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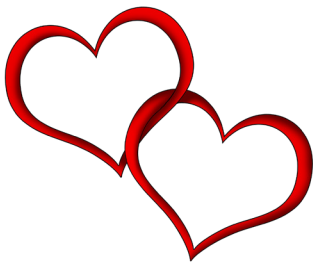
THE McKernan Messenger

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Next league board meeting

Tuesday, March 3
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.



NOTICE OF OFFICIAL-TYPE MEETINGS!

Tuesday, April 7

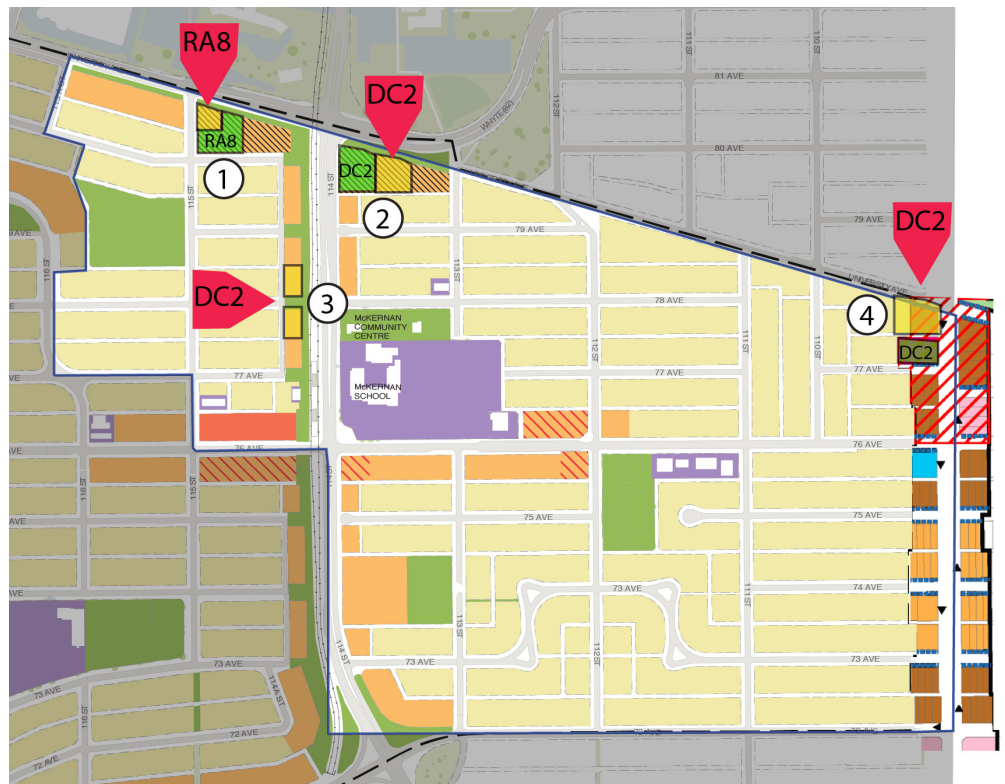
Starting 7:00 p.m at the
community centre.

Annual General Meeting (brief!)

- Election of officers
(treasurer, secretary,
directors)
- Year-end business

Wine and Cheese Mixer (fun!)

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



Four large projects under development in McKernan

A flurry of new major development proposals has hit McKernan in recent weeks. All are in areas designated for higher density under various area redevelopment plans, and all will need close attention by neighbours and the community at large. See the map above for locations of these projects.

1. This month the league received a notice of application to rezone 11455, 11459 and 11461 University Avenue from RF1 to RA8 to accommodate a medium-density building of up to six storeys with some ground floor commercial. This is immediately adjacent to a site that was rezoned to RA8 in January 2019 and will be part of the same development. This conforms to the McKernan-Belgravia Station ARP. The developer has previously met with league representatives from McKernan and Belgravia to solicit comments on the original building design, and it is hoped that more consultation will be held to look at the revised site. However, because they are looking for standard zoning, opportunities for consultation will be somewhat limited.

2. Fleming Developments are now proposing a second building next to the recently approved McKernan Gates project on 114 St and University Ave. This project, dubbed McKernan Crossing, lies to the east at 11323, 11325, 11329, 11333 and 11335 University Ave. and is envisioned as an eight-storey, 150-unit building with upper level setbacks and underground parking. This height does not conform to the Station ARP as written. A pre-application open house will be held Saturday, February 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the McKernan Community Centre to allow citizens to review the information and provide comments.

3. As previously reported in the Messenger (December 2019), Pinto Properties is looking to develop two separate four-storey buildings, one at 11416-78 Ave and the second across the street

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Kids and Youth Programs

X-Treme Action Summer Full Day Camp

Do you like to live on the edge? Do you like challenges and action? Then this camp is for you. Some of the exciting experiences you could take part in include wall climbing, laser tag, archery, and canoeing. This camp is for kids ages 8-12 and has up to four field trips.

www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/camps.aspx

Registration opens March 10 for members of Move.Learn.Play, and March 11 for non-members. Find other neighbourhood camps or camps with arts, craft, hobbies, outdoors and more!

July 27 - July 31

McKernan Community Centre
(11341-78 Ave.)



Rent the community centre for your event!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open for rentals! Our beautiful facility includes smaller meeting spaces along with a refurbished hall complete with danceable 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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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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League notes February

Hall loan update

The league has made another lump-sum payment of \$50,000 towards the outstanding loan on the hall building. Coming from the funds from our 2019 casino, this payment will reduce the balance owing to the Social Enterprise Fund to just over \$110,000. We continue to make our regular loan payments out of the revenue generated from hall rentals, and had also made a lump-sum payment in early 2019. If all continue to go well and assuming the league faces no unexpected large expenses, we should be close to paying off the loan at the end of our five-year term in May 2024. Assuming the structure of the charitable casino program does not change significantly, future casino funds will also be directed to paying down the loan.

Social media

Thanks to MikeBlennerhassett for stepping forward to help out with social media for the league. We're on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, posting about events in and around the community, important meetings, and items of interest.

Community briefs



Need to borrow a tool?

The Edmonton Tool Library is an independent, not-for-profit society dedicated to providing affordable access to an inventory of over 600 hand, power, and garden tools. Standard memberships cost \$50 per year for access to everything from angle grinders to wet tile saws. You can view and search the inventory on edmontontoollibrary.ca. The library is at 7308 112 Ave, and is open Saturdays from 1-5 p.m.

311 service hours reduced

The hours for the City's 311 telephone help line are being reduced from 24 to 12 hours a day. The new hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week (closed statutory holidays). Information for programs and services can also be found on edmonton.ca.

Events in the community

Green Circle Preschool Open House, Tues., Feb. 25, 5-6 p.m., Parkallen School (6703-112 St.) Take a tour of the classroom and meet the teachers. The program offers a unique natural learning environment that provides children aged 3 to 5 with opportunities to learn in an environment that stimulates all aspects of their growth and development. Call 780-435-3129 or see www.greencirclepreschool.com

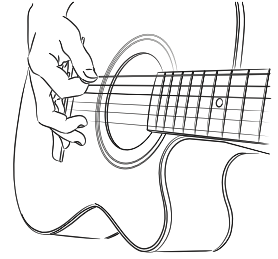
Social Justice Film Night, Fri. Mar. 13, 7 p.m., Westwood Unitarian Church (11135-65 Ave.). Fish Out of Water sits down with hundreds of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender folks to impart their experiences with faith and sexuality, using humour and original animation to make a traditionally complex and controversial topic accessible. Get film listings at www.westwoodunitarian.ca/participate/social-justice/social-justice-movie-nights/

Spring Break Soccer Camp, March 23-27, Sports TC (9203 35 Ave) SWEMSA is hosting a Spring Break Camp for community players (U7 to U13). This camp is for all tier 4 to 9 players, all skill sets, who are currently registered for the Outdoor 2020 season with EMSA South West. You will be trained by the SWEMSA Technical Director Sini Matic and his technical team. On Friday, there will be goalkeeper training with the SWEMSA Goalkeeper Director, Armando Sanchez Lona - for Keepers and those who want to learn. Info and registration at emsasouthwest.com

GOT A GUITAR FOR CHRISTMAS? LEARN TO PLAY IT!



- Wanted a Guitar for a long time and now that you have one you don't know where to start?
- Did you try to teach yourself and you are not happy with the results?
- Always wanted to connect with MUSIC but never had the chance?



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Development news

Lodging house restrictions

More lodging houses may be on the way after City Council lifted its restrictions on the number of such houses in a community. Previously the number of congregate living houses (group homes, limited group homes, and lodging houses) was limited based on number of residents in the community. Administration indicated that this change is directed at improving housing choice and providing affordable housing for more people. This also fits with the City's general direction to regulate land use and building form instead of resident types. The community does still have a role to play in making sure the lodging houses have the correct permits; that they are operating in a way that does not negatively affect their surroundings; and that residents feel welcome to participate in community life.

Development applications (Jan. 1 – Feb. 8)

The list below 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. 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.

7222–112 St.	To demolish a single detached house. To construct a semi-detached house with unenclosed front porch(s), rear uncovered deck (Lot 34A 2.44m x 3.05m, Lot 34B 2.44m x 3.05m), fireplace(s), side door(s) and to develop secondary suites in the basement(s). To construct an accessory building (a mutual detached garage (5.79m x 10.98m)).
11159–73 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with front attached garage, unenclosed front porch, rear covered deck (7.01m x 2.44m), and to demolish a single detached house and accessory building (detached garage).
11255–73 Ave.	To construct interior alterations (basement development, NOT to be used as an additional dwelling).
11307–76 Ave.	To operate a minor home based business (admin office, cleaning services) - Approved-NDPR
11115–77 Ave.	To construct a front uncovered deck (irregular shaped, 9.92m x 3.63m @ 0.85m in Height) to a single detached house.
11151–77 Ave.	To construct interior alterations (wall removal and installation of beam on main floor, and installing lvl, NOT to be used as an additional dwelling).
11422–77 Ave.	To construct a two-storey garden suite (main floor garage 7.62m x 6.25m, second floor garden suite 7.62m x 6.25m) with landings to the second floor (converting existing detached garage into garden suite).
11256–78 Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck (1.80m x 1.20m) with privacy screen.
1, 11326–78 Ave.	To develop a secondary suite (new suite).
11445–79 Ave.	To construct a single detached house with unenclosed front porch and to develop a secondary suite in a portion of the main floor and basement.

2020 Belmac child/youth outdoor soccer registration

until Feb. 29

Step 1: Register online at emsasouthwest.com

Step 2: Attend one of the in-person payment sessions:

Sat., Feb. 22
McKernan Hall
1 to 4 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 29
Belgravia Hall
9 a.m. to noon

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

Hello! I am a Strathcona High School student who is part of a bikeathon team for the Scona Initiative. We are raising money for One! International Poverty Relief, which provides support for families facing turmoil in the slums of India. My team, the Cyclist Manifesto, is raising money through bake sales and other activities. Our bikeathon event is March 13-14. If you would like to support this initiative, donate through www.asonewhoserves.ca/thecyclistmanifesto by March 8. Thank you very much!

Astrid K and the Cyclist Manifesto,

McKernan Playgroup MONDAYS

Our playgroup for parents, caregivers and little ones (ages 0-5) meets again! Join us on Mondays at the Community Centre from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Bring a toy to share, if you want. Please make sure any snacks are nut-free!

PRELOVED TOYS NEEDED: Clean, nearly new preloved toys are also needed (suitable for young ones). Contact Mary at cox.marylouise@gmail.com if you have donations or questions.



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Large projects under development (cont. from p. 1)

at 11419-78 Ave, each with 54 bachelor or one bedroom rental units. Neighbouring residents held a meeting on February 7 to discuss the proposal (see article on this page for more details on this meeting).

4. New this month, Beljan Developments is proposing a building of up to six storeys on a site covering five properties on University Avenue at 109 St. (10903, 10907, 10909, 10913 and 10917 University Ave.). The 109 St. Area Redevelopment Plan calls for development of up to four storeys in height on the first four properties back from 109 St., so this proposal could potentially be higher. They will be asking for a site-specific development application (DC2) for this site, which would allow the community to ask for improvements in exchange for increased height. The site is immediately north of the site facing 109 St. that was rezoned as DC2 in 2014 for the Mark on 109 project — a project that does not appear to be proceeding. A pre-application open house for this project was held on February 13, which provided only short notice to neighbours and the league.

If all four of these projects go ahead, in addition to the two already approved that are also noted here, McKernan will experience a boost in resident numbers and increase in housing choice (and hopefully affordability). Much work will need to be done, however, to ensure these and any other developments make a positive contribution to the community.

More information about these proposals will be provided on the mckernancommunity.org site as it is received.

Initial community meeting brings neighbours together

Community organizer Kirsten Goa led a group of McKernan and Belgravia residents through a meeting on Feb. 7 regarding the proposed DC2 rezoning on 78 Ave and 114 St. Because it is early in the process — the rezoning application has not yet been “officially” received by the city — community members used the opportunity to bring questions and concerns to the table and to learn more about the process.

The meeting began with a chance for groups to outline what their concerns are about the project, along with their lists of what they love about the neighbourhood. Goa briefly reviewed what is known of the application so far, along with information about the rezoning process and local planning. She then led a discussion on the opportunities and tradeoffs intrinsic to any development proposal, plus some experiences in navigating the politics of development. She also emphasized the value of good design that brings connection and bolsters what people love about a neighbourhood.

Many neighbourhoods in Edmonton have valuable experience that can be drawn on in negotiations for major projects like this, and we are fortunate that people are willing and eager to share their understanding.

Thanks to the BelMac Neighbours coalition of residents for organizing this meeting (belmacneighbours@googlegroups.com).

Facebook: McKernan Community League
Instagram: [mckernancommunity](https://www.instagram.com/mckernancommunity)
Twitter: @McKernanCL

AGM April 7: Treasurer, secretary, directors needed!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held April 7 at the Community Centre. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary are open for election, along with two of the director-at-large positions, for a two-year term. The league's hardworking treasurer Jennifer Branch-Mueller will be stepping down from the board at the end of her term in April 2020. As the treasurer is a key position for the board, we in particular need for a community member to take over.

Duties:

Treasurer: Deposits fees and income paid to the league; presents a detailed account of revenues and expenditures at every Board and General Meeting; prepares and presents an audited financial statement at the Annual General Meeting.

Secretary: Keeps minutes of the league, the Board and the Executive Committee, sends notices of meetings, and manages the Board correspondence.

Director-at-large: Attends meetings of the league and the Board, and carries out League business as required.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Roberta Franchuk (president@mckernancommunity.org)

Other volunteer positions needed:

- Crime and safety issues
- Transportation
- Central Area Council of Community Leagues rep
- Historian
- Hall sign maker

Drop by the AGM, vote for the board, and share your ideas with other league members.



Your community league membership buys you free skating on our rinks at 11341-78 Ave. You must have your League skate tags with you OR buy a skate tag for our rink only - just \$5 for the season!

McKernan Rink open!

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

Family skating:
Sat, Sun: 1 to 5 p.m.
(no sticks or pucks allowed on ice during Family skating)

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

Broomball:
Tues: 8 to 10 p.m.

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