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**Next League Meeting: AGM!**

**Wed. April 23**

**7 pm at the hall**

# THE MCKERNAN MESSENGER

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## Magical Easter Adventure

**Saturday, April 19**

**12 - 1:30 pm at McKernan Hall**

Hoppy Holidays! Join us for an egg-citing Easter celebration filled with magic and fun! Get ready for:

- A dazzling magic show with mind-blowing illusions and hilarious comedy for all ages. Show starts at noon in Weichman (large) room in the hall.
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- Meet and greet with the Easter Bunny himself!

BYOB: bring your own basket.



## Spring cleaning? Use the Community Big Bin!

Our Community Big Bin event is coming up Sunday, April 27, from 10 am to 3 pm in the hall parking lot (11341-78 Ave.). Community residents will be able to bring residential waste including furniture and yard waste (no mattresses or household hazardous items such as chemicals, paint or oil cans, propane tanks, batteries, tires, or light bulbs, please).

The League is looking for a few volunteers to help direct traffic and keep the site tidy. Contact [director3@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:director3@mckernancommunity.org) if you can help out for a bit.

## Join us for our Annual General Meeting

**Wed. April 23 at 7 p.m.**

**Community Hall**

**Followed by wine and cheese mixer!**

**Bylaw changes - see page 4**

Want to know more? Contact Alison Stephens at [president@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:president@mckernancommunity.org).

## Worried about bike theft? Register your bike!

Spring cycling season is here - but bikes are also a tempting target for thieves. Register your bike (or bikes) for free with Bike Index to help fight bike theft.

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Visit [bikeindex.org](http://bikeindex.org) to register your ride today.

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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. See the membership form at [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org).

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## RENT THE MCKERNAN COMMUNITY CENTRE!

The community centre, located at 11341-78 Avenue, is open again! Our facility includes smaller meeting spaces along with a main hall complete with danceable wooden floor and air conditioning. More information about the hall and how to rent it is available at [www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org). For bookings, contact the manager at [hall@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:hall@mckernancommunity.org).

	Main Hall	Meeting Room
<b>Capacity</b>	150	60
<b>Hourly Rate</b> (GST will be added)		
Weekend (Fri evening, Sat, Sun)	\$65/hr	\$55/hr
Weekday (day and evening)	\$45/hr	\$35/hr
Long-Term Rentals (multi-week, with contract)	\$40/hr	\$30/hr

Residents of McKernan who are members of the community league receive a 15% discount on one-time hall rentals. GST will also be charged on rentals. Damage deposit will also be required, and renters must obtain their own event insurance.

## Community event calendar

Presented by the McKernan Community League and/or other community partners.

EVENT	Location	Date/Time
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	McKernan Community Centre (11341-78 Ave.)	Saturday, April 19 12 - 1:30 p.m.
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	McKernan Community Centre (11341-78 Ave.)	Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.
<b>Big Bin Event</b>	McKernan Community Centre (11341-78 Ave.)	Sunday, April 27 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
<b>Charles Simmonds Park Grand Opening</b>	Charles Simmonds Park (7830-115 St.)	Sunday, June 1 2 - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Free Swim</b>	Confederation Pool (league membership required)	Sundays 4 - 5:30 p.m.

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## HISTORY: McKernan's Lake losses

In a city environment article, the first settlers of the lake area were the Papaschase Cree, who were later displaced to the southern part of Edmonton. McKernan Lake served as a home not only for the Papaschase but also for wild ducks nesting along its shores. It provided the community with fish and game as locals hunted the birds that thrived there. In 1874, the Papaschase, were further displaced to Enoch. Settlers began constructing homes near the lake.

Heavy rains that caused homes along the shore to flood led to partially draining the lake. In a 2021 City of Edmonton Neighborhood profile, the City of Strathcona and McKernan amalgamated in 1912. Development for McKernan was in the 1940's. The lake was drained in 1948 where a series of drainage canals connected to the U of A farm made room to allow for 150 new homes. The Trolley ran until August 1947.

The 'ghost' of McKernan Lake still lingers in deep pools this spring where construction now creates more changes much more rapidly than in the past.

Nancy Corrigan, McKernan Historian

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## Greening our neighbourhood spaces

Spring is here, and there are many opportunities to brighten up McKernan's green spaces!

### Pocket Park

Our pocket park at 113 Street and University Avenue has been a joint effort of the McKernan and Garneau communities for many years. Our dedicated Pocket Park team is out in the spring to clean up and plant, and regularly weeds and waters the space over the summer (Thursdays at 6:30 pm). They're keen on getting more volunteers to help out a little or a lot — so if you enjoy the pocket park and would like to contribute, consider dropping by to help. It's also a great way to get in touch with nature, have fun, and meet some very experienced gardeners if you're just starting out with plants. Contact [pocketpark@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:pocketpark@mckernancommunity.org) or keep an eye out for the spring cleanup and maintenance schedule on [mckernancommunity.org](http://mckernancommunity.org).

### Partners in Parks

The City also has opportunities for volunteers to do light maintenance (removing litter and weeding) in existing City-owned shrub beds. Or, you can go one step further by planting non-invasive annuals or perennials, watering or mulching. You can join the Partners in Parks program at [www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/landscaping\\_gardening/partner-in-parks](http://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/partner-in-parks) (sites will be opened soon but you can add your name to the list to be notified). Locations in McKernan are usually available.

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# Bylaw changes to be voted on at Annual General Meeting

The McKernan Community League Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Community Hall, and followed by the traditional wine and cheese mixer.

Positions up for election in April are: president and vice-president (2-year term), and 2 directors-at-large (2-year terms).

If you are interested and want to know more, contact president Alison Stephens at [president@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:president@mckernancommunity.org).

Some minor administrative changes are also proposed for the league bylaws (changes in **bold**):

**CURRENT:** 5.1.6.8 Meetings of the Board are open to Members of the League, but only Directors may speak or vote. A majority of the Directors present may ask any other Members, or other persons present to speak, to present, or to leave.

**PROPOSED REVISION:** 5.1.6.8 Meetings of the Board are open to Members of the League, but only Directors may **vote**. A majority of the Directors present may ask any other Members, or other persons present to speak, to present, or to leave.

**CURRENT:** 6.2.1.c. on the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Voting Members. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at such Special General Meeting.

**PROPOSED REVISION:** 6.2.1.c. on the written request of at least **one-fifth (1/5)** of the Voting Members. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at such Special General Meeting.

**CURRENT:** 4.1.6 Associate Membership: for any business, organization or institution located within the defined boundaries of the League, or non-resident person who has first purchased a membership in his or her home league.

**PROPOSED REVISION:** 4.1.6 Associate Membership: for any business, organization or institution located within the defined boundaries of the League, or non-resident person who has first purchased a membership in his or her home league. **Associate members may volunteer for the league in a non-governance capacity.**

**CURRENT:** 5.1.2. Powers and Duties of the Board: The Board has the powers of the League, except as stated in the Societies Act. The powers and duties of the Board include:

- Promoting the objects of the League;
- Promoting membership in the League;
- Hiring employees, for the efficient functioning of the league's business;
- Regulating employees' duties and setting their salaries;
- Maintaining and protecting the League's assets and property;
- Approving an annual budget for the League;
- Paying all expenses for operating and managing the League;
- Paying persons for services and protecting persons from debts of the League;
- Investing any extra monies;
- Financing the operations of the League, and borrowing or raising monies;
- Approving all contracts for the League;
- Maintaining all accounts and financial records of the League;

- Appointing legal counsel as necessary;
- Making policies, rules and regulations for operating the League and using its facilities and assets;
- Appointing coordinators or committees which may be necessary for carrying out the activities of the League;
- Selling, disposing of, or mortgaging any or all of the property of the League; and
- Without limiting the general responsibility of the Board, delegating its powers and duties to the Executive Committee or the paid administrator of the League.

PROPOSED REVISION:

## Delete

- Hiring employees, for the efficient functioning of the league's business;
- Regulating employees' duties and setting their salaries;

## Replace with

- Hiring of a paid administrator to carry out management functions under the direction and supervision of the board;

**CURRENT:** 5.1.6.10 A meeting of the Board may be held by a conference call or web conference. Directors who participate in this call are considered present for the meeting.

**PROPOSED REVISION:** 5.1.6.10 A meeting of the Board may be held **in person, or by a combination of in person**, a conference call or web conference. Directors who participate in this call are considered present for the meeting.

**NEW ADDITION:** **5.1.6.11 When necessary, the president may request an electronic vote. The president would outline a single issue, include a motion and request a vote. The first person to reply would be considered the seconder to the motion. The president would then tally the votes and declare the result to the board. These votes would then be noted in the minutes of the next board meeting.**

**RENUMBER:** 5.1.6.12 Irregularities or errors done in good faith do not invalidate acts done by any meeting of the Board. **(RENUMBERED FROM 5.1.6.11)**

**CURRENT:** 6.2.2 Notice: The Secretary delivers a notice to each member at least fifteen (15) days before the Special General Meeting.

**PROPOSED REVISION:** 6.2.2 Notice: The Secretary delivers a notice to each member at least **twenty-one (21)** days before the Special General Meeting.

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# Development Applications

Mar. 1 to Apr. 4, 2025

The list below covers permits that have been applied for in McKernan. 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](https://maps.edmonton.ca) > Development Applications; or in more detail at the Open Data Portal ([data.edmonton.ca](https://data.edmonton.ca) and search for Development Permits Map view).

Requested and approved planning applications (i.e. for rezoning, not development) are listed at [https://www.edmonton.ca/residential\\_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/planning-applications](https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/planning-applications). If you have any questions about a project, contact [development@mckernancommunity.org](mailto:development@mckernancommunity.org).

10918 - 72 Ave.	To demolish an accessory building (detached garage). (Issued)
10974 - 72 Ave.	To construct a residential use building in the form of a semi-detached house with unenclosed front porches, rear uncovered decks (3.05m x 2.44m), balconies, secondary suites in the basements and fireplaces.
11302 - 72 Ave.	To add a dwelling to a residential use building (secondary suite in the basement of a row house (3 or 4 dwellings)).
7333 - 113 St.	To add a dwelling to a residential use building (secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house (side by side dwellings))
10980 - 74 Ave.	To add a dwelling to a residential use building (secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house). (Issued)
10982 - 74 Ave.	To add a dwelling to a residential use building (secondary suite in the basement of a semi-detached house). (Issued)
11107 - 77 Ave.	To construct a residential use building in the form of a 4 dwelling row house with 3 secondary suites.
11159 - 77 Ave.	To add a dwelling to a residential use building (secondary suite in the basement of a single detached house) (2 bedrooms, kitchen/rec. area, mechanical room and bathroom).
11207 - 79 Ave.	To construct interior alterations.

## More zoning for taller, larger houses requested

Three developers have applied to rezone several more properties in McKernan to the RSM h12 zone, a slightly denser zoning than the standard RS zone (see box below), making a current total of nine such rezoning requests.

Everfor Studio has applied for RSM h12 rezoning for these sites, which may meet the criteria of the District Policy:

11540 -78 Ave.	11310 -78 Ave.
11307 -75 Ave.	11255 -78 Ave.
11310 -72 Ave.	11302 -72 Ave.

An RSM h12 rezoning of 11267 -73 Ave. and 7225 -113 St. (represented by Situate) was approved at public hearing April 7.

BM Homes has applied for RSM h12 rezoning for 11450 -79 Ave, which may meet the criteria of the District Policy. They have also applied for RSM h12 rezoning for 11107 -77 Ave., which does not meet the criteria outlined in the district policy. However, a regular development permit has already been applied for for this site, which cannot be done before a rezoning is approved. The league is looking into this.

## The RSM zone

RSM h12 allows for a range of small to medium scale housing with a maximum height of 12.0 metres (3 storeys), and a maximum site coverage of 60%. The Scona District Policy, which guides zoning under the Zoning Bylaw, sets out some conditions where RSM zoning might be applied: namely, if a site meets at least two of the following criteria:

- In a node or corridor area or within 100 metres of a Node or Corridor Area,
- Within 400 metres of a mass transit station,
- Along an arterial roadway or a collector roadway,
- At a corner site or adjacent to a park or open space,
- Adjacent to a site zoned for greater than small scale development.

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## Community notes

### Pilgrimage walk for reconciliation and renewal

On Sunday May 4 at noon join Lewis Cardinal for a pilgrimage walk starting at St. Paul's United Church (11526-76 Avenue) along the North Saskatchewan River, visiting natural springs and an ochre site, before reaching kihcihkaw aski-Sacred Land Ceremonial Site in the Whitemud Ravine near Fort Edmonton Park. The pilgrimage will conclude at the site with teachings and a traditional feast. Dress in walking clothes and shoes and in weather-appropriate clothes.

# Enjoying the Braithwaite Dog Park

One of the best amenities the city has provided our community is the enclosed off-leash dog park at Braithwaite Park (northwest corner of University Avenue and 112 Street).

I was so pleased when the City built a sanctioned off-leash area in our community. I no longer had to keep one eye out for police and by-law officers as I tossed a Freebee to my dog and then had to played hide and seek from them as we dashed home.

Off-leash parks not only offer an area for dogs to safely run, play and socialize with other dogs, but also offer the same for their owners. Dog parks also build stronger bonds between owners and their pets through play --and they also have the additional benefits of developing relationships with other dog owners and provide for more eyes on the street to keep criminal activity in check.

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) offers resources and programs for new dog owners to encourage good dog behaviour in their pets. The Canine Good Neighbour Program sets a dog's ability to perform basic exercises and exhibit good manners in everyday situations. All owners should ensure their dogs meet these standards before taking a dog to the off-leash.

I would like to see the City build two additional sites to meet the demand as we add more residents and their pets. One site

could be at the under-utilized sports field at St Peter's School (73 Avenue and 113 Street) and the second at Charles Simmonds Park (79 Avenue and 115 Street). Each would serve a different area of our community. Hopefully the City will respond to meet these needs.

Till then, see you at the dog park!

Peter Rausch



One furry friend enjoying the Braithwaite off-leash park in the spring.

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