Revitalization Planned for McCauley and Boyle Street

Jane Molstad • On Thursday, January 24, a group of residents gathered at the Boys and Girls Club to attend the first of six community updates regarding the revitalization for McCauley and Boyle Street. Jane Molstad, the Project Manager from the City of Edmonton, provided comprehensive information on the process and the need for residents to lead the way with ideas, strategies, and a collaborative approach to make these neighbourhoods “communities of choice.”

The process of improving a community starts with determining what contributes to the quality of life for you in your neighbourhood. This question is one of many that will be asked of residents over the next three to five years. A strong revitalization requires a coordinated effort of citizens to identify and implement change where it is needed. Councillors Batty and Henderson are involved with the Steering Committee and will play a major role in working with citizens to address the needs of the area. The people who live in the community will have ample opportunity to become engaged in a range of activities to identify the priorities for both McCauley and Boyle Street.

In most areas of Edmonton, there are common attributes that contribute to the sense of community such as a great physical environment; vibrant, diverse neighbourhoods; and cultural and welcoming venues. In mature neighbourhoods there may be a greater need to try and build on existing assets and work toward overcoming societal challenges and issues. Many residents have already targeted the key concerns of safety, crime, and street exploitation. New ideas from residents reflect a need for improved lighting, better housing, and possibly increased park space.

Jane Molstad can be reached at 496-6887 or by email at Jane.Molstad@edmonton.ca. The next community meeting will take place on March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club.

For more information about revitalization, see page four.

EMCN offices moving
A neighbourhood institution is relocating.

Paula E. Kirman • The Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN) is leaving its two offices located at 97 Street and 102 Avenue and 10010-107A Avenue. The move, anticipated for May 1, will be to new offices at 82 Street and 117 Avenue, and 89 Street and 118 Avenue.

"The new locations will provide a security of tenancy over a longer time than we could anticipate at the current locations and are in areas where there are more immigrants living," says EMCN's Executive Director Jim Gurnett.

However, the presence of EMCN will not be totally gone from the McCauley and Boyle Street communities. Trinity Manor (on 101 Street) and The Haven (on 95 Street) will continue to operate as supportive housing. As well, there will still be some activity in the Wentworth Building on 97 Street in the Boyle area, but less.

Other social agencies located in the office complex at 10010-107A Avenue are also moving. The Edmonton Social Planning Council anticipated a move at the beginning of March to the Commonwealth Building at 9912-106 Street.
EDITORIAL

Celebrating Women

Paula E. Kirman • The contributions that women make to our society are many, both today and in history. Yet, years of oppression, forced silence, and various restrictions have not always allowed women to have our fair share of the spotlight.

Women are givers of life, nurturers, and caregivers. We are also business people, doctors, lawyers, social workers, and a host of other exciting and important professions.

Some of the most prominent women in the city live right here in the neighbourhood. March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, so we have some articles on that topic including women who own successful businesses, work for social justice, and in general, contribute to the unique and diverse nature of this area.

Here at the paper, we would not get very far without the work of women. After all, we currently make up the entire paid staff, as well as many key volunteer positions. We have numerous women carriers, and the majority of people on our Board and Editorial Committee are women. (Don’t worry guys – we appreciate our male volunteers every bit as much!)

Yet despite our accomplishments and supposedly more enlightened society, women still face challenges. Women are still at a higher risk for exploitation and abuse. Pay equity still does not always happen in the workplace. Government cutbacks force crisis shelters to close, or at least cut back on the number of available beds to help. And in aspects of life where women suffer, so do children.

Often we are focused on the plight of women in other parts of the world, and indeed this is a worthy cause. However, we should never neglect what is going on in our own backyards. Working for the rights of women benefits all of society. It creates justice, safety, and builds community. And these are all things worth celebrating.

EDITOR’S NOTES

PAULA E. KIRMAN

A funny thing happened on the way to the February issue getting delivered. Actually, many funny things happened, which were not too funny at the time but are now worthy of laughter. Our paper got printed during the cold snap at the end of January, and when it was time to pick it up at the printer and get it distributed to the carriers, almost everyone experienced vehicle problems. We’d have something set up, and then there would be a problem, so we’d switch to Plan B with some one else and the same thing would happen. We went through about five or six rounds of dead batteries and failed boosts. However, we eventually prevailed, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Working together to achieve a goal is what community is all about.

Our volunteers are the backbone of BCM News. If you would like to help with paper pickup, distribution, delivery, or any combination thereof, please contact our office. If you have a reliable vehicle, all the better.

This month, we’re Celebrating Women with profiles of notable women in our community, as well as information about International Women’s Day. March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, so we have some articles on that topic as well. We also have features on a variety of community news and events, in particular the Neighbourhood Revitalization Plan which is being launched in the area.

Note that we have a new e-mail address: editor@bmcnews.org. We thought this would be a lot easier to remember! Our address at Gmail will continue to work, and mail will be forwarded to the new one, so no worries about anything getting lost in the transition.

We always make sure to mention the theme for next month’s issue and give an idea of what we’re looking for in terms of submissions. Most of our contributors are community members just like you, and we welcome your articles and photos.

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

In April, we are going to “Spring” into action! We’d especially like stories about how you are getting your gardens ready. As well, here is a question to consider: What does the renewal of life and growth mean to you? Please tell us! Keep your articles to five hundred words maximum, and include photos whenever possible. Send your submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. The deadline is March 12. Articles submitted are subject to editing for clarity and length. Publication is not guaranteed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you have a gripe? A compliment? A question?

Share your thoughts with a Letter to the Editor. In two hundred words or less, tell us what made you smile or frown, or what you would do to change something around if you could. Send your letters to: editor@bmcnews.org. Letters may be edited for length or clarity.
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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Deborah Stewart

Deborah has lived in Boyle for four years with her youngest child, Alex, who is now a carrier for the paper. Deborah appreciates the cultural diversity of the area, and the fact that it is convenient because of its central location. When she is not occupied with newspaper-related activities, Deborah works as a Communications Officer with the Non Academic Staff Association (NASA) at the University of Alberta.

So far, Deborah is finding the experience of being a Board member with BMC News to be very exciting and rewarding. She wants to encourage readers to consider joining the Board. "New board members are always welcome," she says. "No experience is needed -- just an interest in our neighbourhood and a willingness to donate up to five hours per month."

The annual new year celebration in Chinatown took place on February 9, featuring the colourful Dragon Dance.

Boyle McCauley News

The Board of Boyle McCauley News is seeking new members!

Board members attend regular meetings and take part in making decisions concerning the operations of the paper.

If you are interested in being a part of this dynamic team, please contact the office at 425-3475 or e-mail editor@bmcnews.org.

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About Neighbourhood Revitalization

City Council's vision for Edmonton supports vibrant neighbourhoods; a culturally rich and welcoming society with a quality of physical infrastructure as key factors for quality of life.

Neighbourhood Revitalization is a process, directed by the community and supported by the Community Services Department, to identify strengths, capacities, issues and challenges of a particular area. People, business, and organizations in the area determine their own goals and action plans to build on strengths and improve quality of life.

What's Involved?

- Connecting people within their neighbourhood. People, businesses, and organizations in the area meet with the Community Services project manager and agree to participate in a consultation process to determine the community goals and action plan. For example, you may want programs for youth, improved signage, or to beautify or clean up an area in your neighbourhood. The Community Services Department will support and facilitate the process, and will coordinate with other City Departments when necessary.

- This is a three to five year commitment. The first phase involves developing action plans, which will be later submitted to City Council for approval and funding.

What Defines Success?

- People from the community will define success based on their goals and action plan. The Community Services Department will also monitor a series of indicators that will help track neighbourhood changes as plans are implemented.

In Your Neighbourhood . . .

There are shops, schools, businesses, parks, places of worship, community organizations, and more. What makes a neighbourhood great? People who care about each other, feel safe, support local businesses, take pride in their community, and have access to transportation and affordable housing.

Edmonton has a wide range of neighbourhoods. In each neighbourhood there are strengths and challenges, and there are opportunities to improve the quality of life.

In some neighbourhoods, the people who live and work in the area may be ready to support the renewal of the neighbourhood to improve the quality of life. Staff from the City of Edmonton's Community Services Department will work in partnership to help citizens, organizations and business owners to set goals and achieve results through neighbourhood revitalization.

You can make a difference!

Go to: http://www.edmonton.ca/NeighbourhoodRevitalization.

Or, call Jane Molstad, Project Manager, 496-6887 to get involved.

Munan Gallery Opens

Marc with Mayor Stephen Mandel at HomeFest in November of 2007.

Louis Munan • Marc Munan, an area resident, and his father Louis have opened a gallery on Rice-Howard Way that bears their name.

The Munan Art Gallery features one-of-a-kind art by Marc in multimedia and by his father in sculpture. It also has the largest collection of doll houses and doll house furniture in Edmonton, as well as masks used in ceremonial in four continents.

Marc recently completed a large mural in Treats Café at 10065 Jasper Avenue. Marc's work has been purchased by the City of Edmonton, Global TV anchor Lynda Steele, journalist Scott McKeen, and the Canadian Mental Health Association, among others. He has illustrated several books and his sketches have appeared in many issues of Spark Magazine. As well, his work is in many residences in Edmonton, and in other cities of Canada and the USA.

The Munan Art Gallery is located in Room 206 (second floor) of the Kelley-Ramsey Building at 10020 – 101a Avenue, near Scotia Place (buzzer: Munan 209). Gallery hours are 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

The gallery can be reached at 756-7396.
Ben Henderson
Councillor, Ward 4

Let’s talk about our mature communities and the city planning process. Council has been supporting the objective of increasing population in the heart of Edmonton to reduce urban sprawl. This process means change for the older communities in the city’s centre. How we handle that process of change and how we decide what our communities will look is a very difficult question. We need to give the residents in these neighbourhoods a real voice in that outcome.

For a number of years, I have been working on finding a better way for the City to have a conversation with communities on these matters. Now I am able to continue this work as a Councillor. One of my Council Initiatives is “Public Involvement in the Planning & Development Process”. We must find ways to have conversations with communities before we have to deal with the pressure of individual development applications. Neighbourhood densification and how we arrive at that is one of the most important policy questions we need to address. The end goal must be strong, vibrant, diverse and attractive communities.

Pressures for fast growth that we have seen in recent years have left us lagging behind in overall long-term planning. I am hoping that we can take the time and make the effort to have a meaningful conversation about our mature neighbourhoods as they change.

Several long term projects under way include Focus Edmonton, (the overall Municipal Development Plan) which includes the Transportation Master Plan and Envision Edmonton (the 40 Year Plan). Please get involved with some of the public discussions about what Edmonton should look like in forty years. You might take the City’s Planning Academy courses if you wish to find out more about how city planning works and how it relates to your community. Through my Council Initiative I will continue to work on finding ways to involve the community in their vision for their neighbourhoods.

If all goes well, the future will be a vibrant, livable city of which we can all be proud.

You can always contact me at ben.henderson@edmonton.ca or phone 496-8146.

Boyle McCauley News
POSITION AVAILABLE:
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Bringing together a vast network of volunteers, the Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that the vital volunteers of the Boyle McCauley News remain connected to the organization, fulfill their volunteer roles, and are involved in the continued success of the Boyle McCauley newspaper.

Accountability:
The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible directly to the Board of Directors of the Boyle Street McCauley Newspaper Society and is supervised by the Editor.

Duties:
The Volunteer Coordinator will:
• Recruit and retain volunteers.
• Promote communication and sustain a sense of team spirit among volunteers.
• Plan and implement volunteer appreciation activities and educational seminars.
• Maintain Boyle Street and McCauley newspaper delivery route lists and contact information of current volunteers.
• Coordinate distribution of the paper from the printer to carriers, and oversee the paper’s delivery in a timely manner.
• Coordinate mail out of newspapers to areas of Boyle Street where volunteers are unavailable.
• Facilitate awareness of the paper to city officials, media, schools, business, and various community organizations.

Qualifications:
• Exceptional communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
• Ability to connect, build, and maintain strong links between the newspaper and a wide variety of community partners.
• Self motivated and able to work independently.
• Proven expertise in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Outlook, and Microsoft Word.
• Ability to demonstrate a commitment to the McCauley and Boyle Street communities and the success of the Boyle McCauley News.
• A reliable vehicle is highly recommended.

Remuneration: $4.40 per hour; approximately 10 hours/week
Deadline for applications: March 10, 2008
All applications should include a cover letter, resume, and references.

Applications may be submitted:
By email: boylemcnewsgmail.com
Or deliver to: Boyle McCauley News, 1026-95 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5H 2E

Boyle McCauley News
POSITION AVAILABLE:
ADVERTISING COORDINATOR

This is a contractual opportunity to work within a community driven newspaper that is distributed to the communities of Boyle Street and McCauley. The Advertising Coordinator will be expected to maintain and further develop the Boyle McCauley News advertising portfolio.

Accountability:
The Advertising Coordinator will report directly to the Editor who will act as the supervisor of the activities of the Advertising Coordinator.

Duties:
The Advertising Coordinator will:
• Manage the Boyle McCauley News advertising portfolio.
• Market BMN advertising opportunities to local businesses, community organizations, and political offices.
• Maintain a positive working relationship with existing advertising client base.
• Distribute a copy of the monthly BMN issue to advertising clients.
• Provide the Layout and Design staff with an up-to-date listing of BMN monthly advertising contracts.
• Attend monthly Editorial Committee meetings.
• Collect any outstanding payments on overdue client accounts.
• Check-in on a weekly basis with the BMN office to pick up any phone messages, emails, or fax messages pertaining to advertising.

Qualifications:
• Knowledge of marketing processes.
• Excellent relationship building and interpersonal communication skills.
• Knowledge and familiarity with the Boyle Street and McCauley communities.
• Some knowledge of ad layout and design.

Remuneration: This is a commission-based, contract position.
Deadline for applications: March 10, 2008
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"Being Homeless Sucks"
Memorial Celebration for the Homeless a Tragic Necessity

Paula E. Kirman • Memorial services usually not only mark the passage to death, but are a celebration of life. The Homeless Memorial Celebration was both of these things, but added a third element: to raise awareness of the need for affordable housing for everyone. After all, it is a matter of life and death.

The Homeless Memorial Celebration took place on January 19 at the Boyle Street Community Centre. The event honoured forty-four people (twenty women and twenty-four men) who died in 2007 as a direct or indirect result of not having a home. It was organized by volunteers and members of the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ECOHH).

Keith Harding, Acting President of ECOHH, had very strong words about society's responsibility towards the homeless. "If forty-four people had died from some other scourge that we had a cure for, what would the reaction be? Homeless is a scourge that we have a cure for. We know how to resolve it. All that's lacking is the will," he said.

"When Tent City was on the front of every newspaper ... what was the reaction of society? They made Tent City go away. They didn't do anything about homelessness. That's a very convenient solution, to make it less visible. Because if it is in our face, it makes us feel bad. It makes us feel like we should perhaps take some responsibility and start to do something about it, because something can be done about it."

Homelessness has a face, and homelessness has a name. That is why Rob spoke at the memorial. Appearing to be in his mid-twenties, Rob has experienced homelessness all over Canada; off and on since the age of fifteen. "People don't need to be sleeping out on the street, sleeping out on the subway, sleeping out on street corners, sleeping in a cardboard box, passing out in dumpsters. We should have more places just to help out other people with that. Being homeless sucks."

The packed auditorium featured people from all walks of life, but the overwhelming majority were low-income and homeless people themselves. Friends and family members of those who had passed lit candles in their honour. Musical interludes provided by harpist Bonnie Gregory and violinist Ron Olstad provided a beautiful backdrop. Prayers were said in English and Cree, and a final song from vocalist Stephanie Burle silenced the room in reflection.

This article also appears in the February/March issue of Our Voice.
March Honours the Missing and Murdered Women of Edmonton

Kate Quinn • On February 14, Edmonton’s third annual march to remember missing and murdered girls and women took place. A crowd of over two hundred mourners walked from Sacred Heart Church down 96th street to City Hall and back.

Danielle Boudreau was inspired to organize the march by a similar event in Vancouver and by the tragic deaths of two friends, Rachel Quinney and Ellie May Myers. Two weeks after the first march, Danielle’s sister, Juaanita, was stabbed to death.

Morningstar Mercredi said, “As we were walking tonight, I thought, they’re not lost, we’re carrying them in our hearts. They’re in the memory of all of us. Most importantly, we remember their laughter, their love, the sparkle in their eyes, their voices and how they affected us.” The sister and mother of murder victim thirteen year old Nina Courpettse spoke along with Audrey Auger whose fourteen year old daughter was murdered along the “Highway of Tears” in B.C. Audrey is walking for four years in a row, this being the second year. She is walking to turn the Highway of Tears into the Highway of Hope and Healing. In the traditional Aboriginal way, it is important to walk for four years. The mother of Daleson Kay Bosse who has been missing from Saskatoon for over three years pleaded for help in locating her daughter.

Cst. Nicole Chapdelaine • In conjunction with the “Celebrating Women” theme, I was asked to write an article on Personal Safety for Women. I looked at what we have from our Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Services Unit pertaining to Women’s Safety and decided that safety is important for everyone - women, men, and children.

I thought I would take the information I have that speaks to everyone and touch on some of the more important and most obvious tips around personal safety in your home, in your vehicle, in your community, and what to do if you are a victim of a crime.

In Your Vehicle:
• Keep your vehicle locked when you are driving or when it is parked.
• Have your keys ready when approaching your parked car. Do a check inside the car before entering.
• If you are being followed, drive to a police station or a busy public area.
• Keep your garage door opener out of sight until you need it.
• Do not hide spare keys anywhere in the car.
• If possible, carry a cell phone with you.

In Your Home:
• Get to know your neighbours. Make arrangements to keep an eye on each other’s homes when away.
• Install a 180-degree peephole in your door. Identify visitors before opening your door and do not open your door to strangers.
• If a stranger asks to use your phone, offer to make the call yourself.
• Never give personal information to telephone solicitors or wrong number callers.
• Have your keys ready as you approach the door.
• Be aware of your surroundings and evaluate your situation so you can make decisions about your safety.

In Your Community:
• Be assertive when walking. Attackers seek victims who appear intimidated or vulnerable.
• Plan your route ahead of time before going for a walk and let others know where you are going.
• Walk with a companion if you feel that being alone may put you at risk. Observe your surroundings. If you are hesitant about rounding a corner or walking down a certain street, follow your instincts.
• If you are being followed, quickly assess your options. Are there people nearby, a house or an open business to go to?

Your Best Defense:
Use common sense and good judgement to assess what course of action to take if faced by a would-be attacker. Form a plan of action in your head and rehearse your response so that you are less likely to “freeze up” if the situation arises.

What to do if you are a victim of crime:
• Call the police or report it to a police station.
• Try to remember as much as possible about the attacker;
• Age
• Type of hair/colour/cut
• Beard/moustache
• Complexion
• Weapon
• Shirt, coat, pants
• Method of escape/direction
• Height/weight
• Eyes/eyeglasses
• Visible scars/tattoos/piercings
• Voice descriptions
• Shoes
• License plate
• Vehicle description

For more information call the Victim Services Unit, Edmonton Police Service at 421-2218 or contact me directly at 421-2603.

Cst. Chapdelaine is the neighbourhood’s Community Liaison Constable.
Celebrating Women

Boyle Street and McCauley are blessed with many talented, creative, innovative women. Here are some profiles of just a few notable women in our community.

Kate Quinn

Confronting Community Issues

"I have lived in McCauley since 1976. I married John Kolkman in 1981 and we have two young adult sons, David and Brendan.

I came to Edmonton to be part of an intentional community of men and women who wanted to be active residents of the McCauley neighbourhood working for positive change. We rented a house on 95 street and 106A Avenue, and then we incorporated and bought a house on 107 Avenue. This house later became one of the cornerstone houses for the Innroads Housing Co-op, which now owns five houses in McCauley.

The Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton (PAAFE) grew out of the great work of McCauley residents and the leadership of the McCauley Community League. Some women who got off the street became involved and through their participation, the group called itself "Communities for Changing Prostitution." In 1996, the group advocated for the creation of the Prostitution Offender Program, commonly called "john school." The men had to pay fees equivalent to the court fines. PAAFE was formed as a non-profit organization to disburse the money and continue the work for positive change. I was asked to serve as the part-time Executive Director in 1997 and the job grew into full-time work.

Thanks to the Muttart Foundation and the Friends of PAAFE Board, I was granted a twelve month sabbatical. I am thankful for this gift of time. I am able to step back, rest a little, and take a bigger picture look at the root causes of social injustice and fresh ideas to work for positive change." - Linda Dumont

Miranda Ringma

"Growing" Community

Innovative businesses like Zocalo and the people behind it help to revitalize our community so we can grow together.

Miranda Ringma, along with her business partner Ken Bregener and their team at Zocalo, knows the importance of growth. Many of them do deal primarily with plants. "We believe in this community. That's why we started our business here."

Miranda knows the community as she has lived in the Boyle Street and McCauley area for nearly twenty years. "I feel a connection with this area and I really wanted to live and work in the same neighbourhood. We have the ability to do that here. I don't have to commute to work and I know the people who come into our shop."

What is unique about the people who run Zocalo is their appreciation for the aesthetic qualities of life. "We all share a love for art and it's a real team effort. I believe in quality products and service and substance. The creative aspects of this business really keep me going; buying our amazing products and getting a chance to work with people is a great part of my day."

Miranda and her team have no real plans to expand just yet, but with the growing appreciation for their work in the community we just have to wait and see what exciting advances are to come in the future. "In every big city you will find pockets of artists living together in one community where things are less commercialized and unique. I think we have that here and it can only get better."

- Tamara Raynor-Cote

Teresa Spinelli

"I couldn't imagine living in a better neighbourhood.

Teresa Spinelli is the daughter of Little Italy pioneer Frank Spinelli, and runs the Italian Centre Shop that her father founded. "What I like most about having a business in Little Italy is the diversity of the neighbourhood," she says. "So many different people shop at our store. All sorts of people from all walks of life and yet in our store they are exchanging recipe ideas."

Teresa has seen many changes to Little Italy over the years. "Since the new Giovanni Caboto Park opened, I have seen more families in the park, lots of kids (which makes my heart sing), and more downtown business people come and buy a sandwich or some cheese and go across the street to enjoy the beautiful trees and the fountain."

Life took a new turn for Teresa and her husband Mike last year when they adopted their son Massimo. She now has to creatively divide her time between being a businesswoman and a mother. "Some days I feel guilty about being at home and some days I feel guilty about being at work, and although all my friends with children always told me about this 'guilty' feeling...I really never fully understood it until now."

Teresa has lived in McCauley her entire life, and chose to stay here as an adult to live, work, and raise her family. "This is where my husband and I chose to live. A neighbourhood that is close to everything. We built a new house a few years ago, right across the street from the store. I couldn't imagine living in a better neighbourhood." - Paula E. Kirman

Betty Nordin

A Poet with a Message

Betty Nordin is a poet with a message, expressing in simple direct words the reality of life on the street. She began writing in 1999 when a friend said, "Why don't you write your story?" She hasn't stopped since.

"A lot of people know I've been there - I come from the street. I tell it the way it is because that's the only way people will understand," Nordin said.

Since 1999 she has written four books of poetry, and has volunteered with the Prostitution Action and Awareness Foundation of Edmonton. In 2004, Nordin was granted the Esquao Award, which is given to Aboriginal women who have made a significant contribution to their community, in the category of Literature and Visual Arts. The award was accompanied by a letter from Iris Evans in which she wrote to Nordin, "You are an inspirational role model through your dedication, vision, and hard work and encourage future generations of Aboriginal women to follow your footsteps."

Nordin has two big projects coming up. The first is to proceed with her biography, and the second is to write a book, which she has tentatively called Edmonton, Capital City of Blue Tarps about the homeless. Although she is no longer on the street, her heart is with those who are surviving on the street. She said, "I go all over and I carry stuff with me - I've got socks, toques, parkas - I've even taken some of my own jackets and given them away. I also take shampoo, mitts, and socks to the Boyle McCauley Health Centre." - Linda Dumont
Our Community

Shelley Williams
A Woman of Vision

As the Executive Director of Edmonton's Bissell Centre, Shelley Williams is well versed in the challenges that face our community. However, to her they are not insurmountable; they are simply challenges.

"Every area of the city faces the same problems as the inner city. The issues we deal with at the Bissell Centre are not limited to this neighbourhood," says Shelley. She would know - she has been involved with social development and programming for over twenty-five years in different non-profit organizations as the Executive Director for the YWCA and as a coordinator at WIN house.

Recently, Shelley received a Global Woman of Vision award in recognition of her innumerable services to the city and those in need of support.

Sherry McKibben
Coming Full Circle

Sherry McKibben and her family decided to make McCauley home a couple of years ago. It was like coming full circle because Sherry's life work has touched people in Edmonton's core communities for years. She has served our communities with her leadership skills as the Executive Director for the Boyle McCauley Health Centre (BMHC) in the early nineties; the Norwood Child and Family Resource Centre in the mid-nineties; and HIV Edmonton in the late nineties until 2005. During her time with the BMHC, she led efforts to build a new facility and successfully raised so much money they didn't need a mortgage.

In addition to her community work, Sherry has been actively involved in civic and provincial service. She won a by-election to become Councillor for Ward 3 in northeast Edmonton. She was President of the Alberta NDP from 1995 to 1997. In 1997 she ran as a candidate in Edmonton Norwood. Sherry has also worked in the Legislature as Chief of Staff for the New Democrats and was the campaign manager for Lewis Cardinal in the 2007 civic election in Ward 4. Sherry decided to run for MLA for Edmonton Gold Bar in the 2008 provincial election.

True to her long-standing commitment to service and leadership, Sherry has recently volunteered for a City led initiative to revitalize our neighbourhoods. This, too, is a circle back to the early nineties when she was Chair of the Boyle Street-McCauley Area Redevelopment Plan.

Sherry has a Masters of Social Work (UBC) and a Masters of Social Administration (London School of Economics). In 2001 she was selected for a Mutart Fellowship and during 2001/2002 she examined change management in AIDS organizations. During this time she wrote Daunting Tasks: Dedicated People - Stories in the Management of Change in HIV/AIDS Organizations. In 1994 Sherry was awarded the Alberta Association of Social Workers John Hutton Memorial Award for Social Action. - Tamara Raynor-Cote

Sr. Marion Garneau
Commitment to a Fair Society

She has lived in Peru and loves occasional visits to the beauty of St. John, New Brunswick, but Sr. Marion Garneau is most animated when she speaks of the joy of living in McCauley, her home for thirteen years.

"The connectedness of people is like a family. In work, social activity, and prayer, people come together who have chosen to live here," she says. "The stories of what caring people have accomplished are wonderful."

Sr. Marion herself is one of those over the years who have worked hard and pioneered better ways to support struggling people always anchored in loving and respecting each person, treating each like a child of God. She is best known for her twelve years with Inner City Pastoral Ministry, but has also been a part of many other projects in the urban core, including serving on the board of Inner City Housing Society and the Outdoor Way of the Cross. She has a special commitment to work with people at the women's prison, where she gets other women involved as mentors for those imprisoned.

Sr. Marion's commitment to a fair society was nurtured in Peru where she was involved with base Christian communities. She says, "I was re-educated about what the initiative is called, as a place that took a role in the everyday life of people, not just on Sunday at worship services, from her time there."

Sr. Marion is descended from the same Garneau after whom the Edmonton south side neighbourhood is named. She spends time with her ninety-seven young mother daily. Reading and walking are pursuits Sr. Marion enjoys in the few bits of time when she is not busy with her many commitments. - Jim Garnett

Linda Dumont
Activism Through Street Newspapers

Linda Dumont has been one of McCauley's most active citizens over her decade living in the community. poet, artist, yoga instructor, entrepreneur, street minister, and more. But probably the commitment for which most know her is street newspapers. She founded Edmonton Street News, now in its fifth year with more than two thousand customers each month.

"The first time I saw a street paper I was fascinated. It was the desire to be involved with street newspapers that made me decide to study journalism. I was active with Christ Love Ministry then but realized giving people soup isn’t enough—they need a place to raise their voices to be heard by those in power," Dumont explains.

Before Edmonton Street News Dumont was involved with Our Voice for many years. Today she is the only Canadian representative on the board of North American Street Newspapers Association.

The same commitment to people having a voice also drew her to be part of the board of the Songs of the Street project, that published several poetry anthologies, and with the Art from the Underground initiative directed by former NDP leader Raj Patkar and brought her a Queen Jubilee Medal for “providing a voice to those living in poverty.” Dumont has also published volumes of her own poetry and cartoons.

In addition, Dumont is currently involved with the Editorial Committee of Boyle McCauley News, teaches yoga at the YWCA, and is a key volunteer at House of Refuge Mission. She sees a future where she will have more time for painting and working on a book, but whatever she does, she insists she will stay true to her determination to do “what is me.” - Jim Garnett
The Roots of International Women's Day

Deborah Stewart • The roots of International Women's Day date back to 1857. That year, on March 8, hundreds of women textile workers from New York's lower East Side staged a strike and marched through the streets to protest twelve hour working days, slave wages, and inhuman working conditions. They demanded an end to child labour and the right for women to vote. Police broke up the march by beating and arresting seventy women. Three years later, the women garment and textile workers formed their first union.

March 8 was first celebrated as International Women's Day in 1910 to commemorate the courage and perseverance of the women that led that 1857 protest. "Bread and Roses" was adopted as a slogan – bread representing women's struggle for economic equality and roses representing women's continuing efforts for a better quality of life.

The events of 1857 have inspired countless women around the world to rise up and demand their rights. The first countries to celebrate March 8 were Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the United States. In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day. In 1977, the UN adopted a resolution inviting countries to dedicate a day to celebrate and commemorate the rights of women and international peace.

So why is International Women's Day relevant in 2008? Haven't women achieved the same rights as men? The answer to that is a resounding no! Nowhere in the world, including Canada, can women truly state that they have the same rights and opportunities as men.

While women (and men) in Canada celebrate the gains we have made in the fight for women's rights, we cannot forget the struggles of our sisters, both here and in other countries, and the battles that have yet to be won.

March 8 continues to be a world-wide day of unity and celebration. On this day, take a moment to remember and honour the strong and wonderful women who have come before us. Let us also commit to work together for the day we will celebrate all human beings as individuals and equal – regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, country of origin, ability, religion, or political affiliation.

Deborah is Co-Chair of the BMC News Board and lives in Boyle Street.

Vanishing Invisibility

Notable Women Throughout History

HD • Women are not necessarily bound by shared political views or life paths but are connected, rather, by a shared experience of invisibility. "This censoring and suppression of women's words of protest, time after time, is the common heritage of women" (Dale Spender, Feminist Theorists).

International Women's Day is the day we've chosen to remind our sisters around the world that women are not invisible, that what they do counts, that what they say is heard and what they work toward and believe in is possible. Not in any particular order, here are some women we know and a lot of women nobody has ever heard of whose lives and work remind us that there is more to the story.

We remember Dr. Sima Samar, risking her life to set up schools and hospitals for women and girls in Afghanistan. Germaine Greer, fearless and fuming feminist and author of The Whole Woman. Dora Black, feminist, vocal advocate of sexual freedom and birth control for women in the 1920's, and married to well known philosopher Bertrand Russell. Florence Nightingale, the "lady with the light" who left money and prestige behind to nurse the poor and later on went to nurse wounded soldiers in Turkey during the Crimean War.

Marie Curie, first woman to receive a Nobel Prize, and first person to receive a Nobel Prize in two categories. Rosemary Brown, first black woman elected to Parliament in Canada. Sacagawea, interpreter for Lewis and Clark as they explored land she already knew. "Phodan Devi," sold into a brutal marriage as a child, who ran away and became the leader of a group of bandits, later a member of the Indian Parliament and was later murdered.

Clara Brett Martin, first woman lawyer in the British Empire (The Law Society of Upper Canada refused to allow her as a student). Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first elected female head of state (Liberia). Celina Cosa, who founded the General Union of Agricultural Co-operatives in Mozambique, now consisting of over ten thousand small hold farmers. Babe Didrikson Zahorras, track and field, golf, and basketball, perhaps the best female athlete of all time. Cleopatra, who spoke nine languages and came to power at the age of seventeen.

Arundhati Roy, author of The God of Small Things, environmentalist, visionary, and imprisoned for protesting the construction of a dam. Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly across the Atlantic. Benazir Bhutto, first female Prime Minister of a Muslim country, recently assassinated. Betty Friedan, feminist, author of The Feminine Mystique. Princess Diana, who won the hearts of the entire world and yet not that of her husband. Virginia Woolf, author of A Room of One's Own.

Aphra Behn, first professional woman writer in English Literature (1690's). Lady Murasaki Shikibu of the Japanese Court, whose masterpiece love story "The Tale of the Genji," is the first novel on record. Shan Sa (author of the love story, The Girl Who Played Go) and Anastasia (who kept a famous diary) bring home to us the horrors of war and the bonds of love.

Jehan Sadat, who, at seventeen, fell madly in love with and married General Anwar Sadat (who later became president of Egypt), instituted co-ops for women, nursed wounded soldiers, reformed Egyptian divorce laws, and raised four children. Simone De Beauvoir, philosopher and author of La Deuxieme Sexe. Harriet Tubman, slave, abolitionist, and later suffragette, who rescued over three hundred people from slavery and never lost one. Rosa Parks, who would not get up from her seat on the bus.

And now, in a new world phenomenon named "The Elders," Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Fernando Cardoso, Kofi Annan, Lakhdar Brahimi, Jimmy Carter, Li Zhaoxing, and Muhammad Yunus are joined by Graca Machel (advocate for women's and children's rights), Ela Bhatt (founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association in India), Gro Brundtland (Prime Minister of Norway, physician, pioneer of sustainable development) Mary Robinson (first female president of Ireland and UN commissioner for Human Rights), and Aung San Suu Kyi (Burmese freedom fighter, presently under political house arrest). These world leaders are working together to make the world a better place, to vanquish invisibility in all its guises. For International Women's Day, check out http://www.theelders.org/elders and sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

HD is a writer who lives in McAuley.
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

From unesco.org: The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was first established by UNESCO in 1986, following a tragic event that shocked the conscience: the massacre of young students peacefully protesting against apartheid laws, adopted by the South African government, a brutal regime that applied the theory of inequality between races, regardless of humanism’s moral and ethical advances. Proclaiming the International Day, the United Nations General Assembly called upon the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

Joanne C. McNeal • So, how does the above quote relate to Edmonton and people here? Our neighbourhood has families from across the globe. We all need to look inside, question our words and thoughts, and constantly ask ourselves what we are thinking, and how we are relating to others who are not like us. How do we show our respect for others as equal partners in humanity? Sometimes, we have to ask ourselves what they think.

One thing we can do is to go out of our way to get to know people from other countries and backgrounds—people who are not like us. As a teacher, I had a class of international university students who had come from all over the world. In class they sat together in groups. So to help them cross racial boundaries, I created an assignment in which they all had to write a one-page biography of another student who had come from a different background.

After a week, the students came back all excited, saying things like, “I had no idea what it was like to grow up in Africa”; “I learned so much about what it was like to grow up in Serbia”; “I never thought about what it was like to be poor”; or, “I didn’t know I was offending people when I said certain things.” The students shared their summaries with the class, and that assignment started a process of the students getting to know each other on a different level, and opened many doors. The students thanked me for what they called a “mind-altering assignment.” It was a small step that helped at least one class of university students to re-think their own attitudes towards others.

The university created workshops for faculty and staff that also helped to break down racial barriers, and promoted understanding. I participated in those workshops and they made me much more aware of my own attitudes.

Dr. Joanne C. McNeal is a retired university professor and McCauley resident.

NAARR’s March Campaign

Charlene Hay • This year we present the fifteen annual March 21st Campaign for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (NAARR) works all year long to encourage respect for people of all colours, races, and creeds. During the March Campaign, NAARR and its partners make a special effort to raise awareness of the racial discrimination that still exists in our communities.

The theme for this Campaign is “It’s You Turn. Racism Free Alberta.” We hope you will all be inspired to take action in our community by attending one of our many events during the month of March.

This year, eleven anti-racism initiatives, coordinated by the NAARR organizations, are taking place in the city of Edmonton. Numerous contests, workshops, presentations, and discussions have been organized.

As part of the campaign, NAARR is holding its annual fundraiser entitled “Voices of Unity.” Please join us for an Aboriginal and Multicultural celebration of the arts. The evening will feature a variety of performances, silent auction of Multicultural and Aboriginal art, and food from several cultures will be offered during the intermission. The event will be held at the Citadel Theatre on Saturday, March 15 from 7 – 9 p.m.

For a detailed description of this year’s Program of Activities, to offer sponsorship, or purchase tickets to the fundraiser, please visit NAARR’s website at www.naarr.org.

Charlene is NAARR’s Executive Director.

From Nursing to Art: Appreciation for Life

An Exhibition of Artwork by Shirley Chinneck, retired nurse. At the Glenrose Hospital Gallery, Feb 25 through April 4, 2008.

Shirley Chinneck

Pow Wow (Morley)

Shirley Chinneck is a nurse who trained at the Royal Alexandra Hospital almost sixty years ago. She continued her nursing career as she married, raised three sons, and traveled with her husband, an engineer who was called to assignments all over the world. As Shirley experienced Canada and other countries, she drew her visual impressions, and made them into paintings. Shirley is self-taught, and draws with an infectious enthusiasm for life. She repeatedly goes to hospitals to draw faces, donating the finished drawings to the hospital, with a copy to the patient. She has been recognized as an artist through her juried membership in the Society of Canadian Artists for many years.

Shirley exhibited her artwork several times at the Great Northern Arts Festival in Inuvik, NWT, where she taught workshops in portrait drawing, watercolour, and oil pastel techniques. She drew faces and parkus of people she saw there, and in hospitals too. Later she returned to Inuvik to teach art techniques at Aurora College’s Fine Arts Program. Although Shirley is now retired from her nursing career, she still visits hospitals and draws people she visits.

Shirley and her husband now live in Canmore, so her recent paintings reflect the mountains she loves and local First Nation events. Her small paintings are now sold through the Canada House Gallery in Banff, and her reputation has recently grown world-wide through their internet sales. Now seventy-nine, Shirley continues to paint and draw. She appreciates the light, colour, and texture of the landscape; the shape and shadows of faces and clothing; the juxtaposition and humour of real images; and all the little things that make life interesting. Shirley is an incredibly energetic and positive woman, and her paintings portray her enthusiasm for life itself.

Go to the Canada House website (www.canadahouse.com) to view images of her artwork. Stop by the Glenrose Hospital to view the exhibit of her colourful paintings.

Dr. Joanne C. McNeal Coordinator, Shirley Chinneck Exhibit

Glenrose Hospital

Joanne is a McCauley resident and BMC News Board member, who has known Shirley for fifteen years. “I met Shirley in Inuvik, NWT, at the Great Northern Arts Festival, and watched her enthusiasm infect the other artists. Later I asked her to teach drawing and painting for the Fine Arts Program I was coordinating, and she stayed with me in Inuvik for two weeks. We’ve kept in touch ever since; I admire her positive approach to life, and her wonderful artwork.”
Easter
A Time of Life, Death, and Reflection

Yo'vella M. • Easter, in the Christian religion, is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The traditions and customs of Easter, however, are not of any Christian origins. The English word “Easter” comes from the Saxons. In the Saxon culture it was tradition to celebrate the Goddess of Spring. Her symbol was the rabbit which is also a symbol of fertility. This celebration was called Eastre or Eastre. Christian missionaries decided to create a celebration that would coincide with that of the pagan Saxon celebration of Easter.

The missionaries had come to realize that the pagans, while willing to give up the worship of their gods, were still attached to their festive holidays. The missionaries were aware that this could cause trouble and opted instead to incorporate pagan holidays that would match certain Christian beliefs. Christians found that the death (Good Friday) and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter Sunday) would fit with the theme of new life and Spring celebrated by the Saxons. Christians taught the pagans that the death and resurrection of Jesus brought new life to the human race.

Other pagan symbols were also integrated into Christian beliefs. The Easter egg tradition was brought to the United States when Germans settled in the Pennsylvania Dutch area. For Germans, there was a long tradition of celebrating Ostertags, a celebration that involved a hare leaving coloured eggs for “good” children during the night. In the morning children would awake to find an array of coloured eggs awaiting them.

Wonder where the chocolate Easter egg came from? Blame the Germans and the French. In the 1800s these two countries started created and selling egg shaped chocolates. Eventually, Cadbury chocolate makers brought it to the masses.

Each year, Easter Sunday takes place on a different date that falls somewhere between late March and late April. For 2007 Catholics and Protestants officially celebrate Easter on March 23 according to the Gregorian Calendar. For Orthodox Christians, Easter will take place on April 27 according to the Julian calendar. The dates for Easter Sunday, as celebrated by Roman Catholics and Protestants, are determined by the date of the first Paschal Full Moon. The Paschal Full Moon is not based on the astronomical full moon and is actually based on a historical table that has been in existence for quite some time.

However you choose to celebrate Easter or the dawn of Spring, may the Easter Bunny or the Spring Hare bring you lots of eggs!

Happy Easter! Szczesliwaj Wielkanocy, Velykodnimy Svijatamy, Buena Pasqua, Zalig Pasen! Yo'vella is a former Boyle Street resident who studies theology, writes, and hosts a radio program.

Do you have a funny, heartfelt, or interesting story to share about your pet? Submit them to Pet Tales! Please include a photo of your pet. Send your stories to: editor@bmcnwnews.org

The Bucket List

Mairin Berezan • The Bucket List, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, is about a billionaire, Edward, and a working-class mechanic, Carter. With nothing in common, except both being terminally ill and sharing a hospital room, they become unlikely friends and leave everything behind to do all they ever wanted. This includes skydiving, getting tattoos, and racecar driving.

This movie goes through many emotions. It’s happy, sad, funny, carefree, and bittersweet. It’s a movie that really makes you think. I left the movie theater thinking about what I want to accomplish before I die. Although this movie was not amazing I really think it is worth seeing.

Mairin is thirteen and lives with her family in McCauley.

Lucky

J.M. • Lucky is a husky-shepherd cross, who was given up at the age of 8 by her family in Yellowknife when the parents divorced. She was put in the Yellowknife SPCA shelter, which was adjacent to a vet’s office. Although she was sweet-tempered, the vet thought she would not get adopted because of her age. She had had hip surgery in which her hip joint was removed, so she is slow getting up, but she loves to run. When I joined the dog-walking program at the Yellowknife SPCA, Lucky was one of the dogs I often walked. She got so she would watch for me, and would dance up and down in her kennel and howl when I arrived. I noticed when I walked her that her sled-dog instincts led her to go right to the end of the leash and pull gently all the time we were walking. She helped me get some great walking exercise! I was not allowed to have a dog in my small apartment, but decided that when I left Yellowknife, I would take her with me. And so I did, and she sat up in the passenger’s seat all the way down the highway—eagerly looking for where we were going. Lucky is now ten, and lives and walks with me in McCauley. She must have had kids in her former family because whenever she sees kids now she runs to them and wags her tail. She is one example of the lovely dogs one can adopt from local shelters.

Something Funny

with Isabelle Foord

A number of toys have been recalled because they contain tiny magnets which can be swallowed. If more than one magnet is swallowed, your head could become attached to your ankle.

Medication is a wonderful thing, but you have to wonder about side effects. I took some allergy medication. I wasn’t drizzly but I ended up at the Legislature in my underwear.

Isabelle is a retired writer living in McCauley.
McCauley Community League Update

Joan MacKinlay • The League Board is currently occupied with the following ongoing and upcoming items:

- Review of League By-Laws. This has just started.
- Soccer Program. We need a co-director good at registration paperwork (The League will pay soccer coaching class fees for new and current coaches at all levels.)
- Rink. Decisions concerning the trailer will be made before Spring.
- McCauley Revitalization. The Steering Committee met with the Integrated Services Team (City resource people ready to share their expertise with steering committee) and has begun to draft guidelines for moving ahead.
- Community Clean-Up. We need lots of people to help this year. Whatever you can do – from handing out water bottles to helping lift discarded furniture – will lighten the work for all. Consider helping. Watch for announcements.
- Upcoming AGM.

Join is the President of the McCauley Community League.

Boyle Street Community League Update

Joe Cloutier • This month there are eighty-two youth taking part in educational programming at the Boyle Street Community League. For the most part, they are full of youthful energy and hope for the future. We are fortunate to be working in such an environment.

In March, the League will be hosting a dinner for Operation Friendship and be the final stop for the Way of the Cross.

Joe is the President of the Boyle Street Community League and Principal of Inner City High.

Edmonton’s Annual Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross

The 28th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross will focus on the question “Alberta’s Boom—for Whom?” The walk invites people to think about the continued relevance of the Gospel message to our world by taking part in a prayer walk through the urban core of Edmonton on Good Friday.

When: Friday, March 21, 10 a.m. – Noon
Where: Begins and ends at Boyle Street Community League Hall (9515-104 Avenue)

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is a community event sponsored by the Edmonton and District Council of Churches.

Everyone is welcome.

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The League Board meets at 7:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Attention Hannah (the person interested in community gardens): please call again. I’ve lost your number.
Family Day at the Rink

HD • Beautiful weather helped make the Family Day celebration a roaring success on February 18. At least forty people turned out to play hockey or simply to enjoy skating. The hot chocolate kindly donated by Myros Pharmacy was a big hit as well.

Family must be supported by community and we can be proud of the sense of community in McCauley. Allan Suarez, with the City of Edmonton, the McCauley Community League, and McCauley Apartments, helps to ensure that the rink is a welcoming community resource.

There is never a lack of volunteers ready to pitch in but what is needed is more people to come out and enjoy the facility. The rink is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day and there are volunteers usually present in the afternoon or evening. Hopefully, programming for kids, youth, and adults will continue into the summer. For more information, call 424-2870. Thanks to everyone who came out and everyone who made the day possible!

Town Hall Meeting with Chief Boyd and the Edmonton Police Service Inspires Confidence

Joan MacKinlay • My first impression of Chief Boyd occurred as people were assembling for a “Meet the Chief” town hall meeting in the Armoury shortly after he assumed his new job as Chief. Flanked on all sides by the formally polished and two officer deep police escort who had marched him into the building, Chief Boyd stepped out of this circle to pick up some papers that I hadn’t noticed I’d dropped. In a gentlemanly fashion, he handed the papers to me and returned to his position as the focus of his officers.

My impression of him as an attentive gentleman willing to step unassumingly in and out of the pomp of his position to help when he can, was reinforced by his articulate and confidence inspiring speech at the Town Hall Meeting at McCauley School on February 12.

More details about this informative meeting will be in next month’s Boyle McCauley News.
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Evening Meals (Mon to Fri 7:30 p.m. - Sat 5:00 p.m.
Personal Assistance Centre
Mon. and Fri afternoons - 1:00 p.m.
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Free meals are for seniors and day workers only.
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Located in the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre.
The clinic is open Monday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

PETER GOLDING
Member of Parliament
Edmonton East

Federal Programs Help Seniors
Our Conservative government, like no other before it, recognizes the contributions senior citizens have made to this country. We are proud to support seniors in strengthening our communities and building our country.

One way we have supported seniors is through the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP). This program helps to ensure that seniors are able to benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their communities through their social participation and active living. The program funds community projects that help seniors share their skills, wisdom and experience to benefit others, while reducing their social isolation. The total budget for the NHSP is $35 million per year.

Edmonton East, two organizations have just received grants through the NHSP. The Alberta Association for the Deaf is receiving $25,000 to enhance the quality of life for Edmonton deaf seniors, while the Senior's Association of Greater Edmonton receives $24,950 for “This Full House,” a pilot program to assist elderly compatriots in need.

The federal government is also acting to address the needs of Canada's seniors by introducing a series of important measures:

- Establishing the National Seniors Council to advise the Government on issues of importance to older Canadians;
- Expanding the Guaranteed Income Supplement 3.5% from increased monthly benefits available under the Guaranteed Income Supplement;
- Providing more than $1 billion in tax relief to Canadian seniors and pensioners in Budget 2007;
- Enabling seniors to build their retirement savings in Registered Pension Plans and Registered Retirement Savings Plans; and
- Plan an extra two years until age 71; and
- Raising the amount seniors can claim under the age credited for their tax return.

I think the government is doing a great job for seniors. What do you think?
Kate Quinn • I had noticed a new African store on 97 Street north of 108A Avenue and dropped into The Best of Africa in January. To my delight, I discovered that the owner is an old friend whom I hadn’t seen for many years. Bola Fadeyi and I met when she worked for the Edmonton Social Planning Council in 1993 as a community worker at Kindred House, now a program of the Boyle McCauley Health Centre.

Bola was born in Nigeria and has lived in Canada for over thirty years. “Most Nigerian women are brought up from an early age to know how to do business,” she said, “and I received a Commonwealth scholarship to Concordia College in Montreal to do business administration. Then, I just kept moving west and made Edmonton my home.”

Bola owns a farm she calls Fadeyi Farm, east of Sherwood Park. She raises cattle and sells organic beef. She began importing food from different African countries for her own cooking. “Being a community person, I shared the food with friends and they liked it. They all decided that I should get the products for them, so, that’s how I started my food import business,” she laughed.

The African community in Edmonton continues to grow and Bola thought it was important to have a central location. “We opened in November 2007 with a food section, a fashion section, and a tailor. Business is going so well that we are expanding into the space next door and we’ll separate the fashion from the food.”

Bola imports from Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, the Philippines, Malaysia, Switzerland, Austria, China, and Nova Scotia. I enjoyed a ginger beer from Trinidad and some spicy ginger and nutmeg cookies called “chin chin” and watched a Nigerian video while we chatted. Drop into the Best of Africa and you’ll find a welcoming smile from Bola and if you’re not African, you’ll be introduced to the wonderful world of food for West African meals.

McCauley Skating Rink

McCauley Community Ice Rink | 96 Street & 108 Avenue
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- Wednesdays and Fridays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for casual skating and games.
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- Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids hockey and casual skating.
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