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Next League Meeting:
WEDNESDAY December 4
7 pm at the hall

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Rink Opening Party

(weather permitting!)

Friday December 13, 5 - 8pm

Come enjoy a fun evening of skating, with hot chocolate served inside our heated skate shack. A limited selection of free rental skates and helmets are available for kids and teens, and free skating lessons will be provided for beginners of all ages! Bring a travel mug to help reduce waste.

Volunteers needed to supervise rink shack

If you have been seeking opportunities to give back to your community, here is an easy job you can do! Tasks are primarily indoors and involve unlocking/locking the rink shack, turning on the lights when it gets dark, keeping the equipment shelves tidy, and assisting children (who ask) with tying skates. The time commitment would be a 3.5 hr evening shift, one or two Fridays per month, from when the ice is ready (likely December) until it melts in February/March.

Responsible groups of shinny players are welcome to volunteer to ensure ice time!

Terror at McKernan Rink Shack

On the nights of October 26th and 27th, hundreds of McKernan residents were lured to the local rink shack with promises of a circus. But inside, a group of volunteers led by a ringleader named Bj terrorized visitors with jump scares, creepy clowns, and an escaped lion - who is believed to be Bj's son Dallin in disguise! Forewarning was given via the crystal ball of Mme LeClaire (played by Aurora), but many were caught by surprise by actors Naomi, Addie, Fiona, and Carmen. Fortunately, all visitors emerged unharmed and happy, with many enjoying treats of kettle corn and cotton candy. A big thank you to all involved, including entrance supervisor Laura, and firepit managers Greg and Phil.

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FOR ACTS OF TERROR



If you see any of these people around the neighborhood, THANK THEM!
Their efforts produced an amazing circus-themed haunted house!



Deck the Halls Holiday Party

SUNDAY Dec. 8 , 5 - 8 p.m.

McKernan Community Centre (11341-78 Ave.)

Come celebrate with your neighbours!

Potluck dinner (Optional) Bring something yummy!

Games, crafts, fun. | Look for a special visitor from the North Pole!

Everyone welcome!

Help the environment by bringing your own plates and cutlery

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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.

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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. For bookings, contact the manager at hall@mckernancommunity.org.

	Main Hall	Meeting Room
Capacity	150	60
Hourly Rate (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
Holiday Potluck	McKernan Hall, Weichman and meeting room	Sun. Dec. 8 5 to 8 p.m.
Free Swim	Confederation Pool (membership required)	Sundays 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Rink Opening Party	Skating rink (113 St. and 78 Ave.) FREE PUBLIC SKATE. Enjoy some hot chocolate with neighbours around our cozy firepit.	Fri. Dec. 13 5 to 8pm

See the latest news at www.mckernancommunity.org,
or follow us on Facebook or Instagram!



Rink will rise again this winter

The community skating rink will be open this winter (weather permitting), as the league has hired an experienced rink team in the form of Nick Leichsenring and his son Paul. They have been in charge of the Duggan rink for several years and will manage the rink icemaking and snow removal for both the rink and the hall.

We are still looking for volunteers to handle turning rink lights on and opening/closing the rink shack. Otherwise the rink will only be open during daylight hours, with limited shack availability. If you are interested in taking on some opening/closing shifts, contact hall@mckernancommunity.org

As well, we have received a generous donation from Sport Central of a set of helmets, skates and sticks for kids age 4-14. These will be available to borrow for free any time the shack is open.

If cold temps arrive in time, the rink opening will be celebrated with a party on Friday, Dec. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m., with free hot chocolate and free skating lessons!

McKernan Lake: a spot of history

Wherever there is water, land, flora, and fauna it is a healthy place to be. Imagine that the NW corner bank a postman would take a boat over to deliver mail to the SE side of the lake on 72-73 Avenues. Just over from where I live, 109 St, was a dirt road with the trolley line. The trolley train popped many people off where they enjoyed their day in summer picnicking, tenting, sailing, rowing, whereas in winter they bobsledded down the slide, skated, snowshoed and warmed themselves in a little shack. This was a recreational meeting place. The talk of the town. A neighbor just down the lane from me dug down and discovered a large cement block that is likely the platform for the slide. When I first dug a garden on my west side, I dug up a Victorian style jar. Imagining it to be for pickles.

As the fall season progresses note a picture of the pocket park on 112st and 80th Avenue. it has been gardened by diligent residents for many years. It's a lovely place to reflect, enjoy the colors, textures, in a transition place between residences, a new off leash dog park, and the University of Alberta Hospital.

A few more participants once-a-week time to plant and tend to its nourishment are needed in the spring. Gardens like life, ebb and flow, as the tenders of it age or availability changes.

Nancycorriagan96@gmail.com, McKernan historian

Note: Check out the archival photos of McKernan Lake on the large power box east of the spray park in McKernan Park.

Volunteers needed

Rink Shack Volunteer

See info on p.1

Casino Chair

Our next casino will be in 2026, and we need someone before then to handle the paperwork in a timely way. Once the casino date is announced, the chair is responsible for arranging advisors and organizing volunteers using an online platform.

Social Media Guru

Are you plugged into social media? Are you able to promote community events and local happenings on Facebook and Instagram? Contact Roberta at messenger@mckernancommunity.org to find out how you can help us get the word out.

Newsletter Editor/Writer

We need a new editor! Ideally you would have:

- Experience in graphic design and access to a design program
- Ability to produce monthly issues throughout the year
- Interest in community events and civic happenings

Or, if you'd like to help out with writing or anything else, but don't want to take on the whole editing job, contact Roberta at messenger@mckernancommunity.org and let's talk.

Membership time!

Get your Community League membership now! The membership term is September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

Memberships can be purchased ONLINE through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website (<https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>). Note: we will not be giving out skate tags this year except by request.

Benefits of league membership

McKernan Community League members get a 15% discount on event rentals at McKernan Hall (see page 2)! You also get reduced rates to city recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness Program, participation in organized sports, use of skating rinks (at all leagues!), free Sunday swimming at Confederation Pool, and discounts at business such as Cloverdale Paints, House of Wheels, Yardly, Orbis Sports, and U of A Bookstore.

And most importantly, membership gives you a voice in the shaping of your community!

Looking for a new activity? See what's on at the hall on our website:

www.mckernancommunity.org/current-hall-schedule

Check out the community event calendar on page 2!

Yielding to emergency vehicles

When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- Safely clear the intersection if you're in the middle.
- Signal, move to the right side of the road, slow down, and stop.
- On a one-way street move to the nearest curb.
- Wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Re-enter traffic flow when all emergency vehicles have passed.
- Do not break the rules of the road (illegal turns, etc.) in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle.

When passing any stopped roadside vehicle with flashing lights activated (emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks, etc.):

- Reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, if you are in the lane immediately next to the stopped vehicles. Failure to do so can result in a fine and demerit points.
- If safe to do so, move over to the adjacent lane.
- If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.

Did you know?

The City of Edmonton's Open Data Portal (data.edmonton.ca) provides data for a wide range of aspects of life in Edmonton. Explore recent crime incidents, budget revenues and expenditure, infrastructure projects, off-leash maps, or a whole variety of other content. You can even request to have a dataset added!

Development Applications

Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2024

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 > Development Applications; or in more detail at the Open Data Portal (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. If you have any questions about a project, contact development@mckernancommunity.org.

11130-72 Ave.	To construct an accessory building (mutual detached garage, 10.97m x 6.10m).
11106-73 Ave.	To add a dwelling to a residential use building (secondary suite in the basement of a single detached house).
11110-73 Ave.	To construct a residential use building in the form of a single detached house with an unenclosed front porch, rear balcony, rear covered deck (4.75m x 1.83m) and secondary suite.
11139-73 Ave.	To construct a rear uncovered deck.
11206-75 Ave.	To construct a residential use building in the form of a 4 dwelling row house with unenclosed porches.
10920-77 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house and detached garage. to construct a residential use building in the form of a 3 dwelling row house with basement development (not to be used as an additional dwelling) and 2 secondary suites.
10922-77 Ave.	To demolish a single detached house.
7725-111 St.	To construct a residential use building in the form of a single detached house with an unenclosed front porch, uncovered deck (5.49m x 3.66m), fireplace and secondary suite in the basement.

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Crosswalk artists get a thank-you

The local artists who contributed to our vibrant crosswalk were thanked with T-shirts featuring their own 'friendly monster' designs, from the Vision Zero Lab Vibrant Crosswalk team and the league. The artists included here are Brielle, Teal, Rosalie, Emily, Oscar, Oliver Doucette, Adelin Bakinson, Madeleine, Abby, and Benji. They are joined by team members Ingrid Poulin, Agnieszka Matejko and Peter Rausch.

Photo: Nicole Galellis



All about snow removal

Snow and ice are on their way, and that means it's time to bring out the shovels and sand to get ready for sidewalk shovelling. In Edmonton, residents and property owners are responsible for ensuring that sidewalks on and beside their properties are maintained all winter. Here are some things you need to know about winter snow removal.

Free sand is still available, but the boxes have moved

Free sand to use on icy sidewalks is available from the city — but this winter, the community sandboxes have



This friendly monster was spotted handing out Halloween treats on the 110 St. bike lane.

been consolidated in a smaller number of locations, 100 in all. This will reduce the cost - and the city hopes that having fewer locations will allow them to make sure the boxes are always stocked with sand.

The sand locations closest to McKernan include:

- **Joe Morris Park** (108 St. & University Ave.): SE corner of park
- **City Arts Centre** (109 St. & 83 Ave): SE corner of parking lot
- **116 St. entrance to South Campus** (off Belgravia Rd): parking lot near the pedestrian bridge access
- **Southwest Roadway Maintenance Yard** (6609 Gateway Boulevard).

For a full map of locations, see edmonton.ca/CommunitySandboxes

Assistance for seniors and people with disabilities has changed

Due to insurance concerns, many community leagues, including McKernan, are no longer providing shovelling services for residents. Instead, targeted programs are available to low-income seniors and residents with disabilities and mobility challenges.

For seniors: The City has partnered with the Government of Alberta, which offers snow removal support for low-income seniors. This is applied for via the provincial Special Needs Assistance for Seniors, and can be done through many organizations including the Strathcona Place Seniors Society, 10831 University Ave., (780) 433-5807.

For people with a permanent or temporary disability: The City will coordinate and pay to remove snow from the private property accessible walkway and public sidewalks adjacent to the property of those with disabilities and mobility challenges. (There must be no individuals residing in the household who can perform snow removal.) Participants must provide a signed authorized health care provider form to confirm that they cannot perform any activities related to snow removal. Current participants of the Dedicated Accessible Transit Service and the Assisted Waste Collection programs can enrol in the Assisted Snow Removal Pilot through a simplified process.

A full explanation of assisted snow removal programs is available at edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/assisted-snow-removal-program

Move your vehicle to let the plows work

If we get significant snowfall, the city can declare a parking ban that may extend to residential streets. If a residential parking ban is declared, you have eight hours to remove any vehicles from roadways. Violators will be ticketed (\$250) or maybe towed. To stay up on bans, sign up for email reminders of plowing at edmonton.ca/SafeTravels, where you can also see an outline of the snow clearing service levels and view real-time maps of snow clearing on roadway and active pathways. Follow your favourite snowplow!