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Saying "Ciao!" to Tony the Barber

Tony Tassone retires after 32 years cutting hair in McCauley.

PHIL O'HARA

Tony Tassone has cut a lot of hair.

He recently retired at age 80 after operating his Venetian Barber Shop on 95th Street beside Zocalo for the past 32 years.

Tony apprenticed as a barber at age 16 in Calabria, his hometown in Italy. He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1966. Tony worked as a barber until 1973 when he turned to working construction to support his growing family. (Tony has three children and five grandchildren.)

He returned to barbering in 1992 and opened his shop on 95th Street.

What's his secret to giving a great haircut?

"You have to be passionate about your work," Tony explains. "You have to do what's best for your clients, that will help them look their best."

Warming to the subject, Tony adds: "It's not as easy a job as you might think. You must stand for 10-12 hours on a cement floor and that's really hard on your back."



Tony Tassone outside his barber shop on 95th Strreet. Fabian Bubel-Hopkins

Tony's been cutting my hair since The years of standing have taken lege had never seen me without a beard," Bob recalled in a recent Phil O'Hara lives in McCauley. He is their toll. He has serious arthritis he opened his shop. His shop was very austere and entering it alinterview. Volunteers contacted in his back and recently he was in the hospital fighting an infection. ways felt like going back in time. | about 250 people requesting donablock carrier.

One of the few decorations were black and white photos of Marilyn Monroe and Marlon Brando circa 1950s.

Over the years, I relied on Tony for the latest news and gossip from the Italian community. We mostly talked about nothing important, but through those interactions, we formed a close bond.

In his own way, Tony was fiercely committed to the neighbourhood.

He showed this in 1996 when he agreed to cut long-time resident Bob McKeon's beard as a fundraiser for the **Boyle McCauley News**. At the time, the paper was \$3,000 in debt. The paper had been publishing since 1979, but its very survival was at stake.

According to a report by Kate Quinn published in the June 1996 edition of the paper, about 50 people gathered on May 1 in the Sacred Heart School gym to "celebrate the work of Boyle McCauley News volunteers past and present." The highlight of the celebration was Tony cutting Bob's beard.

"My wife and children and most of my co-workers at St. Joseph's Coltions. Just over \$5,500 was raised to keep the paper going.

According to Kate's article, campaign manager Harvey Voogd said, "We didn't quite make the goal of \$7,000, so the mustache stays."



Tony shaving Bob McKeon's beard. File Photo

People from outside McCauley understood how critical the paper was to our low-income community, Bob explained. Much of the support came through small donations from nuns and priests that he worked with.

"The paper is an incredible, grassroots initiative that's become multi-generational and really special," he said. Bob moved out of the community two years ago, but he still volunteers as a block carrier.

a former editor of the paper and is a



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A Creative Community



MCCAULEY MUSINGS

According to my records, I have edited 200 issues of **Boyle McCau***ley News* (this edition is issue 201). During this time, I have been consistently reminded how people can come together to work for the betterment of a community. This is one of the paper's missions: to highlight the positive aspects of life in Boyle Street and McCauley.

From unique events that attract an audience from throughout the city, to highlighting the achievements of local residents, to celebrating the lives of people who make a difference but are not in the public spotlight, **Boyle Mc-Cauley News** provides a platform for a population that is often overlooked.

As a journalist, editing a community newspaper puts me in a unique position. I have the chance to get to know ordinary folks doing remarkable things, building relationships that have lasted for the entire duration of time I have been working here. When I attend an event, I feel like a participant, not merely an observer.

The warm and welcoming attitude found in Boyle Street and McCauley is something that makes this area truly special. People don't always agree on the best ways to deal with the social issues and challenges to be found here, but the discussions can be profound - and proactive. I have honestly never witnessed neighbourhoods be so creative in making the kind of community it wants. One of the things that has come from that collective engagement is this very newspaper.

I am quite grateful to have this opportunity. And I know the community is a better place for having its own brand of hyperlocal media.

Boyle McCauley News

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EDITOR'S NOTES

As I write this, it's still November. It's reasonably warm for this time of year with just a little snow. However, by the time you read these words it will likely be December, and possibly a lot colder with more of the white stuff on the ground. Confession: I'm not a lover of snow, though I do respect my fellow humans who enjoy winter. While I do not share that feeling, I accept the change represented by the shifting seasons.

We've had some changes here at *Boyle McCauley News* as well. Three of our board members recently finished the maximum number of terms they can serve. Thank you to Alan Schietzsch, a Chair extraordinaire; Mike Siek, our re-

OUR NEXT ISSUE...

Volume 46, Issue 1 will be published February 1st, 2025. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also occasionally accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: January 12th, 2025. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG format, in high resolution) whenever possible. liable Secretary; and Megan Elizabeth, a Member-at-Large with a lot of ideas and input.

At the same time, we welcome Corine Demas to our board. Many of you know Corine by reading her Heart of the City artist profiles, and through her service to the community with the McCauley Community League, where she currently serves as President.

Want to get further involved with the paper? You can volunteer as a contributor or block carrier - find out more by contacting me at editor@bmcnews. org. Become a member (it's free) and help support the paper by building our membership numbers. More information is here:

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MLA UPDATE Human Rights

JANIS IRWIN

Friends,

It's hard to believe it's winter already! As I mentioned last time I wrote, my Alberta NDP Caucus colleagues and I headed back to the Legislature at the end of October. I've continued to push for action on the issues I've been hearing from you about: affordable housing, public health care where and when you need it, a compassionate and evidence-based approach to the drug poisoning crisis, education funding, and protections for vulnerable and marginalized Albertans.

In all of this, human rights have always been important to me, as they are to so many of you. In fact, protecting and strengthening supports for human rights is a key reason why I ran for political office in the first place, and why I keep giving my all to this role. This has been at the forefront of my mind throughout this legislative session, and it's something I've been hearing about from so many of you as well.

Housing is a human right, yet so many of our neighbours remain unhoused even during unimaginable heat waves, periods of severely poor air quality, and dangerously cold Edmonton winters. Others find that they are forced to spend nearly their entire incomes on rent, meaning that they cannot afford other basic needs.

Education is a human right, but countless students in Edmonton and across the province are forced to learn in overcrowded, under-resourced classrooms.

Health care is a human right, but many of us find it impossible to access a primary care physician, and even to

access life-saving care during significant medical events.

Across these huge gaps in human rights in Alberta, marginalized community members often find that these gaps seem even more insurmountable, that their human rights are disregarded by a government that is supposedly in place to protect these rights. These include our Indigenous, racialized, disabled, and 2SLGBTQ+ neighbours, and others. And this is not acceptable.

Please know that my colleagues and I will keep fighting alongside you for human rights for *all* Albertans.

If, like me, you are alarmed about the erosion of human rights we are witnessing, I encourage you to speak up. Contact me, and contact your elected representatives at all levels of government. Attend protests and rallies. Organize. And stick together—we are stronger together.

orities and concerns so that I can keep doing my best to represent you, and all of us, in the Legislature.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to continuing to connect with you, and to celebrating all the ways in which our community comes together even during the coldest winter. As always, I want to hear from you. Please reach out anytime.

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

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New Art on Traffic Light Boxes in Chinatown

KAT LUU

Explore Chinatown to discover 13 newly decorated light boxes in Chinatown. The light box decorating was an exciting initiative supported by the City of Edmonton's Vibrant Street Program and led by me in my capacity as a Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) director.

I brought together a diverse group of talented local artists, schools, and even a soccer team to make The Traffic Light Box Project a reality. My vision was to let each artist design their own light box and highlight all the artwork from the soccer team and students that embodied themes of unity, commu-

nity, and togetherness. Teachers worked with the students, a Born to Be Soccer Academy soccer mom mentor worked with the soccer team, and they all crafted their creative images.

After collecting the images, I reached out and got the help of a talented art and graphic design student from NAIT, Allana Meksavanh, who worked many hours to skillfully combine and reimagine the contributions from the schools and soccer team. It was a beautiful way to bring together community spirit and collaboration. Come by and explore Chinatown and see how many you can spot!

Kat Luu is a director with the Chinatown Business BIA and co-owner of Kim Fat Market.



Kalina Luu (left) with NAIT graphic design student Allana Meksavanh next to the light box that she drew and Kalina designed. Bee Meksavanh

MP UPDATE

Fighting for Public Health **Č**are

BLAKE DESJARLAIS

Our public health care system is under attack. Conservatives like Pierre Poilievre and Danielle Smith are working to privatize health care or block access altogether.

Danielle Smith's privatization campaign is creating chaos in our health care system: closed emergency rooms, increased wait times for emergent and surgical care, a stunning 650,000 Albertans without a family doctor, and more Albertans forced to pay out of pocket for the care they need. It's only getting worse. A study conducted by the Alberta Medical Association found that 58% of Alberta's physicians plan to leave practice or the province sometime in the next five years. It's clear that the government must act now.

In the 1960s, Tommy Douglas and the NDP used their power to create public health care. The Canada Health Act mandates coverage for all medically necgut it. essary care for all Canadians, regardless of income. Since then, We're fighting back. New Democrats worked for decades to bring dental care and Blake Desjarlais pharmacare to Canadians, and Member of Parliament, we got it done. Edmonton Griesbach Despite this, Danielle Smith Phone: 780-495-3261 tried to block dental care for Email: Albertans. Smith has also stat-Blake.Desjarlais@parl.qc.ca ed that she will be withdrawing

Alberta from the federal NDP pharmacare program, leaving Albertans to pay out-of-pocket for diabetes medication and contraceptives. It's not a surprise; it's what Conservatives do. They want to cut services people rely upon - especially health care while giving tax giveaways to big corporations and CEOs.

We know that a Pierre Poilievre government will not stop Smith. In fact, I suspect he will happily help her. Pierre Poilievre was a Minister in the Harper government that slashed health care funding by \$43 billion and he has promised to cut health care again. He voted against pharmacare, dental care, and funding to cut wait times. His health critic has promised that a Conservative government will eliminate the federal Health ministry.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Kudos to *Boyle McCauley*

News Board Members

Boyle McCauley News held its 2024 : It was truly a privilege to work AGM on November 4th. At that with these fine people. This letter meeting, three board members to the editor is my way of recognizing their service to the com-Alan Schietszch, Mike Siek, and Megan Elizabeth - had completed munity. If you know them and see their maximum number of terms them in the area, give them a pat in a row (adding up to six years on the back! each) and were officially stepping down. And at last year's AGM, Anita Jenkins we said goodbye to John Gee, our (Former Boyle McCauley News board member who completed five longstanding and excellent Treasurer, who had finished his term years and stepped down at the AGM of six years. last year.)

A Tribute to Farley Magee

Aug. 27, 1951 – Oct. 11, 2024: A familiar face in the area who was known for his thoughtful and musical presence.

JIM GURNETT

Farley Woodland Magee was a part of life in Boyle Street and McCauley for years. He loved to be outside walking in every sort of weather and covered thousands of kilometres over the years, walking every street and alley, often with his guitar on his back and a bulging bag of books and crossword puzzles at his side.

One of the last times he was active, a few days before his death, he took part in the Standing Together walk from Mary Burlie Park to Giovanni Caboto Park to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Music brought peace to Magee's heart. If you gave him a line or two from almost any old folk or rock song, he could give you the song. His own compositions would be slow careful detailed work, poetically powerful and musically lovely.



Farley Magee. Jim Gurnett

Magee brought music to many events in the community. He sang at the Community of Emmanuel Sunday service at Bissell Centre every satisfying answers about life and

the annual Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness memorial service, and at the memorials held at Bissell Centre for community members who had died. He appreciated the music of others too and looked forward to Heart of the City Festival each spring when he could sit on the grass and listen to diverse performers.

Magee read widely and enjoyed talking about books. He loved the variety of people around him and appreciated time to share ideas in long conversations.

Magee wanted to understand what life was about, what it meant to be a person. His favourite book was the Bible. He struggled to understand a world where there was pain and hurt and suffering. His own experience with losing a daughter when she was very young affected him deeply and inspired him to seek

week for many years. He was part of : death, to ask difficult questions, even as he held to a deep strong faith in God.

> Magee's search for meaning did not make him dour. He had a sense of humour and appreciated good puns in particular, and loved to explore the meaning of words.

> He cared about the environment. His bag always had a collapsible cup he preferred to have filled rather than take a throwaway one. He picked up trash left by others. He honoured the teaching of First Peoples about the need for each person to actively care for creation, to respect all our relations.

> If you have lived in the community for a while, you have probably chatted with Farley Magee at some time. He will be missed by many.

> Jim Gurnett is a social justice advocate who is also a former board member of Boyle McCauley News.

A Cool Option for Unique and Delicious Ice Cream

DINING OUT

Little BonBon Ice Cream

9660 106th Street Instagram: @littlebonbon_icecream

ALAN SCHIETZSCH

We're entering the cool part of the year, and in McCauley we now have a cool option that matches the season - an amazing new ice cream shop: Little BonBon Ice Cream.

The cheerful ambiance of this little spot had my sister-in-law exclaiming that this was not something she was expecting: "Wow, this is like something I'd expect in Banff...and it's not outrageous tourist-town priced for such a unique shop, and it's here in Chinatown!"



A Lion Dance to celebrate Little BonBon's grand opening on September 21st. Alan Schietzsch

neighbourhood, and named their shop Little BonBon after the "bonbon" short ribs that Jason's Grandpa Wong used to make. In fact, any ice cream scoop can be made into a "bonbon" by having it rolled in crumbled cookies.

Today a tribute to Grandpa Wong also shows up on the menu, via a namesake chocolate fudge ice cream: dark, creamy, and with an intense deep chocolate flavour. Alongside the chocolate, the second scoop we selected was a vegan mango sherbet. The clean fruitiness combined with the creaminess of the chocolate was a combination that had my sister-in-law grinning from ear-to-ear.

Co-owner Ailynn's heritage shows up with an intense flavour too, the brilliantly-coloured Ube (Filipino purple yam) ice cream, which we contrasted with an equally vibrant taste, a version of tiger ice cream (tangy orange ripples with black licorice) called Loufu. If you're a licorice lover, this is a must-try. My brother-in-law said it was a beautiful example of real licorice, not industrial at all, and not too hard or soft: just right for eating. I had to try a few spoonfuls, and the zingy citrus of the orange worked perfectly with the intensely black licorice.

Little BonBon's colourful space is on the south side of the Hull Block on 106th Avenue just east of 97th Street. It welcomes you with a long counter atop a glass case with at least a dozen different unique handmade ice cream flavours. Deeper inside there's a coffee bar and at the far end is a glass-doored freezer with tubs of all the different ice creams for sale.

Those ice creams are some of the most unique and creative flavours I've ever experienced. They were so interesting that our group of four decided to each get a "child's double" size, so we could each

try two different flavours - eight kinds between us. Yes, there was some sharing samples, and that was easy because Little BonBon offers cups as well as cones.

If you like a flavour that is familiar and beautifully fresh, I recommend Fu Lu Shou, their take on Neapolitan, a delicious strawberry-vanilla-chocolate combo, with each flavour distinct and real. No artificial flavours here - this stuff is clearly handmade. Another local wonder is the Vietnamese coffee-flavoured Viet Ca Phe ice cream, using coffee from the popular - and nearby - Van

Loc banh mi (Vietnamese sub sandwich) shop. If you like salted caramel, there's a lovely version called See Yow that uses soy sauce to bring the saltiness to the sweetness. I would have never thought of it, and it's way better than any regular caramel. It's so smooth and not just sugar-sweet. It

has depth.

The owners, Ailynn and Jason Wong, who also own Yelo'd Ice Cream and Bake Shoppe on Whyte Avenue, are a couple who opened the spot in summer after working with the Chinatown Recovery Fund. They are enthusiastic about the

Little BonBon's current winter hours are Thursday 4-8 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 12:30-8 p.m.

Alan Schietzsch lives in McCauley. He is the former Chair of the paper's Board of Directors.

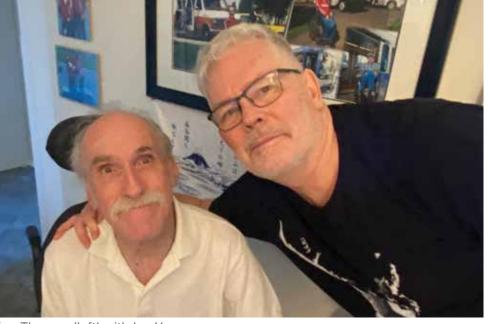
Remembering Kenneth Thomas Feb. 2, 1953 - Sept. 16, 2024: A community member who inspired many with his accomplishments.

IAN YOUNG

ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

There is a quote that goes: "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." It is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, although there is debate as to whether those are actually his words. Regardless of where the quote originates, it reminds me of my late neighbour, friend, fellow advocate, and humanitarian Ken Thomas.

Ken was many things. He exceeded expectations, and understood and contributed to the disability community with his unique flair and style. The amazing things Ken accomplished can be seen on his website (www.backwheeler.ca) or in the documentary Catching My Breath, produced and narrated by his loving sister, filmmaker Lorna Thomas which you can watch on YouTube: https://tinyurl.com/4e86bufy. The film shows determination, Ken's personality and commitment.



Ken Thomas (left) with lan Young. Lorna Thomas

I was honoured to write about Ken and : his athletic accomplishments in a previous issue of Boyle McCauley News ("Sports Excellence," June 2011). I now want to honour my friend and mentor for how much he meant to his friends, the community, and myself.

I admired how unique and innovative Ken was. Witnessing how he modified things to his ability was amazing,

like typing with his nose because his hands didn't work well or using a specially designed foot-operated computer mouse. This was a man who never gave up.

His humour, especially his unique laugh, was comforting. He was a jokester, and we shared many laughs.

Ken was an original member of the

Artspace Housing Cooperative and was an active participant on committees, at meetings, and at social events like potlucks. A fond recollection of mine was that on Halloween, Ken always wore a mask of some sort and sat with members handing out candy. We ate more than we gave out!

I was invited by him, a huge sports and music fan, and his family to attend the Folk Fest one year. I sat in the accessible area with Ken and very much enjoyed the music and the company. Ken's last social outing was at the 2024 EFMF, which was the 43rd time he had attended.

Ken left us on September 16th. Surrounded by loved ones, he was independent until his last breath. I will miss him dearly but will continue to advocate and educate for the disability community.

Ken, we will move forward with the values you taught us all. It was truly rehabilitating, informative, and motivating to have been in your presence.

Ian Young is a columnist and block carrier with the paper. He lives in the area.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation





Local Authors Launch at Paper Birch Books



The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, was September 30th. Events in the area to mark the day included the Standing Together Orange Shirt Day Community Walk from Mary Burlie Park to Giovanni Caboto Park (top). A Round Dance was part of the Calling Back Our Spirit Gathering, organized by the Creating Hope Society in Boyle Street Plaza (bottom). Paula E. Kirman

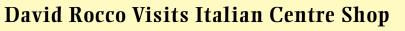


Paper Birch Books (10825 95th Street) is now a location for book launches. Two authors based in the area recently held their launches at the independent mostly-used bookstore. On September 27th, Marilyn Dumont (top) launched her latest collection of poetry, South Side of a Kinless River. On October 28th, Paper Birch co-owner Benjamin Hertwig (bottom) launched his debut novel, Juiceboxers. Both events were well-attended to standing room only. Paula E. Kirman

Zocalo is Open for Business Once Again

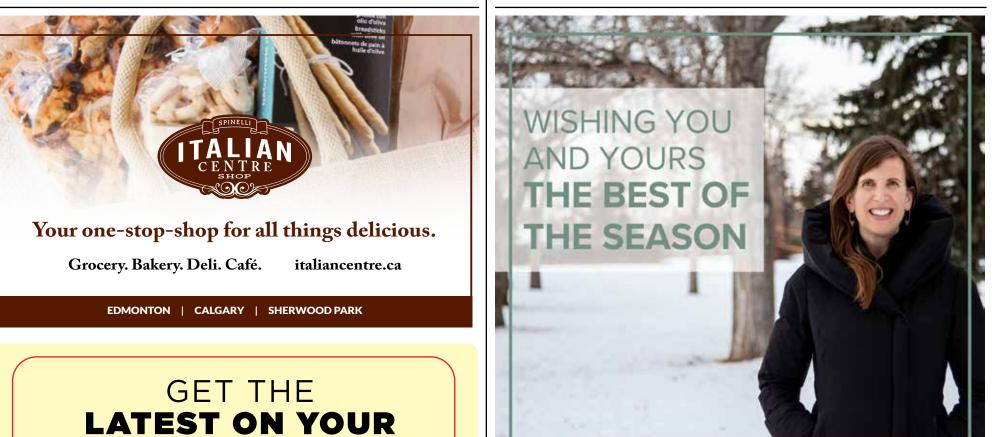


Ten months after a fire forced Zocalo to close, the beloved garden and houseware shop reopened on November 6, just in time for its 21st birthday. Zocalo is partnering with a couple of local businesses. The flower shop is now operated by Love and Fantasy Flowers. Pictured above is Moira with a fresh floral arrangement. Aspen Coffee Roasters now manages the café. As of press time, the greenhouse was still under construction. Paula E. Kirman





David Rocco signs a book for a fan during a meet-and-greet at the Italian Centre Shop on September 22nd. The celebrity chef and cookbook author also promoted his own brand of Italian-made pasta and sauces. Paula E. Kirman



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EDMONTON INTERCULTURAL CENTRE Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) Celebrates a Decade of Diversity

The Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) rich, diverse community fabric. is a community full of love, caring, and support. In this and future articles, we will inform readers of the non-profit organizations operating in the EIC facility in order to bring light to their many good deeds.

On December 21st, 2024, the Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) will mark a milestone: its 10th anniversary. Located in the heart of the McCauley Community, this vibrant space has become more than just an "old red brick school" - it's a lively hub where cultures meet, mingle, and sometimes even debate whose food is the best!

Opened in May 2015, EIC transformed the old McCauley School building into a beacon of diversity and inclusion. This historic space now houses 15 non-profit organizations dedicated to fostering intercultural understanding. Founding members like Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative (MCHB), Creating Hope Society (CHS), and Edmonton Multicultural Coalition (EMC) paved the way, with the centre later welcoming organizations such as the Filipino-Canadian Saranay Association of Alberta and Ribbon Rouge Foundation, among others.

EIC's mission is to cultivate a dynamic model of intercultural engagement and build an inclusive Edmonton. It acts as a social hub where diverse groups come together to share knowledge, support each other's growth, and occasionally swap recipes and dance moves in the hallways.

Situated on Treaty 6 Territory, the Edmonton Intercultural Centre honours the historical significance of the land to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, and Nakota Sioux nations. Our work aligns with Edmonton's broader goals of inclusion and multiculturalism, enhancing the city's

Over the first decade, EIC has welcomed over 850,000 visitors and has supported more than 505 user groups and their various community programs. EIC's facilities, including a gymnasium, kitchen, computer room, library, and various meeting spaces are bustling with community events, meetings, and the aroma and debate over who makes the best adobo.

In 2023, EIC upgraded the security infrastructure with grants from both Public Safety Canada's National Crime Prevention Strategy and the Provincial Government. This enhancement has bolstered safety while keeping the centre's welcoming atmosphere intact.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Edmonton Intercultural Centre's 10th anniversary on December 21st, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. During this time there will be many drop-in activities for all at 9538 107th Avenue, including a global array of foods, activities, live entertainment, a cultural marketplace, and a chance to connect with our diverse community.

Come for the celebrations, stay for the laughter, go away with knowledge and understanding. Come experience a decade of intercultural engagement. We look forward to celebrating with you! Please bring a non-perishable or canned food item to help us in achieving our goal of distributing 110 hampers to those in need.

The day's celebration will conclude with an invitation-only evening gala, with a vast array of guests dressed in traditional attire, festive performances, and presentations.

Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre, which is located at 9538 107th Avenue.

Boyle Street Community League is Alive and Well - and Unique

ANITA JENKINS

Boyle McCauley News recently spoke with Boyle Street Community League (BSCL) President Shawn Tse and Treasurer Karen Jackson. They reported that a lot • is going on at the BSCL, although not in the conventional sense of organizing and hosting programs • such as soccer, yoga, or a garden club.

The league currently has a six-member working board. It has no staff, and not many vol- . unteers - which limits its ability to do certain types of things. But, fortunately, there are ways to get around that.

Tse says, "It is difficult to manage and coordinate events. So how do we still contribute to and uplift the community?" The answer at this point, Tse says, is to use the funds available from casinos and various grants to pay someone else to do the legwork. The BSCL board extensively coordinates with and supports Boyle Street's non-profit and charitable groups and agencies.

One of the most visible activities currently is the free Boyle Street Family Sunday Films program. Movies are shown on the first Sunday of the month at CO*LAB. The league covers the fee for the technician, and CO*LAB provides the space. Snacks are available, and the films are chosen to be family friendly (at the time of writing, the film was Kung Fu Panda).

Similarly, the league has provided funds and/or in-kind support for:

The Chinatown Togather Art Fair at the Chinatown Multi-Cultural Centre in February 2024;

- Ociciwan Contemporary Art Centre's Indigenous Garden Planting party in June 2024 (See the article in the August-September issue of Boyle McCauley News.);
- The Heart of the City Festival, also held in June 2024 (towards paying the entertainers);
- The aiya! 哎呀 Collective's Chinatown Care Package, which offers workshops that explore how cultural practices offer opportunities for community sharing;
- E4C's community garden; and,
- The Métis Housing Ribbon Skirt and sewing program (purchasing a sewing machine and project materials).

Unlike leagues in many suburban communities, the BSCL does not operate out of a building, although it has an office in the Boyle Street Plaza. But, like other leagues, the BSCL regularly provides feedback to the City about everything from neighbourhood renewal to safety to garbage cans.

"We are interested in hearing from agencies and groups within Boyle Street that would like to work with us," says Jackson.

Anita Jenkins is a retired writer and editor who lives in Boyle Street.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Boyle Street is a vibrant and forwardmoving community. If you are a proud resident, think about helping to make things better via your community league. For information about membership, go to the BSCL website: boylestreetcl.com. If you are already a member and would like to volunteer, contact the executive at info@boylestreetcl.com.





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John-West Family Receives Volunteer Award



Geoff and Liz John-West (and family) are the recipients of the 2024 Garry Spotowski Volunteer Award. The award is given to long-time volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their service to *Boyle McCauley News*. Geoff and Liz have been Block Carriers for over three decades, and continue to deliver the paper even though they no longer live in McCauley. In addition, all three of their children grew up volunteering with their parents. Congratulations! Paula E. Kirman



UPDATE FROM CITY COUNCIL Cold Weather Resources

ANNE STEVENSON

As the cold weather settles in, I've been reflecting on the many City services that help us make it through the winter.

Earlier this year, City Council approved funding for an Assisted Snow Removal program. If you are a senior on low income or have a disability or mobility challenge, you can apply for help clearing your sidewalks. For more information, please visit edmonton.ca or contact my office.

For those wanting to get out and enjoy the winter weather, be sure to take in one of the many ice rinks available around the ward. While McCauley Rink's ice is hard to beat, City Hall is also a great choice with free skate rentals available. And, after coming in from the cold, don't forget you can warm up in the wonderful hot tub and steam room at Commonwealth Rec Centre.

I also wanted to remind everyone to call 211 if you see someone struggling in the cold, or in an emergency to call 911 if there is an imminent risk.

The cold weather might also have you thinking about improving the energy efficiency of your home.

There are two City programs that can help with this. If your home is more than 50 years old, it may be eligible for the City's Historic Resource program. You can get 50% of the cost of exterior home restoration projects up to \$100,000, plus a third of ongoing maintenance costs up to \$20,000 every five years. Upgrades can include roofing and foundation work, as well as window/door replacements and new siding that aligns with the historic character of the house.

If your home isn't a match for the heritage program, another option is the City's Clean Energy Improvement Program. The City will finance 100% of the cost of energy improvements like door and window replacements, adding insulation, or installing solar panels to your home. This loan then gets added to your tax bill so even if you sell your property within 20 years of the upgrades, you don't need to pay any sort of penalty.

Find out more about these programs at edmonton.ca or by contacting my office. Happy Holidays!

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MCCAULEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE UPDATE Two Recent Events and Looking Forward to More

CORINE DEMAS

The leaves have fallen and the weather is turning colder. The McCauley Community League is looking forward to putting in the ice and opening the rink as soon as it is cold enough for the ice to freeze.

Among the events we held this fall was the September 21st Community League Day event at The Aviary, which is located just outside McCauley. We offered our neighbours glitter tattoos, henna, caricatures, and 15 minute massages. We served pizza, pop, cotton candy, and popcorn. We were entertained by the band Wine Stained Lips, and Steven Darnel hosted trivia for the kids and adults. All this was free to our neighbours. We want to thank those who attended and The Aviary for the use of their space and the excellent service.

We also hosted the 30th anniversary of The Inner City Kids Safe Halloween Party in conjunction with Shelly Hollingsworth, who has been organizing the party since its inception. There were games, prizes, a costume

giveaway, and, of course, loads of candy for the kids. We served the traditional hot chocolate, juice, chips, and hot dogs.

The McCauley Community League wishes to thank City Councillor Anne Stevenson for her generous donations which helped make our Community League Day party and the Inner City Kids Safe Halloween party so special.

While we are thanking people, we can't forget our many volunteers who came out to help the parties run smoothly.

In the future we will host a fireworks watch party for New Year's Eve from 5 to 10 p.m. at the rink, as well as our annual Family Day extravaganza.

The MCL would also like to let you know that our building committee is in the process of hiring a project manager to oversee the building of a new Rink Pavilion. Good things are ahead in McCauley.

Corine Demas is the President of the Mc-Cauley Community League and is now on the board of Boyle McCauley News.



MCL President Corine Demas (left), organizer Shelley Hollingsworth (centre, in orange), and volunteer Donna Mackey (right) pose with "Stanley" at The Inner City Kids Halloween Party on October 31st. Paula E. Kirman



Wine Stained Lips performing at the MCL's Community League Day event on September 21st, Corine Demas



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