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Housing program on Fortress site closes

By Kate Quinn

On Monday, May 3, 2004, Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation announced the closure of its Crossroads housing program, The Duplex, in Boyle Street.

The program provided safe housing for individuals striving to heal from the trauma and addictions related to street prostitution.

Two duplexes house up to 15 people at a time. The duplexes are located on the site of the former Twin Fortresses, fortified drug houses that caused many community problems in the eighties and early nineties.

The first duplex opened in February 2002, followed by the second in October. Funding to build and renovate came through the Federal Government Homelessness Initiative. Interim funding to run the houses came through the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund.

Kourch Chan, Crossroads Manager, said, "It's not just the bricks and mortar. It's the supportive programs that really help people. Since the duplexes opened, 76 people had a tangible experience of hope while they lived here. Some are still struggling, some are doing better and some have been able to change their lives."

The housing program helps people get healthy.



Duplex Manager Bonnie Stewart, Bonnie Lynn, a resident at the Duplex, and Crossroads Manager Kourch Chan, stand outside the Duplex after receiving news it would close May 31st.

When they moved in, 78% had major health issues and 85% were struggling with addictions. Of those who stayed more than 28 days, 90% attended physical and mental health services, 59% completed addictions programs, 58% successfully ceased involvement in prostitution and 39% maintained positive life changes for six months after moving out.

"We need these doors open," said Bonnie Lynn, one of the residents. "This place gave me a chance when no one else would. To shut the doors is just leaving people out in the cold. Crossroads takes them in from rock bottom, no clothes, no sense of direction, nothing."

Bonnie talked openly about her life. She said,

"I lost my mom when I was young and started drinking and working the streets when I was 13. I thought this life was all there was. Then I came here and learned I don't need to drink to feel good. I'm trying and I'm happy I found a place like this so I don't have to work the streets anymore."

Rahul, a Boyle Street neighbour said, "I saw the old Fortress come down, saw the land cleared and saw the new houses go up. This area is so much nicer and safer now. There's been no problems with the duplexes." When he found out that they were closing, he was shocked. "That's kinda sad, the girls like to get off the street. It's a sad life. Here they get nice food, affordable rent. Out on the street, it's dehumanizing."

Executive Director Martin Garber-Conrad said, "The funding was interim, but we thought that by showing this program works the funding would continue. That hasn't happened yet. We were looking to the provincial government, but this project fell through the cracks. This is a group of people that government and society don't see as priorities. Society needs to understand that it can actually work to help them instead of writing them off as hopeless cases."

Kimo Trent retires from Edmonton Inner City Children's Project

By Linda Dumont

Kimo Trent, past president and one of the founders of the Edmonton Inner City Children's Project Society, was honoured with a retirement dinner at Santos Wednesday May 19. Trent was with the project since it started eight and a half years ago, but said it was time for him to retire because of his age "I'm 82 years old- as old as dirt."

The project was started in response to the need for extracurricular activities in inner city schools after the provincial government ceased funding for them. It was especially needed at St. Michael and Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary Schools because of the early closing on Thursday afternoons. Pres-

ently, the project is continuing in Mother Teresa School, McCauley School and at St. Alphonse School.

"Our goal is to expand even further. Everything from piano lessons by professional piano teachers to various sports and activities," said Trent. "Computers, you name it. It's an ongoing program and it will continue even though I've retired. There's a good strong board."

Last month Mother Teresa School honoured Trent with the presentation of a certificate from the Edmonton Catholic School Board and letters from the students.

One of the activities Trent initiated in Mother Teresa School was a reading contest. For every 20 minutes a student read he or she received one air mile on a trip around the world. The trip ended with a beach party in Honolulu.

"I got them 200 pineapples. They had never seen so many pineapples," said Trent. "I got the governor of Honolulu to extend congratulation to the children and a letter from the prime minister. I was doing all this while they were sneakily honouring me."

Although Trent has 'retired' he says he will always be ready to be called upon for anything.

More on Children's Project pg 3.

Welcome to the VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GALLERY



Mish Hobbs is a fairly new volunteer for the Boyle McCauley Newspaper and has been living in the neighbourhood for about a year and a half. Mish says she loves her street, how quiet it is and how pretty. She says "I also love the Italian Center, they have excellent cheese."

Mish delivers the BMCNews every month. "I enjoy the simplicity of the volunteer job, it's easy, fast and helps the community." In the course of her travels throughout the neighbourhood, she says she has discovered a portal to another dimension behind Lucky 97 and "another time I actually went inside Lucky 97 and discovered they have a great selection of Japanese candy and gum!" Who knew?

Mish also enjoys riding the bus in the neighbourhood: When riding the #5 bus last winter an older lady sat next to my daughter, Rowan. The lady was wearing a very thick black fur coat. My daughter could not resist and much to the horror of this woman, Rowan started petting her coat. I think she thought it was a puppy." **Thanks for your time Mish!**

Welcome new photographer: Nancy Budney
Farewell : Miranda Ringma is leaving the board and the editorial committee of Boyle McCauley News. And thank you for volunteering as proof-reader.

Thank-you to Stan at Tra Amici's for his ongoing liquid support of the Boyle McCauley Newspaper volunteers!

Corrections: the names RWE Deering and Ray St. Germaine was misspelled.



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New constable on the beat



Photo by Darlene Arseneault

By Darlene Arseneault

Constable Adam Segan began his role as the new McCauley beat cop on April 13, 2004, having just come from working on the downtown division special project team targeting "really active bad guys."

He's not replacing local beat officer Constable Duane Hunter, he's working with him. They've worked together before on patrol downtown "We have a great relationship" Segan says. They keep each other apprised of what's going on here in the neighbourhood daily.

He is also working with Constable Kurt Martin who works the Norwood beat. Between the three officers they're working for more coverage to put more pressure on the dealers and the prostitutes who according to Segan feed off each other and are the central problem in McCauley.

Segan is looking forward to meeting the "community stakeholders-the people on your beat who are going to help you, and those who you have to keep your eye on." He became a police officer in 1999 because he thought it would be interesting work, but mostly because his dad was in the Edmonton police force for thirty years, and "enjoyed every day he went to work."

Welcome Constable Segan!

News article/advertisement deadlines

Story ideas and articles for the Boyle McCauley News should be submitted to the editor, Linda Dumont and/or sent into the newspaper office via mail, fax or e-mail. Writers should call the editor at the office or at 428-0805 with story ideas. All writers and would-be writers welcome! The story and advertising deadline for the July/August issue is Friday, June 18th. Advertisements should be submitted through Erwin Seeger, 472-2354. Deadlines are firm. We reserve the right to consider articles or ads arriving after deadline for the next issue.

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Betty Nordin - An Angel Among Us

By Kate Quinn

Betty Nordin, a well-known poet from Boyle Street, was honoured at the May 6th Esquao Awards by the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women.

Betty received an award in the Literature and Visual Arts category.

This was the ninth year for the awards, which celebrated twenty-eight women for their strength and courage. The Cree word, "Esquao" was turned into "squaw" in English and was often used in ways that put down Aboriginal women. The Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW) wants to reclaim the original word and affirm Aboriginal women through this award.

The theme for the awards is "Angels Among Us" and it "describes the determination of women to make their lives better for their families, especially their girls," says Muriel Stanley Venne, the president and founder of the IAAW. She believes the positive work of Aboriginal women to overcome the barriers of poverty, isolation and discrimination will change the world.

Betty Nordin has published three poetry books, with the help of *Our Voice*, an Edmonton street newspaper. Her publications include: *Wing Tips* (1999), *Phoenix, Hope From the Ashes* (2000) and *Straddling the Fence* (2002). Some of her poems have been pub-



Betty Nordin receive the Esquao Award at the Agricom May 6 from the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women.

lished in editions of *Songs of the Street* poetry books, *Our Voice*, the street newsmagazine, *The Boyle McCauley News* and *Has Anyone Seen My Heart?* (Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton, 2003).

"I started the joy of writing poetry in 1986 through the support and encouragement of friends," says Betty. "It was like a new road for me to travel."

Betty's poetry flows from her harsh experiences on the street and her struggle to find herself and her place as a Metis woman. "One day I was lying in the ground with my face in the dirt asking God for direction. I guess the poetry was that road of direction. I have a

firm belief in my higher power. I see life in nature, trees and all the beauty that surrounds us."

She dedicates her poetry books to the many people she has known in her life, especially those in the inner city who feel pain, loneliness, anger and helplessness. She firmly believes that there is hope for everyone to make the decision to make changes in their lives. Betty says, "It's not easy to leave the streets. There are temptations, new learning experiences, frustrations, the joys and lows of life. I've tried to leave the message that no matter where we came from there is hope for all of us. That we can rise from the ashes of homelessness and despair."

Inspiring others with her poetry

By Penelope Tew

When she received the Esquao Award for her writing, Betty Nordin bumped into the mike on the stage.

"Sorry," she said, "I'm not used to those. On the street there are no mikes, only a bunch of 'Johns'."

Nordin has published three books of poetry since 2000. Her insightful writing, which focused on the life of the street, shows readers what life in the insecure but never dull life of a woman of the streets feels like.

Nordin particularly addresses the issue of missing women, some of whom were never found, and the feelings of those left behind when women vanish or are found dead.

Nordin said she was "very excited" to receive the Esquao award and that it meant that she



Betty Nordin

was reaching the people who needed to know how things are for women who choose prostitution. Nordin is very aware of what leads women to make those choices and said they need help getting free of the streets and drugs before they become statistics in the unsolved folders of the vice squad.

Nordin lived with drugs, alcohol and prostitution for many years and says she woke up one day with her face on the ground

and her mouth full of dirt and thought "Betty, there's gotta be something better than this."

After some hard work and a few slips along the way, Nordin started writing poems and found that there was a publisher for them. After a diagnosis of schizophrenia, Nordin felt that her decision to leave the streets was justified.

She feels that her poetry is a way to let other who would benefit from her wisdom to hear her message.

She also feels that by receiving the Esquao Award, she can inspire women, especially Aboriginal women, to take a look at their lives and to say, "If Betty can do it, I can pursue a better life, too!"

Nordin was also the recipient of the 1995 Feather of Hope Award for fundraising.

Nobody Sees Her

By Betty Nordin

Dedicated to all of the women of the streets that have passed away or are still missing.

She's sitting huddled in the corner of a building
Shivering in the cold
NOBODY SEES HER.

She's standing on the street shivering in the rain
NOBODY SEES HER

She's sitting in the back of a greasy café
Hunched over a cup of coffee
NOBODY SEES HER

She's waiting for a JOHN to pick her up
NOBODY SEES HER

She's sitting on a filthy floor covered with used
Points, garbage and empty beer bottles
NOBODY SEES HER

She's lying on the cold hard ground that some
JOHN has dumped her on
NOBODY SEES HER

She's puking as she slaps and prods her veins
so the rig

Can give her that moment of feeling good
NOBODY SEES HER

She's a junkie people say;
She's nothing
NOBODY SEES HER

She's a missing, forgotten and lost girl
STILL, NOBODY SEES HER

But today, everybody sees her
She is found in an unmarked hole in
The ground.

Inner City Children's Project Society provides after school programs

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The Inner City Children's Project provides opportunities for inner city children that would normally be outside their reach due to social and financial difficulties. The partnering schools involved are Mother Teresa, and McCauley in the Boyle Street/McCauley communities where many of the children and youth are considered to be at-risk due to poverty, substance abuse, single parent households, physical, sexual or emotional abuse, crime involvement, teen pregnancy or lack of parental attention.

The programs provide the opportunity to learn and grow from new experiences, which can be very costly to low income families. Activities range from piano lessons to involvement in various sports, and providing after school programs

that allow parents to continue with their jobs and/or education without having to make costly day care arrangements.

The society was founded as a subcommittee under the Sacred Heart School Parent Advisory Association and was originally known as the Children and Community project. At that time, Sacred Heart was funded as a community school, but funding for community school programs ended in 1994.

The parent advisory association wished to continue the programming because of its value to the children. In 1998, they formed a society with a governing board of directors. Since then, they changed their name to the Edmonton Inner City Children's Project Society. For more information call 420-6102.

Seniors Corner

Back to her McCauley roots

By Darlene Arseneault

Albinka 'Ivy' Podlubny turned 80 April 27th 2004. She lives on the third floor of St. Josaphat's Seniors Residence across the street from Sacred Heart School. Her sister Francis is 93 and lives on the fourth floor. "I'm quite content, happy, comfortable...I feel at home here."

She can see the house that she and her husband Joseph Podlubny bought in 1946 for \$8,000 cash from her window: 9634 108A Ave, to be precise. "I'm surprised it's still standing," Podlubny says, laughing.

They paid cash for everything, including a stove, which you couldn't expect to be included with any house at that time. She and her husband and their two children, with one more on the way, moved into the house and

promptly decided that it was too big for them, so they split it up into a four-plex. Podlubny explained that they didn't do it all at once, but over a period of about two years. Joseph quickly got a job at Randall Lumber, and Ivy maintained and managed the house. "I was young and healthy and the income from the house was my money." Her older children (she had four in all) attended Sacred Heart School, and the whole family attended Sacred Heart Church. And now she's back attending Sacred Heart Church.

When I asked her if there's anybody there that used to live in the neighbourhood at the same time she did 58 years ago, she smiled and said, "that was a really long time ago."



Ivy Podlubny

Letters

MP Goldring ignores tax laws

Peter Goldring's is correct in his May (BMC News) column that Edmonton apartment rental property owners are facing an estimated 20% property tax increase.

The problem with his analysis that this is an inequitable tax increase is that it ignores tax law and recent history.

Under provincial law, the City of Edmonton is mandated to base prop-

erty taxes on the market value for each individual property.

For a medium walk-up apartment unit, the property tax increase will be slightly less than \$4.50 per month.

Interestingly in 2000, 2001 and 2003 the City of Edmonton reduced the total property tax levy for medium walk-up apartment units on a monthly basis by \$2.00, \$15.00 and \$1.00 respectively.

There is no indication Mr. Goldring held apartment rental property owners to account by publicly urging them to pass these reductions on to their tenants. In fact, rental rates increased by more than 25% over this period. In the past Peter Goldring also owned rental property. If he or his family are still landlords, Mr. Goldring should have disclosed this in his column.

Harvey Voogd

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If you see news happening, call the BMCNews at

425-3475.

The theme for the July/August issue is Music

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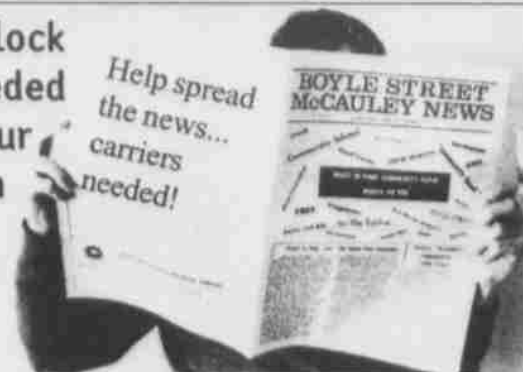
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Nine months later, with the help of supporters and the Robert Tegler Trust, they moved into the CNR staff rooming house on 10521-101 Street. The building was renovated from top to bottom, and the new Hope mission opened July 1, 1930.

Hope Mission moved to 104 Avenue and 97th Street in

Dec. 1969.

The new church building was owned by the Plymouth Brethren, and valued at \$50,000, but through special arrangements, it was available to Hope Mission for \$25,000. When the church was condemned in 1970, Hope Mission moved again, this time into a building on the corner of 99 Street and 106 Avenue. Then, September 1982, Herb Jamieson, Hillie Edwardson and Bob Bogle, social service Minister, turned the sod for a brand new facility for Hope Mission at its present site on 106 Avenue and 99 street.

A new addition to Hope Mission is currently under construction and will be open in August.



Paul Edwardson, son of the founders of Hope Mission

Excerpt from the Hope Mission anniversary booklet

Hope Mission celebrated its 75 anniversary with an evening of music at the Winspear Centre Thursday May 13. Paul Edwardson, son of Harold Edwardson, the founder of Hope Mission, was a special guest speaker at the event.

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Between The Rock



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Florent Morin is a senior who comes to St. Peter's for breakfast.



Michael Dionne, Eileen Mitchell and Mary Bastien enjoy breakfast at St. Peter's Lutheran Church May 13.

Free breakfast program comes under fire

By Linda Dumont

For the second time in two years, a free breakfast program that feeds more than 300 people every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning has come under criticism from a member of the McCauley community.

The Rock is a non-profit group of volunteers who have been serving free breakfasts at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 110 Avenue and 96 street, for six years. This is the only free breakfast served in the area except for one at the Salvation Army on Friday mornings.

About May 12, an unsigned letter was distributed to residences and businesses in the community and to Councillor Jane Batty's office urging people to contact Batty with concerns about the breakfast program, and implying that the breakfast was the cause of increased crime and other problems in the neighbourhood.

The writer claimed that there has been a 25% increase in crime in McCauley. In addition he or she said, "It is not unusual for residents to see people loitering, littering, garbage picking, urinating, defecating, spitting or even fornicating in our community. Most of which are criminal offenses under the city's bylaws."

Within our community we are already dealing with prostitution, drug houses, derelict and abandoned houses and a significant increase in break and enters and assaults.

These activities in turn lead to increased traffic, solicitation of local residents and having to dispose of condoms and needles."

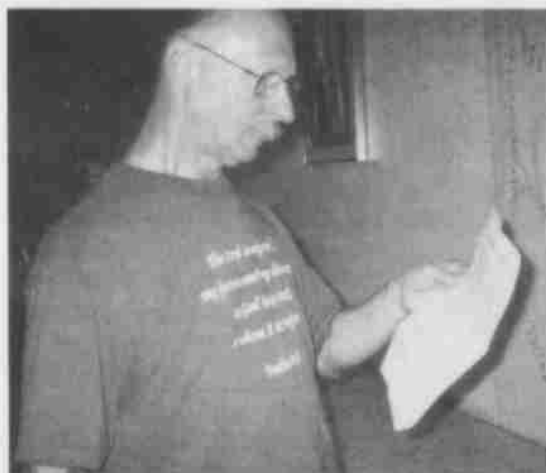
Councillor Batty's office confirmed that a copy of the letter was delivered in an unmarked envelope to her office, and that it did not originate with her. She said she has always been a supporter of the free breakfast provided by The Rock.

In response to the letter, she has been receiving calls to her office.

The Rock volunteers arrive at St. Peter's 6 a.m. to cook and then serve the meals.

Bob Colquhoun, president of The Rock, said, "We want to co-operate with the neighbourhood. It would be a damn shame if we had to cancel breakfast because it is so needed. We don't want to make any changes to the program."

"We are on top of it, but we're not looking for any quick solution. We are part of the community,



Warren Speckleberg, a volunteer at The Rock, reads the letter.

and are working with the community. We are in contact with the city and have asked for an increased police presence in this area."

Colquhoun said he used to live in McCauley, but chose to move because he didn't want to raise his children here. "People buy houses on spec, then complain - it's like buying a house next to the railway yard."

Warren Speckleberg, a volunteer with The Rock, said, "It's sad. There is an element of truth in it but all sorts of things ignored - as though all of these things wouldn't happen if we didn't have breakfast."

Florent Morin has been a regular at the breakfast since it began. He is semi-retired and a resident of McCauley who lives on a limited income. He said, "The breakfast causes less crime. Anything we can do for needy people will lead to less crime. That's why I help others - it's my street ministry - I give them a little food or some clothes when I can."

Eileen Mitchell said she has been coming of the breakfasts for almost a year. She has been on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped for six years, and is currently living at the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre.

Michael Dionne and his friend Mary Bastien just started coming to The Rock for breakfast. "The food is good here. They make really good coffee -

better than the Seed or the Bissell Centre," he said. "It (the letter) is not good. If you have that many people (300 plus) the possibilities of trouble increase."

Dionne and his girlfriend are on the street right now, since he got evicted. He works with temporary labour services, but said "I can't work now - it's a little too hard to work when you're on the street. I need rest and a place to wash up."

Not everyone who lives in the community is concerned about the people gathering at St. Peter's for breakfast. Gordon Stamp, who bought a house near St. Peter's, said, "I have always been in favour of the breakfast program and I have never had any problems because of it."

This is the second time the breakfast has been cited as a problem. Two years ago a petition was circulated around the neighbourhood about the breakfast program.

"As a result of the problem two years ago, Marshall Hopkins, who lives next door, has been over here. He is our community liason," said Colquhoun.

Hopkins' partner, Anna Bubel, whose name was given as a contact number on the petition circulated two years ago, said she was not in any way involved this time.



Bob Colquhoun, president of The Rock, a volunteer organization that prepares and serves breakfast for more than 300 people every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

New in the neighbourhood

Community gardens kick off a new season

Zocalo courtyard open for business



Photo by Linda Dumont

Ken Bregenser sells bedding plants in the new courtyard area of Zocalo that opened May 14. Zocalo purchased the lot just east of the store.



Photo by Linda Dumont

By Linda Dumont

Planting was in full swing at the Boyle Street Community Garden on the Victoria Day weekend. This year, there are 31 gardeners with plots, a fair change over from last year with 11 new gardeners. Jan Przysienziak, who manages the garden, said, "I've only gardened for five years. Some have had plots here since it started in 1994. It calms you. It feeds you. It's organic so it's healthy with no

pesticides and no herbicides."

People who want to have garden plots for the 2005 planting season can call Jan at 428-9495 to be placed on the list. To have a plot, you must be a member of the Boyle Street Community League (membership \$5), and live in the community.

"It's just really relaxing to work in the soil," said Przysienziak.

A new look for the Mustard Seed

By Wesley May

Mustard Seed Church is changing. Inside, workers are busy renovating the place. They removed the stage, which gives more floor space, the main floor and the washrooms are being done with new tiles, and there will be new doors at the top of the stairs. The outside will also be done, but there is no

word on when. As warmer weather approaches it will be cooler inside thanks to the donation of a new air conditioner.

Look for more changes in the coming months. The Mustard Seed was built in 1909, which make 95 years old.

New

BURGER BARON OPENS



Photo by Linda Dumont

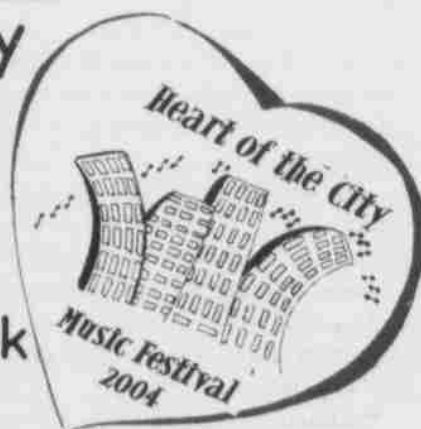
If you haven't heard, there is no more Kentucky Fried Chicken sold on the corner of 95 Street and 111 Avenue, but there is Burger Baron which, according to its signage, sells Texas Fried Chicken and boasts to have '...the best mushroom burger in town.'



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Photo by Dan Sander

The volunteer folk that are bringing the Heart of the City Music festival to McCauley. Standing in the back l-r: Chris Leclair and Norm Palmer; seated l-r: Tawmy Schaaf, Darlene Arseneault, Lady Taya Skinner, Brian Giffin & Roy Agnew. Missing are Judith Lam, Debbie Reid, and Debbie Chaba.

LOOKING BACK 1979 Boyle Street McCauley News

A look at what was news 25 years ago

How much does it cost?

By Mariano Desantis, Mar. 1979

That may be your first thought when you see the sign at the gas station that reads 18.1. No, the price of gas is not going down, just changing from cents per gallon to cents per litre.

Many people don't know if the price of gas has gone up or stayed the same.

To help you keep track of how much you are paying for gas, here is a chart that converts cents per gallon to an equivalent in cents per litre. These prices were estimated to the nearest tenth of a cent. To check the gas prices for yourself, all you have to do is multiply the price per gallon by .22 and you get the price per litre.

Price per gallon (in cents)	price per litre (in cents)
75.0 - 75.2	16.5
75.3 - 75.7	16.6
75.8 - 76.1	16.7
76.2 - 76.6	16.8
76.7 - 77.0	16.9
77.1 - 77.4	17.0
77.5 - 77.9	17.1
78.0 - 78.4	17.2
78.5 - 78.8	17.3
78.9 - 79.3	17.4
79.4 - 79.7	17.5
79.8 - 80.0	17.6

Health Centre gets green light

Reprinted from the September News 1979, Author unknown

More than seven years of work on the part of local social service agencies and an exhaustive report detailing medical problems and the needs of the people in the inner city area has resulted in a community health centre for residents of the Boyle Street and McCauley. The clinic will be set up in a private home at 9644-106 Avenue and will be run by three nuns, experienced in setting up health clinics overseas. They will be backed by a staff of physicians, nurse practitioners and community outreach workers.

The Tegler Foundation put up the \$70,000 to buy the house but there are no estimates as to how much it will cost to fix up.

Though the possession date is June 30, Bert Boren of the Foundation said the money will not be handed over until a detailed report by the sisters is made sometime in September. The clinic is expected to be operational within two

months after this report.

Mr. Boren said that if costs exceed the grant, he hopes the provincial government will step in to help finance the clinic. Even so, the Foundation and City of Edmonton health officials hope the province and the municipal government will share in the funding. The clinic will primarily serve McCauley, considered a more stable area. It would provide health services to the elderly, children and those who would otherwise not seek medical aid until a crisis developed. The clinic should, in turn, reduce the patient load of hospital emergency wards, especially the Royal Alex, by heading off health problems before they require hospitalization. "This area needs a treatment facility," said Julia Anne Hutchens, supervisor for the city of Edmonton's Health Clinic.

"There is a severe lack of medical services because practitioners don't want to locate down here and public

health nurses can only screen, refer and practice preventative medicine and can't treat or prescribe."

The only treatment centre now operating in the inner city is in Boyle Street near the Marian Centre and run by Dr. J.D. Craig. However, Dr. Craig has no hospital admitting privileges and can only refer patients to emergency wards.

Dr. Jim Howell, chief medical officer for the City of Edmonton, expressed satisfaction with the project. "We were hoping for a miracle because of staffing problems," he said, and "one day three sisters knocked at my door."

The clinic is the result of groundwork done by a group of representatives from the various social service agencies in the area, known as the Inner City Field Workers, and an exhaustive study commissioned by the Medical Research Foundation in 1977. It was prepared by Dr. Stanley Greenhill of the Community

Health Department of the University of Alberta.

The IFCW was formed in 1973 and attempted to isolate problems in Boyle Street and McCauley. It disbanded October 1978, but not before a small group, working through the medical officer's department managed to secure a study on health problems and needs of the two communities. Community Health Resources for the Inner City of Edmonton or the Greenhill Report, as it became known, discovered that the cultural and ethnic base plus the transient nature of the area combined to produce a lower use of existing medical resources. It also had a direct bearing on the extent and type of illness found. The transient element could pose some problems, though, as with increased development, McCauley is shrinking in size making the need for a clinic less pressing than when the Greenhill report first came out.

Peace on Earth 1979 - International Year of the Child

Reprinted from March 1979 Boyle McCauley News

There shall be peace on earth, but not until
All children eat their fill,
Go warmly clad against the winter wind
And learn their lessons with a tranquil mind.
And thus released from hunger, fear and need,
Regardless of colour, race or creed,
Look upward smiling to the skies,
Their faith in life reflected in their eyes.

(1) 23% of Canadians live below what is called the poverty line.

(2) The top 20% of wage earners (salaried personnel) in Canada receive 43% of the total wage income. The bottom 20% receive only 3.9% of the total wage income in Canada.

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Sent in by Wesley May

A young boy had just passed his driving test. He asked his father, who was a rabbi, if they could discuss his use of the family car. His father took him into his study and said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Talmud a little, get your hair cut and then we'll talk about it." After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. They again went into the father's study where the father said, "Son, I've been very proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied the Talmud diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man waited a moment and then replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair." The rabbi said, "Yes, and everywhere they went, they walked."



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The inside scoop



Photo by Nancy Bailey

Italian Bakery completes renovations

The Italian Bakery has been renovated. Manager Frank Devenz said they expanded the shop by removing an office and a cooler so they could have space for more variety. They also replaced showcases and the floor.

Councillor Jane Batty



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Paul Martin Continues the Liberal Hypocrisy

With a federal election underway, many are concerned about Prime Minister Paul Martin's failed promise to "reverse the democratic deficit". First, Paul Martin refused to permit Liberal MPs to vote freely on gun control and on having fixed election dates. Now, in many ridings, including Edmonton East, candidates have been "appointed" directly by Paul Martin, over challengers who spent much time and effort to develop their candidacies. The Paul Martin-appointed Liberal in Edmonton East is the son of the former Liberal MP who also happens to be a riding association executive. He was appointed despite the existence of a credible Liberal party nomination challenger, who now is disenfranchised.

Canadians are beginning to see the real hypocrisy of Paul Martin. As Finance Minister, Paul controlled the government chequebook, collecting taxpayer dollars, even from the lowest of income earners, while his family shipping company was registered off shore, to avoid Canadian taxes. As Liberal Prime Minister, Paul has argued against for profit health care, while he attends a for profit health care clinic himself.

Some questions to consider about the election:

1. Was Paul Martin correct in appointing his choice for a Liberal candidate in Edmonton East, despite a Liberal nomination challenger?
2. If the candidate is successful in the election, whom does he serve—the constituents, or Paul Martin?
3. Should Elections Canada require open nomination selection meetings for all registered riding associations?
4. Should Federal election dates be fixed?

In the 2004 federal election, it is important to consider how a party could govern Canada in a fair manner and in the interests of all people, if that party's candidate is an inner circle appointee. Politics should be about the people choose their representative, not an elitist leader anointing friends from on high.

What do you think?

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Brian Mason, MLA Edmonton Highlands

The Legislature's Spring Session will include debate on the budget, the future of education and auto insurance reforms.



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New deal in the making



By Michael Phair

Members of City Council have been making some progress in finding a new deal for the City's funding needs. It is widely recognized that the City's current fiscal structure is not adequate for the demands made on it. Reliance on property taxes, user fees and investment income is increasing, but these revenue sources will not keep up with growing service demands. Grant programs are not reliable, and do not ad-

dress the City's main needs. Without a new fiscal deal, the City will not be able to maintain the services citizens have told us they count on.

While there have been some changes to Federal and Provincial funding which will begin to address this chronic under-funding, much more remains to be done. Together, the province and federal government collect almost 95% of all taxes paid by Edmontonians, yet the City must carry a growing share of services. **Federal Budget Changes:** the GST rebate to municipalities increases from 57% to 100% applied to the purchases of goods and services as of February 1, 2004. This will generate about \$12 million annually. The details of the extra GST rebate to the City starting in 2004 will come to City Council in May as part of the

2005 Budget process. **Provincial Budget Changes:** The City will get about \$10.7 million annually for policing. Unfortunately this is offset by a loss of \$5.3 million in the annual grant from the Province. Also, support for City infrastructure is provided by a five cent/liter fuel tax rebate, as well as support for the construction of the Edmonton Ring Road, with the south-east section to be completed in 2007. City Council will continue to work on finding ways to reach agreement from both Provincial and Federal orders of government to improve the outlook over the next five to ten years. You can always contact me by phone at 496-8146 or you can send an email to: michael.phair@edmonton.ca Michael Phair, Councillor, Ward 4.

"Forget the Excuses" - Bicycle helmets mandatory for youth

On May 1, 2002, bicycle helmets were made mandatory in Alberta for cyclists under 18-years old. The initial Edmonton regional bike helmet campaign focused on education and awareness. However, studies have shown that education must be accompanied by enforcement in order to maintain helmet-wearing rates by children.

The Edmonton City

Police kicked off a bike safety campaign in May that will continue throughout the summer months. The fine for riding a bicycle or motorcycle without a helmet is \$69. Youth from 12 to 17 will be issued fines, and parents of children under 12 will receive the ticket for their child.

The 'Forget The Excuses' bike helmet campaign is a partnership between

KIDSAFE Connection - Stollery Children's Hospital, Capital Health & Edmonton Police Service sponsored through the generous support of the RBC Foundation.

For more information on bike helmet legislation, call Kathy Nykolishyn KIDSAFE Connection 407-6800 or Cst. Karl Kaesmodel Edmonton Police Service 421-3556

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McCauley Community League



2004-05 Board Members

Back row (L-R) - Darlene Arseneault, Laura Berezan, Russell Krause, Tracy Elsofson, Front Row (L-R) Henry Schuuman, Michelle Cummings, Mish Hobbs. Missing Ron Berezan, Don Paproski

Giovanni Park revitalization update

By Liz John-West and Ron Berezan, Giovanni Park Revitalization Co-chairs

Many of you have been wondering what is going on with Giovanni Caboto Park and when the work is going to begin at the park. The Giovanni Caboto Park revitalization Committee is still together. We have been together for almost three years, and I don't think any of us knew the amount of hours that were needed to undertake this revitalization project. As many of you know, Giovanni Caboto Park was in much need of a thorough upgrading, so naturally we needed to spend many hours discussing and processing how to effectively revitalize the park so it will be a central feature in our vibrant community.

In the initial one and a half years, the community consulted with a wide cross section of community members to develop a vision of a vibrant and beautiful park that would be representative of the diversity and history of the community. Our vision has been to develop a warm and welcoming public space that would respond to the needs of children, youth, families, adults and seniors. We imagine a park teeming with people engaged in cultural, social and recreational activities that will be the functional and esthetic heart of our community.

Of course, establishing such a vision takes a great deal of volunteer work and money. Our committee ranges from around five to eight core people who have given countless hours of their time on this project to date. So far, we have secured funding from the McCauley Community League, the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Community Foundation, the Kristine Charitable



Foundation, the Edmonton District Labor Council, Lafarge, the Community facility Enhancement Program, the Downtown Rotary Club, Inn Roads Housing co-op, and a raffle run by the committee. The total amount of funds raised to date is approximately

\$325,000.

While we are waiting for the cost estimates for this portion of the work, it is estimated that we will need an additional \$50,000 to \$70,000 by the end of the summer to implement these components.

While we are waiting for news from a couple of other granting sources, we would ask any members of our community who may have ideas for additional funding sources to please be in touch with us. Additional funding is essential for this project to come to fruition. Donations from individuals or businesses can receive charitable receipts through the City of Edmonton.

Currently, we are hoping that the first phase of the project will include: the complete redevelopment of the playgrounds including new footprints, new equipment for the children and youth and rubberized universally accessible surfacing. A new entrance plaza and gateway at the south west corner of the park, new pathways of pressed concrete, a central "plaza" style gathering area, a half sized baseball court, numerous benches, tables, garbage cans (antique style), a patio area with small games tables near 95 Street north of the shack and landscaping additions.

An additional feature of the park will be a life-sized statue of Frank Spinelli, seated at a table playing cards. The statue will be located in the 95 Street patio described above and will be interactive in nature. This initiative has been undertaken by the Frank Spinelli Memorial Society and will be completely funded by this group. They also intend to raise additional funds to contribute to the overall park re-development budget.

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Boyle McCauley Health Centre

10628 - 96 St. Mon-Thur 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Children's Immunization: Mon. 1-3 p.m. Foot Clinic: Wed. 1-3 p.m. Dental and Streetworks during clinic hours.

Boyle St. Community Services Co-op

10116 - 105 Avenue, 424 - 4106. Mon-Fri. 8:30-4:30 p.m. Youth Drop-in Wed. 4-7 p.m. Community Soup Line Mon-Fri. 12 Noon; Food Not Bombs Veg. Lunch Sat. 1-2 p.m.

Community of Emmanuel

Worship Services and Sunday School Sunday 11 a.m. at Bissell Centre. Lunch follows.

Edmonton Family Worship Centre

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Edmonton Inner City Victory Church

10665 - 98 St., 424-4803. Worship Service: Sun 12 Noon. Praise & Prayer: Tues. 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study: Wed. 6:30 p.m. Where It's At Coffee House: Fri 7-10 p.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

9606 - 110 Ave., 426-1122. The Rock Community Breakfast: Tue.-Thur. 7-9 a.m. Kid's Club: Mon. 6-7:30 p.m.

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9611 - 102 Ave., 429-4274. Men's Residence, Anchorage Addiction & Rehab. Chapel: Mon-Fri. 8:30 - 8:45 a.m., Sun 6 p.m. at Edm. Central Community Church (11661-95 St.). Soup Line: Wed. 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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Boys' and Girls' Club of Edmonton

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