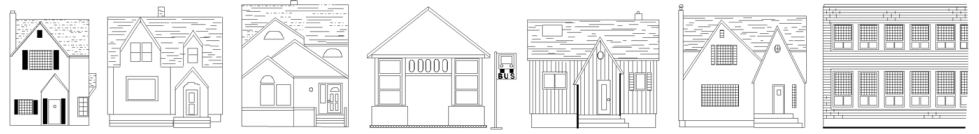


June  
2019



# THE McKernan Messenger

Since 1954 A publication of the McKernan Community League Circulation 1100

The Messenger is  
back in September.  
Have a great  
summer!

## Fall league board meeting

Tuesday, September 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.

## BIG BIN RESCHEDULED

NEW DATE: Saturday, June 22  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

McKernan Community Centre parking lot

There is no charge to drop off items but  
you MUST be a community league member  
(memberships will be available to purchase.)

114 St. multistorey  
development goes  
to Council July 15

See p.6 for details



## Spring springs up at the Pocket Park

Our intrepid Pocket Park crew has been working hard  
to get the community park on 112 St. and University  
Ave. looking great for the summer. Angie, Laura, Phil, Michelle, and Alfred moved six yards of  
topsoil to rejuvenate the beds, while the annual plant-in took place on June 9.

A few more annual would also be appreciated; if you have extra, feel free to drop by the park  
and put them in yourself, or email [4ourpocketpark@gmail.com](mailto:4ourpocketpark@gmail.com). Volunteers can also drop by on  
Thursday evenings to help with a bit of watering and weeding.

Our new bench should also be installed soon: the concrete base was poured in the fall, and the  
tortuous city process for approvals is almost complete. Habitat Studios has graciously agreed to  
donate the replacement bench (materials and work!), and with luck the bench will be in place  
this summer. Thanks to Michelle Jones for shepherding the process through for the bench and  
for general park oversight.

Please drop by the park this summer to enjoy our little volunteer-run oasis in the community.



## 15th Annual McKernan Community Barbecue Sunday, Sept. 22

GOWAN PARK (next to the hall)  
starting at 1 p.m.

Featuring new landscaping!  
Games for adults and children  
Food & prizes  
Have some fun and meet your  
neighbours

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in person and save the online  
surcharge!



## Kids and Youth Programs

### Green Shack starts July 2

Good news for neighbourhood kids: McKernan Park will be the site of a full five-day Green Shack program this summer! Program will run July and August, Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature supervised games, crafts and activities. It's a great way for kids to have fun and meet other kids from the community. The program is for kids ages 6-12 but younger kids may attend with a supervisor. Kids over 14 may also volunteer with the program as Leaders-in-Training. Don't miss out on the fun!



### Summer Day Camp in McKernan: Nature Friends

Have fun being green this summer! Explore your community and the nature spaces that it has to offer. Go on nature walks, play nature games outside, and have a picnic in the park with your new friends. Each day you will create a new environmentally friendly craft, and to wrap up the week, you will enjoy a field trip! Ages 6-12

McKernan Community Centre (11341-78Ave.)

July 15-19, 9am - 4 pm.

Cost \$188 Course code: 657282

Register at [MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca](http://MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca); call the City of Edmonton at 311; or register at any city Recreation Centre.

See [MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca](http://MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca) for more summer daycamps and programs.



### 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](mailto:hallrentalmckernancommunity@gmail.com). More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org).

	Main hall	Meeting room	Boardroom
<b>Capacity</b>	151	60	16
<b>Hourly cost</b>			
<b>Weekend</b> (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday)	\$75/hr	\$65/hr	\$25/hr
<b>Weekday</b> (day and evening)	\$55/hr	\$45/hr	\$25/hr
<b>Long-term rentals</b> (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](http://www.mckernancommunity.org).

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## Development applications (May 1 – June 6)

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](http://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](http://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx). If you have any questions about a project, contact [housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:housingdevelopments@mckernancommunity.org).

7609–111 St.	To construct an accessory building (detached garage)
11103–76 Ave. 11119–76 Ave.	To increase the number of children in an existing childcare services from 39 to 50 children
7711–111 St.	To demolish a single detached house.
10988–74 Ave. 7409–111 St.	To develop a semi-detached house with unenclosed front porches, rear uncovered deck, fireplaces, basement development (NOT to be used as an additional dwelling - 7409–111 St.) and to develop a secondary suite in the basement (10988–74 Ave.).

### McKernan Playgroup starts again this fall

Our playgroup for parents, caregivers and little ones (ages 0–5) will be starting up again in the fall. See the Messenger or the McKernan C.L. Facebook group for updates.

Can you help out? We're looking for another parent to share the (easy!) hosting duties. Contact Amanda at 780-243-5044 or [manda\\_243@hotmail.com](mailto:manda_243@hotmail.com)



Board members handed out popsicles to students and staff at McKernan School at the annual Popsicle Day, celebrating the connection between the school and the community.

## League notes June

### Social enterprise fund loan renewed

The loan that the league received from Edmonton's Social Enterprise Fund to construct the hall was renewed June 15 for a further five years at 5% interest. The league still owes \$167,007.64 on the loan (original amount \$250,000 in 2014), but has a plan to eliminate the balance by the end of the term through revenue and casino funding.

### Thefts from garages and autos still an issue

Warmer weather seems to be bringing out criminals; thefts from garages and automobiles increased with 11 incidents reported last month. As always, take common-sense precautions (lock buildings, remove valuables from vehicles), watch for strangers in the area, and report suspicious activities. Also report any incidents of attempted or actual theft; such reports are very important in helping the police allocate resources and track crime patterns.



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## Casino volunteers still needed

Thurs. July 18 and Fri. July 19

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To volunteer: Hilary Gray at 780-434-0480 or [hilarygray@shaw.ca](mailto:hilarygray@shaw.ca)

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## 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Housing Development Committee** — Join as an extra set of eyes to review development proposals.

**Other ideas** — Do you have something you'd like to see the league do? A suggestion for a program, activity or issue? Skill you'd like to contribute? Get in touch and let us know.

## Community briefs



### Block party!

Summer is a great time to host a block party on your street and get to know your neighbours. Visit [Edmonton.ca/blockparties](http://Edmonton.ca/blockparties) to get the Neighbourhood Block Party Kit contains hints about planning, and info about applying for a temporary street closure to make your party safe, or getting a parkland permit to use one of our parks.

Or if you'd like to get your neighbours together to play right out on the street (street hockey! water fights! art! games!), check out the Neighbourhood Play Street Guide from the City, a how-to guide for organizing a successful play street, available at [edmonton.ca](http://edmonton.ca).

### Tobacco/cannabis use in public spaces

The City of Edmonton's Public Places Bylaw regulates where smoking is permitted in public places: this includes tobacco, vaping and cannabis. Smoking is not permitted in parks that contain playgrounds (i.e., McKernan Park, McKernan School grounds, Gowan Park or Charles Simmonds Park), in spray parks or skate parks, on sportsfields or on off-leash areas. It is also not permitted inside any building, including bus shelters or LRT stations. Please safely dispose of litter!

### Nominate those great front yards

Nominate your favourite yard in your neighborhood - the tiny one, the pretty one, the natural one and/or the edible one! Balconies and public spaces are also eligible! Nominations will be accepted until June 30. Nomination forms, details and photos of past winners at [www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/landscaping\\_gardening/front-yards-in-bloom.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/front-yards-in-bloom.aspx)

## Events in the community

**Summer Pool Party**, Sun. June 30, 1-3:30 p.m., Scona Pool (10450-72 Ave.) Join the Friends of Scona Rec for a FREE SWIM, snacks and activities. Also find out how to support the Rollie Mills park upgrades and rec centre proposal!

### Oopy Goopy Community Play Day!

Friday, July 12, 2019  
from 1-3pm

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More McKernan residents now than ever before find themselves in the "sandwich generation" challenged with the responsibility of managing their aging parents' care and, at the same time, still raising their teenage children. The bad news is that, in all likelihood, our parents will find it difficult to find an affordable or suitable retirement home, as waiting lists for seniors' homes continue to grow exponentially.

At the same time, many young McKernan families find it difficult to keep up with their mortgage payments and the rising cost of living and would welcome some additional income.

There is good news! Edmonton City Council responded to the looming shortage of senior and affordable housing by recently amending land use by-laws for McKernan and allowing for development of Garden Homes or Garage Suites in residential backyards. These attractive, self-contained homes, with separate utility metering and separate mailing address can now be built on many lots, allowing seniors to either move into such home in their own yard and rent out their main home, or move into their children's back yard. Also, Garden Homes became a practical housing solution for live-in

caregivers, nannies or renters. For many families it's a win/win proposition.

At [UrbanMews.ca](http://UrbanMews.ca) we combined decades of experience in community development, architecture and construction to design attractive, economic, and ecological Garden Homes and above-garage suites to meet the growing demand for such housing. Urban Mews homes can be disability friendly, they exceed all building and energy code requirements and are covered by government approved New Home Warranty. The Urban Mews team designs each home to our client's individual liking and we take care of all municipal permitting and administrative tasks.

In McKernan, Garden Homes and Garage Suites fetch as much as \$2,000 in monthly rental revenue. That makes these homes great mortgage payment helpers for younger families or pension supplements for seniors.

Whether it's for your parents, for your teenagers, for rent or simply a guest house or a quiet place to pursue your hobby, you now have an options that you didn't have before. Your backyard can be more useful than you thought. Let's design and craft one in your yard...

# Linda Duncan

## MP | Edmonton Strathcona

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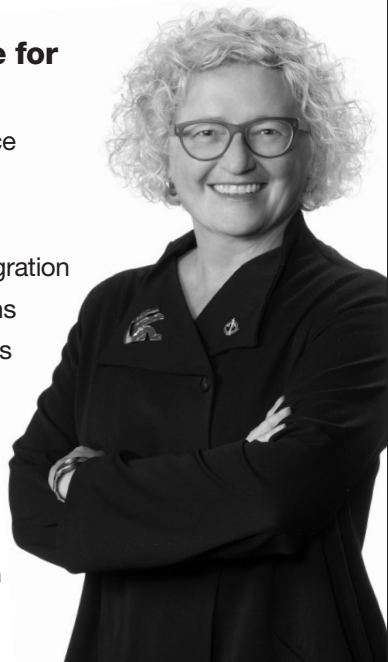
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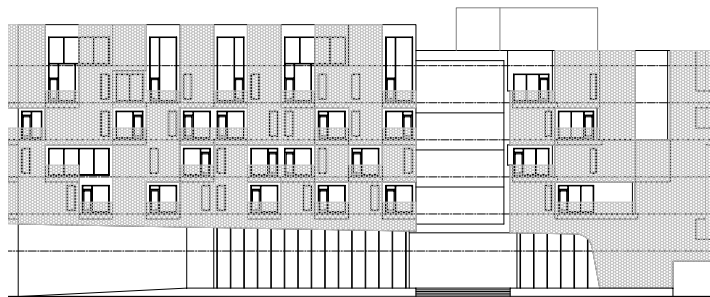
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West face of proposed 6-storey development at 114 St. and University Ave.

## 114 St. development seeks rezoning

On Monday, July 15 City Council is scheduled to hear the application to rezone the properties at the corner of 114 St. and University Ave. to allow the development of a six-storey residential building with limited commercial uses on the ground floor.

The building would replace the five houses at 11339 to 11361 University Ave. and 7915 114 St. The requested rezoning is to a Site Specific Development Control Provision (DC2), to allow the site to develop to different standards than the regular RA8 zoning that would normally accommodate a six-storey multifamily building. (DC2 rezoning is very common in Edmonton and allows the City greater control over how a site is developed.)

The proposal, which was presented to the community at an open house in April (see the April Messenger online), has raised a few flags in the community, including for its very small setbacks from all sides of the property, and for the number of units (up to 155). Many concerns were also raised at the open house about traffic; however, a traffic study commissioned by the developer suggests that “minimal transportation impacts are expected” and that the amount of vehicle and bicycle parking planned exceeds the requirements. It notes that the site is “located in a highly pedestrian and transit-oriented area. As a result, the vehicular trip generation by the development is likely significantly less than the typical trip generation rates, with travel modes such as walking, biking, and transit as popular alternatives.” It estimates increased traffic from the alley to 114 St. to about 32 vehicles per hour at peak traffic times, with slightly more traffic at the 113 St. end of the alley.

Other points from the proposal:

- All parking would be underground except for three visitor spots.
- At-grade units along 114 St. and University Ave will have individual entrances including private amenity areas and landscaping.
- Substantial bike parking would be provided for residents.
- The site would include a publicly accessible courtyard to the commercial space.
- The developer will pay to repave the lane and to upgrade the pedestrian sidewalk adjacent to the building along 114 St.

This site has already been identified in the McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan as appropriate for an RA8 zoning, which would allow for six storeys but with fewer units and larger setbacks, but which would also not require any extra features or amenities for the community such as those proposed by the developer in the DC2 application.

If the rezoning is approved, developers would still need to acquire a development permit for the actual construction, which requires further public consultation with league and its members.

The full rezoning application, traffic study and community comments are available at [www.edmonton.ca/residential\\_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/mckernan-planning-applications.aspx); the public is welcome to speak at the City Council public hearing July 15 (search [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) to see the public hearing agenda when it is posted, along with any updates to the DC2 application itself). The Reference File Number is LDA18-0687.

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