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Next league board meeting

Tuesday, November 5
7:00 p.m. at the
Community Centre

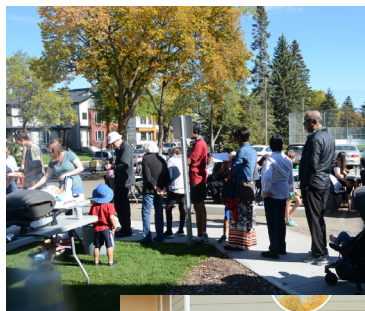
Visitors welcome. To bring up a topic at the board meeting, please contact President Roberta Franchuk at least one week before the meeting.

Memberships!

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.

See the membership form at www.mckernancommunity.org, or contact Joyce Chung at mckernanmembership@gmail.com or 780-909-2744.



BBQ follies

Sparkling fall weather greeted the community for the Sept. 22 Fall BBQ. Dozens of residents enjoyed tasty grilled treats and games at the hall. Thanks to all the community volunteers who helped out, to Greg Jones for the music and to Creative Kinetics Dance for the lesson, and to all who dropped by and made the event a success!

Our next event is the Winter Potluck on December 8 at the hall - see you then!

Trick or trEAT for the Campus Food Bank

Help stock the shelves of the U of A Campus Food Bank. Leave a bag of non-perishable food items marked "Campus Food Bank" outside your door at noon on Sat. Oct. 26; volunteers will pick it up as they go door-to-door. Or you can drop off your food donations at designated alumni-owned businesses listed on uab.ca/alumni before Oct. 31. Volunteers are needed as drivers and for the door-to-door team. The most needed non-perishable items are canned meats (eg. tuna), canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, beans (without sauce), cereal, brown rice, whole wheat pasta, pasta sauce, and rolled oats. Bathroom and hygiene supplies are also accepted, and donations of reusable bags are also welcome. See campusfoodbank.com/trick-or-treat for more information

Car-free apartment building proposed for LRT station location

A 4-storey apartment building aimed at transit users, cyclist and pedestrians is being proposed for a site next to the McKernan-Belgravia LRT station, at 11416-78 Ave.

Pinto Properties, an Edmonton-based management and development company, is proposing a 54-unit building aimed at "supporting the lifestyle of those who enjoy biking, walking or taking the LRT to work." No resident parking will be provided, although up to 8 visitor parking stalls are still required.

Part of the proposal would include a land swap with the City to allow them to build closer to the multiuse trail on the existing greenspace, while providing a north-south back alley on the west side of the building connecting 78 Ave to the existing east-west alley.

A building of this form would comply with the existing McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), which allows 4-storey multi-unit residences along 114 St. and supports development that encourages transit use and active transportation. The higher density of the development is also in line with the ARP and city policy, as is the new alley.

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Kids and Youth Programs

Fall Green Shack Programs in Belgravia and McKernan

Children 6 to 12 years old will be able to join the fabulous city leaders for the free drop-in Fall Green Shack program that features variety of games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events. Children under 6 are welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian. All activities are outside; please ensure that you come dressed for the weather.

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

**SATURDAYS -
1 to 5 p.m.**

**Belgravia Park
(11540-73 Ave)
Oct. 12 - Nov. 8**

**McKernan
(11341-78 Ave.)
Nov. 9 - Dec. 6**



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.

Facebook: McKernan Community League
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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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Station-area apartment proposal

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According to Pinto, the building would meet most of the requirements normally governing an RA7 zoning, including the height; however, the setbacks would likely be smaller (i.e. the building will be closer to the property lines).

Pinto Properties met with members of the McKernan Housing Development Committee in late September to outline their proposal as a first step in the process. They will be requesting a rezoning of the property to a Site Specific Development Control Provision (DC2) which requires them to present a specific plan for approval.

This also requires open houses to consult with the community and neighbouring residents, to be held in the coming months. They have already been working with city planners and the Transportation department on the details of the land swap and alley requirements. An initial letter has gone out to the community and nearby residents, but the DC2 application is not yet ready.

The community has not seen a design plan yet, but Pinto has indicated that they would be looking at smaller apartments without balconies. The ground-floor units would have individual entrances facing the multiuse trail and would include landscaping. A rooftop patio for residents would be screened on the north and west to prevent overlooking of neighbouring properties. An upgraded building envelope will improve energy efficiency and reduce noise impacts on residents from road and LRT traffic.

Pinto Properties has been managing rental properties for 15 years, and currently owns two semi-detached properties in Garneau with 14 units in each.

The Housing Development Committee had questions about the amount of bicycle parking to be provided, as it was expected that residents without cars would be very likely to own and use bicycles. The final amount of bike parking to be provided will be part of the DC2 application.

While city council supports the concept of car-free buildings, this idea hasn't been tried in this area and its viability is unknown. On-street parking is already restricted



Detail from McKernan-Belgravia Station ARP, showing 4-storey building zoning allowed along 114 St. and location of Pinto Properties site.

on all streets near the building; building residents would not be granted street parking permits in this zone and would not be allowed to use the visitor parking for their own vehicles and so it would seem that the building would truly only appeal to those who don't own vehicles. It should also be noted that renters already have a wide choice of other rental options in McKernan that do include parking. As well, the developers have been encouraged to include a car-share program such as Pogo to provide access to a shared vehicle on occasion.

More details on this proposal will be coming forward and the community should have more opportunities for input in the coming months.

The McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan was approved by City Council on July 2, 2013 and is available at https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/mckernan-belgravia-station-area-plan.aspx



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Pocket Park bench installed

Our Pocket Park on 112 St. is sporting a lovely new bench and pergola! The folks at Habitat Studios built and installed the structure as a donation to the community, while Michelle Jones of the community's Pocket Park committee wrangled the extensive paperwork needed. Please stop by the park to enjoy the last days of fall!

Road safety review

Community leagues in Edmonton are being asked to contribute their knowledge of local conditions to a discussion about potentially lowering residential speed limits. There is an opportunity for McKernan residents to be part of the conversation.

Edmontonians have been calling for a reduction in residential speed limits for over a decade. In January of 2020, City Administration will present new Bylaws to City Council that may see a city-wide residential and collector road speed limit reduction to 40km/hr, with a 30km/hr residential and collector speed limit zone in the core of the city.

The City of Edmonton will also be updating its Road Safety Strategy to include the more subjective experience of community residents alongside traditional methods like collision data to identify unsafe roads in the City.

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is looking for residents to bring their local knowledge to these discussions to see how improved traffic safety can improve neighbourhood liveability within a community.

The EFCL has created a Neighbourhood Street Safety Handbook, available at efcl.org/traffic-safety. An online survey will be open soon as well.

If you are interested in helping collect information in McKernan, please contact Roberta Franchuk, president@mckernancommunity.org

Attention crafters!

Our first community craft sale is coming soon: Sunday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hall (11341-78 Ave.). Tables will range from \$40 to \$55, with a \$10 discount for McKernan Community League members. Watch the league website and Facebook for details and how to register.

Development news

Development applications (Sept. 1–Oct. 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 applications for rezoning (not development) are listed at www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx. If you have any questions about a project, contact housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org.

10926–72 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage).
11137–73 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house.
7333–113 St.	No description
11120–75 Ave.	To demolish a house.
10988–74 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (rear mutual detached garage (9.55m x 6.71m)).

Volunteers needed

Keep your community strong and healthy, and help McKernan continue to be one of the best neighbourhoods in the city: become involved with your community league! Contact Roberta Franchuk (president@mckernancommunity.org; 780-431-4924) for more details about any of these opportunities.

Pub Night Organizer — Make the arrangements for two to three Pub Nights per year.

Crime and safety issues — Collect information on safety issues in the community, including crime. May have an opportunity to work with other communities on joint responses.

Transportation — Keep an eye on the ever-changing world of transportation including traffic, pedestrian and cycling issues.

Central Area Council of Community Leagues rep — represent McKernan in occasional meetings with other leagues in the area to work on issues pertinent to central communities

Walking map — Work with the City of Edmonton to create a Walking Map of McKernan (see http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/cycling_walking/community-walking-maps.aspx for details)

Historian — Collect stories and memories about the community, based on your interest and time available.

Hall Sign — Want to get the community message out to the traffic on 114 St.? Exercise your creativity by helping us change the hall sign.

Social Media/Website — Help us promote our league on our website, Facebook Instagram and Twitter.

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Census: McKernan getting younger!

The City of Edmonton's 2019 census results are out, and McKernan has seen a big jump in young people.

The population of the community has grown by almost 12% since the 2016 census. This is faster than the growth of city as a whole in the same period (8%).

This included a 38% increase in kids under 19, and a 36% increase in people age 20-29. The number of residents over age 50 has stayed approximately steady.

A significant number of respondents (19%) did not give their age, so these numbers are approximate.

The other questions on the 2019 census were on gender (45% male, 40% female, less than 1% other, and 14% no answer) and housing occupancy (12% unoccupied).

The community counted 2741 residents in total.



Pottery & Art Sale

Pottery by Bev Hoyles | Paintings by Leola Forster

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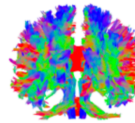
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Events in the Community

Social Justice Film Night, Fri. Nov 8, 7 p.m., Westwood Unitarian Church (11135-65 Ave.). *The Amina Profile* is part love story, part international thriller, and a gripping chronicle of an unprecedented media and sociological hoax. This film tells a thoroughly modern tale of technology, love and news-as-spectacle questions the ways in which people connect in today's virtual world. Get film listings at www.westwoodunitarian.ca/participate/social-justice/social-justice-movie-nights/

Garden Suite Workshop Nov. 16 and Tour Nov. 23. Garden suites — separate rental units located in a backyard, often above a garage — are allowed on almost all lots in Edmonton. Learn the ins and outs of building in your backyard. Connect with industry experts, understand the rules & regulations, and get inspired by current suite owners. Cap off the workshop by taking our self-guided Garden Suite Tour. See YEGardenSuites.com for tickets and details.



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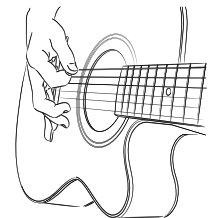
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