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Welcome to CO*LAB

New arts hub in Boyle Street will showcase community and collaboration.

LORIN KLASK

On behalf of Quarters Arts Society (QAS), I am honoured and elated to be able to finally welcome you to our new home: CO*LAB, a brick and mortar space where we can further our mandate of grassroots, arts-centred community-building, while advocating for equity, safe(r) spaces, representation, and accessibility in the arts.

QAS developed CO*LAB to be a community-run arts hub that offers the unique opportunity to connect neighbours, to share knowledge and ideas, to collaborate, create, and celebrate in Boyle Street.

Since our departure from Boyle Street Plaza in 2016, QAS has been searching to find space to be able to facilitate our monthly arts nights, annual GLOW walking lantern parade, artist residency programs, curated art shows, concerts, and writing workshops.

Beginning in early 2018, volunteers at QAS have worked with the City of Edmonton to rehabilitate the building located at 9641 102A Avenue, ensuring we meet our community's requests for accessible gallery, performance, workshop, studio, kitchen, and public spaces found in our centre. We are so eager to be able to once again bring consistent, barrier free programming and have continuity of presence in the neighbourhood we love.

Although COVID-19 has changed

the capacity and scope of how we produce events and create together, know that in the near future CO*LAB's doors will be open to once again host our monthly Quarters Arts Nights, featuring an open stage, special performances, art shows, and new media exhibits. We can't wait to be able to share new programming initiatives we have been developing with our neighbours at iHuman, Ociciwan, and artists that identify with the rich history and Chinese diaspora found in South Chinatown.

In the meantime you can join us in person, socially distanced of course, or online at twitch.tv/quarterarts every Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., for our all ages, pop-up Summer Music Series, showcasing the many talents of our community, that will culminate in a Boyle Street Block Party on September 19.

If you are curious about getting involved or have an idea for QAS programming at CO*LAB, you can contact me via email at ad@quartersarts.org. Curious about renting or volunteering? Contact Manda Brownrigg at operations-director@quartersarts.org. Looking forward to CO*LABerating with you!

Lorin Klask is the Artistic Director and a founding member of Quarters Arts Society.



CO*LAB. Manda Brownrigg



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“ Together, we can create a vibrant, connected community. All we need, quite literally, is to get our foot in the door.

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An Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Pop-Up

LINDSAY BROMMELAND

I Tried . . .

As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, I have been trying to focus on positive side effects that have resulted from having to change the way we interact with one another. One of them has been the way that people have adapted to keep the world moving and sane, resulting in all kinds of new experiences in how we spend time with family and support our local community.

My mom, a lifelong lover of the arts, had a milestone birthday in August. In normal years we would celebrate with a meal out, followed by a concert or play. This year, it was a bit of a quandary how to make it special given the much more limited scope of local activities and social distancing parameters. My mom's best friend thought it was worth a try to apply to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra to host one of the pop-up concerts they were having throughout the city. And guess what - they said yes!

A quartet (in this case, a flute, bassoon, bass, and violin) arrived at 7 p.m. and set up on the driveway. We let the surrounding neighbours know what was happening, so they could set up lawn chairs on their own properties to also enjoy the



An ESO quartet performs a pop-up concert in honour of Lindsay's mother's birthday. Todd Homan

concert. The musicians sounded incredible, while also engaging with us and taking the time to explain the context and arrangements of the music they played. They finished their set with a rendition of "Happy Birthday," which was the best version any of us has ever experienced (and much better than hearing my family singing it!).

If not for the pandemic, we would never have had the opportunity to connect with the ESO on such a small scale, nor they with an audience who may otherwise not have the ability to attend the Symphony under regular circumstances. The pop-up concerts operate on a "pay what you can" model. The dona-

tion box appeared to be full, so hopefully it was worth their while. I know for my family, it was an incredible experience for which we are all very grateful.

Lindsay Brommeland is a McCauley resident of 14 years who will try anything once.

Letter to the Editor

Reminders of the Past Enhance the Present

Anita Jenkins sent me a link to the article she wrote on the history of the Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market in the August issue, for which she had used me as a source. Of course, this alerted me to the existence of the *Boyle McCauley News*. I took the opportunity to browse the site and was very impressed. It is accessible and packed full of the kind of information that both reflects a community and helps to create a strong community sense.

I moved to Edmonton shortly after the downtown market was moved to 97th Street from its original location in the block now occupied by the Milner Library. On Saturday mornings, when I arrived early to shop, I parked my car a few blocks away so I could walk by the Chinese barbecue shops. I thought of the area as slightly run down but exotic. And, before his death in 2006, Ewen Nelson - Boyle Street resident, keen market

shopper, and friend to many - worked hard in the community and was a big booster for Boyle Street.

More recently, when I was doing research for my book on the social and cultural history of gardening in Edmonton, I discovered that Thomas Henderson, Edmonton's first beekeeper, lived on Fraser Avenue (98th Street) in the 1880s before he moved to Rabbit Hill. His wife Peggy's roses were often commented on in the *Edmonton Bulletin*. The Hendersons and their friend/neighbour, J. Knowles, market gardened on Fraser Avenue. Here is an advertisement from the *Bulletin* on August 21, 1888: "All kinds of vegetables and herbs for sale at the Fraser Avenue Gardens. Orders left with Mrs. T. Henderson or J. Knowles will be promptly filled and delivered."

These little reminders of the past make the present so much more interesting than it would otherwise be.

- Kathryn Merrett

Edmonton CDC Purchases Wyser Manor



In early August, Edmonton Community Development Company (CDC) announced that it has purchased an 11-unit apartment house in the heart of McCauley. Built in 1912, Wyser Manor was a boarded-up derelict property before being extensively renovated by Wyser Contracting in 2000.

"This is a well-maintained, beautiful apartment house providing permanent housing to persons on fixed incomes," said Mark Holmgren, Executive Director of the CDC. "Owning it means we can preserve quality housing and the long-term affordability of rents." Matt Steringa

As the Paper Pivots



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected a lot of businesses and organizations. *Boyle McCauley News* has also had to pivot (one of the new pandemic buzzwords) in these challenging times.

As a non-profit community newspaper, we rely on both advertising and fundraising. Our planned raffle this year was cancelled due to a lack of events at which to sell tickets, which is also hard to do while socially distancing. As well, our casino has been postponed indefinitely.

As a result, the paper's board has had to make some major budget

changes for our new fiscal year. This includes discontinuing the Canada Post mail-out to Boyle Street.

If you live in Boyle Street, know that we still value you as readers. We are in the process of putting more newspaper boxes in the area (in addition to our existing one at Boyle Street Plaza). We hope to have one outside the Farmers Market, as well as several along Jasper Avenue.

If you want papers dropped off at your building, see page 11 about how you can volunteer as an Apartment Ambassador or Condo Connector. If you live in a house and would like to deliver to your street, we can arrange that too.

We are also looking for more Block Carriers in McCauley. The mail-out overlapped with some blocks in the area, so we have a bunch of new routes, as well as established ones needing new carriers. Contact me at editor@bmcnews.org for more information.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi everyone! All of us here at *Boyle McCauley News* hope you are keeping safe and well.

As mentioned in "McCauley Musings" on this page, we are discontinuing our Canada Post mail-out to Boyle Street. Be sure to keep checking our website (bmcnews.org) and social media for the locations of the newspaper boxes we are placing in the area. We are @bmcnews on Facebook and Twitter, and @bmcviews on Instagram.

If you would like to facilitate delivery to your building, see page 11 about how you can become an Apartment

Ambassador or Condo Connector. If you live in a house and can deliver to your street, we can also arrange a drop-off.

You can also help the paper remain sustainable by taking part in our micro-donation campaign. Head to bmcnews.org/donate for more information. Even as little as \$2 each month can go a long way towards helping the paper remain sustainable. We also hope to have other fundraising initiatives in the near future (like our recent Pampered Chef online party), so stay tuned!

Comments? Questions? Want to volunteer? I'm at editor@bmcnews.org.

Enjoy the issue and keep well.

OUR NEXT ISSUE . . .

Volume 41, Issue 7 will be published November 1, 2020. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: October 12. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG, in high resolution) whenever possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you want to respond to something that you read in these pages or that is going on in the community? Share your thoughts with a Letter to the Editor. Send your letters to editor@bmcnews.org. Letters should be no longer than 300 words, and may be edited for length or clarity. Publication is not guaranteed. The deadline for letters for our next issue is October 12, 2020.

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EPS Non-Emergency: (780) 423-4567

EPS Non-Emergency mobile access: #377

EPS Emergency: 911

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Report Gang Activity: (780) 414-GANG (4264)

Litter / Graffiti: 311; capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca

Bringing Outdoor Recreation Back to our Community, with Care

REBECCA KAISER & MIKE SIEK

Inner City Recreation & Wellness Program

With the closure of the Expo Centre, where the Inner City Rec & Wellness Program has been working for the past several months to provide safe and accessible programming for our community, we are excited to be back out in the sun (and wind, and rain, and probably snow, soon enough), bringing back some summer and fall programming!

The sudden change brought on by the closure of Expo Centre created many challenges, yet presents some exciting opportunities for new beginnings for our team and our community. When choosing which programs to re-open, we have selected ones that bring healing, joy, physical activity, and emotional connection, and which can be launched in a safe and sustainable way. Unfortunately, this means that several of our sports programs, and those that take place in indoor communal spaces, cannot be re-launched at this time.

One of the first programs that we worked incredibly hard to find a way to open was our weekly trip to Lady Flower Gardens in northeast Edmonton. This amazing community development garden includes five acres of agricultural land and a 75 acre old-growth forest that nestles up against the North Saskatchewan River. Each week we are able to bring up to six people with us to harvest food for Edmonton's Food Bank and for themselves,



Art time in the courtyard. Mike Siek

providing food security, connection to the land, and a much-needed reprieve from the city.

We are also working with Bike Edmonton to, once again, create Bike Repair Pop-Up events each month, where volunteers and staff from Bike Edmonton set up work stations to provide bike repairs and safety inspections for our community members. For many, a bike is the only way to get around the city, and they are often in need of repairs, lights, brake-tightenings, and other such things. This program also offers community members access to free parts and repairs once a week at the Bike Edmonton North location, through a membership card program.

We will continue to work towards creating these types of unique community initiatives - where ICRWP partners with other agencies and organizations to create much-needed support for those with barriers to access, bringing services and opportunities into the inner city, and meeting people where they are at. If you are part of an organization that provides recreational activities or wellness and cultural programs, and you would like to find a way to reach a population that rarely gets access to such things, please contact us.

This year, the Boyle Street Community Services building added a courtyard area. Activities can happen in a fenced-off area, and projects creat-

ed by community members can be safely left outside throughout the year. This area includes tables, large chairs, a small garden, and opportunities for artwork creation. This year we are working to have weekly Art Time in the courtyard, where community members can paint, draw, sculpt, write poetry, and more! We will be bringing supplies and examples into the new space, and allowing anyone from the community to join in the creative process.

Street Prints Artist Collective has a new office space! We recently moved into a comfy little shared office space in McCauley Apartments with support from one of our partner agencies, e4c. We can print artwork, store our equipment and supplies, and have one-on-one meetings. It is also a quiet space for collective members to do administrative work. This community support for our artist collective is what makes community development possible. We see examples of this every day: agencies and organizations finding new ways to work together to share resources and spaces as we struggle to make our way through a changing landscape, and navigate new fiscal and political realities that face community-based organizations.

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Safer McCauley: Actions and Activities

MARK DAVIS

From Prioritization to Action

In 2018, Safer McCauley began surveying community members to identify and prioritize our collective safety-related concerns. This process would help determine how to focus efforts to create a safer and more vibrant community for all.

Surveys took place at community meetings, online, and door-to-door. Local service agencies were invited to meetings and encouraged to extend invitations to the often-marginalized members of our community. Meetings saw residents and service agencies engaging in constructive conversation. Several service agencies expressed gratitude for being invited to community meetings for the first time. A number of them shared the surveys with their community members, whose input was added to the overall findings.

This community input revealed these top priorities: 1) concentration of poverty; 2) problem properties; 3) needle debris; 4) garbage; and 5) a desire to increase vibrancy and connectivity. Diverse community members soon came together to brainstorm ideas to promote safety through vibrancy and connectivity. Ac-

tivities like the McCauley Dog Walk-about and McCauley Litter Blitzes were launched.

A schedule of activities and community meetings for 2020 was developed - and abruptly halted by COVID-19. The silver lining is that community partners have accelerated collaboration to address more complex issues like problem properties, needle debris, and garbage. In a short time, significant progress has been made and many new resources have been deployed.

Problem Properties

A May 2019 Safer McCauley Community Conversation ignited a series of events leading to reform of the City's approach to problem properties. The Residential Living Governance Committee became the Problem Property Initiative (PPI). The PPI consulted with a community advisory committee for guidance. New Municipal Enforcement (Bylaw) Officer positions were created to focus on the most chronic offenders. A confidential online reporting form was created. Several notorious problem properties have shut down. And, projects have emerged to transform problem properties into more positive entities. Considerable thought has been given to balancing the interests of the community with the interests of individuals

displaced by the closure of problem properties.

To report a problem property confidentially, search "problem properties of Edmonton" online. To report concerns about property standards not related to a problem property, call 311. Remember to request a file number and a call back from the Municipal Enforcement Officer for McCauley.

Needle Debris

In November 2019, REACH Edmonton gathered 16 organizations to discuss a more coordinated response to stray needles. Increased connectivity and communication has yielded much progress. Boyle Street Ventures (BSV) announced its willingness to clean up needles on public and private property. Capital City Clean Up (CCCU) coordinated an update of the City's 311 script to refer private property concerns to BSV. Funding from CCCU supports Downtown Proud to do sweeps of McCauley alleys twice a week. A partnership between Mustard SeedWorks, Chinatown BIA, McCauley Revitalization, and CCCU provides regular clean up of needles and litter. And REACH, the City, and service agencies are working on a process to consolidate needle collection data.

To report stray needles on public property,

call 311. To request free clean up of needles on private and/or public property, call Boyle Street Ventures at 780-426-0500.

Garbage and Litter

The extensive list of organizations collaborating to address garbage in McCauley requires acknowledgement: BSV, CCCU, the Chinatown BIA, E4C, McCauley Community League, McCauley Revitalization, Mustard SeedWorks, Safer McCauley, and volunteer community members all play a role. Litter Kits have been distributed. Community-wide clean-ups have taken place. Partnerships with social enterprises have expanded. Households and businesses can request free removal of illegally dumped large items. Pressure-washing services are available in the Chinatown BIA. McCauley is visibly better off. Efforts are being tracked closely, and a clear picture of the extra resources it takes to keep McCauley as clean is emerging.

To arrange for the removal of large items illegally dumped on your property, please contact McCauley Revitalization Coordinator, Greg Brandenburg at gregory.brandenburg@edmonton.ca.

Mark is REACH Edmonton's Neighbourhoods Convener. He can be contacted at mark.davis@reachedmonton.ca.



MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES

CITY RENEWAL (REPLACING STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND STREET LIGHTS) COMING TO MCCAULEY AND BOYLE STREET NEIGHBOURHOODS IN 2023-24

Leading up to reconstructing neighbourhood and collector roadways the necessary underground utility work will be done. Many of you have already seen the early signs of Renewal coming to the neighbourhoods with strange white arrows on the road. You will see more signs in the near future. https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/about-neighbourhood-renewal.aspx

One of the things McCauley should really consider is getting in front of the Renewal process on at least 2 fronts. First is what changes in human and traffic movement, like bike lanes and shortcuts, would residents like to see that could be promoted by mostly minor changes in where and how streets and sidewalks are built.

Second, neighbourhoods can choose to upgrade their street lights and address blades (with a custom design) that may be perceived as adding value to private property as well as aesthetically pleasing. The costover of decorative street lights and address blades can either be paid by property owners on a one time basis or amortized over 15 years through taxes. The key is to get 50% + 1 of property owners to agree in writing. For more information: https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx

LOOKING AHEAD TO TRANSITIONING THE MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The McCauley Revitalization Strategy from November 2010 imagined a 4.5 year lifespan however as we approach the 10 year anniversary in November McCauley has transformed in many ways on several levels. Interviews with residents and business owners have already begun to understand how folks would see a successful transition of Revite to meet its next and final stages. You are invited to the process. Please feel free to approach Revite Steering Committee Todd Janes or Revite Coordinator to express your thoughts.

MCCAULEY/CHINATOWN LITTER AND NEEDLE CLEANUP PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROJECT

A partnership between Chinatown BIA, Mustard Seed, Capital City Clean Up and McCauley Revitalization is contracting Mustard Seed's

SeedWorks social enterprise to provide 32 hours per week of litter and needle clean up on public property in Chinatown BIA and 16 hours in broader McCauley. Safer McCauley, McCauley Community League and E4C continue to provide instrumental support to this Project and the overall project of litter and needle cleanup.

The June-December pilot project worth \$42,000 has received \$15K from both Capital City Clean up and McCauley Revitalization with \$6K from both Chinatown BIA and Mustard Seed. Of course there is a lot of COVID upheaval that is impacting the roll out of the pilot. McCauley folks are invited to share their feedback as to how the pilot is working or not.



Boyle Street / McCauley Neighbourhood Launch Messaging

Beginning in late July / early August you will see some activity in Boyle Street and McCauley as we prepare for Neighbourhood Renewal in your area.

Neighbourhood Renewal is part of the City's Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces (BGNOS) Branch. Through the program, roads, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces in mature neighbourhoods are renewed and rebuilt, opportunities to improve other areas including bike connections and green spaces are explored, and mitigation for issues such as speeding and shortcutting are considered. Planning for renewal in Boyle Street and McCauley, including engagement with residents and stakeholders, is about to get underway, with construction scheduled for 2023.

In preparation for the planning and design phase of the renewal, activities are beginning, including:

- Lidar 3D imaging - You may see a Nektar 3D truck in the neighbourhood picking up information about road widths, curb locations, boulevard tree locations and sidewalk details. You may also notice markings on the roads at intersections - some look like a large V - these are used to support the imaging.
- Utility location - Paint markings will start appearing on the roads, and flags of different colors will be placed showing the location of underground utilities. During this time, you will see the following vehicles: EPCOR, Telus, Tierra Geomatics and Thurber.
- Preliminary survey - Thurber's friendly staff will record and measure the distresses (cracks, ruts, potholes) in the pavement.
- Pavement testing - JR Paine will be onsite to collect pavement and subgrade strength properties. The truck/equipment stops every 25 meters, applies a weight to the pavement and records the deflection of the pavement. Each test takes about five minutes. Thurber will also be collecting pavement thicknesses - this mobile test has a collection speed of 20 km per hour.
- Pavement drilling - You may see "no parking" signs installed at select locations the day before drilling/coring. The closure will be for a single lane only and about 20 m long to accommodate a Mobile Auger drill rig and a Thurber truck. The closure may take about 45 minutes for each location and during this time, please stay away from the drill rig for your safety.

Working together to make the most of your neighbourhood

Our team will be working with residents, property owners and stakeholders in the



neighbourhoods of Boyle Street and McCauley over the next three years to understand your needs and desires for this renewal as part of the input process to shape the future neighbourhood.

We know some great work has already been conducted in these neighbourhoods that we would like to use as a starting point, where relevant, for our project and discussion. We will be reaching out to stakeholder organizations in the coming weeks to share more details on our project and discuss how we might learn from the work conducted previously and how we might cooperate/collaborate moving forward to the benefit of all.

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better. We will engage and work with you on the renewal of roads, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces and promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in Boyle Street and McCauley. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. Let's make the most out of your neighbourhood.

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Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market in 2020

If you build it, they will come.

ANITA JENKINS

Dieter Kuhlmann has been extensively involved with the Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market for many years. His business, Kuhlmann's Greenhouse Garden Market, has been a major vendor at the market since the 1970s, and he is currently serving as the market's board chair.

When *Boyle McCauley News* gives him a call, Kuhlmann turns off his tractor to tell us, "We're here for the long haul. I predict a bright future for the market. It will come." He says the other vendors are also optimistic and excited to see what the future holds. "On the whole," he says, "we are receiving a lot of positive feedback."

"Food is a big thing," Kuhlmann says, adding that interest in local food "is currently a very strong movement." He says people like to know and trust the people from whom they get their food.

Kuhlmann says The Quarters dis-

trict, with active support from the City, is slowly becoming a place to visit, as well as a place to live. He notices that not everyone is driving to the market, even though there is ample free parking (1000 free stalls when the market is open on Saturdays and Sundays). Quite a few are walking in from nearby residences.

"The market is one of the most significant places in The Quarters," Kuhlmann says.

Located at 97 Street and 103 Avenue, the historic market building was originally the GWG factory and later an Army and Navy department store. This site offers architectural beauty and a significant amount of indoor space for vendors to display their produce, meat, fish, prepared food, artistic creations, and other wares. The avenue next to the parking lot offers space for outdoor kiosks as well, when the weather permits. But the year-round indoor venue is a big draw.

Joelle Reiniger is a member of the EDFM board and a resident of The



The Kuhlmann's booth at the Downtown Farmers Market. Dieter Kuhlmann

Quarters/Boyle Street. She sees the market as much more than a structure. "It brings together people of all ages, all demographics, from all parts of the city," she says. "The Farmers Market gives people a reason to linger and stay. When you go there, you are almost guaranteed to see somebody you know."

Mary Ann Debrinski, the City of Edmonton's director of urban renewal, welcomes this addition to the Quarters district. "It is a current and future attraction with a determined group of vendors," she says.

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

Murders and Memorials

Finding strength to carry on.

KATE QUINN

The big drum encircled by men singing called people to gather at Okîsikow (Angel) Way, the juncture of 96 Street and Jasper Avenue. April Eve Wiberg, leader of the Stolen Sisters and Brothers Movement, organized an "Angelversary" to mark 10 years since 21 year-old Amber Tuccaro disappeared on August 18th, 2010. When her remains were found two years later in Leduc County, her family experienced a fresh wave of grief. In 2015, RCMP released an audio recording and grief ripped their hearts again. They could hear Amber asking a man where he was taking her.

Ten years later, and the man who murdered her has not yet been found. Amber's mother, Tootsie, told the crowd she would never give up, until her daughter's killer is found.

Kathy King's 22 year-old daugh-



Drummers at Amber Tuccaro's "Angelversary" on August 18th. Paula E. Kirman

ter, Cara, disappeared in early August of 1997. Her remains were found in a farmer's field a month later. Her killer has not yet been found. To remember her and all those who are missing and murdered, Kathy created a website she called MissingCara.ca. She tells her daughter's story and the seasons of her own life. Kathy has documented the names of hundreds of murdered women, men,

and LGBTQ2s+ persons. She has summarized the 213 Calls to Justice from the Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Women.

Lisa Arsenault, 48, was murdered on May 24, 2020, the day before the launch of Edmonton's 16th Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. Her family, too, has spoken publicly about their grief and hope that the killer would be found. He

was, thanks to video surveillance at the south side hotel where her body was found. Ian Stewart Gainer, a 32 year-old man from Camrose, was charged with first degree murder on August 21st. Lisa's sister and sons expressed their great relief, although they will experience grief anew when the public trial begins.

CEASE keeps a sad list of sexually exploited persons murdered in the Edmonton area. That list stands at 44 since 1983 and only 13 have been solved. Behind every name on this list, families and communities grieve for these individuals. CEASE hosts an Annual Memorial on August 14 to remember all those whose lives are stolen, whether through murder, suicide, addictions, or illness. Memorials help those who grieve know they are not alone. Memorials are a drumbeat, calling for action.

Kate is the Executive Director of the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE).

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IN MEMORIAM



Rocky Hill volunteering at Heart of the City a few years ago. Jim Gurnett

Rocky Hill

JIM GURNETT

About 30 people gathered in the sunshine of Giovanni Caboto Park on a sunny July 27 afternoon to remember the life of their friend Rocky Hill. Hill died in March, doing what he loved - helping someone else. He had a heart attack after helping push a vehicle that was stuck in the snow. Because of health restrictions during the COVID-19 period, this was the earliest a pub-

lic service was possible. Memories shared focused on his care for others, often cooking and serving food or helping in other ways. His love of art was also celebrated and each person who attended was invited to take a small painting or piece of jewellery he had created. The service was led by Inner City Pastoral Ministry's Pastor Quinn Strikwerda.

Jim Gurnett is with Inner City Pastoral Ministries.



Pastor Barrett Scheske in front of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry office circa 1980. Supplied

Pastor Barrett Scheske at Inner City Pastoral Ministry

BOB MCKEON

I am now at an age where I regularly read obituaries. Last month I saw a familiar name in the *Edmonton Journal* from long ago. Rev. Barrett Scheske, the founding pastor at Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM), had just died in Medicine Hat. Barrett came to inner city Edmonton in 1979 to start up and lead a new, innovative, ecumenical ministry initiated by Bissell Centre and the United Church of Canada.

I remember Barrett as a young, energetic, recently ordained Lutheran minister ready for new challenges. He started with Sunday services held in the basement gym in the old Bissell Centre building in the midst of a multitude of boxes, papers, bags of

produce and children's toys, with a card table for an altar. His congregation came from those who frequented Bissell Centre and the surrounding neighbourhoods. Unscripted dialogue homilies were common. The Sunday worship was usually accompanied by food supplied from local churches. During the week, Barrett conducted a "ministry of presence," regularly visiting and talking with people at local agencies, rooming houses, and street corners. His office was shared with the old Bissell Thrift Shop on 97th Street. He became a regular at community gatherings. He even joined in a neighbourhood protest at City Hall to oppose a city proposal to close wading pools in local parks. He was easy to spot as he drove through the neighbourhood in his flashy red sports car.

Barrett stayed at ICPM for three and a half years. He helped to build an excellent foundation for ICPM. Forty years and several pastors later, ICPM has grown and thrived. It is still based at Bissell Centre, and it continues its important ecumenical ministry of service in inner city Edmonton.

I have now lived in McCauley for over 40 years. I always find it fascinating to revisit how the contributions of individuals and groups from long ago in the neighbourhood have grown and flourished over the years with succeeding generations. The story of Rev. Barrett Scheske and Inner City Pastoral Ministry is certainly one of these stories worth remembering.

Bob lives in McCauley.



Orlando Bruno.
Gary Garrison

Orlando Bruno

SARA COUMANTARAKIS

I have five sparkling red jars marked "Mr. Bruno's Cherry Syrup" left in the pantry, the result of Orlando Bruno's generosity, sharing the bounty of his fruit trees with his neighbours. Now those trees have lost their loving caretaker.

Mr. Bruno passed away on August 5th, after 64 years in McCauley. He was born in Calabria Italy in 1931 and came to Canada in the 1950s.

I met Mr. Bruno shortly after moving to McCauley in 2010. We wanted an apple tree in our new front yard, and I had heard of Mr. Bruno's reputation when my daughter Diana interviewed him for the Firewood Institute, which was collecting stories of people who practiced sustainable agriculture in the city. My partner Gary and I knocked on his door, after con-

sidering the lock on the gate and a big "Beware of Dog" sign posted on the fence (no dog to be seen). He was a walking encyclopedia on gardening.

He worked for years at the University of Alberta as a maintenance man, all the while sharing his knowledge of tree grafting with professors and students, and raising four sons with his beloved wife Carmela.

Mr. Bruno got started in Edmonton with the help of another McCauley giant, Frank Spinelli, who provided a job as a chef in a camp near Hinton, giving him time to learn English. As his son shared in a moving eulogy at Mr. Bruno's memorial service, he worked there for 18 months, cooking by day and cutting hair by night and saving money to eventually move to his second house in McCauley where he filled his triple lot with apples, cherries, vegetables,

and tomatoes, and his cupboard with a good red wine which he offered to anyone who dropped by.

At his memorial service, a son shared how his father, with a grade two education, prospered and balanced his wife's "generosity and warmth" with his "frugality and strictness" as I'm sure you'd need with four sons. His life took a downturn when Carmela died in 1995 but as his son quoted, "complaining doesn't change anything" and he carried on until he broke his ankle this spring and charmed the EMS staff who came to his rescue.

His trees and his knowledge will continue to bear fruit for years to come, but the neighbourhood will miss his large personality and presence in the big corner lot.

Sara lives in McCauley.

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Mustard Seed Update

KIRSTEN SCHMAUS

I was at my desk one sunny morning in late July when I heard the jangling of keys and a vaguely familiar voice through the open window. I peered out and was delighted to see Greg, a friend whom I had met at the Kinsmen Shelter this past spring. Greg had been a previous shelter guest who connected with our employment counsellor and is now a part of our Seed Works Chinatown McCauley Clean team!

For over three decades, the 96th Street Mustard Seed church has been a community hub, welcoming thousands of participants for drop-in programs and serving over two million meals. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and our meal service closed, our creativity was tested as we searched for a way to provide meals to our community. We created Dinner2Door, a delivery service where nutritious meals are prepared, packaged, and delivered free of charge to the doorsteps of Edmontonians in need. Without our loyal volunteers, none of this would have been possible. Dinner2Door has been very successful, providing approximately 1000 meals per week to those who may have a roof over their head but have difficulty feeding themselves and their families. To register for Dinner2Door please

inquire with Carmen (CarmenThomas@theseed.ca) at the 96th Street church.

Other programs and services continue to operate out of the church, including our expanded Food Bank, which is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Because homelessness exists not only in the inner city, but throughout Edmonton, we are offering meals to go and emergency services at our Community Hubs on the south side (The Neighbour Centre) and the west end (The Christian Care Centre). Our north side hub, The Mosaic Centre, recently relocated and will be reopening this fall. As well, we are currently operating two overnight shelters on the south side.

As we face both the continuing unpredictability of COVID-19 and the perennial predictability of another Edmonton winter, we remain committed to creatively meeting the shifting needs of Edmonton's most vulnerable. If you see an opportunity to partner with us, we'd love to start with a conversation. As my friend Greg continues to remind me, we have much to learn from each other.

Kirsten Schmaus is a lifelong Edmontonian and a Community Engagement Coordinator with The Mustard Seed.

Arrange a Donation Drive

IAN YOUNG

**ABILITY AND
COMMUNITY**

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." - Unknown

After summer, autumn sets in. It is one of my favourite seasons, with the colours, the shorter nights, the cooling breeze.

Some students will return back to school in a hopefully safe manner. Others will continue to adapt to routines that keep them safe and sound. The COVID-19 precautions put forward by health authorities should still be followed. If we all listen to experts and follow their advice, we can likely have a better outcome.

With a bit more time on some of our hands, let's do something

unique like arrange a donation drive. Recently in my building we did an eco-donation drive, to send items we no longer needed off to be recycled.

Members of our co-op were asked to bring items to one of our board rooms. The outpouring was incredible! The arrangement was done by our co-op president. Another board member found and supervised the pick-up through www.electronicrecyclingassociation.ca. It was done safely and quickly.

You could also arrange a community donation of clothing, books, and other materials you no longer use. Let's do "autumn cleaning" and "spring cleaning!"

Stay safe, and stay well.

Ian is a columnist with the paper. He lives in the area.

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CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

BISSELL CENTRE

780-423-2285
Community Space: Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Child Care Centre: Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (reservations preferred)
Health For Two: Book an appointment with a Family Support Worker
Parenting: Rhymes That Bind is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Parenting Plus starts at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mondays. No classes during July and August.

BOYLE MCCAULEY HEALTH CENTRE

10628 - 96 Street
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Women's Health Promotion Evening: Thursdays (except the last Thursday of the month) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by yoga class at 3:30 p.m. for one hour.
Foot Clinic - Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dental - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Streetworks during clinic hours.

BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES

10116 - 105 Avenue
(780) 424-4106
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Youth night: Wed. 4-7 p.m. Adult Drop-In open all day - 8.30 - 4.30 . Lunch: Monday-Friday at 11.30. Free repairs for eyeglasses every Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; housing, family, youth, mental health and outreach programs available.

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

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

THE ROCK OUTREACH

11004 - 96 Street NW
Phone (780) 426-1122
Breakfasts: Tuesday to Thursday 7-9 a.m.
Kids Club: Third Monday of the Month

THE SALVATION ARMY ADDICTIONS & RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

9611 -102 Avenue
(780) 429-4274
Men's Transitional Housing, Transformations Addiction Recovery Program, Community Support Services, Chapel Service, Volunteer Opportunities.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

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

THE MUSTARD SEED

10635 - 96 Street
(780) 426-5600
The Mustard Seed Church Food Bank Depot is open Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00- p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The drop-in is permanently closed.
For more information, call The Mustard Seed at (780) 426-5600 or visit: www.theseed.ca

HOPE MISSION 9908 106 Avenue (780) 422-2018

HOPE MISSION MEALS:

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Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.
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Supper 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
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Supper 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

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

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

THE LEARNING CENTRE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

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

Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator

780-429-0675 or
email:dl.learningcentre@shaw.ca

NETWORKS ACTIVITY CENTRE

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO JOIN MCCAULEY CLUB.

Kids from age 6 to 17 are invited join after school programs that run from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri., & from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thurs. Programs include arts & culture, physical activity, health & nutrition, academic support, life skills, and leadership. Drop in at 9425 109A Ave. or call (780) 822-2549 for details. Offered free of charge.

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

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

BUILDING BRIDGES

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

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BOYLE STREET PLAZA/YMCA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE WEEKLY COLLECTIVE KITCHEN CLASSES

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Wed. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.
Thurs. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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WECAN FOOD CO-OP

WECAN Food Co-op is a great way to stretch your food budget. The City Centre depot currently runs out of the McCauley Apartments office: Suite B08, 9541-108A Avenue. To place an order, call Kathryn at 780-964-3444.

EDMONTON INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

EIC (9538 107 Avenue) has reopened its doors to activities under strict precautions against COVID-19. The building is now open from 8:30

a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on a regular basis, with additional hours until 10:30 p.m. based on the specific needs of community groups using our facility. EIC has started accepting reservations for bookings. Masks are required in the building for all activities other than sports. We require groups to adhere to the 2 metre physical distancing rule, so we can only accommodate bookings for up to 50 people at this time. We have implemented strict sanitizing protocols that include sanitizing each shared space between usage by different groups.

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Disabled adult looking for unwanted comic book/graphic novel collections. In exchange will donate to a children's charity in your name and provide receipt. Some comics will also be donated where needed. (587) 920-8272.



Hello! It is good to be back in the McCauley Apartments office, building community in person (mostly) again. I look forward to seeing you soon. Want to chat? Call me (Kathryn) at 780-964-3444 or email me at krambow@e4calberta.org

Wellness Wednesdays: Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. - weather permitting - we gather in a safe, physically distanced way on the patio of e4c's McCauley Apartments office (9541-108A Avenue). We do all kinds of wellness activities, enjoy each other's company, and have a safe, healthy snack.

Lonely? Bored? Check out the Wellness Network: online courses are always being added, or meet in person with a wellness navigator to help you map out your wellness journey, FREE! 780-699-3253 or wellnessnetworkedmonton.com

BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY LEAGUE UPDATE

Be an Apartment Ambassador or Condo Connector

New volunteer program raises the bar in urban community building.

JOELLE REINIGER

There is a popular notion in Edmonton and beyond that if you want to have a sense of community in your neighbourhood, you should move to a street lined with single-family homes. However, if you live here in Boyle Street, a ground-floor front door is probably not your reality. According to the latest city census data, 94 percent of Boyle Street residents live in an apartment building or condo complex.

As a community league, our job is to help neighbours connect socially and mobilize civically. Unlike leagues in lower-density neighbourhoods, we can't knock on your door because we don't know your buzzer

number. If we want to throw a block party on the street in front of your house, we can't do that if your street is Jasper Avenue.

To create community in Boyle Street, we have to rethink how we, as your neighbourhood association, connect with you as our fellow residents. One of the most important ways we have done that is through *Boyle McCauley News*. When it became clear that the *News* could no longer afford Canada Post delivery to our neighbourhood, we immediately teamed up with the paper to find a solution. But that solution depends on you and your willingness to help.

To transform this challenge into an opportunity, the BSCL is recruiting

Apartment Ambassadors and Condo Connectors. The titles are different, but the responsibilities are the same:

1. Buzz in the *Boyle McCauley News* when a member of its crew comes to drop off a stack of newspapers. (This is after we get permission from your management to put a newsstand in your lobby.)
2. Hang up a poster, or two, or a few, if it comes in with the newspaper and your building has a community bulletin board.
3. Receive occasional emails from the BSCL board about important community updates and spread the word however you see fit.

The minimum time commitment ranges between five seconds and five

minutes a month to simply buzz in the *News* rep and hang a poster if it comes with the paper. This, on its own, makes a major impact and we will be grateful for your help. The rest is up to you. You can invest as much time and creativity as you'd like in finding the best way to be an ambassador to your apartment or condo community.

Together, we can create a vibrant, connected community. All we need, quite literally, is to get our foot in the door. If you can help, or if you simply want more information, contact info@boylestreetcl.com.

Joelle Reiniger is Vice President of the Boyle Street Community League.

HEART OF THE CITY FESTIVAL SOCIETY ARTIST PROFILE SERIES

Dan Taylor: "Comedy is curated to provoke an emotional reaction."

CORINE DEMAS

Dan Taylor performed comedy with Heart of the City in 2018 and 2019.

Dan, a resident of McCauley who is currently pursuing his Masters in Theology, started doing comedy in 2011. "I started doing comedy because I got out of doing social work and got into doing full-time church ministry. It was easy to be always around people who believed exactly as I believed, and that's just not a healthy thing for people in ministry. I like to be around people who are challenging me. So I started doing comedy. I started doing it at an opportune time because it was a boom time again and especially for corporate comedy in the city. I started in December and in a couple of months, I was getting paid gigs because I had a clean 20 minutes and that was really valuable at the time. I stuck with it. I love the people, I love the venues. I do love the art form."

When I asked Dan if he considers himself an artist he said, "I really prefer the analogy of craftsperson because comedy has to work in the same way that a table has to function as a table. If a carpenter or a craftsperson is making a table, they can make that table as beautiful as possible but if it doesn't work as a table, if your coffee slides off, then it doesn't work. I think by the same token comedy is a craft in that it has to make people laugh and if it doesn't make people laugh that is the equivalent of a table that's slanted."



Dan Taylor. Corine Demas

Dan started a podcast in his COVID-19 spare time called "Holy Sh*t." "Basically, it is an adult Bible study with a comedian," he explains. "I tell a story from the Bible in its unedited form. Most Bible stories that people are familiar with have been distilled for children. These stories are so old and influential. The conversation that we then have is, what does

this story mean for us now and if we should just get rid of it altogether. There are some stories that could be thrown away, there are some that should be kept, and some that we should amplify."

Dan Taylor recently performed at The Grindstone Theatre's Re-Set Festival. In addition to listening to his podcast, you may be able

to find Dan at one of the city's open stages, like The Grindstone Theatre's Wednesday night open stage.

Corine Demas serves as volunteer Vice President and Spoken Word Director of the Heart of the City Festival Society of Edmonton. Corine is passionate about poetry, storytelling, and her city, Edmonton.

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PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

On hot summer days I sometimes feel like enjoying smaller meals, as well indulging in sweet treats.

A craving for a sandwich and pastries inspired me to try Macarons and Goodies. Located just across from McCauley's west border, the French bakery features a variety of pastries in addition to breakfast selections, sandwiches, salads, and other lunch items. There are also coffee and other beverages to be had.

Still trying to stay home as much as possible, I ordered from Uber Eats. The shop also delivers via SkipTheDishes and DoorDash. For my lunch, I decided on a smoked salmon flatbread sandwich. My two biggest, consistent complaints about flatbreads are that they either don't have enough toppings on them, or that the bread itself is bland (or both).

This flatbread had neither of these problems. The bread was chewy in the middle, and crunchy all around the edges. Served slightly warm, it was loaded with smoked salmon, capers, red onion, cher-

ry tomatoes, and dill. When I ordered, I was given the option to customize to some extent, so I opted to hold the cream cheese, as I have never really liked it. I didn't miss it in the least. The portion was small, but mighty.

Of course, when ordering from a French bakery I cannot resist getting a few treats. The raspberry sablé cookie had delicious, sweet raspberry preserves between two fresh shortbread cookies, lightly dusted with icing sugar. The chocolate financier cookie had the consistency of moist cake, filled with oozing dark chocolate. Both cookies were small, but extremely rich.

Finally, how could I resist trying a croissant? I absolutely love croissants, and I was not disappointed. The crunchy, flaky layers on the outside gave way to the softer, chewier interior of buttery goodness.

At Macarons and Goodies, you are going to pay for quality. The flatbread was \$11.95. My cookies were \$1.50 for the raspberry sablé and \$1.75 for the chocolate financier, and the croissant was \$2.95. With taxes, the delivery fee, and tip, my lunch came to around \$30. However, for an occasional treat, it's worth it. Macarons and Goodies also offers pre-payment with a credit card, and curbside pick-up. Treat yourself to something decadent.



Top: Croissant and cookies. Bottom: Smoked salmon flatbread. Paula E. Kirman



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