

Caboto celebration held after all

Giovanni Cabotto Days were celebrated as usual, but at a later date. Instead of being in early July, this year they were held August 28 and 29. There were other changes as well. Instead of closing off the street, all activities were held within the park, and there were no fireworks due to the fire hazard because of the large tents.

"We wanted to focus activities in the park because it's a lot easier and closer to the entertainment," said Al Iafolla, president of the Giovanni Cabotto Cultural Society of Alberta.

The event featured seven vendors selling food with the ten traditional Italian dishes including sausage, gelato and different coffees. There was a zucchini contest for the largest zucchini, and several tradespeople selling their wares.

At one tent, local artists showed their work. Artist Sandee Smith, who was helping by selling Giovanni Cabotto T-shirts, said, "We're a bunch of artist called the Visions Group."

Attendance was good in spite of the changes made this year.



Balconies bloom at Scattered Leaves

by Linda Dumont

Not everyone in the neighbourhood is living in fear of fires or feels unsafe walking down the streets in spite of the daily newspaper reports. In reaction to recent bad press, residents at Scattered Leaves Condominium held a gardening contest on August 2.

"We wanted to show some confidence in the neighbourhood and to generate a little bit of spirit within the building," said Louise Williamson, who came up with the idea for the gardening contest.

"I put up posters around the building," she said. Out of 31 tenants, 12 responded and entered the contest.

Richard Marlow, who manages Flowers R at Debages, and his assistant, Lisa, were judges for the contest. They picked winners in three categories. Apache Seeds, Simons Greenhouse and Kelly Management donated prizes.

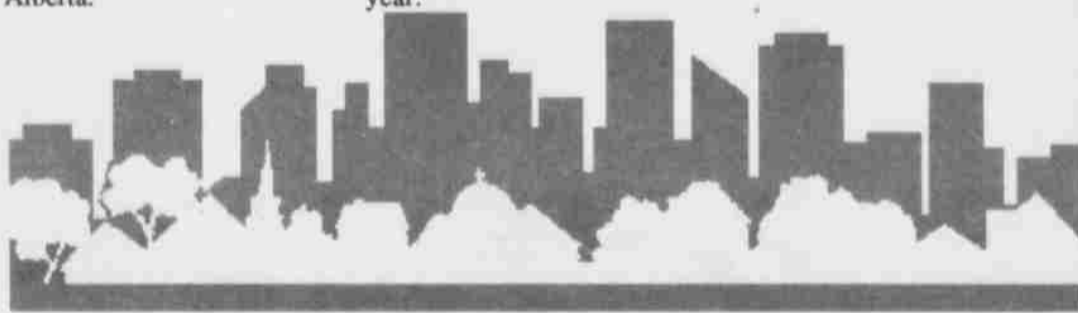
Helen Harlow won for best use of space with a blooming balcony covered by a colourful array of potted and hanging plants in a variety of planters. She said she planted most of the flowers herself except for a huge standing arrangement of impatiens in a wire box frame.

Troy and Bonnie Gainer won for best novelty arrangement with marigolds and tomatoes growing in the same pot. The marigolds keep aphids off the tomato plants.

Louise Williamson had the prize winning plant, a two toned fuchsia in a hanging basket.

Williamson is planning to make the garden contest an annual event, and hopes to see at least half of the tenants entered next year.

Scattered Leaves also has an outdoor garden shared by all the residents. The garden is filled with a variety of flowers and herbs. Tenants are encouraged to use the herbs and cut flowers from the garden.



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Burn Baby Burn - which house will be next?



Kyle Laboucane stands on the back stairs of Vancouver Rooms. The rear of the building has boards covering blackened holes from the recent fire, and two suites still need to be repaired.

Photo by Linda Dumont

by Linda Dumont

Five fires in the Boyle-McCauley community in the past month have residents wondering what's going on. Although most people believe the fires are the result of carelessness on the part of people using derelict houses for shelter and as "party" places, the close proximity of the fires to one another has some people asking if at least some of them are

being deliberately set. Of a total of 17 fires in the community since April, city police are regarding five as "suspicious".

Two fires broke out 20 minutes apart early Saturday, July 30. The first was in a small boarded up house across from Lucky 97. Fire trucks from the downtown division responded. When a second fire broke out at 2 a.m. at Vancouver Rooms on the corner of 103A and 96th Street, trucks from the

Number 2 Fire Station were called out because the closer trucks were already at the other fire.

"I wondered why it took them so long to get here," said Lyle Laboucane, a resident of the rooming house. No one was injured in the fire, but 13 tenants had to be evacuated. The four single men were lodged at the Salvation Army, while the couples and women were sent to a hotel paid for by

the Red Cross.

Within a week, tenants were able to move back into all but two suites. The two most badly damaged suites and the rear of the building still need considerable repairs.

Just over a week later, on August 8, at about 5 p.m., the derelict house across from the Boyle Street Community League Hall caught on fire. The house is commonly known on the streets as the "bootleggers" or "the cat house" since the last tenant sold liquor after hours through a small sliding window at the rear of the house. He needed the money to feed his huge collection of cats. When liquor stores were privatized, he lost much of his business. The house has been boarded up for several years.

Fire Inspector Shayne Page said four people were seen leaving the house, one of them

wrapped in a blanket, when the fire-fighters arrived.

"There was evidence that people had been living there for some time," he said. "There was human excrement all around."

Later that same day, at around 10 p.m., the fire department was called out again, this time to the big blue house, at 9627-107 Avenue, next door to the charred remains of the first fire of July 30.

Page said the fire was confined to the added-on porch at the rear of the house. It looked like it had started on a mattress on the floor.

"A window had been carefully removed from its frame," he said, "It appeared people were living in the house."

Fire trucks were called out to extinguish a second blaze at the same house at noon, Au-

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A bathtub tale



by Tom Hind

Well, my Irish friend, Peter, he told me the following story. With tongue in cheek, I listened to him. Here's what he told me.

"Ya wanna get rid of mosquitoes?" he said. "An easy solution - bath in vinegar. That'll keep the hungry blood-sucking hordes at bay."

"Really?" I asked.

After my bottle of beer (Old English) was gone, and Peter with it, I decided to set the story down for prosperity and posterity.

"It was a hot day," Peter recounted. "A bit blustery, no wind t' speak of. The mosquitoes were out having a good time getting tangled in my hair, around which they were buzzing greedily, intent on blood. I was sweating, too, and that didn't help. As they bit into me, they put itch liquid into my skin and I scratched like I was lousy. That's when I remembered my friend's advice about using vinegar to get rid of the itch. It was better than calamine lotion, he said.

"So I went over to Lucky 97 and bought 30 gallons of vinegar, put these in a buggy, and went home to fill up the bathtub. After dumping 20 gallons into the tub, the tub was about 2/3 full so I stooped and splashed into the vinegar, thoroughly soaking my head and body. The itch disappeared and I got out of the tub, evaporating the vinegar on my

skin with a cooling sensation. It was a great cure. I dressed in clean clothes and let my hair dry itself.

"What my buddy forgot to tell me was that mosquitoes love the smell of vinegar and when I went outside they were all over me and I itched tremendously.

"Now I was a prisoner to my bathtub. In it I sat, not daring to

come out until winter.

There are worse ways of spending time. I just wonder what I'm gonna do when all the vinegar has evaporated. It's got me scratching my head in perplexity.

And that's the long and the short of it, Tom," said Peter. "To itch or not, that is the question."



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Margaret Szan assists 93-year-old Lee Ting Ngo across the street at the intersection on 95th Street and 106 Avenue where she was struck down by a pick-up truck. Photo by Bob Whyte

by Bob Whyte

Why was 95 Street from 102 Avenue to 118 Avenue called "Murder Alley" by some area residents even before the dead body of "Smurf" was discovered early Saturday August 7 in Boyle Street Community League Park? To residents of the McCauley Seniors Group, it's because of a personal concern for their own safety when crossing 95th Street. Already three of their members have died or been injured while trying to cross 95th Street.

The sole survivor of the three is Lee Ting Ngo, 93, a long time resident of the area who was struck by a car in the marked crosswalk at 106 Ave. She recovered from her injuries but now leans permanently to one side as a result of the accident.

McCauley seniors who passed away include Emma Coutre and Ted Marx. Coutre was hit by a pick up truck while in her wheel chair on the 95th Street crosswalk just south of 106 Avenue. After months of pain, she died in the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Marx was killed by a car about six months

ago while trying to cross 95th Street just north of the 106 Avenue crosswalk.

The new Edmonton Plan for the Boyle -McCauley neighbourhood identifies 6 or more dangerous 95th Street intersection with the 106 Avenue crossing being the most dangerous in that it has 4 traffic dangers.

Resolutions by McCauley seniors to get a pedestrian operated 106 Ave. crosswalk light have not yet been successful. The city sent a traffic team one morning and one afternoon, then concluded that there are many more Edmonton inter-

sections which they consider to be more important.

Some inner city residents believe they are being discriminated against by the city. They believe they would now have a pedestrian operated crosswalk light on 95th Street and 106 Avenue, like the ones on Jasper Avenue and 89th and 90th Street, if this were an intersection anywhere else in the city.

Margaret Szan and Bob Whyte did a new traffic survey during a March blizzard in 1999. The results were presented to the McCauley Community League. Letters of support have been promised.

"Murder Alley" has other dangers including the LRT Crossing. While southbound traffic benefits from 2 overhead flashing yellow warning lights, no such lights exist for northbound traffic and even the pillar light doesn't work. The crossbuck X controlling northbound traffic has a faded and sun bleached red outline.

McCauley Seniors Group and ESOVA are concerned

about more deaths and injuries.

"It's time City Council stops paving "Murder Alley" with blood and decides that inner city people are also Edmontonians as worthy of safety and protection as those living elsewhere," says Bob Whyte

Burning houses

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gust 9. This time, flames were eating their way through the roof of the building near the chimney.

An observer at the scene of the fire mentioned the close proximity of the two side-by-side houses to the Royal Liquor Store, making them a handy place for groups wanting a private place to share a bottle.

The most badly damaged house on 96 Street and 107 Avenue bit the dust when it was bulldozed August 26.

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Drum-Making brought to Boyle-McCauley



Jolene Gray assists program participants in preparing hides for drums. Photo by Sara Ghebremusse

by Sara Ghebremusse and Suong Trieu

Children in Boyle-McCauley were able to participate in a new drum-making program this summer at the Boys' and Girls' Club building, next to Giovanni Caboto Park.

The two-week program ran from July 20 through 29. It taught children of all ages and backgrounds about aboriginal drum-making. Program participants first learned about the process of cleaning the hides of various animals such as deer, elk, moose, dog, and horse. The children in the program took turns with special scraping tools, making the hides smooth so they could be used for drums.

Program organizers Joe Canpeau and Jolene Gray taught

the girls and boys that it is important to "earn the drum." Making the drum—by preparing the hides, making the drum body, and sewing the hide to the body with sinew—is a way of learning about yourself.

Canpeau said about the drums, "They all have meanings, they all have spirits, the spirits of the animals." The drums have a significant role in aboriginal culture. Canpeau said that drums are not only means of communication but are symbols of the aboriginal heritage spirit. By teaching aboriginal children how to make drums, Canpeau and Gray enabled them to learn more about their culture.

This is the first year the drum-making program has run, but Canpeau plans to continue it next year.

Principal says farewell to McCauley School

by Suong Trieu

This past school year, students at McCauley School said farewell to their principal, Emily Westwood. This month Westwood will be taking over the principalship of Youngstown Elementary School in the city's west end.

On leaving McCauley, Westwood said, "I feel very sad. I have had a good cry about people there. They were wonderful teachers and kids."

Westwood said that the most fun in her job at McCauley was going from classroom to classroom and watching the kids work and learn. She has enjoyed seeing neighborhood children grow into responsible citizens. Westwood believes the students at McCauley are very friendly and helpful. She said that the students would welcome their new principal in the fall.

Westwood has been a

principal for four years. Throughout her 34 years in education, she has been a teacher at eight different schools, working in grades 2 through 9. As well as being a principal and teacher, she has been a resource room worker, librarian, and curriculum co-ordinator.

Westwood admits that she had the choice of staying or leaving McCauley School. She chose to leave because she wants to learn new things. About her new school, Youngstown Elementary, she said, "The teachers seem very nice. And the students, too. But I don't know if they are going to be as nice as McCauley kids."

When asked about her future, Westwood said that she plans to retire from her wonderful job in two years.

McCauley School begins its 1999-2000 school year this month with a new principal, Colin Inglis.

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Playgrounds like the one at Sacred Heart School: what kids like about our neighborhood
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Things should improve in McCauley: opinions from neighborhood kids

by Samantha Johnson

I interviewed kids in two parks in the McCauley neighborhood, Giovanni Caboto Park and the playground near Sacred Heart School, and they think that things in McCauley should improve.

"I don't like the prostitution problem," said Matthew, age 12. "But I like the wading pools in the park. The swings are great, too."

Emma, 9, says, "I don't like the drunks at night. I also don't like the graffiti on building walls and when people break stuff. It's wrong."

I talked to Chris and Brent and they think McCauley is a good neighborhood. However, they think McCauley can improve.

The names of children interviewed have been changed.

Lusitania Bakery's finest

by Brena Creighton and Cameron Hoffman

The Lusitania Bakery might be an ordinary shop in the McCauley neighborhood, but some of its workers are somewhat extraordinary.

Bakery worker Adriana Botelho takes pride in the fact that the Lusitania Bakery, open from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Saturday, is unique among bakeries. It produces Portuguese and Italian baked goods. It has been open since 1986 and is run by John Silveira.

The Lusitania Bakery makes the traditional Portuguese corn bread called *pao milho*, as well as a large round sweetbread called *massa doce*. "Massa doce is really popular with Portuguese people at Easter time," said Botelho. "At Easter we add egg to the middle of the sweetbread, and we sometimes braid it. At Christmas we add fruit to the sweetbread."

Botelho said that the bakery gets particularly busy around Portugal Day, held in the summer, when Portuguese families prepare a traditional meal. "It's

traditional for Portuguese to get sweetbread, a sour dough bread, a loaf of meat, and a bottle of wine. Red wine."

The Lusitania Bakery also specializes in Italian breads such as *peta*, which looks like a big bagel or donut. "That's the traditional bread, *peta*," said Botelho. "We bake it everyday."

Botelho said that most of the people who set foot in the bakery are very friendly. "The most interesting part of my job is when tourists come to see the bakery." Fridays and Saturdays are the Lusitania's busiest days. On occasion someone well known comes to the bakery, like people from the media, and even mayor Bill Smith.

Botelho talked about the popularity of the bakery's cream horns and custard tarts. The price of cream horns is 75 cents and the tarts are 50 cents.

And what does she recommend? While she likes the Portuguese cream horns—"they're different from the Italian ones. But Italian cream horns use cream cheese"—she prefers the custard tarts.



Adriana Botelho serves customers at the Lusitania Bakery.

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Affordable Housing and Basic Shelter - Some Proposals



by Peter Goldring, Member of Parliament Edmonton East

One important measure of a caring society is the approach to housing society's needy and disadvantaged. Today, many in Edmonton are in need of affordable housing and basic shelter. Though Edmonton's social reality is not one of extreme crisis, 600 "units of housing" are required ranging from mats in shelters and rooms in rooming houses to self contained apartments and row houses. Properly partnered and constructed, most would require

little or no ongoing subsidies.

Canadian society is a lot more mobile than in the past. Many who utilize mat shelter space would move to alternatives, if available at a reasonable cost. Mobility, unexpected crises or an inability to cope with life's challenges make this form of shelter a necessary emergency alternative. In my opinion, there should never be a shortage of mat space for those in need.

"There is also a shortage of clean, modestly priced, legal rooming house accommodation in Edmonton. One reason for such a shortage is continuing conflict between landlords and tenants in this particular market and unfair competition coupled with raised expectations from publicly funded projects. For example, Edmonton has a \$3,000,000 shelter for women that is basically a free rooming house competing with private providers of accommodations. What people would want to live in \$5,000 rooms for \$300 when they can live in \$1,000,000 rooms for free? Rooming house owners can be encouraged by a greater move to-

wards a "level playing field". Rooming house owners might consider organizing to collectively address concerns and to elevate the public's perception of existing standards. When I was on my own at 19 years of age, I was very thankful to be living in a clean, well-run rooming house.

Edmonton has a "stock" of derelict and abandoned houses that typically sit, boarded up for many years, before any action is taken on their removal. Edmonton's 'cat house' was finally torn down by the bank as a community service rather than by the owner. One approach might be for the provincial or municipal governments to grant a forgivable loan for demolition costs and site servicing to accelerate the process. Forgiveness of the loan might be conditional on affordable housing being constructed on the same site and that rental rates be fixed as "modest" for, say, a period of five years.

What must be stopped is the perennial head butting among owners, tenants, the city and the province over the derelict housing issue. A current out-

come is the properties become the locale for vagrants, drugs, and more recently, fires. I hope that those who cannot see the need to expand the mat room at the George Spady Center sleep well with the knowledge that a shortage at this basic shelter level leaves no alternative but a snowdrift or a derelict building. All for the want of a few square meters of floor space in the City of Champions.

That is just one example of need. Taxation relief is a necessary part of the housing affordability issue. The primary cause of decreasing degrees of housing affordability is that of a shrinking after-tax paycheck. Average rents in Edmonton only increased by 1.75% during the 1993-1996 period. During that period, the housing crises continued to grow in the view of some people. In my view, it is clearly not increases in accommodations costs that have been the prime impediment to shelter affordability. Rather, it is a combination of accelerated wants and a shrinking paycheque that have been the primary causes of this particular social stress.

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Caring about the neighborhood: a profile of Kate Quinn

by R.H. Maclachlan

One thing the 'johns' who utilize the services of the street prostitutes who frequent the Boyle Street/McCauley area could do to enhance the quality of life for area residents is to "bring a baggie in which to place their used condoms for proper disposal at a later time, rather than throwing them on the street, says Kate Quinn, a 23-year area resident. That way health threats to neighbourhood children would be eliminated.

Quinn, who was awarded with the Edmonton's Salute to Excellence Award in June of this year for her wide-ranging volunteer work in McCauley, originally moved into the neighbourhood as part of a Roman Catholic lay community concerned about poverty issues.

She had previously been involved with a cross-cultural centre in Calgary and had lived in West Africa.

"I wanted to live my life with the awareness of inequalities", she said. "We knew there were people here working on alternatives and hopeful responses...we could learn a lot here."



Photo by R.H. Maclachlan

Quinn's first introduction to the problems of street prostitution came in the late seventies, when her lay community founded and operated a 'house of transition' for prostitutes trying to 'get off the streets' on 106A Avenue and 95 Street. When the individual who was acting as housemother (Kitty Stafford) was transferred to

Ontario, the girls moved to Vancouver and the project folded.

Now married and living with her husband and sons in what appears at first glance to be a quiet residential street paralleling 95th, Quinn has had to put up with the side-effects of the street-level sex trade since the mid eighties—vehicles parked in the neighbourhood with

prostitutes servicing 'johns' in broad daylight in full view of children, condoms discarded on the street, neighbourhood women being propositioned, women knocking on her door late at night saying they're being followed by men.

Quinn and her husband, along with the leaders of the McCauley Community League, became active in an attempt to get the problem dealt with, working with the police, the mayor's office, and the Safer Cities Committee. The result, in 1989, was the creation of the voluntary agency "Communities for Changing Prostitution" with Quinn becoming co-chair in 1993. 'Safe-walks' and other public-awareness projects were held, and, as a result, the prostitution problem was dramatically lessened in the area.

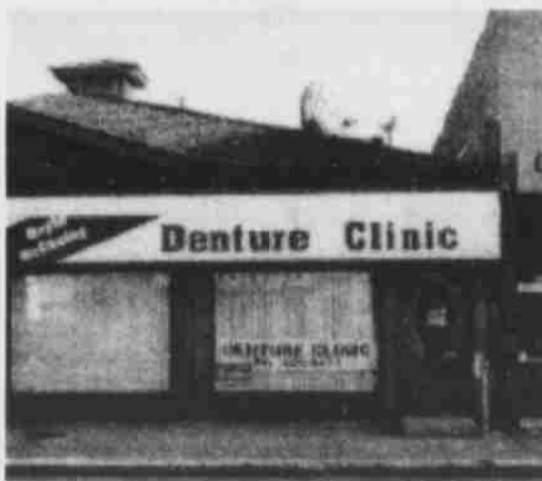
But it still exists, as it does in up to 12 other neighbourhoods, with as many as 20 more impacted by its side effects. Any thought of declaring Boyle Street/McCauley a 'red light district' 'because that's where the prostitutes hang out anyway' has been thwarted, Quinn says.

Not one to take all the credit for herself, Quinn says the Citation Award—for which she was nominated by the Safer Cities Committee—should be thought of as a tribute to ALL the community volunteers who have worked on the anti-prostitution project. It also recognizes her other volunteer work in helping to improve the quality of life for residents of McCauley—soccer, the community league, and her work with the Safer Cities Committee. Currently, she operates the 'john school' (an alternative sentencing program where men convicted of prostitution-related offenses can attend a series of lectures on the impact of their behaviour on the community).

The men who come through the 'john school' just haven't thought about the impact of their behaviour on other families, Quinn concludes. Questions like 'how do you tell your 13-year old son that his 16-year old sister is out hooking?' and 'What is it like to go driving through the downtown area late at night searching for your daughter' had never crossed their minds, she says.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please fax your information for the community calendar to 424-2868 or call the office at 425-3475

September

If your organization or group has monthly meetings or gatherings they can be placed in this actual calendar in addition to the more detailed section below.

			1	2	3	4 Collective Kitchen: 10am-2pm
5 McCauley Community League Board Meeting	6	7	8 Community Economic Development Network: 11:30am	9 Y2K Information Event: 7:30pm, 9355-103A Avenue	10	11
12	13 Boyle McCauley NEWS story meeting, 7:30pm, office	14	15	16 WECAN Food Co-op: Food pickup, 11am	17	18
19	20	21	22 Community Centre Project Up-Date: McCauley Community League Hall, 7pm	23 Boyle McCauley NEWS deadline for articles and ads	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	October 1: BM NEWS "hits the streets" 15: Circle of Friends	

McCauley Community League Board meeting (all members welcome): first Monday of each month @ 6:45pm, Community League Hall.

Community Centre Project Up-date: September 22, 7pm, McCauley Community League Hall. All encouraged to attend.

AIDS Network is looking for volunteers who could take on the following tasks:
- people who are HIV positive to join our speakers bureau
- aboriginal people who are HIV positive or negative to work with support services and health promotion
- young people to help us with a variety of new youth initiatives
Call June at 488-5742

Community Economic Development Network

This city wide group meets every second Wednesday of the month in the board room of the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Meetings are bag lunch, from 11:30 - 1:00pm. For anyone interested in community economic development. Contact 424-2870 for upcoming events.

The Mustard Seed
Drop-In: Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm
Hot Lunch: Mon-Fri: Noon-1pm
Evening Drop-In: Wed & Fri 7-9pm

Sunday Chapel Service: 3pm
Sunday Meals: 3:30-4:30pm
Clothing Bank: Mon-Fri 9-3
Food Bank Depot: Tue & Fri 10-11:30am; 1-2:30pm

Boyle McCauley Health Centre 10628 - 96 Street
Mon. To Thurs. 9am to 9pm, Fri. 9am to 4:30pm
Immunization Clinic for Children: Mon. 1-3pm
Foot Clinic: Wed. 1-3pm
Dental Clinic and Streetworks: open during clinic hours

McCauley LETSsystem
A neighbourhood barter society. Contact 424-2870 for information.

Women's Health Clinic
Thursday evenings at the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Supper at 5:00 p.m. and guest speakers.

Edmonton Women's Health Network
Open to all women with an interest in good quality health care for women.
Call 421-7333 ext. 2511

Operation Friendship
9526-106 Avenue
McCauley Seniors Drop-in: Mon. To Fri.: 9am to 6:30pm
Sat. & Sun.: 10:30am to 6:30pm

Edmonton Family Worship Centre
10605-96 Street 424-6422
Sunday Worship and Children's Ministry: 10:30am & 6:30pm
Intercessory Prayer Tues. & Fri. 7 to 9am
Cell Groups: Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: call office for info.

Hope Mission Women and Family Centre 9908 - 106 Avenue
Every Friday: 9:30-11:30am
Drop in for FREE clothes and some household items. For women and children only.
Every 4th Wednesday: Chapel/Luncheon 2-3pm

St. Peter Lutheran Church
9606-110 Avenue 426-1122
Community Breakfast
Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 to 9am (Porridge, toast, juice, and coffee)
Kids Club: Mon. 6 to 7:15pm
Martial Arts Jeet Kune Do 15 yrs.+ Sun. 6:30 to 8pm

Bissell Centre
Native Circle: Wed. 7pm
Movie Night: Thurs. 7pm
Women's Lunch: Fri. 12 to 12:30

Salvation Army
9611-102 Avenue
Men's Residence
Anchorage Addiction and Rehab Program
Chapel Services: Mon.-Fri. 8:15-8:30am and Sun. 6:15pm
Community Soup Line: Wed. & Fri. 2:45-3:45pm
Men's Clothing: Mon. to Fri. 8:15-8:45am
Phone 429-4274

Community of Emmanuel:
Worship Services, Sundays, 11am at the Bissell Centre. Followed by lunch

Collective Kitchen
We have lunch together and then take home three meals for eating when you want.
We meet on the first Saturday of each month 11035-92 Street from 10:00am to 2:00pm
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For more info. Call Trish at 428-1776.

Wecan (City Centre) Food Co-op. Food fee of \$15.00. Pick-up is the third Thursday of every month, 11:00 - 3:00pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 9606-110 Avenue. Fee deadline is the first Friday of each month. Contact Gail at 424-2870.

Circle of Friends
Friday, October 15, 7:30pm: A gathering of song, dance, poetry and storytelling. Downstairs at First Christian Reformed Church, 10956-96 Street. Suggested donation: 2 toonies (\$4); students, seniors, low income: \$2; children 12yrs. & under: \$1

Y2K Information Event
Thursday, September 9, 7:30pm, 9355 103A Avenue. Sponsored by the Edmonton Inner City Multi-Nation Martial Arts Society. Melody Tomkow from the Edmonton Association for Y2K Community Preparedness will speak. For more info call Diane Scott at 426-4405.

Food Not Bombs - Free Meal
Every Saturday at 1pm. Churchill Square (102 Avenue & 99 Street). Everyone is invited for a yummy lunch. For more information call 988-3699