







Boyle McCauley News

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Joy Moves to McCauley

Family of eight loses everything in a fire and finds a new home thanks to a private landlord and E4C.



Joy Cardinal (centre) with her children. Anna Holtby

ANNA HOLTBY

On a Saturday morning in the Cardinal home, dark-haired, pajama-wearing kids are snuggled on the couch. A voice pipes up, pointing at the TV, "Is that McDavid?" and the room bursts into excited chatter about the Oilers' rookie.

It's a cheery conversation, similar to many happening in Edmonton, giving no hint as to why the walls in the home are almost bare and the couch is one of the few pieces of furniture.

The family, Joy Cardinal and her seven children, aged five to 15, lost everything in a house fire just weeks earlier.

"That's the worst call – 'your house is on fire! Don't know if your kids got out!" says Joy Cardinal, remembering the phone call she received at work when her home was burning down.

On January 22, two of Cardinal's children were at home with a babysitter when an electrical fire broke out in their house near 66 Street and 149 Avenue. Everyone did get out safely.

their possessions.

"The next morning we woke up with nothing," recalls Cardinal.

The mother of seven works two jobs to provide for her family, but finding a home and replacing all of her possessions was not possible on her

Cardinal and her children were living out of a hotel immediately following the fire, when a friend connected her with Evelina Mannarino, a landlord and real estate developer who lives in McCauley.

"Evelina and her husband offered us this place," says Cardinal, sitting at a large wooden table in her new home. "We came to look at it, took it, and they've been really gracious and helped us ever since."

Mannarino says it was a "no-brainer" to offer her empty rental property on 95 Street to the family.

"I'm grateful to be able to help out," says Mannarino.

but the family lost the house and all | Cardinal also received support from E4C, a local non-profit that helped pay her rent and damage, and took her to buy furniture for the new home.

> Now, Cardinal says she's taking it one day at a time as she and her kids try to get established.

> "It was a traumatic, trying, tiresome experience. But it's okay."

> Cardinal says her kids give her the hope to keep going. "Just be grateful - thankful. The kids are alive."

> Cardinal's children are gathered around the table with her. They laugh as they split open a bag of microwave popcorn, sharing it with one another and a stuffed animal they affectionately refer to as Piggy.

> The family says they've just started exploring their new neighbourhood. They love the Italian Centre and think Giovanni Caboto Park is beautiful.

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From Point A to Point B



McCauley Musings

It is a widely-known fact that, although I do have a driver's license, I do not own a car. Never have. Maybe never will. So, how do I manage?

Well, in a variety of ways. I walk a lot. I take public transportation. I use cabs when I have to. I carpool with others.

My absolute favourite way to get from point A to point B, so to speak, is via bicycle. I always feel energized after a bike ride, and if I can get to meetings or take care of errands at the same time, then cycling is excellent time management as well. I'm not brave enough to cycle year-round like many people I know, so I am extra grateful for the snow-free months when I feel a little more secure on two wheels.

Although I use it often, public transportation is my least favourite way to get around, for the same reasons as other bus and LRT riders I know. These include long waits for buses that are late and rising costs without rising service.

I am especially frustrated with the changes to the bus routes that used to be along 102 Avenue in anticipation of the LRT. Where I used to have a choice between two or three buses at one stop, I now have to make a decision and trek to one of two or three different bus stops and hope the bus actually shows up within a reasonable amount of time.

On the positive side, taking the bus means I still end up getting a lot of exercise by walking, as well as fresh air.

Still, I wish increasing fares would result in increased service. The main reason why people tell me they hate taking the bus is because it is not convenient. Our transportation choices need to fit our lifestyles and our budgets.

PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

Editor's Notes

A lot has been happening behind the scenes at *Boyle McCauley News* since our last issue hit the streets. First of all, I'd like to extend a "welcome back" to my mother, Barbara, who returned to the paper as proofreader last month.

We are in the process of bringing on a couple of new ad salespeople to the paper. The paper is funded mostly through a casino and revenue generated from advertising.

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This month, our theme is Transportation and several of our contributors discuss their favourite ways of getting around. In addition, we have a lot of community news and events covered. It seems like every month there are more and more things going on in the area.

As always, if you are interested in volunteering with the paper as a contributor or block carrier (we have one route available as of the print deadline for this issue), please contact me at editor@bmcnews.org.

Our Next Issue...

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McCauley 2016 Outdoor Soccer Registration

GRACE KUIPERS

This year, all registrations will be handled online. The process is really simple: just head to the EMSA North website at emsanorth.com and follow the instructions. There is a link right on the home page.

Also new this year: all registrants will require a volunteer commitment, and will need to secure it with a \$50 deposit cheque. These cheques will not be cashed, but handed back after the volunteer commitment is completed. A variety of positions will be available, first come first serve – and, of course, coaching will be on the list as well.

If you are unable to register online, or have any questions regarding the registration procedure, email the director, Grace Kuipers at mccauleycommunityleague2014@gmail.com.

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Artspace Celebrates 25 Years

Twenty-five years of being in business is worth celebrating. And this is so true for co-operative housing - and one in the inner city of downtown Edmonton. Artspace (www. artspacehousing.com) is home to 87 families. It is an integrated community with a variety of family structures, people with unique skills, kids, seniors, people with disabilities, and those with low to medium income. Artspace is a business and is our home where we celebrate being together.

Housing co-ops use volunteers for a variety of events, many of which have kept our housing project full (such as membership interviews) and a sound building (66 apartment units in a concrete building and 22 stacked townhouse units of wood construction that are physically sound) and financially viable (keeping accurate books, being audited each year, having spending policies and reviews and future plans to remain viable in all ways).

Our community didn't want just one event to celebrate our 25 years, so we had two! On Sunday, November 1, 2015 we had an open house with coffee and cake and the presentation of certificates for members who have lived in the co-op for the 25 years (15 members). We enjoyed our celebration cake!

A week later, at an unprecedented event, we sat down in our two meeting rooms and enjoyed a family-style meal prepared and served by the 25th Anniversary Committee.

The food was first-class and this was an excellent way for members

to get together and enjoy each other's company. Did I mention the food was great? It was fabulous.

So this event, like so many of the co-op's events, was organized by volunteers in our co-op. What a great community, within a community.

A time capsule was compiled with "ARTSPACE-A-Facts" and little treasures (including issues of *Boyle MaCauley News*) to be opened in 2030! We already have one young resident who has volunteered to open the capsule! That shows the diversity of generations that will continue to reside here!

Here's to another 25 years for Artspace Co-operative!

Submitted by members of Artspace.

Joy Moves to McCauley

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Their landlord, Mannarino, says they already had the family over for dinner one night.

"I warned her, I said, 'Once you move to McCauley you're not moving out,'" says Mannarino, laughing. "Whatever you need, you just call your neighbour. We're like a community, like a big, happy family here."

Now, that family has eight additional members.

Anna holds a journalism degree from Carleton University, and has a particular interest in social justice issues.

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C&S Seafood Restaurant CHINESE

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JOHN HOOPER

Any restaurant with the name "seafood" gets my attention, since that is among my favourite foods. So, I eagerly went to try C&S Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown. It was a quarter to six on a Tuesday, and I was the only one there. Apparently, weekends are the popular times for this place. After a little "hello," I was greeted by a server and promptly given tea and a menu.

Below Expectations



Peach shrimp. John Hooper

In many ways, C&S is a typical Chinese restaurant: large aquariums, Buddhist shrines, bubbling fountains, framed Chinese characters, and a large television with Chinese programming. The menu, too, was "Authentic Chinese Food" - a comprehensive selection of seafood, chicken, pork, and tofu, in infinite combinations with various vegetables, sauces, noodles, and rice, all in the \$12-\$18 range. With many large tables, this place can host large groups very easily.

But as a single diner, I had to make choices. I opted for peach shrimp - it was a seafood place after all - and a green onion cake appetizer. The onion cake came quickly, piping hot. The taste was more cake than onion. I had high expectations for an intriguing dish, hoping for fresh shrimp and peaches, so I was disappointed that it was deep fried popcorn shrimp with cold canned peaches and a creamy sauce. It was tasty enough, rather sweet, but not quite the innovation I had hoped. As part of a multi-dish meal, it would have been a sweet complement to other dishes. By itself, it was almost a dessert in a main portion size. With the green onion cakes, I could have easier split the meal with another.

My little one-dish meal didn't quite make it by itself, but I'd certainly like to have a go at a wider variety of dishes around one of those big round tables with 11 of my closest friends. Chinese seafood, anyone?

John lives in Boyle Street.

Exploring Art at the Boyle Street Plaza

ESTER MALZAHN

TREX (the Alberta Foundation for the Arts' Travelling Exhibition Program) has arrived at Boyle Street Plaza and the walls have come alive with art. Two exhibitions will be visiting the "big yellow building," home of the Boyle Street Community League, YMCA, and Quarters Arts in early 2016.

Founded in 1980, the TREX program strives to make the AFA's extensive collection of visual art available to the public. For a variety of reasons, ranging from location to cost barriers. many residents of our province are unable to access art galleries - and that is where TREX comes in. Coordinated by four regional organizations, with the Art Gallery of Alberta responsible for northeast and north central Alberta, this ambitious program brings nearly 100 exhibitions to over 107 communities, with over 300,000 visitors each year, often in unusual spaces such as malls or schools.

Two of these exhibitions have now come to Boyle Street. The first TREX to hit the Plaza was "Echo Chamber" (January 22 to February 24). Upon entering the building, there was no

denying the impact "Echo Chamber" had on this formerly-institutional space. Featuring works by Brenda Kim Christiansen, Patrick Higgins, and Paddy Lamb, colour was everywhere. Christiansen's vivid paintings of animals in urban spaces brought to mind the wildlife that has been forced to adapt, while Higgins' fractured images of memory and loss felt particularly timely in such a rapidly-changing neighbourhood.

"Dreaming with my Great Mother, Dirinene, Nikâwînaw Askiy" (March 3 to 31) will explore themes of dreams, animals, and landscapes as told by Indigenous women. Showcasing art by Heather Shillinglaw, Camille Louis, and Carla Rae Taylor, each woman's art will tell a different story of culture, relationships, and meaning.

With the AGA right around the corner, one might assume that Boyle Street residents have no trouble accessing visual art. However, many locals have spoken about feeling unwelcome in our central business district. TREX will undoubtedly make visual art more accessible to many who may not feel as comfortable crossing 97 Street. Bringing in themes of cultural heritage, memory, urbanized spaces, and



Some of the art on display in the Boyle Street Plaza in February. Maria Castle

change makes this even more approtion desk at (780) 426-9265. priate for our community.

Boyle Street Plaza is located at 9538-103A Avenue and is open to the public during regular business hours. For more information, call the recep-

For more information on TREX, including an interactive map of TREX exhibitions across the province, visit: www.affta.ab.ca/Art-Collection/ TREX-Program.



Neighbourhood Networking at its Best

Walking is a great way to get to know your neighbours.

MARIA CASTLE

We all know the importance of networking. There's a common adage: "It's not what you know, but who you know." Where do you find your networks? At church, school, recreation centres, or places of worship? What about in your neighbourhood? For many of us, our neighbourhood networking may be lacking. We drive to and from home, ensconced in our car listening to music or the radio. That means we may not be developing social networks in our neighbourhoods, like we do in other areas of life. Instead, I'd like to recommend that whenever possible, you get out and walk.

Why walking? Well, we all know that walking has health benefits associated with it, but did you know that it also helps your neighbourhood to function, be a safer place, and to thrive? Walking to get to your destination increases your likeliness to network with people in your neighbourhood. Initially, it might just be a friendly smile as you pass, but if you pass them on a regular basis, one day it may turn from "good morning" to a full conversation.

As more people take to the sidewalks, we feel safer when we go out. There are more eyes on the street, which means that there becomes a sort of natural policing. And when there are people on the street, people in both businesses



Participants in a recent Walking Map meeting. Maria Castle

and residences are more likely to watch the streets and the activities going on there. Boyle Street is in a great setup for this, as most of our sidewalks face the front of buildings and businesses. It's the blank walls and back of buildings that make walking feel a little less safe. Because our sidewalks are generally very public and easily seen, it means that those who like to people watch can keep an eye out, making our streets safer overall. Looking for inspiration to get walking and develop your neighbourhood networks? The Boyle Street Community League and the City of Edmonton are joining together to create a Neighbourhood Walking Map. This map will include favourite walking routes of area residents, as well as landmarks such as parks, schools, grocery stores, places of worship, and restaurants. If you have a favourite route to walk and want to be part of making a map that makes our

neighbourhood more accessible, get in touch and we'll get you in on this exciting project. It's not a big time commitment, but it will have a big impact.

Get walking, get involved, and let's get connected in our neighbourhood.

Maria is the Neighbourhood Connector for the Abundant Community Initiative. She can be reached at boylestreettalk@gmail.com.

Community Conversation on Rink Site Building

DAN GLUGOSH

On December 10, 2015 the Mc-Cauley Community League held a community conversation at Sacred Heart Church about plans for a new building at the rink site. About 20 people came out to share their thoughts and dreams of what type of facility they would like to see at the rink.

There were two groups, with facilitators at each, to focus on three broad themes:

- 1. Neighbourhood vision: How might the rink building fit in with our neighbourhood and with other community amenities?
- 2. Needs and Uses: What other kind of uses could the building used for other than accommodating skating?
- 3. Type of Facility: What are we looking for in a building? We looked at four buildings that the McCauley Community League rink facility development advisory committee went to see and had infor-

mation about.

Here are some of the comments that were made at the meeting (in point form):

Possible uses of a building: party space; cooking classes; proper place to change skates; not just for skating; other activities and programs needed; should be free to use; do not duplicate the space or programs that are already available in the community.

Possible features of the building:

storage is important; space to have programs; somewhere to bring community together; washrooms accessible and open 24 hours a day; small building is good; meeting room upstairs; balcony; glass window to oversee Downtown; indoor/outdoor fire pit; energy efficient.

Dreaming big - thinking outside the box: consider reconfiguring the rink on site; move rink to land on vacant lot next to the rink; interface differently with 107 Avenue; build the building on 107 Avenue and move the rink north;

two or three stories high; consider a mixed-used building: business, housing, meeting space; revenue generation from locating a business on the main floor; what about adjacent land: can we buy it?

Next steps: Undertake a needs assessment; investigate the potential for funding; investigate whether the City would allow for non-profit business to operate on the site; explore whether the MCL could

Avoid duplicating existing amenities and assessing unmeet needs: don't duplicate what is already in the community: churches, gym; complement existing facilities rather than duplicating; what are the needs of the people in the community? Do a needs assessment to identify unmet needs; already have Commonwealth Stadium Recreation Centre; don't need to spend lots of money on a building; nightmare scenario: build a white elephant that isn't used by the community and doesn't bring community together.

Key questions that need to be answered: what needs are we trying to meet? Need to make a decision: build a basic building that is simply a place for people to put on skates or build a bigger building that also meets other needs? Residents need to ask themselves: what do I want? What are we willing to pay for?

sessment; investigate the potential for funding; investigate whether the City would allow for non-profit business to operate on the site; explore whether the MCL could hold a mortgage; whether a separate entity would needed to be created; could we receive charitable receipts? Involve more people in the conversation; do an informal survey asking the communitv what they would like to see: organize more tours of community league buildings; collect financial documents from other community leagues to better understand the costs of operating different types and sizes of buildings.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the McCauley Community League's annual general meeting, we will do a short presentation update, and ask the following question for a short discussion (20 minutes): What size of building would you like to see at community rink?

The full report from the community conversation will be available at the AGM.

Smile Dinner



Volunteers at the Smile Dinner. Shauna Forsyth

SHAUNA FORSYTH

On January 16, the annual Smile Dinner was held in the Sacred Heart Church basement. The dinner was developed for women who are involved with CEASE and Kindred House. Guests were able to take bags and fill them with donated personal care items, clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, and the like. The women enjoy an evening of socialization, manicures, makeovers, photos, entertainment, and food.

Hosted by Shauna Forsyth, Olga Iwanyshyn, and Karen Dalman, this year's event was sponsored in part by Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, Father Jim Holland, Universal Dental Laboratories Ltd., Daniel Yeung, Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose - Reign 30 (Empress Kelsey Breeze and

Emperor Jacque Strappe), Normand's Fine Dining, Normand Campbell, and London Drugs. Special thanks goes to MLA Chris Neilson's office and his amazing Executive Assistant Maria for scouring the concrete and plains hunting down the bags for the women to

We had over 100 women attend the dinner this year. Music was provided by the Rock and Roll Society, and we also had Rob Gurney's amazing Zumba. A full-course dinner was served and all guests were provided with take-home treats.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in setting up on the day of the event and clean-up.

Shauna lives in McCauley.

YEG Food Crawl in Little Italy

On the January 28, the YEG Food Crawl visited Spinelli's Bar Italia, Allegro, Kafana, and Viphalay. They also had a tour in the Italian Centre and learned about their special ty products. Another food crawl in Little Italy was scheduled for mid-February. Freya Fu

LRT is Not Necessary

MANON AUBRY

BoyleBits: A View from Boyle Street

We're pretty lucky to live so centrally with access to many great facilities and the wonderful River Valley. For those of us who like to walk or bike, access to downtown is a matter of minutes.

For most people in Edmonton, the Downtown and surrounding area is a place to go to school or work or shop. For us, it's home. I'm sad that the City has chosen to cut the LRT through our community. The LRT will not serve Boyle Street, as the only stop in our area will be at 102 Avenue and 96 Street. The only high density development nearby is the Chinese Elders Mansion, where the average age is in the 80s - not your most likely users of LRT. Removing traffic lanes on 104 Avenue from 107 Street westward will hamper access into and out of Boyle Street from the west, with 102 Avenue made into one lane to accommodate the LRT. Jasper Avenue will lose traffic lanes to sidewalk widening, and vehicular traffic into Boyle Street will be hampered.

While it is true that currently many of our residents choose to bike or walk, but if we wish to attract the extra ten thousand residents that were supposed to move into the area, we must take into account the traffic congestion that will deter them from coming. Some might want to stay with the status quo, but new residents will attract grocery stores and coffee shops and restaurants. On one hand, City of Edmonton Sustainable Development wants to densify our area according to the Quarters

plan, while the City Transportation Department proposes to create a bottleneck due to traffic lanes lost to LRT lines.

Buses are so much more economical and flexible than a rail system. Buses reach into the parts of our community where people live. The LRT is not any more ecologically sound than a small car and no faster as the proposed new line will have an average speed of 35km/hr. LRT technology is outdated before it is even installed.

Can we learn from the past? Radial street cars ran from 1908 to 1951; trolleys from 1939 to 2009. The infrastructure, rail lines, and overhead wires had to be taken down when those two systems were deemed outdated. How long will it be till the LRT tracks go the same way? LRT lines do not actually increase transit use - they only move people out of buses. People who need to drive will continue to do so. Not everyone one is young and healthy enough to wait out in the cold for public transportation.

Let us enjoy our privileged location on foot, by bike, on buses, or in cars. I'm hoping people in our community will take a role of leadership and let the City management know what we want and what is good for us. Our community is unsurpassed for its easy access to all the treasures of Downtown and the River Valley. Let's work together to make sure we achieve our full potential!

Manon is a resident of Boyle Street and an active volunteer in the community. This column contains her own opinions, and is not affiliated with the Boyle Street Community League.

HEART OF THE CITY FESTIVAL UPDATE

RYLAN KAFARA

Heart of the City is excited to host its spring "friendraiser" on Saturday, March 12 at Studio 96! Local musical aficionados F&M and **Tyler Butler** will melt through Our festival is also participating any cold still lingering on from winter in a beautiful, intimate setting. Making the evening even more special, the performances will be recorded for both radio and film. Sponsored by E4C, the Inner City Recreation and Wellness Program, CJSR 88.5FM, NTT Films, Listen Louder Productions, and Studio 96, this event is for members of the Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival Society and their guests. If you aren't a member vet. don't worry: you can become one at the show! This all-ages event has a suggested donation of \$10 at

the door (which opens at 7 p.m.). Music begins at 8. Contact heartcityfest@gmail.com for more information!

in a new grassroots initiative in Edmonton. Its aim is to create an inclusive network throughout the local music scene that creates connections, provides opportunities, and advocates for all its participants. The group meets monthly, and wants to widen its reach and scope as much as possible. If you're interested in getting involved, please drop me a line at rkafara@ualberta.ca.

Rylan is a board member with Heart of the City.

Location, Location, Location

Part One: Transportation

EVELINA MANNARINO

Welcome to the first part of the "Location, Location, Location" series, where we look at one of six aspects of the surroundings that make a house a home. The first area we will cover is transportation, and our case study neighbourhood is McCauley.

When selecting a location you are likely to live in for years, having easy access to other parts of life is not only a desire, but a necessity. As each family is different, there are many questions to consider. Here are some of the questions you may want to ask yourself before picking a neighbourhood, with McCauley as the example.

Where do you need to go?

Before being impressed by the range of transportation available in a selected neighbourhood, it's important to ask where you really need to go. Do you work in central Edmonton? Do you have a preferred supermarket? Do you have schoolchildren who you would rather drop off, than have them take the bus? McCauley, being only three kilometres from downtown, allows for easy access using both public and private

transportation to offices in the city is can enjoy low rush hour traffic. centre. Grocery stores and coffee shops are also easily located, making McCauley a great place to create your base. McCauley is also home to various religious buildings, which allows for various faiths to be close to their places of worship.

How do you get around?

Different groups have different travel needs. Some prefer the convenience and lower price of public transportation, some may prefer the comfort and control of driving to their desired locations, while others want very quick access by walking. These thoughts then lead to other infrastructure-related questions. For example, if you prefer driving, you would also prefer having low rush hour traffic to deal with. If you prefer walking, you may want everything to be within a 15 minute walking distance. Cyclists would also prefer having dedicated bike lanes to reduce collision chances. McCauley does well in all these areas. The short distance to most amenities means that walking is a very viable mode of transportation. Dedicated bike lanes and a variety of roads also means that cyclists can enjoy more cycling space, and car drivers

Another consideration here: if you are the entertaining type, is how would others get to you? McCauley has plenty of parking for vehicles, letting friends and family visit eas-

What transportation options are available now and in the future? With the first two questions answered, you can now match up your needs versus what is available, and also look at ways to compromise if your chosen option is not available. McCauley lends itself well to almost all types of transportation, with bike lanes, low car traffic, and bus stops. McCauley also enjoys very handy access to the LRT, with the Stadium Station located in the northeast of the neighbourhood, and the MacEwan Station located nearby to the southwest (for the Metro Line). Walkscore.com also rates McCauley very highly, with a walk score of 79 against the city average of 64. This, combined with the bike lanes, means not only do you have handy and easy access to your destinations, but that you can also benefit from lowered cost of transportation (which could instead be used to build some extra homes!).

If a neighbourhood does not allow for your preferred mode of transportation, then you can either choose to look at other neghbourhoods, or look at how you can replace your preferred method of transportation. McCauley's range of options means that this question doesn't need answering, but it is important to consider how you can get to places if for example no trains run near your neighbourhood.

Conclusion

By looking at your needs and preferences first, and then exploring the available transportation options in your neighbourhood, you can greatly reduce the various neighbourhood options you have available when choosing your home site. McCauley easily rates five out of five due to it having every transportation option, and would mean that you can focus on the other five aspects to be published in future instalments of this series.

Evelina lives in McCauley and is the owner of Evelina Developments, which builds custon, luxury homes in Edmonton.

Boyle Street and McCauley Residents to Perform at Carnegie Hall

JOANNE C. MCNEAL

On March 7, at Carnegie Hall in New York, the Edmonton Metropolitan Chorus will perform a stunning major work by Alberta composer Allan Bevan: "Nou Goth Sonne Under Wode" ("Now goes the sun/Son under the wood"), based on a poem from the Middle Ages.

The EdMetro Chorus is directed by David Garber, and does three concerts each year. It is non-auditioned - anyone can join. The choir is dedicated to reaching excellence through hard work, vocal coaching, and high standards. Being invited to perform this concert is one indication of its great reputation in the Canadian choral community. For this New York concert, 60 singers from the EdMetro Chorus are flying to New York to perform, joined by three smaller choirs from across Canada and the USA.

Timothy J. Anderson, a Boyle Street community resident, is a wellknown actor who has narrated a number of choral works. He narrated the Canadian Premier of this work by Allan Bevan five years ago when ProCoro sang it at the Winspear, and he became the composer's narrator-of-choice. Timothy remembers that, "I took the opportunity of



The Edmonton Metropolitan Chorus in performance (with an orchestra and dancers) at the "Peacemakers" concert at the Winspear in March. Marc J. Chalifoux

consulting a living composer to ask | special way to breathe and enjoy the how he wanted the piece interpreted. I think he appreciated that, and we had a long talk about his intentions, which really informed my performance. It's a stunning piece, and brought the audience to its feet in an ovation of unprecedented length. This is the second time that he has asked for me to play the Narrator."

Candas Jane Dorsey, also a Boyle Street resident and Timothy's partner, has sung in EdMetro Chorus for years as time permits. She finds it a

art of music, a rest from her work as a professional writer and part-time visual artist. For her, this concert was a must. "Although Timothy and I have performed in literary events together, this is the one and only time we will perform at Carnegie Hall together. It's just so much fun, especially after hearing that joke all my life about how one gets to Carnegie Hall... 'Practice, practice'!"

David Garber is the Artistic Director and Founder of the Edmonton

Metropolitan Chorus. He started the EdMetroChorus 11 years ago to share the joy of singing with anyone who wanted to join. David was a founding member of ProCoro Canada, Edmonton's Professional Chamber Choir, in the early 80s, singing bass with them for 28 seasons. He also taught music in various Alberta schools and colleges over the years, He has been the Arts Administrator for several local choirs, and is the recipient of multiple choral music awards and honours from the Alberta Choral Federation. David lives just south of Boyle Street, and it is because of his choral connections that our chorus has been invited to sing in Carnegie Hall.

I (Joanne C. McNeal) have been a Mc-Cauley resident for 10 years, and I have been singing on stage since the age of four. A voice major in college, I was a founding member of Pro Coro in 1980-83 and also sang in dining rooms, toured with a show band, and performed lots of Klondike Kate gigs in the 1970s. The honour of singing in Carnegie Hall is fantastic, I can hardly wait.

If you happen to be in New York City on March 7, please come cheer us on. Contact Carnegie Hall in New York for tickets.



DAN GLUGOSH
Around the Rink

There was plenty of fun and the weather was terrific for the Family Day skating party. This year we had around 250 people come out and help celebrate Family Day on February 15. There were horse wagon rides, face painting, a bonfire, prizes, hot dogs, great music, and, of course, skating.

Once again, this event wouldn't be possible without the help of many businesses, organizations, and volunteers. Thank you to Darren Pielak, Shauna Forsyth, Elizabeth McEwan, Adam Kuipers Glu-

gosh, Grace Kuipers, Drew Schamehorn, Ramona's Ravishing Creations (face painting), David Prodan (E4C), Al Hamilton and everyone from KIDS, Sparky Kulchisky, Joan Kirillo, Jane Molstad (Revitalization), Father Jim and Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, City of Champions Lions Club, Elite Sportswear, Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, Challenger Insurance, Cowan Printing, City of Edmonton, McCauley Community League, and to anyone who I might have forgotten. Our community is grateful to all of you!



The Aviary is Almost Set to Fly New performance space is intended to bring people together.

RYLAN KAFARA

There's a new bird hanging out on Norwood Boulevard. Specifically, a budgie named Tiffany. Tiffany lives at the Aviary, which is across from BikeWorks North, at 9314 111 Avenue. A venue-warming present from musicians Lindsey Walker and Jordan Norman to the owners of the Aviary, brothers Philip and Mark Muz, Tiffany represents a lot. First, the bird is a connection to the history of the space. Before work began on turning it into a community café and arts venue, the Aviary was a yoga studio. Previous to that, it was Tiffany's Bird Shop. The budgie also symbolizes how, after a difficult road following the AR-Tery closing, the creative spirit of the former venue has found a new home.

Not that the Aviary will be the same as the ARTery. "It's impossible to recreate that exact thing," explains Philip. "It's going to be open during the daytime, and open to all ages. A little more all-encompassing, but still with the same vibe as the AR-Tery." Telling of the attitude that drives him and his brother, Philip asserts, "the Aviary is going to be a place where if you have something to perform, you'll get a chance."

Discussing the important topic of food, Philip goes on to say: "It'll be a sandwich shop, with coffees, lots of teas, and non-alcoholic options.



The storefront of the forthcoming Aviary. Bill Neis

We've never been a place that pushes alcohol on people. We more push people getting together." Such an emphasis should not be difficult, because as Philip already noticed, there's "a real hunger for people in this neighbourhood to have a place to hang out."

A lot of work is left to do, but the hope is to have the Aviary up to code and open by May or early June. One focus of the renovations is to make the Aviary as accessible as possible. To help with this, Joel Kleine from

Edmonton band Bombproof the Horses visited the venue recently and discussed the plans with Mark. A wheelchair user, he found the back entry to be quite accessible. In addition, he gave advice on how to make the washrooms easy to access as well. "All in all," Kleine said, "it looks like it'll be a welcoming space for everyone."

Local folk musician Tyler Butler agrees. "It's going to be great to play here. It will have great sound, it's friendly, and will be a real com-

munity hub." The Collective West's Erin Faught concurs too, and is excited to see what the Aviary family "have up their sleeve in this new neighbourhood." Musician and MLA for Edmonton-Centre, David Shepherd sees the new venue as part of a wider trend. "Given how many artists and musicians have moved into Norwood over the years," David said, "the Aviary's a perfect addition to the neighbourhood. I can see it providing a much needed spark of revitalization to 111 Avenue."

In a similar but unsurprising vein, Megan and Beth Dart, sisters who are a foundation of the Edmonton theatre community, believe that the Aviary will be "a place where the creative minded are welcomed with open arms to experiment, to fail, to succeed, all within the safe space of a community bubbling over with talent and heart."

People can help the Aviary (and ensure Tiffany the budgie has lots of friends to hang out with soon) by attending the Aviary Victory Fundraiser at Studio 96 on Saturday March 5. Tickets are \$15 at yeglive.ca, or \$20 at the door. The all-ages event starts at 6 p.m., with the bands, including Labour, beginning at 8. Aviary Victory Bonds (gift certificates redeemable once the Aviary opens) will be available as well.

Get Ready to GLOW

Boyle Street Lantern Parade on March 19.

RYLAN KAFARA

Have you ever been to the Edmonton Folk Music Festival? If so, you'll know one of the highlights every year is the lantern parade. On Saturday, March 19, Quarters Arts is bringing a lantern parade to Boyle Street. Called GLOW, the project brings together builders, designers, artists, as well as others without any experience. Together, they are creating giant puppet lanterns that will be paraded through the community.

This event, says Quarters Arts Artistic Director Lori Gawryluik, is "not a standing around parade. Everyone walks together and lights up Boyle Street." Lori and the rest of the Quarters Arts team work hard to create inclusive activities that are rooted in the geographical area. Recent examples include York Moments, a multi-tiered history project centered on the York

music and art celebrations at Boyle Street Plaza. Lori sees GLOW as a "really good example of programming we are trying to support. The hope is to create traditions fuelled by community participation and a sense of place that are unique, beautiful, and magical."

Many people are already busy working on this new tradition. Since early February, participants have met at Boyle Street Plaza tival, parade, and theatre events. (9538 103A Avenue) on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to work on lanterns. They will continue to do so right up until the parade on the 19th. Everyone is welcome to help, and no experience is required.

If a different workshop time is better, please contact Quarters Arts (quartersartscall@gmail.com). You will be connected with one of GLOW's numerous partners, including the Drawing Room Art-

Hotel, and Quarters Arts Nights, ists Collective, Bissell Centre, E4C, project is about people "spend-Mother Teresa Elementary School, and the Boyle Street Community League.

> Alternatively, the lead artists can offer another drop-in time to help you and your group work on a lantern. Lynette Maurice, who started the Edmonton Folk Music Festival Lantern Parade, heads the project with Cindi Zuby, who has over 20 years experience coordinating fes-

If you are unable to volunteer your time, GLOW also needs other forms of support in order to happen now and in future years. Money can be donated through GLOW's Make Something Edmonton page (www.makesomethingedmonton. ca/projects/1100-help-build-a-giant-lantern-puppet/), and in-kind material is also a great help.

Ultimately, as Lori relates, this the starting location.

ing time together." Writer and activist Johnny Lee, who is also a board member of Quarters Arts and area resident, expands on this idea:

"The Quarters Arts Lantern Parade is not about one group or organization's build or event showcasing their hard work and talents. It's about a wide range of community members, from those who live in relative comfort to the impoverished. Coming together on a drop-in basis to help with the build, while enjoying each others company. And then showcasing not only the beauty of art, spectacle and light. But also a sense of solidarity and belonging in a city of great diversity in culture, as well as stature."

GLOW takes place on March 19 at 8 p.m., with Boyle Street Plaza as

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The eleventh annual Memorial March of Edmonton took place on February 14. The march, which begins and ends at Sacred Heart Church, is for missing and murdered Indigenous women. Paula E. Kirman

Winter Brings a Fall

JOANNE MCNEAL

Walking is usually a good one mode of transportation, except sometimes in winter when streets and sidewalks are icy. Walking costs nothing, you get outside for fresh air, and it allows you to exercise and see the neighbourhood. Its a win-win-win - unless you fall.

On February 1, a man fell at the alley's intersection behind my house between 110 Avenue and 109A Avenue at the northern extension of 94 Street. I saw him half-laying down in the alley and called out, "Are you okay?"

He did not answer, but he kept sitting in the middle of the alley. Then, a black car came along and the people in it stopped to help him, so I thought he would be okay, and I went inside and began washing my hair in the sink.

Then, there was a knock on my back door, and this same man was standing there asking me to call an ambulance. He could hardly talk or make sense, but he seemed to be able to walk. My hair at that point was all soapy, and I asked him to wait outside. When I called 911, they asked how old he was, so I went outside and asked him (he was in his late 40s). Then, I thought maybe he had had a stroke or something. As we were talking (with my hair dripping soap), the black car came back, and the lady said she had called an ambulance for him, and for him to wait there. I asked myself, "What should I do?" It is important to be kind, and I was not trained to help determine what was wrong with him, so an ambulance seemed like a good choice..

A big, wide fire emergency truck came, with lights flashing, taking up the whole alley, followed by an ambulance, then a rescue van. The man was gently put in the ambulance, and they closed the doors but the ambulance didn't move for a while. The 911 people called back just after all

the trucks got there, and I was able to tell the dispatcher that the man was being helped, so they didn't need to send anyone else.

The fire truck tried to go forward and turn on 110 Avenue, but there is not enough room to do that, even with two guys with red wands guiding the driver. So, he had to back up through the alley all the way to 109A Avenue, after the ambulance and van moved. I do hope the man got the help he needed.

Finally, after all that activity, I was able to rinse my soapy hair and get it dried. As I thought about all of this later, I remembered what it was like when I fell on icy places in the last few years. A couple of times people walked past and ignored me as though I was a drunk, homeless person. I felt invisible and needed help to get up. Other times, people came over and offered to help me up. I surely don't want to be the senior who lays there and gets run over by cars and trucks, and I do want to help others. So I'm glad I was able to be of some help to this man. It's the small things that count sometimes, when we help others.

I was pleased to hear on the evening news that the City is cracking down on people who don't clear their sidewalks, yet the City is responsible for clearing the ice in the alleys! I requested sanding of the alley the next day, and a grating truck came through within a half hour! Wonderful! Now its much safer to walk around this part of McCauley.

The rest of us need to keep our sidewalks clear of snow and ice so its safe to walk. When we have rain and snow with freeze-thaw periods, it's hard to keep walks clear of ice, but if we do it right away it doesn't build up. Some people use salt, sand, little gravel rocks, or kitty litter - it all helps, but shovelling is the first step. It only takes a few minutes and its a big help to people who walk - and we want McCauley to be a walkable neighbourhood!

Walking and Public Transit



IAN YOUNG

Ability and Community

"Some beautiful paths can't be discovered without getting lost."

- Erol Ozan (author)

My main forms of transportation are public transit and walking within the city. You see and experience so much! For long distance travel I usually fly but will have to admit I love the train!

I came to Alberta from Ontario by train with my family. It was fascinating to see our country. I was fortunate enough to do it again in my adult years going from Vancouver to Montreal and back.

While in Europe, I travelled by train and by ferry. When in large or small cities I always use their public transit.

It is fascinating to see the residents of a city and how they utilize their public transit. In Portland, Oregon, they have a light rail transit called "The Max" it gets you everywhere!

In Montreal, the Metro is heavily utilized. London has the Tube and I've even ridden cable cars in San Francisco

We take our public transit for granted at times. However, it can be a must for tourists and a way of life for locals.

I love how ETS has poetry posted in buses to help us enjoy the ride, as well as how buses move thousands of travelers daily to and from their destinations.

As many cities are becoming less car-dependent and alternatives to cars that are environmentally friendly are popping up worldwide, expect to see more innovations!

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Taking the Bus: Road Stories

Keri's Corner

I am an Edmonton Transit System user. If I'm not walking, I'm on the bus. I take it to work, I take it from work, and I take it to my various adventures around our city. Among other things, the bus is entertaining. It's rare that I won't have at least one story to tell at the end of the week about my travels on ETS.

One fine autumn day, I was taking the bus from the south side back downtown. There was a small crowd on the bus and the day was mild and bright. Construction had us detour as we went through the valley. Our driver had announced that and then waxed poetic about relaxing and enjoying the fine valley vista of fall colours before us. We all agreed and settled comfortably in our chairs and collectively sighed a breath of contentment. Those rare moments of peace are hard to come across and should be treasured when they do arise.

There are other moments of laughter. it to de-board and cross the platform My husband and I were going downtown on the Number 5. Scattered throughout the bus was a group of seniors. Just a few stops down from where we had boarded, one of the seniors started talking above the fray to gather her group to debark at the next stop. There did seem to be some confusion among them, but they lined up and stepped out the back doors. We heard one man above the rest and the line slowly reformed and they re-boarded through the front doors. Chatters and laughter increased as they realized they were a stop short of their destination.

There are times when reaching a destination can be difficult. We were on the LRT heading south for an appointment. We boarded at Stadium Station and headed downtown. We could sense something was a little off - the trains were slow and the crowd seemed large for that time on a Saturday morning. Once we came to Churchill Station we had

to jump on the next train as there were technical difficulties along the line. For anyone who rides the LRT, this would feel wrong as simply one does not expect to head south on the Clareview track. However, we and a very large crowd, got on the next train and waited and waited, shoulder to shoulder, for the journey south to begin. Fortunately, we did indeed head in a southern direction. Unfortunately, it was an agonizingly slow pace. I wondered aloud if we were caught in some hell-loop that would prove impossible to escape. We did escape and still made our appointment in a timely fashion.

Our transit system isn't perfect. I don't think I've encountered anything perfect though. It's the imperfections that make things interesting and that will make for good stories. Enjoy the ride.

Keri lives and takes the bus in Boyle Street.



ISABELLE FOORD

Something Funny

If you have never been to the ocean, don't worry. With rising sea levels, the ocean soon will be coming to a neighbourhood near you.

I took a jacket to be cleaned. When I heard the price, I realized the jacket wasn't the only thing taken to the cleaners.

Isabelle is a writer who was a long-time resident of McCauley.

Many Transportation Choices in McCauley

LEIF GREGERSEN

Living in McCauley means having a lot of great choices to get around. My main form of transportation is the bus, for which I have to be very grateful to the City. Not only is it efficient and practical, as a person with a disability on benefits I get a bus pass for a reduced rate. After taking the bus, I have the option of walking. I live only about a 20 minute walk from downtown and I love doing it even on the coldest of days. Something about getting exercise and fresh air and experiencing the steady rhythm of footsteps as I enjoy some of the great views of Edmonton, from gorgeous sunrises to the stunning downtown skyline, just makes me happy. Walking is also my main way of staying fit.

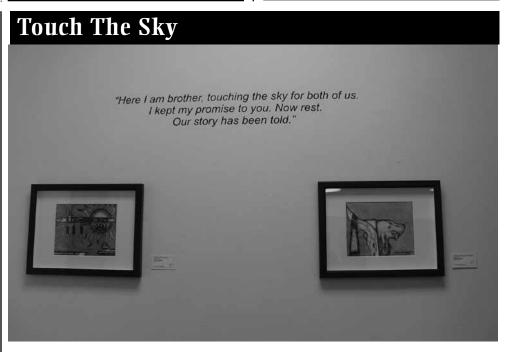
There are times when I really need a car. Earlier last year, I had a truck a friend was lending me that I was planning to buy off of him that was sadly stolen. It was an older truck and I guess that made it a target for thieves, whether it was easier to initially get into or easier to hotwire or both. A lot of people who live in this part of town use "the club" on their steering wheels which is not such a bad idea. I now use a car-sharing service that is the answer to a lot of my problems.

The car service, called Pogo CarShare, is a great way to fill in those gaps in your life where a car just becomes necessary. You register with the service, then you can find where cars are with an app on your phone, reserve a car, and then go and pick it up. There is no central pickup location - people leave the cars wherever there is City parking and you just go and open the door with a key fob device, get in, and punch in your code and off you go. The convenience level of it is

I always rent a car at least once a month. My roommate chips in to my expenses of renting the car and I drive him around for his errands. Then I go and pick up my dad and brother, and once they are done with their shopping and whatever else they need to do, I have the car to myself.

I really like the freedom and low cost of riding the bus and walking for most of my transportation, but I have to admit there are cold days (just about anything worse than -10 qualifies!) when I really wish I had my own car. It is comforting to know that when I get a car, gas will be less than the cutthroat rate it was for quite a while. I will still have to deal with insurance, registration, purchase of the car, and maintenance. It will be a tough decision to make, but I am glad to know that I have options.

I have a feeling that when the sun starts coming out and long hot summer days are ahead, I'm going to take out my mountain bike and get out and have so much fun flying down roads that I will forget about a car for another season. It's nice to know we only have longer days ahead of us at this point, and it's going to be fun times in McCauley again soon!



An art exhibit from Ambrose Place resident Brad Ponicappo took place at Harcourt House Artist Run Centre on February 13 and 14. Although he has been making art for over 25 years, this was his first show. The exhibit was organized with the assistance of Niginan Housing Ventures and the Art Mentorship Society of Alberta (AMSA), Paula F. Kirman



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Gung Hay Fat Choy: Welcoming the Year of the Monkey



The Lunar New Year was celebrated in Chinatown on February 14. The festivities, which included a Dragon Dance and Lion Dance (inset), were organized by the Chinatown and Area Business Association.

Paula E. Kirman

Creative Pursuits

RYLAN KAFARA

Inner City Recreation & Wellness Program

March means another month of fun and community building in Boyle Street and McCauley! Sure, you might already know about our Pet Food Bank that's open Monday and Friday mornings at Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS) from 9-11 a.m. Or, about our drop-in floor hockey games on Friday afternoons at Boyle Plaza from 1-3 p.m. But did you know about our multimedia lab? Every Monday afternoon at BSCS, ICRWP coordinator Taro Hashimoto mentors youth interested in learning more about songwriting, video production, and graphic design!

Thursdays we have creative activities for all ages! Local musician Lindsey Walker has kids covered, teaching her Musical Mozarts program at both BSCS and Bissell Centre every Thursday morning. Alternating weeks at

BSCS (10:30 a.m.) and Bissell Centre (11 a.m.), Bob Cook hosts his soon to be world famous Uke-Can-Play ukulele lesson-jam. Then, in the afternoons at BSCS, Shima Robinson leads youth through Sapling, an ongoing spoken word and poetry program. If more sports are more your thing, we've got you covered! Every Thursday at Boyle Plaza from 2-4 p.m., drop by for a game of soccer or basketball!

If that still doesn't cater to your rec and wellness interests, please drop me a line at recandwellness@gmail.com and let me know what you would like to do! Of course, you can also contact me to find out more about the fun we do offer.

Rylan is the Program Coordinator of the Inner City Recreation and Wellness Program.







McCauley Community League Update

Come Serve the Community

MIKE VAN BOOM MCL Update

What does McCauley's community league do? Let's see . . . we host community conversations to help the neighbourhood hear each other on important issues. We speak to the city and to other neighbourhood stakeholders when our community is concerned about something. We provide guitar lessons, a soccer program, skating, and recreation programs. We help host neighbourhood clean ups, and support festivals like Heart of the City. We put on neighbourhood parties like McCauley's Fall Fiesta, family events and warmers, and New Year's and Family Day skating parties. And, we work with our partners in the area to find ways to make our neighbourhood warmer, safer, and more caring and connected to each other. There's more, of course, but there are some of the large strokes.

At our February board meeting, we received four members of the McCauley Revitalization so that we could share some of our mutual work in the McCauley neighbourhood. Both organizations carry a very full slate of responsibilities, tasks, and projects. But much of our work also overlaps, so it was good to consider where and how we might work together.

One point of excitement for us is the reorganization of the Safety Council. This group has struggled for the last few years to find a good model of engagement, and the right volunteer energies to really make things go. At our meeting, we celebrated some fresh energy and some new leadership in the Council. The Community League considers the Safety Council our lead arm in responding to safety concerns, so we are eager to see what they and we can accomplish together in the next few years.

On Family Day, we held our community party at the Rink. It was great fun! We estimate we had 250 people show up throughout the day. Along with face-painting, skating, and wagon rides, we had a lot of sunshine, fresh air, and many, many smiling neighbours. Check out our event write-up elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

On March 19, the MCL is holding our Annual General Meeting. For the second year running, St. John's Lutheran Church has opened their doors to us, for which we are very grateful. So, here are the details:

the McCauley Community League's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 2-4:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 10759 96 Street. Childcare and refreshments provided. Hope to see you there!

This year, we will have the opportunity to hear from our Building Committee as we gear up to build a new facility on the land connected to the skating rink. Please come share some of your thoughts with us on that. As usual, we will elect new board members. We will be looking for a few new faces, so consider lending your voice and experience to our leadership table.

If serving on a board is not your thing, consider lending your energies in an area that you are passionate about. The League works to better our community from many different angles, including recreation, zoning/planning, advocacy, neighbouring, parties, events, and cleanups, social media and communications. We even like people who love keeping financial records and sorting paperwork! So, come join us in the work of making McCauley a community we are all proud to call home. You'll get to work alongside and (possibly learn some new skills) from some of your awesome neighbours, and you'll get to play a part in building something beauti-

We are looking for one or two people to serve as directors for our Soccer program. Grace Kuipers has been serving in this role for many years, and is eager to mentor a new person so that she can volunteer more in some other areas. Let us know if you are interested or pass this on to someone you know who might be a great fit. We know our kids love soccer, and our program is something we're pretty proud of. Come help us keep it going!

If you'd like to connect with us, here's the best way to do that: On our website: www.mccauleycl.com. Phone us at: (780) 705-5131. Or, you can email us at mccauleycommunityleague2014@gmail.com. We also have a pretty active Facebook site, so look us up on there if you haven't already. If you'd prefer a more personal engagement, you can also stop by and visit us at our board meetings. We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 7-10 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club.

Mike Van Boom is the President of the McCauley Community League.

Boyle Street Community League Update

Upcoming AGM and Programs

KAREN JACKSON BSCL Update

Hello Boyle Streeters!

The BSCL Board has been busy preparing for our upcoming AGM on March 15 (7 p.m. at the Boyle Street Plaza). The Community League Board has had a year with many changes and we are looking forward to another exciting year. At the AGM we will be reviewing our year, discussing some upcoming events and programs, and holding elections. If you are interested in getting involved in your community, walk, run, ride your bike, take the bus, or drive your car down to the Plaza and say hello - we would love to see you! Look in the April edition of **BMC News** for the all the action updates from our AGM!

Are you interested in gardening? Perhaps growing vegetables to feed you and your family or maybe just some flowers to enjoy? The Community League is in the process of negotiating some plots of land in the neighbourhood - all we need are some dedicated green thumbs who are members of the League and are willing to get their hands dirty helping to build the garden. If you are interested, please contact us at info@boylestreetcl.com or karenbscl@gmail.com.

The Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhoods are very walkable and very beautiful neighbourhoods. One reason to put on your walking shoes and take a ramble is the Art TREX exhibition on now at the Boyle Street Plaza. Thanks to the generosity of the Alberta

Foundation for the Arts and the Art Gallery of Alberta, the BSCL had the art installation "Echo Chamber" featuring art works by Brenda Kim Christiansen, Patrick Higgins, and Paddy (Patrick) Lamb during part of January and February. This exhibition explores concepts of realism and illusion, memory, and fragments of personal, cultural, and intuitive experience.

Another wonderful program we are collaborating on with one of our partners, Quarters Arts, is "GLOW." GLOW is Boyle Street's Walking Lantern Parade and is the inaugural illuminated night parade that will weave through the Boyle Street neighbourhood on the Spring Equinox, March 19 at 8 p.m. It will feature enormous animated lantern floats that are made by the community.

GLOW lantern making workshops will take place at Boyle Street Plaza with our Artists-in-Residence Lynette Maurice and Cindi Zuby. Come down to the Plaza to help make a lantern. Please contact Quarters Arts for more information in regards to dates and times of the lantern making workshops.

Make sure to add our Web Page and Facebook page to your favorites for quick and easy reference to all out great programs and upcoming events! We look forward to seeing (and hearing from) you!

www.boylestreetcl.com www.facebook.com/BoyleStreet-CommunityLeague

Karen is the Secretary for the BSCL.



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CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

BISSELL CENTRE

(780) 423-2285

Adult Cooking Classes: First 3 Wednesdays of the month January – June 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Movie Night: First 3 Wednesdays of the month 5-7 p.m. Haircuts: Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. (sign up at 12:30, first come first serve)

Victorian Order of Nurses: Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Early Childhood Intervention: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (reservations preferred) Drop-In: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Women's Lunch: Tuesdays and Thursday at noon Parenting Classes: Mondays at 11 a.m.

BOYLE MCCAULEY HEALTH CENTRE

10628 - 96 Street

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Women's Health Promotion Evening: Thursdays (except the last Thursday of the month) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by yoga class at 3:30 p.m. for one hour. Foot Clinic - Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dental - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Streetworks during clinic hours.

BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES

10116 – 105 Avenue (780) 424-4106

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.4:30 p.m. Youth night: Wed. 4-7 p.m. Adult Drop-In open all day – 8.30 – 4.30 . Lunch: Monday-Friday at 11.30. Free repairs for eyeglasses every Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m; housing, family, youth, mental health and outreach programs available.

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

10527-96 St. NW (780) 424-7652 Pastor Rick Chapman Sunday Service: 11 a.m. - noon Sunday Lunch: Noon - 1 p.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

9606 – 110 Avenue (780) 426-1122 The Rock Community Breakfast Tuesday to Thursday 7 – 9 a.m. Kid's Club. Monday 6 – 7:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY

9611 – 102 Avenue (780) 429-4274

Men's Residence, Anchorage Addiction & Rehabilitation Chapel.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

Located in the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre is open Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Closed on Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

THE MUSTARD SEED

10635 – 96 Street (780) 426-5600

Evening Meals: Mon.-Fri. 7:00-8:00 p.m., Sat. 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Food Depot: Tues. and Thurs. afternoons 1:00-3:00 p.m., Wed. evenings 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Drop-In Coffee: Monday - Friday afternoons 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Evening Drop-In: Saturday 6-10 p.m.

Personal Assistance Centre (PAC, clothing ministry) 10568-114 Street, side door

Mon: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Wed.: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Thurs: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information call The Mustard Seed, at (780) 426-5600 or visit: www.theseed.ca

HOPE MISSION

9908 106 Avenue (780) 422-2018

MEALS: Monday - Friday Breakfast Served 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Lunch served 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Supper served 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Weekend

Brunch 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Supper 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SHELTER:

Men, Women, Youth Doors open 8:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH:

Sunday

2:00 p.m. Hope Mission Centre - 9908 106 Avenue

7:00 p.m. Herb Jamieson Centre - 10014 105A Avenue

HEALTH CLINIC:

Family Doctor

Tuesday and Thursday

Walk in: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Family Doctor (Male Patients)

Monday - Friday

Walk in: 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Psychiatrist Monday - Friday

Appointment only - call (780) 244-2018 Ext.

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS

RICK (780) 474-5593

GWYNN (780) 443-3020

Support for smokers who are trying to quit. Call Nicotine Anonymous.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

SATS is recruiting volunteer drivers to take low to middle income walking elders, age 75 and older, to important appointments. Call (780) 732-1221 or email info@satsofedmonton.org for more information.

SACRED HEART CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

(780) 422-3052 for further info on anything listed here. Eucharist is held each Sunday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bimonthly programs available to prepare parents for their child's Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations. Traditional Native Wakes, in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit traditions. AA meets in the Parish Hall. Eating Disorder Group meets each week. White Stone Project and Edmonton Inner City Children's Project Society run their programs in conjunction with Parish programs. Gospel music festivals, dances, youth dances, pancake breakfasts and Feasts are held in the hall throughout the year.

THE LEARNING CENTRE LITERACY ASSOCIATION is seeking volunteer tutors to help adults develop reading, writing and/or math skills. Volunteers participate in group learning, tutor one-to-one, or assist drop-in learners. Skills and Experience: High school level reading, writing and/or math skills. Openness to tutor and learn with adults with various life experiences, including living with homelessness. Two locations: Boyle Street Community Services and Abbottsfield Mall.

Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator 780-429-0675 or

email:dl.learningcentre@shaw.ca

NETWORKS ACTIVITY CENTRE

780-474-3363, EXT. 302. Volunteer! JOIN OUR TEAM! Networks Activity Centre provides adults with brain injury a program that promotes an active lifestyle through opportunities for social interaction, physical activity, and community involvement. Volunteering with Networks Activity Centre is a wonderful way to enrich your life and touch the lives of those we serve. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team please call 780-474-3363 ext. 302.

TEEN NIGHTS AT THE MCCAULEY CLUB

Join Teen Nights at the McCauley Club! Open to youth 13+ on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 6:30 p.m. Program includes leadership, community development, health and nutrition and free time with friends. Drop in at 9425 109A Avenue (Boys and Girls Club) or call (780) 822-

2549 for details.

P.A.L.S. PROJECT ADULT LITERACY SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Work with adult students in the ESL - English as a Second Language program. Training, materials, and supplies provided. Call (780) 424-5514 for more information.

BUILDING BRIDGES

Building Bridges All Nations First Nations Fusion Church Services Sundays, 3 to 6 p.m. at St. Faith's Anglican Church, 11725-93 Street.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NEIGHBOURHOOD PAINTING

Randy, 25 years experience, \$12/hour.Offering Indoor (year round) and/or Outdoor (seasonal). Some of the work I have completed is taking care of all the painting needs at The Rock/ Breakfast Club. To contact me, please leave a message at (780) 426-1122.

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COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY REC CENTRE ACCESS

All Amenities, Saturdays 5-7 p.m., FREE for MCL and BSCL members.

FREE KIDS COMPETITIVE SWIM PROGRAM

For kids ages 6 to 14 at Commonwealth Pool. Must be able to swim 25m unassisted.

Must live within the McCauley boundary.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

www.mcauleyfriends.com

MUSICAL MAMAS SINGER SONGWRITER SUP-PORT GROUP FOR WOMEN

A wonderful gathering of female singer/songwriters and industry professionals who meet monthly to inspire, support, develop, and expand musically. Held at the Boyle Street Plaza on the last Tuesday of each month 7-9 p.m. All Ages - Free

For more information: (780) 807-5883.

PIU YUM RECREATION CLUB

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Boyle Street Plaza
9538 – 103A Avenue, Edmonton

TEACH YOGA

Yoga Instructors' Training Course. Get a certificate to teach yoga. Five weekends April 2 to May 1. Call Linda Dumont at (780) 428-0805.

MILE ZERO DANCE

Mile Zero Dance offers a selection of drop-in dance/movement/yoga classes throughout the week (from January to April 2016). \$15 each for members of the public, \$12 for MZD members. 10-class cards are offered for \$100. For details on individual classes, visit: milezerodance.com.

12-HOUR DRAW-A-THON PARTY!

10816-95 St. "Air Cacaphonique/Protest Song" by Patrick Arès-Pilon & Tim Rechner is currently installed at Mile Zero Dance's storefront space. On Saturday, March 12th, we are having a 12-hour closing party to celebrate the show (5pm-5am). Members of the public are invited to join us, draw on any medium, and these pieces will be used to create the next installation.



WECAN FOOD COOP

Monthly Food Basket \$15/ meat order, \$10/produce order – Annual Membership is \$5.

Upcoming deadline for payment is Friday, March 4. Payment can be at Mc-Cauley Boys & Girls Club, during business hours, Monday – Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Next depot date is Thursday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at McCauley Boys & Girls Club (9425 109A Avenue). For more info please contact (780) 424-2870.

FREE GUITAR LESSONS

Drop-in guitar lessons for all ages and skill levels. Everyone welcome. Guitars available to use.

Mondays 8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

March 7, 14, 21, & 28 Location: McCauley Boys & Girls Club, (9425 109A Avenue).

To sign up for guitar lessons or for more info call (780) 424-2870. Sponsored by the McCauley Community League, E4C and Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church.

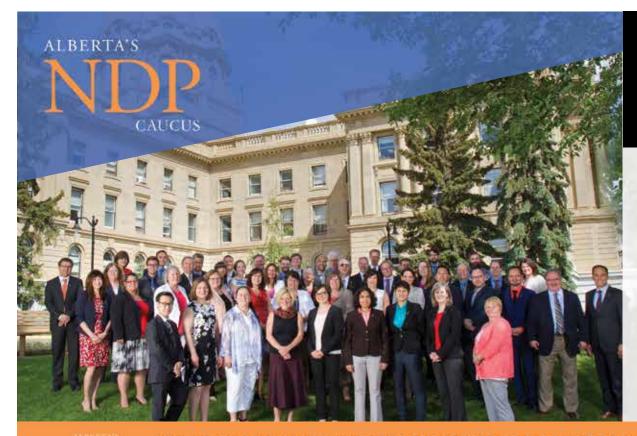
COMFY COLLECTIVE KITCHEN

Try out nutritious, inexpensive foods and easy recipes.

Prepare three ready-to-eat meals to take home and enjoy lunch with the group. Saturday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$4 for lunch and 3 takeaway portions \$7.50 for lunch and 6 take-away portions

For more info or to sign up call (780) 424-2870.



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BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY LEAGUE AGM

MARCH 15TH, 2016 AT THE BOYLE PLAZA

6PM REGISTRATION & INFORMATION 7PM MEETING & ELECTIONS

Join members of your community for news and information about programming, upcoming events and important matters happening at the community league and around your neighborhood. Help elect board members and vote on important topics.

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