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THE McKernan Messenger

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Next league board meeting

MONDAY, December 7
(new day!)

7:00 p.m. online

(check website for
connection details)

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



In preparation for the ice rink, the rink team and kids came out last weekend to pack all that fluffy snow down into a hard surface in order to level the uneven turf. With this base, we'll be off to a great start on the rink.

McKernan Helps still reaching out

The McKernan Community League Board would like to ensure that everyone in our community has the support they need during this pandemic. If you are currently in self-isolation and in need of someone to help pick up small orders of groceries, post your mail, run essential errands or just a friendly phone call, please let us know and we can match you with a volunteer who lives near you and is happy to help.

To be matched with a volunteer, contact Karla, the McKernan Helps project coordinator, at 780-953-7444 or barron.karla@gmail.com.

Interested in development issues in our community?

The league is looking for interested residents to serve on a panel to develop a guideline to evaluate proposed infill developments and rezoning requests. Having a number of residents reviewing proposals will ensure that all developments receive the necessary scrutiny, and will ensure that only high-quality buildings are put up in our neighbourhood. We need to maintain our expertise and knowledge in this area if we are to be an effective voice with developers and the City. Contact Roberta Franchuk (president@mckernancommunity.org), for further information on this working group and their goals.

Garneau renewal brings benefits for cyclists and dog owners

Garneau Neighbourhood Renewal will have some benefits and some drawbacks for McKernan Residents. The final design of the renewal is up for review in November; construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2021 with anticipated completion in 2022.

The plan for a separated bike lane on the west side along 110 St. starting in McKernan is retained in the final design, and non-bike traffic will be northbound only. This will remove on-street parking for residents of the street, although parking bays will be added at various locations (in the McKernan section, this comes at the expense of three trees). Curbside vehicle access to houses will also be impacted. For cyclists, the route will connect the bike lane on 76 Ave. to Saskatchewan Drive, with bike crossing signals on the major intersections (Whyte Ave. and 87 Ave.)

McKernan residents will be able to enjoy a new fenced, off-leash dog park nearby in Braithwaite Park, north of University Ave. between 112 and 114 Streets. The remainder of the park will be open for various recreation activities and have new pathways connecting across and through it. Boulevard sidewalks will also be added along 112 Street, 82 Avenue and the north side of University Avenue, and a row of trees will be planted along the north side of the park along 82 Avenue. This should improve pedestrian access to the park and make it a better experience for users.

Other features of the Garneau plan include expanded east-west bike networks, new sidewalks, and measures to reduce shortcutting. Check out the full Final Plan at edmonton.ca/BuildingGarneau.

Treasurer needed

The league is looking for a new treasurer as Scott MacLean is moving from the community and will be stepping down from the post. If you have a basic knack for numbers, please consider helping out with this very important position. General duties of the treasurer are: review fees and income paid to the league; present a detailed account of revenues and expenditures at every Board and General Meeting; prepare and present an audited financial statement at the Annual General Meeting. There is regular bookkeeping and accounting support for this position, and Scott will be available to help with the transition. Contact Roberta at president@mckernancommunity.org for more information.

Free memberships!

League memberships are 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 EFCL website (<https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>)

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!

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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Development news

114 St. project still under discussion

Community representatives met with Pinto Properties in October to continue discussions about the proposal for two buildings next to the LRT line at 114 St. on 78 Ave. (see October Messenger for full details). They are continuing to press for a reduction in height from six storeys and to see what benefits the project could potentially bring the community, such as child care, park amenities and family units in the buildings.

A meeting originally scheduled for Nov. 12 will be held later in the month to allow the full plan to be reviewed by city staff and released to the public. Once set, the revised date will be posted on the developer's website at metro78.udconnect.net/#!/up as well as on the McKernan site and social media.

The city will post the full plan eventually at www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx, and will host an open house consultation at some point before the plan goes to council.

Construction noise an issue

Multiple noise complaints have been registered against the Westrich development construction site on 115 St. and University Ave. Issues included noise beginning before the allowed construction hours or extending well into the night. Complaints have been filed with the city's Community Standards/Infill Compliance team.

If you have concerns about noise or unsafe conditions at any construction site, try to document the time and date of the offense, and document with photos/video if it is safe to do so. You may be asked to fill in a witness statement. Complaints can be submitted to 311@edmonton.ca. Find out more about the Community Standards Bylaw, which regulates construction noise, at www.edmonton.ca/city_government/bylaws/noise.aspx

RF3 rezoning approved on 115 St.

City council approved a rezoning of the site at 11508-80 Ave from RF1 (single-family) to RF3 to allow multiunit housing. Administration supported the proposal as it conformed to the McKernan-Belgravia Area Redevelopment Plan, is within the 400 metres of the LRT station where such rezonings are allowed, and is located on a corner lot where row housing would be appropriate. The site is also across the street from the approved six-storey Westrich apartment building under construction and would thus provide a visual transition from that building to the lower density properties on the rest of the block.

The new zoning will allow multi-unit residential housing, such as small row housing or semidetached housing (duplex), plus garden suites and/or basement suites. The maximum allowed height would remain the same as for an RF1 development, at 8.9 m, while the setbacks would either remain the same or be somewhat larger (eg the allowed footprint of the building would remain about the same).

A number of sites within 400 metres of the LRT station have been rezoned to RF3 since the ARP was approved in 2014; most of McKernan along and north of 76 Ave. and east of 114 is already zoned RF3 and a number of semi-detached houses and garage suites have been constructed.

Development applications (Oct. 1 to Nov. 3)

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 www.edmonton.ca/mckernan. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

11547-78 Ave.	To install a renewable energy device on a house (solar photovoltaic (PV) panel(s) on the roof).
11329-79 Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck.

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League notes November

Casino chair needed

The league is looking for a new casino chair to manage the next casino (currently scheduled for summer 2021, but this may change depending on the progress of the COVID-19 situation). The casino chair manages volunteers and paperwork for the two-day casino event. It is not an onerous job, and our past casino chair is available for assistance and information. Please contact Roberta (president@mckernancommunity.org) if you are interested.

Campus Food Bank says thanks

The Campus Food Bank has reached out to thank the McKernan Community for outstanding support for their Trick or TrEAT event this October. They received over 3700 pounds of food from the drive, and nearly 1000 came from this neighbourhood alone! Well done to everyone who supported the event.

Crime on upswing

A number of crimes were reported in McKernan in September and October: thefts from automobiles, garage breakins, one attempted vehicle theft, and three assaults. In the case of vehicle break-ins, garage door openers (for future garage/house breakins) and registration slips are common targets, and licence plates are also often taken. For property crimes, please keep your eyes on your own property and that of your neighbours, and report any crimes or suspicious activities. Crime has been up across Edmonton in 2020, possibly because of the stresses of the COVID situation and lockdown.

Charles Simmonds Park update

The Charles Simmonds Park committee heard a presentation from the City at its October meeting to outline the stages in the process. It is expected that the project will take 2-3 years to complete. Neighbourhood Park Development Program funding is available to be accessed, but this funding would need to be matched by other sources. This might include funds from developers, private or business donors, casinos, or other levels of government. The committee is now working on its Terms of Reference. If anyone is interested in contributing, contact Gail Fraser-Steffler, gfs@shaw.ca.

Speed limits approved for 2021

City Council approved new residential speed limits of 40 km/h on November 4. The new limits will take effect in summer 2021.

All streets within McKernan will be limited to 40 km/h, with the exception of 114 St and 109 St (which remain at 50 km/h) and playground zone sections of 76 Ave, 78 Ave and 115 St. that will remain at 30 km/h. Nearby, sections of Whyte Ave will also be restricted to 40 km/h as they are high pedestrian areas.

The reduced speed limits should create safer streets and more livable communities, as well as encouraging more active transportation.

You can view a map of Edmonton street speeds at https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/traffic_safety/residential-speed-limits.aspx

Someone in need? Call 211 to help



As winter tightens its grip, vulnerable people may find themselves in situations where they need more help, whether shelter, warm clothes or a meal. If you see someone who may need help, you can call 211 and press 3 for the 24/7 Crisis Diversion Team. If someone is in immediate danger, 911 is still the number to call.

24/7 Crisis Diversion is a collaborative partnership of Edmonton that responds around the clock, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The teams provide crisis intervention services when someone is experiencing a medical or mental health (non-emergency) crisis; when there is a potential safety concern for the individual involved; or when someone is possibly intoxicated, or otherwise impaired.

The teams also connects individuals to the support they need in the immediate crisis.

McKernan Playgroup MONDAYS

New location: McKernan Park

Our playgroup for parents, caregivers and little ones (ages 0-5) meets again! Join us on Mondays at McKernan Park from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (until it gets too cold to meet (-10)!)

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Contact Mary at marylouise@gmail.com if you have questions.



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No easy answers to crowded street parking

Enforcement of parking restrictions is an ongoing challenge in Edmonton. Some residents have expressed frustration at the number of vehicles parked on residential streets, making roads difficult to navigate (especially in the winter) and increasing the difficulty of finding a parking space for residents.

Parking pressures come from a couple of directions. A common one in McKernan and Belgravia is from 'freeloader' parkers: people who are not visiting or doing business in the community, but who are looking for a free place to leave a vehicle while they travel via transit, walking or bike to another destination like the University, hospital or downtown. While COVID has reduced the numbers of such parkers, they are still seen. The UA-2 parking zone restrictions were put in over the years to reduce the free parking to two hours at peak times, but this does not cover evenings and weekends, and it also relies on complaints to trigger enforcement. This restriction is, however, at least an attempt to free up parking for residents and visitors to the community.

The second, and more difficult, parking pressure comes from residents who park on the street regularly. Permits are available to any residents of single family homes and multi-family buildings under four storeys in height, so residents of new larger apartment buildings will not be eligible for permits. However, houses whose residents own multiple vehicles may have multiple permits, and this does sometimes lead to conflict with other residents. Since streets are public spaces and curb space does not 'belong' to specific houses, it isn't possible for the city to fully restrict this use - the only stipulation is that vehicles cannot be left for more than 72 hours in one spot, so long-term storage on the street is not allowed.

Some residents have called for increased enforcement of both the 72-hour restriction and the regular 2-hour peak time restrictions - but it's clear that the city does not have the resources to make regular patrols to enforce these. Thus, it is still up to residents to report non-compliant vehicles. Enforcement based on complaints is relatively good; bylaws officers are usually out fairly quickly. Reporting can be done by calling 311; emailing 311@edmonton.ca; or using the 311 mobile app. Of course, if a neighbour's parking habits are causing direct difficulty - for example, by blocking access to a sidewalk - it is still appropriate to ask them directly for help in finding a solution.

Some sections of McKernan are not covered by the UA2 zoning; the city's process for expanding the program is relatively onerous and has only been done street by street in the past.

Perversely, streets with many parked cars often see less speeding than streets that are mostly or completely free of parked cars, so there is some balancing between types of safety issues here as well.

Facebook: McKernan Community League
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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):

Family	\$0	Senior	\$0
Single Parent Family	\$0	Student	\$0
Single Adult	\$0		

+ League donation _____

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Cheques must be made out to McKernan District Community League.

Member 1 name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Member 2 name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Names of children: _____ Birth date (Y/M/D): _____

Address: _____ Postal code: _____

of skate tags required: _____ I would like a community league door sticker. ☐

I would like to be on the McKernan Community League's volunteer list. ☐

Deliver/ mail to: Joyce Chung, McKernan membership director

11258 78 Ave. Edmonton, AB T6G 0M7

mckernanmembership@gmail.com

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.

Information collected on this form is used solely for McKernan Community League purposes and will not be sold or given to any third party.