are \$20, seniors and students only \$10. A bargain! See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org.

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Planning volunteers needed

Our League would like to start a Planning Committee (similar to other Committees implemented by neighbouring Leagues) with representatives from all areas of our Community.

The purpose of the Planning Committee is to provide input and concerns on submitted Development Applications and work with the Development Chair in developing replies to the Board and the City.

Ideally, we would have representative from West of 114 Street; 72 Avenue, University Avenue and 109 Street – these are the areas where larger developments are being proposed. We already have some people signed up.

There would be a brief training session on the Zoning Plans for our area and the Development Application process and approval stages. Committee members would then receive and review any new applications for development that ask for exceptions to current codes and zoning.

Feedback could vary from emails to a brief meeting to discuss the application and our options. The goal is not to overburden Committee members, but seek their input and help bring awareness to their neighbours of potential developments.

Call Peter Rausch at 780 437 5238 if you are interested and would like more information on this committee or to sign up.

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Hello! I am a Strathcona High School student who is part of a bikeathon team for the Scona Initiative. We are raising money for Doctors Without Borders, who provide medical help around the world. My team, the Bikestreet Bois, is raising money through bake sales and other activities. Our bikeathon event is March 15-16. If you would like to support this initiative, donate through www.asonewhoserves.ca/bikestreet-bois. Thank you very much!

Astrid K and the Backstreet Bois

Development applications (Jan. 1 – Feb. 10)

This list 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. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

11306–72 Ave.	To construct an addition to a single detached house (rear–house extension–all levels). (More info requested)
11151–73 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with basement development (not to be used as an additional dwelling), fireplace, uncovered deck, veranda, and to demolish a single detached house. (More info requested)
11151–73 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house. (More info requested) To construct an accessory building (detached garage (7.32m x 7.32m)).
10936–75 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (shed) and .
11250–75 Ave.	To develop a Secondary Suite in the basement of a Semi-detached House (New Suite).
11252–75 Ave.	To develop a Secondary Suite in the Basement of a Semi-detached House (New Suite).
11342–75 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations to a semi-detached house (change exterior cladding), existing without permits.
11236–78 Ave.	To install a renewable energy device on a house (40 solar photovoltaic panel(s) on the roof).
11453–78 Ave.	To construct an addition (Extending the height of the dormer on the existing second floor to enlarge the livable space on the second floor).
11329–79 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a single detached house.
11427–80 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house (new suite).
11429–80 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house (new suite).
11443–80 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations (house built 0.45m over-height).
11005 University Ave.	To develop a secondary suite (new suite) and to construct interior alterations (other interior alterations, NOT to be used as an additional dwelling).

2019 Belmac child/youth outdoor soccer registration

until Feb. 28

Step 1: Register online at emsasouthwest.com

Step 2: Attend the in-person payment sessions:

Sun., Feb. 24 McKernan Hall 1 to 4 p.m.

Queries to Carley Haynes belmac@belgraviaedmonton.ca

BELMAC Adult Soccer

Men's and Women's Teams: 16+, 30+, 35+, 45+

Queries to Brad Odsen bodsen@live.com

League notes February

Hall debt continues to decline

The only debt remaining from the league's 2013 construction of the community centre declined more in February as the board voted to pay a lump sum of \$40,000 toward the loan. The principal on the loan as of December 31, 2018 was \$211,537 (from the original 2014 loan amount of \$250,000). This means we have reduced our original debt by nearly 20%.

The current and past boards have diligently worked on retiring the hall debt, and will continue to make this a priority. Being debt-free will allow us to concentrate on other important community activities.

The league continues to maintain a healthy balance in the bank from hall rentals to ensure that we can cover our day-to-day operations and any emergencies that pop up.

The funds for the lump sum amount came from our 2017 casino. Our next casino will be July 18-19, 2019; please contact Hilary Gray if you are able to help out at a shift (see page 1 for details).

Hall safety rules update

McKernan Community League's hall rental manager Darlene Dudley presented some of her expertise at a December meeting for community league around hall safety and hall rentals. Hosted by EFCL, the meeting addressed some of the issues that halls are facing including 'travelling nightclubs', renters using drugs or weapons, and insurance issues. Hall rental managers or volunteers need to be aware of procedures and do their due diligence. The EFCL is developing an improved contract template and information for managers. Our hall is performing strongly and with few problems so far; we hope to keep it that way.

Events in the community

Social Justice Film Night, Fri. Mar. 8, 7 p.m., Westwood Unitarian Church (11135-65 Ave.). Shameless Propaganda is filmmaker Robert Lower's take on the boldest and most compelling propaganda effort in our history. Get film listings at www.westwoodunitarian.ca/participate/social-justice/social-justice-movie-nights/

Seedy Sunday, Sun. Mar. 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Lions Senior Recreation Centre (11113-113 St.) A gardening event for all ages and capabilities, Seedy Sunday features seed vendors and swap, information booth, children's crafts, magazines and books, plus speakers on bees, soil, food security and other topics. Admission by donation. edmontonseedysunday.org

Open Mic night, Gracious Goods Cafe (7601-115 St.), Sunday nights 5-7 p.m. New and accomplished are welcome to perform in front of an accepting and easy crowd. Check www.facebook.com/GGOpenMic/ for list of dates.

March 14 – April 25, 2019 | Thursdays 7 pm – 8:30 pm

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Come with your questions and concerns
about federal government issues.

Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm
Cité Francophone, 8627 91 Street
(Parkade on north side, access off 91 Street.)

All welcome — hope to see you there!

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