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Next league board meeting

MONDAY, June 7

7:00 p.m. online

(check website for
connection details)

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

Community perennial exchange!

It's blooming time for a perennial exchange: Sunday, May 16, at the Pocket Park. Masks and social distancing required!

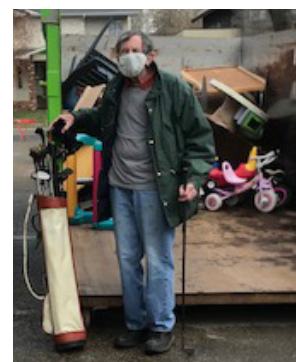
- Drop off plants 10-11 a.m.
(exchange for plants you bring)
- Pick up plants 11 a.m.-noon
(open to anyone to pick up)

Full details on page 3.

Pocket Park

The team will be working at the Pocket Park (112 St. and University Ave.) on Thursday evenings at 6:30 through the summer. Volunteers welcome to help out with weeding or watering.

Also thank the volunteers when you see them at work!



Our Big Bin event collected two bins full of trash...

... and helped residents clean up their backyards, alleys, garages and basements.

We had lots of drive-through drop-offs, several walk-ins (including barbecues), and even a motorcycle trailer full of branches.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped out: Jerry Zhang, Peter Rausch, Cherie Hoyles, Roberta Franchuk, Phil Kloc and Alastair Illich. Also thanks to Darlene Dudley for coordinating.

If you missed this event, the city is hosting a number of other Big Bin events through the summer. They also accept items like tires, mattresses and appliances. See the list at edmonton.ca/bigbinevents. Also, Eco-Stations will host free drop-off weekends at Eco Stations on the June 26-27 and September 25-26 weekends for residential materials only. See edmonton.ca/ecostations for details



League notes May

Volunteer thanks

Thanks to Wiggert Hessels and Peter Rausch, who reviewed the financials for the league in April as per the bylaws. Also, Lance Stevenson has stepped forward to take over as membership coordinator from Joyce Chung. Lance's contact info is on page 2.

Garneau renewal plans now online

The final design booklet that details what will be happening in Garneau during the 2021-2023 neighbourhood renewal project is now

available at www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/garneau.aspx. It includes specifics about items of interest to McKernan residents, including design for Braithwaite Park (113 St. and University Ave) and the 110 St. bike lane.

Also available at that site is the construction booklet that explains how the construction will proceed in the three-year project. The north part of Garneau will be construction in the 2021 construction season, the south part (adjacent to McKernan) in 2022, and the part east of 109 St. in 2023).

Growing food for neighbours in McKernan

Veg in Yeg is preparing for another season offering accessible, fresh produce from their market garden at 11015 University Avenue. Big thank you to all the neighbours who supported them in 2020!

This year, they are transitioning from a social enterprise business, to a non-profit company led by a team of volunteers.

They grow a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers for sale via their online store. Pick-up is at the garden, or delivered to Whyte Ave-area neighbourhoods. All produce is pay-what-you-can. The more you pay, the more you support your neighbours who may not be able to. All income goes towards operating expenses, equipment upgrades and possibly expanding to other sites.

They are still looking for volunteers! If you are interested in being on their harvest-day team, or joining as a coordinator to help run the farm activities off-site too, see linktr.ee/veginyeg. No experience necessary.



Support the garden

You can support the garden in other ways by donating any spare yard/garden tools you may have, or lending them a sunny lawn to be converted into a garden. They are also in need of a small lockable shed or storage box, for their larger tools.

Yard Share YEG

If you are a budding gardener looking for yard space to create your personal vegetable garden, check out the new program Yard Share YEG. They facilitate yard sharing and support gardeners across the City. Follow them on Facebook / Instagram. You can also join the Facebook Group: Yard Sharing in Edmonton to find a match with a homeowner.

Community compost station

Bring your food scraps to Veg in Yeg! Access is via the alley. Tools are provided, as well as leaves to top your scraps with, and signs guide you on the composting process. Thank you to everyone who donated their bags of leaves last fall and this spring! The garden now has enough to last the whole growing season for the compost pile and mulch.

Community centre closed

Our community centre is currently closed to the public as per Alberta Health guidelines. We will reopen for events and rentals when it is safe to do so.

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

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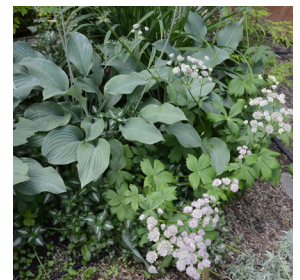
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Community perennial exchange

Sunday, May 16, at the Pocket Park
(112 St. and University Ave.)

A. Bring your extra plants

1. If you have perennials that are overgrown and need to be split (or just need to be removed), dig them up (with roots!) and put them in pots or plastic bags. No goutweed or chives please!
2. If possible, label them with:
 - Plant name (if known)
 - Plant height
 - Flower colour
 - Bloom season (spring/summer/fall)
 - Drought tolerance (dry/average/wet)
 - Light requirement (sun/shade/part sun)

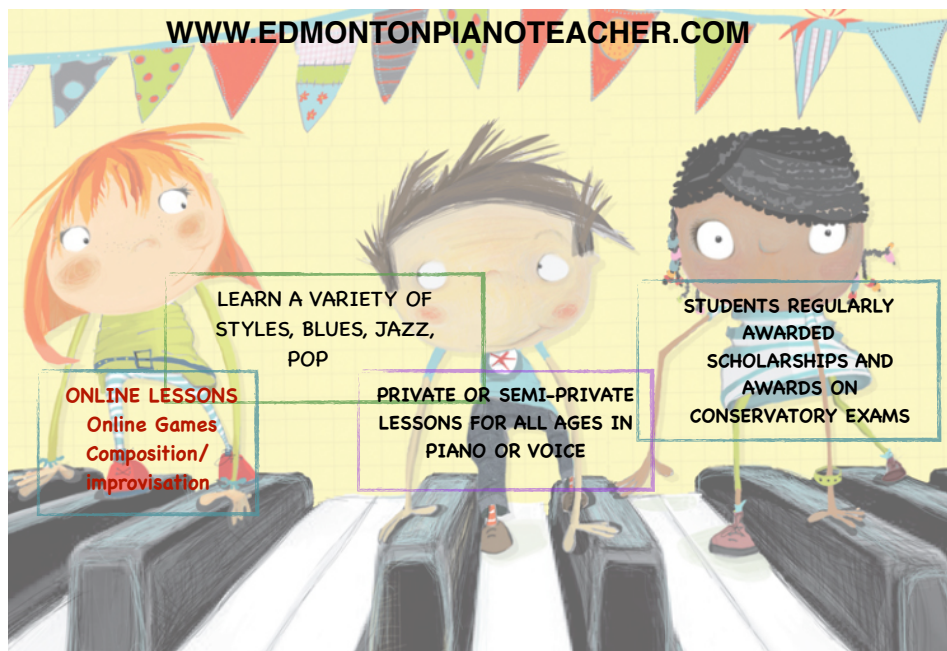


3. Bring them to the Pocket Park on Sunday from 10-11. You'll get first dibs at plants coming from others.

B. No plants to exchange? Come anyway!

If you don't have plants to exchange, come from 11-noon to pick up free plants that remain.

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COVID protocols for the exchange:

- Masks required!
- Maximum 5 people on site at one time – please wait well away from area.
- Maintain 2 m distance from other attendees (except for members of same household).

Community briefs

Eco-Solar homes on Zoom

2021 Eco-Solar Home Tour will be held on Zoom this year! View Edmonton homes (including a Belgravia (McKernan) net-zero energy home) on June 5 and 6, Calgary homes on June 12 and 13, and Lethbridge homes on June 19. There will be a short presentation on each home followed by a question period with the homeowners. To see a particular home you will have to tune in during that home's scheduled date and time.

All dates and times, plus info about each house, are available at <http://ecosolar.ca/>

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New proposal for 114 St. development by LRT

Westrich Developments is in the process of applying for an RA8 rezoning for several sites on the northwest corner of 114 St. and 76 Ave (directly next to the LRT station). The full application has not yet been submitted, but indications are that they will be looking for maximum development allowed at the site.

This site, which lies in McKernan but at the boundary with Belgravia, is indicated for Mixed Use Residential (Commercial Required) under the McKernan-Belgravia Area Redevelopment Plan.

The McKernan and Belgravia community leagues are evaluating whether they should ask that the site be rezoned to a DC2 (Development Specific rezoning) instead of the basic RA8, as this would allow the leagues to ask for some concessions in the built form and for a community amenity contributions - although in exchange for possibly increased density, height or other aspects. Commercial use on the site might also be very difficult to accommodate because of the extreme vehicle traffic congestion at this intersection, so this would also have to be carefully considered.

Westrich is behind the RA8 project currently under construction on University Ave. at 115 St. (east side). This construction site has had several complaints about noise and inadequate tree protection.

Keep up to date with this or other rezoning applications at www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx

Development news

Development applications (Apr. 1 to May 8)

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan last 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.

7219-112 St.	To construct interior alterations (basement development, NOT to be used as an additional dwelling). To operate a minor home based business—general contractor (Primed And Proper Painting Inc.). (Issued) To operate a minor home based business (administration office for Tesla Electric Vehicles—Canada Electric Car Management Inc.) (Approved)
7723-111 St.	To construct interior alterations to a semi detached house (basement development, NOT to be used as an additional dwelling). (Issued)
7226-112 St.	To demolish a single detached house and 2 accessory buildings (2 detached garages and attached carport). (Issued)
10969-76 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (Doula—Opal Moon Birthwork) (no permit required)
11114-76 Ave.	To demolish a detached garage.
11121-78 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house and detached garage.
11146-78 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations (entire lot with impermeable material)
11148-78 Ave.	To construct exterior alterations (adding a rear garden) to a semi-detached house. To construct exterior alterations to a semi-detached house (hardsurfacing in front, side and rear yards).
11213-78 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house and detached garage.

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