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Free Books for Kids Under Five

Boyle Street and McCauley residents qualify for Ready. Set. READ! program with EPL and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

JOELLE REINIGER

My husband and I began reading to our kids from an early age – a very early age. In fact, I packed their first picture books in my overnight bag when we left for the hospital as expectant parents.

We introduced our eldest daughter to *Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown, before we had registered her name. Two years later, we rocked our second daughter to sleep with *I'll Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch before the sun set on her first day. As infants, they couldn't understand the words or make sense of the images, but we wanted to make sharing books a part of their lives from Day One.

While we were probably more eager to get started than most new parents, it's never too early to begin reading with the littlest people in our lives. It strengthens the bond between caregiver and child, makes memories, and sets the foundation for early literacy and language development. For these reasons, I was thrilled to learn that both Boyle Street and McCauley are among the 13 neighbourhoods that qualify for Ready. Set. READ!, a partnership between Edmonton Public Library and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Ready. Set. READ! is a free monthly picture book subscription for children under five. The books arrive by mail and are tailored to children's developmental needs at each age. The program is funded by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



Newborn Madeleine Reiniger, now seven, curls up next to some of her first picture books. Joelle Reiniger

and community donations, with qualifying neighbourhoods chosen based on census statistics and other data. If fundraising targets are exceeded, the program will expand to include more local neighbourhoods. When a neighbourhood is

selected, all families with postal codes within its boundaries are eligible to receive their free book subscription.

To apply for your Ready. Set. READ! subscription or to make a donation, visit

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Joelle Reiniger is a resident of Boyle Street and the proud mother of two young bookworms.



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From now until October, Community Space hours will be Monday to Saturday, 11:30 to 7 pm. If you would like more information on programs or more information on how you can support our Community Space, please visit

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PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

I am sitting down to write these words a few days after participating in Edmonton's first May Day march since 2019. International Workers' Day (as it is also called) on May 1st celebrates workers and the labour movement, while also advocating for the rights of the working class. One of my favourite chants is, "The people united will never be defeated."

When people of like mind work together for a common struggle, there is no telling what can be accomplished. I see it here in Boyle Street and McCauley, how neighbours band together to do everything from dealing with social issues to planning exciting events

that activate and amplify the area. I expect that it will be an exciting summer in the area. In fact, by the time many of you read this, the Heart of the City Festival will have taken place in Caboto Park for the first time since the 2019 edition.

The fact that so much happens and gets done in the area due to the efforts of volunteers is incredible. Even this newspaper that you are currently reading would not exist without the involvement of volunteers in all stages of its production and distribution.

I am involved in a number of other communities in the city. The level of citizen engagement in Boyle Street and McCauley is among the highest I have witnessed. Other areas should pay attention and take note.

A neighbourhood is defined by its geographic boundaries. A community is defined by the people who live and contribute there. Power to the people who work hard to transform and enhance their communities.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello dear readers! I have some wonderful news to share: our casino in April took place thanks to the efforts of many volunteers under the direction of our Volunteer Coordinator, Colleen Chapman. Long-term sustainability is our goal, and we will continue our ongoing fundraising efforts like Toss Us Your Toonies. Learn more at: bmcnews.org/donate.

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Finally, you can volunteer with us. We always need contributors and people to deliver the paper in McCauley and Boyle Street. Contact me at editor@bmcnews.org for more information. Take care, and enjoy the June-July issue!

OUR NEXT ISSUE. . .

Volume 43, Issue 4 will be published August 1st, 2022. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: July 12th, 2022. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG, in high resolution) whenever possible.

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Heading Into the Summer

JANIS IRWIN

Dear friends,

As we move into June, I am loving the warmer weather, the sunshine, and the beautiful greenery all around us. It's been another challenging spring for so many, but I know that it's lightened my load to see the ways that our neighbours have continued to connect with and support each other.

We're approaching the end of the school year, and I want to offer congratulations to all the students, teachers, and other school staff who work or live in our communities of Boyle Street and McCauley.

To students: whether you're graduating, moving on to junior high or high school, or simply wrapping up one school year and preparing for the next, please know that I'm so proud of all you have accomplished this year! I know that things have felt a bit strange and uncertain at times, but you have all continued to do your very best, and that's well worth celebrating.

To teachers and school staff: I'm so proud of all of you, too. Once again, you have put forward incredible efforts to support your students in a very challenging time. Please know that I see you, I hear you, and

I will continue to work to make sure your voices are heard.

I hope that everyone enjoys a safe, fun, and relaxing summer! I'm looking forward to joining you at some of the seemingly countless festivals, barbecues, and other gatherings in our wonderful communities this summer. As we reconnect, I know that we'll continue to do our very best to support our neighbours and to keep each other safe - this is one of the many reasons I'm so proud of our community.

The Legislature will likely be on summer recess by the time you read this, but please be assured that I am continuing to fight for our communities and advocate for much-needed supports. Please don't hesitate to contact our constituency office. As always, we'd love to hear from you.

Take care of yourselves, and each other.

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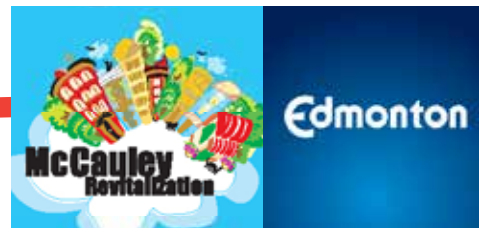


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MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION UPDATES

■ MCCAULEY LITTER BLITZES

■ PROMOTING MCCAULEY BETTER: “GREEN DISTRICT?”

Besides the River Valley, touring (and tourist) cyclists can ride past the Commonwealth Stadium because they might be football or soccer fans, but can also tour (on foot) through the world-class Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre. Then they can continue on to Little Italy which takes like 2 minutes, then on to Chinatown in another 2 minutes picking up food, snacks or gifts all along the way. In Downtown, besides the AGA, RAM, Milner, City Hall, tourists can stop at the Epcor building, arguably in McCauley, to see the stunning atrium statue of the massive chrome grizzly fishing chromed salmon in the clear bluish stream.

Jeff McLaren, the Coordinator of Viva Italia District Association (VIDA or Little Italy business district) and I were talking this week about how close Commonwealth is to, especially, Little Italy but also Chinatown. We agreed that most people do not yet make the link between them. We didn't make the link for a long time ourselves. Most of Edmonton does not realize that Commonwealth is in McCauley and that it is only a few minutes walk from some of the best Edmonton restaurants and amenities like Little Italy, Chinatown, Giovanni Caboto Park and Church Street.

While the Ice District is shamelessly and often promoted, we have not done a great job promoting the impressive proximate assets of McCauley. We could call it the “Green District” where people can spill into Little Italy and Chinatown before and after any major event ... or even after taking kids, year round actually, for a soccer practice at the Commonwealth fieldhouse or a swimming lesson at the pool.

When we think of how many Edmontonians and visitors, in 2022 alone, will pass through Commonwealth for Elks games, Garth Brooks concerts, pow-wows, soccer games, hard-rock concerts etc, not to mention all the other private and team based recreation events, there is a lot of opportunity to promote the connected amenities of the “Green District”.

The City of Edmonton Renewal process now underway (replacing all the non-arterial roads, sidewalks and street lights) looks to better structurally connect Commonwealth to the rest of McCauley by making better walking and biking thoroughfares. Opportunities to continue revitalizing McCauley may be closer than we think as thousands of Edmontonians are already making their way to recreate in McCauley. Let's help Edmonton make more of the McCauley connections.

Safer McCauley (an Edmonton REACH initiative) coordinated numerous Litter Blitzes with several partners in the past years where McCauleyites and visitors could meet at Giovanni Caboto Park on a designated Saturday to go pick up litter with one another. Besides being a fun community connecting space, NE McCauley got a whole lot neater.

Safer McCauley then transferred that initiative to Chinatown and after organizing the Chinatown Safety Council they worked together with the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative (CTC) and the Chinatown BIA to organize a Chinatown cleanup every 2nd Saturday of the month. Through social media and other personal connections they now often get 35 or more volunteers.

It probably doesn't hurt that everyone is welcome to enjoy together free dim sum or Vietnamese subs afterwards. Volunteers meet at the south side of the Pacific Rim mall (corner of 97 st and 105 ave.) at 10:45 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

This summer, E4C, Safer McCauley, the McCauley Community League and Revitalization will join forces to host several Litter Blitzes.

THE FIRST LITTER BLITZ WILL BE ON JUNE 25 AT 11 AM
IT WILL START IN THE MCCAULEY APARTMENTS PARKING LOT AT
9541 - 105A AVE. PLEASE COME AND MEET SOME OLD AND NEW
NEIGHBOURS WHILE YOU CLEAN UP TOGETHER.

■ FILLING THE HOLES BY WORD OF MOUTH

It is well known that McCauley residents staunchly stand behind many of their diverse and great local businesses. After 2 years of a pandemic, and with the regular cycle of commercial real estate turnover, there are numerous new exciting businesses as well as some conspicuous commercial property holes throughout McCauley.

There are many ways to promote and market good commercial property, and small/medium business owners and entrepreneurs look at many factors when they pick their new or next location. The attractive renovation of the Piazza sitting just across from Giovanni Caboto Park and several high traffic property openings in Chinatown are prime locations to start a new or next business.

Many of us know people in business or looking to go into business. Or, you may be one yourself. Many of us can be on the lookout for new businesses or entrepreneurs and encourage them to seriously consider moving their business into McCauley.

For more information to endorse local business opportunities or encourage entrepreneurs to come to McCauley you can contact the Chinatown BIA at bja.chinatown@gmail.com or 780-423-2628 or the Viva Italia District Association at jeff@vivaitaliaedmonton.com.

Founder of THE nook CAFE Still Standing

ANITA JENKINS

In November of 2021, THE nook CAFE, a vendor of great baked goods, became a feature of the Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market. Their window-front booth is tucked to the right near the 97th Street entrance.

Most weekends, co-owner Lynsae Moon is behind the counter, not just promoting her products but also charming the customers. All of the market vendors are charming but this one has a slight edge. Perhaps it's because of her remarkable history in the downtown coffee shop/restaurant scene.

In June of 2017, Moon opened a unique establishment called THE nook CAFE just south of the market on 101A Avenue. Her unique and clear vision, along with her boundless energy, inspired *Edify* magazine to name her a Top 40 Under 40 in their class of 2021.

Moon's goal, as described on THE nook CAFE's website (nookyeg.com), is "to build community by inviting closeness through a space of warmth and belonging." The definition of "com-



Lynsae Moon at THE nook CAFE's booth at the Downtown Farmers Market. Paula E. Kirman

munity" is wide-ranging. For example, Moon adopted a pay-it-forward suspended coffee program, inviting people to purchase buttons to be kept in a jar and used by anyone who needed to redeem them for food and drink. She welcomed underprivileged people to patronize the cafe along with the artsy

people who like this sort of place and the traditional business crowd like federal government workers from Canada Place located across the street.

Sadly, three and half years after opening, adversity and challenges came in waves. First there was the ongoing pan-

demic and then a major construction project that removed easy access to the cafe and use of the patio. There were complications related to the provincial government's rent and employee subsidies to address the pandemic, and ongoing difficulty negotiating with the landlord. It was a recipe for bankruptcy, but as Moon puts it, "I am still standing."

Moon pivoted to farmers market venues. First, she had an outdoor booth at the 124 Grand Market. Then, she moved to the downtown market booth, baking the items for sale in THE nook CAFE's original premises. But this space will not be available after the lease expires in June, so she is looking for a new baking site and perhaps a new cafe location.

Moon continues to passionately embrace her original goals, which include "to build but not gentrify." She says, "A cafe is reminiscent of a daytime bar, a place where people come to decompress, meet friends, and be social. It becomes a part of people's rituals."

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

More Than A Soccer Program

McCauley Kids Soccer Program offers fitness, fun, and friendship.

KRISTA WILLIAMSON

From September of 2021 to May of 2022, the McCauley Kids Indoor Soccer Program ran almost every Saturday and Sunday at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) gym. With over 40 youth participating in the program, the EIC gym and connected hallway were filled with the sounds of soccer balls flying, kids laughing, and parents and peers cheering everyone on.

Youth, ranging from 4 to 11 years old with diverse skill levels, honed their soccer skills week after week thanks to the amazing coaching abilities of Allan Suarez. Allan, the lead visionary of the program, worked with parent volunteers and the McCauley Community League (MCL) to design and offer this inclusive soccer program focusing on physical literacy and leadership. With the support of other partners, such as the Italian Centre and the City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Revitalization, nutritious snacks were also provided to help fuel the athletes during the program. When not playing soccer or cheering on their peers, youth took breaks from the action by making crafts, playing a parent-run activity, and making new friends within the community.

At the end of the indoor soccer season, a party was held on May 1 to celebrate the accomplishments of the youth who



The young players who attended the indoor soccer season wrap-up on May 1st, along with coach Allan Suarez. Jacob Kos

participated in this amazing community program. In addition to a game of soccer and team photos, piñatas, balloon animals, party games, and junk food made for a fun end-of-the-session party. This party was so much fun that one soccer player, seven-year-old Lazarus Jujjuvarapu, even deemed it "the best day of my life."

Although the indoor season is over, soccer is not! The McCauley Kids Soccer Program started the outdoor season at the end of May at Giovanni Caboto Park. Make sure to check out the MCL at mccauleycl.com/soccer for more details.

A special thank you to all the parents, vol-

unteers, community partners, and kids who assisted in providing such a positive experience and environment.

Krista, who lives in the McCauley community with her family, volunteers with the McCauley Kids Soccer Program. She enjoys getting to know the youth in the community and connecting with their families.

YEG Chinatown Now Tour, Part Two

The 1980s to the present day.

ANITA JENKINS

Lan Chan-Marples, a well-known member of the Chinese community, recently led a fascinating and informative tour of Edmonton's Chinatown. What follows is a brief summary of the second part of the tour. (The first part was described in the April-May 2022 issue of Boyle McCauley News.)

In the early 1980s, the federal government built its regional office, Canada Place, on the spot where Edmonton's Chinatown had existed for almost a century.

In response to this dramatic change, the Chinese community launched several construction projects nearby: a mall that included a 600-seat restaurant for special events and dim sum, a multicultural centre, seniors' housing, and association buildings. In 1987 in cooperation with Harbin, Edmonton's sister city in China, the Harbin Gate was erected on 97th Street and 102nd Avenue.

It soon became evident that the property taxes in the area were too high for small retail businesses to pay. Only two remain: Double Greeting Won Ton House and United Grocers. Oth-



A video still from *Chinatown Tour with Lan*. Lan Chan-Marples is pictured in the centre pointing towards Canada Place. Fallout Media

er businesses moved north on 97th Street, in the area of 107th Avenue. These included restaurants, bakeries, grocery stores, herbal stores, and a Chinese newspaper. The result is two Chinatowns – South and North. And North Chinatown is a blend of various cultures, including Korean, Vietnamese, Italian, and African.

Chan-Marples describes the story of Edmonton Chinatown as a “long history of tension and fighting a strong wind.” The community was renamed The Quarters, which she

says is “an erasure of Chinese history.” Another blow was the removal of the Harbin Gate in 2017 to accommodate LRT construction. There are promises of its reconstruction in another location but nothing has happened to date. Also, the LRT track runs through the South Chinatown corridor.

Development of the Ice District has created parking restrictions in Chinatown North that affect businesses, some of which have been displaced and have moved further

north. Chan-Marples cites other social issues affecting the area, including the increase in homelessness with the opening of several supervised injection sites. Finally, the pandemic has created great difficulty for Chinatown businesses, resulting in many closing or moving out of the area.

“The City’s decisions may be unintentional,” Chan-Marples says. The City’s plan does include mention of developing a Chinatown tourist district. As always, the Chinese community itself is moving ahead with increasing awareness of this special part of Edmonton – “making it the best it can be,” Chan-Marples says.

This tour of Edmonton's Chinatown, produced by aiyal哎呀! and Fallout Media, is available on STORYHIVE's YouTube channel. The tour leader, Lan Chan-Marples, is a Chinatown advocate who has been researching, writing, and telling the story of Edmonton's Chinatown past and present. She is a member of aiyal哎呀! – an intergenerational group of artists and community members in Edmonton's Chinatown.

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

An Important Milestone in the Project 10 Initiative

The demolition of 10 problem properties.

ERICA MARIE

The Edmonton Community Development Company (ECDC) has reached its goal of 10 problem properties for their Project 10 initiative.

Anna Bubel, a long-time resident of McCauley and researcher for ECDC, assisted in acquiring these properties through community networking. In 2018, through conversations with McCauley and Alberta Avenue community members, ECDC discovered derelict properties were their most significant pain point. Neighbours were exposed to drug activities, risk of fires, and decreased property values.

The ECDC decided to make Project 10 a priority and set a goal to acquire and demolish 10 problem properties in Edmonton's core neighbourhoods and build new homes for families to purchase. However, purchasing these properties was not an easy task. Properties rarely come on sale in the open market. Bubel said, “Acquisition has been difficult. There are hundreds of potential inventories that are not listed, so it's not a straightforward process.” Some owners hold on to their property,



A 3D rendering of the house that will be ready for sale in June. Supplied by the ECDC

thinking it will increase in value, leaving it abandoned for many years.

Project 10 was a proof of concept for ECDC. The organization performed a study on the socio-economic costs of problem properties and recognized the urgency of its revitalization efforts. Bubel says, “we cannot stop with 10 properties;

we need to be relentless with getting these properties torn down.” Ten properties are just the beginning.

Seeing a derelict property torn down gives residents hope for a vibrant future. There is a lot of work to be done between purchasing, demolition, and selling a property. The drawn-out process can make it

feel like change is out of reach. However, it was a moment to celebrate on April 29th during a walk-through of the first ECDC property, which will be ready for the market in June. Bubel says, “I'm really proud. I know this really makes a difference.”

Erica Marie is a content writer for the ECDC.



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The ECDC has demolished two drug houses on 93rd street but needs to rezone to build a family-orientated front-to-back duplex on a single lot.

Get involved and interact with City Council to advocate for the proposed rezoning. Book a time to present your case during the Public Hearing at City Hall on

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.

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The EIC Initiative

Fostering a community of love, support, and care.

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

As a system of service and various advocacies, the Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) now hosts 13 non-profit organizations in converted office spaces throughout the historic 1912 McCauley School building in the heart of the McCauley community. Some refer to it as "the old brick building on 107th Avenue" usually followed by asking, "What goes on there?" or commenting, "I thought that place was closed." Actually, it's so alive, it has a heartbeat!

The EIC provides these organizations an avenue to raise awareness and offer intercultural sharing and learning, inclusion, and anti-racism through art, education, research, and recreation. Our member tenants share an atmosphere of a dynamic micro-community made of diverse sectors with the same goal: Intercultural Engagement.

Food for All!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, **Multicultural Health Brokers Co-Op (MCHB)**, in partnership with the Edmonton Food Bank, Leftovers Edmonton, and Multicultural Family Resource Society (MFRS), saw the demand for food security increase by nearly 500 percent. MCHB had to rapidly expand its existing Food Distribution/Grocery Run Program to look after and serve their unique and diverse

communities. This program is now consistently and efficiently providing over 3,200 individuals with weekly, essential food hampers.

This organization aims not only to provide food, but also to distribute nutritious and culturally-relevant items to members of ethnocultural communities who are dealing with chronic poverty. The demand for programs like this rose during the pandemic when more than 550 families found themselves in crisis due to an increased need for medical care and support, reduced work hours, and loss of employment. MCHB aims to reach more families as they bounce back from these times.

Culturally-Responsive Early Learning and Child Care

Aside from food, education is a basic need of all individuals, especially children. **Intercultural Child and Family Centre (ICFC)** strives to nurture children by offering child care with a socially-responsible and progressive attitude.

This organization provides a vibrant learning community that shares knowledge about traditions, food, language, and daily practices. ICFC is led by certified educators and trained professionals who continuously engage in child care education and professional development. They also conduct research on cultural diversity, cultural identity, and multicultural childhood assessments.

Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre.

If Only June Were Forever

IAN YOUNG

ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." (Lucy Maud Montgomery, Canadian author, 1874-1942)

I refer to June as the halfway mark. It is the sixth month out of the full twelve of the year. The beginning of summer is on Tuesday, June 21st (at 3:14 a.m. MST, to be exact). School will be winding down, while patios and outdoor markets will abound and daylight will be longer. What a gift you are, June.

Fun fact: June used to be the fourth month of the year in the

original Roman calendar, before the Julian Calendar was created!

In addition to June 21 being the summer solstice, it is also National Indigenous Peoples Day. Another important date coming up in June of 2022 is Father's Day on June 19th, which is a day to recognize fathers or father figures.

My favourite, of course, is International Picnic Day! It is celebrated on June 18th this year. However, any day can be Picnic Day. Just pack up a picnic basket, or go grab some items from a local shop, and head to Giovanni Caboto Park.

Happy Summer - celebrate the sunshine!

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

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PLEASE CONTACT THE SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION/AGENCY IN ADVANCE TO CONFIRM.

CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

BISSELL CENTRE
780-423-2285 x 111 (General Inquiries)
Community Space: Closed to support operations at the Edmontonton Convention Centre.
Bissell Centre Early Childhood Development Program
9331-105 Avenue Edmonton Alberta T5H 4E4
780-429-4126
Operating Hours: Monday to Friday full-time care 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Lunch provided by parents; centre provides a.m. and p.m. snacks
FREE Drop-in/respite spaces available Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Spaces are limited, please call ahead to reserve a space for your child.

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 Quinn Strikwerda
Pastoral Assistants: Jim Gurnett & Michelle Nieviadomy
Sunday Service: 11 a.m. - noon
Take-away snack bags Sunday at noon.
Visits and other pastoral services on request.
info@icpmontomton.ca

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. to 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:
Monday - Friday
Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.
Lunch 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
Supper 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Weekends & Holidays
Brunch 10:45 am - 11:30 a.m.
Supper 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

HOPE MISSION SHELTER:
Men, Women, Youth
Doors open 8:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
HOPE MISSION COMMUNITY CHURCH:
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. Hope Mission Centre - 9908 106 Avenue
7:00 p.m. Herb Jamieson Centre - 10014 105A Avenue

HOPE MISSION HEALTH CLINIC:
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Family Doctor Monday to Friday
Walk-in: 9:00-3:00 p.m.
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SACRED HEART CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES
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Sunday: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart School Gymnasium
4:00 p.m. (Eritrean Mass) at St. Clare Catholic Church
7 p.m. at Santa Maria Goretti Catholic Church.
Currently, we are allowed to have 175 participants for the Sunday Masses. All are welcome. No need for registration.
Monthly Baptism preparation class is available to prepare parents for their child's Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmations. Please call the office to register their names. (Our Sacred Heart Church is under renovation and the use of the St. Kateri Hall and the Church is not allowed until the church inauguration.)

THE LEARNING CENTRE LITERACY ASSOCIATION is seeking volunteer tutors to help adults develop reading, writing and/or math skills. Volunteers participate in group learning, tutor one-to-one, or assist drop-in learners. Skills and Experience: High school level reading, writing and/or math skills. Openness to tutor and learn with adults with various life experiences, including living with homelessness. Two locations: Boyle Street Community Services and Abbottsfield Mall.
Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator
780-429-0675 or email: dl.learningcentre@shaw.ca

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

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.

BOYLE STREET PLAZA/YMCA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE WEEKLY COLLECTIVE KITCHEN CLASSES
Tues. 1-3 p.m.
Wed. 10 a.m.-noon
Thurs. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
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U/G Parking \$1/hr - access on 104 Avenue between 95 Street and 96 Street
For information and registration call 780-426-9265

DROP-IN GYM
YMCA Boyle Street Plaza
9538-103A Avenue
Drop-In Fee: \$5
Badminton (ages 16+): Sundays: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
Pickleball (ages 16+):
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McCauley Litter Blitz! Saturday June 25, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Meet at McCauley Apartments parking lot (9541 108A Ave.)
There's a lot of trash out there - let's get the Litter Squad back together for a litter blitz. Please join Safer McCauley, e4c, and the residents of McCauley Apartments to clean up our neighbourhood.
Meet in the parking lot to get your litter clean up supplies, then join us at noon for cool treats and high fives.

Drop-In Gardening Program
Do you want to learn to grow something but need some guidance? Are you short on time and not sure you can commit to a garden for the whole season? Come to our drop-in sessions at the Alex Taylor School Community Garden and get your hands in the soil for as much or as little as you like. Facilitated by Monika, master gardener and good friend of plants and flowers.
Every Wednesday from 4:00:00 p.m. at 9321 Jasper Ave. (on the east side), May 25-September 28.

WECAN Food Co-Operative
Purchase inexpensive meat and produce for pickup once per month at McCauley Apartments (9541-108A Ave.). Visit wecanfood.com or call the e4c McCauley Office at 780-424-2870 for help to order.

Please visit our Facebook page @e4cwellness or a full schedule of FREE sessions and groups, open to all. Contact Kathryn or Mike at the e4c McCauley office at 780-424-2870, or email krambow@e4calberta.org or msiek@e4calberta.org.

Choose Chinatown YEG

A love letter to an Edmonton icon.

BRANDY BASISTY

Architecturally and culturally diverse, Edmonton's Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) is home to approximately 120 businesses - most of which are local and family-owned. Approximately one-third of these businesses are restaurants that serve nutritious, inexpensive, delicious food. There's an array of cuisine to choose from, whether you want Hot Pot, BBQ, Vietnamese, Dim Sum, Filipino, Thai, Korean, African, South Asian, or Japanese (and the list goes on!).

Chinatown YEG also offers fresh, reasonably-priced grocery food. Like their Alberta Avenue neighbours to the north, Chinatown features local bakeries and butcher shops, including halal options. Chinatown also hosts a wide range of health services, such as pharmacies and Chinese traditional herb stores, western medical clinics, and acupuncture/traditional Chinese medicine.

The wide selection of products and services offered in Chinatown (along with Little Italy and Alberta Avenue) are expressions of the culturally-rich communities in which we live - and provide many opportunities to support local businesses that need our patronage more than ever before. While the economic effects of COVID-19 have been felt across the city, Edmonton's core neighbourhoods have

been additionally impacted by recurring incidents of property damage (such as fires and break-ins).

According to the Chinatown Business Association, many smaller business owners within or near the BIA have experienced so many repeat occurrences of property damage that they're no longer allowed to access insurance funds to cover repairs. These expenses (in addition to extra costs for cleaning and security measures in the space) are difficult to shoulder after the two-year loss of revenue caused by the pandemic. Many fear that more of these family businesses will close their doors if they do not receive increased support, that Chinatown will disappear, and that Edmonton will lose an iconic part of its identity and history.

I humbly ask readers to offer your support for Chinatown by regularly shopping at Chinatown stores and ordering from Chinatown restaurants (if you have the means). A big part of why I've lived in the area for 16 years is because there's a community spirit of looking out for each other. I believe we can keep helping one another and show our Chinatown neighbours some love.

Brandy Basisty is Program Coordinator with the Neighbourhood Organizing Initiative at REACH Edmonton. She lives in the Alberta Avenue district.

Marching Against Anti-Asian Racism



A march from City Hall to the Pacific Rim Mall in Chinatown took place on Sunday, May 8th to mark the National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism. The event was organized by the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society along with community partners, including the City of Edmonton, which officially proclaimed the day for May 10th. Paula E. Kirman

Building Great Neighbourhoods

Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal

Changes are coming to your streets, sidewalks and open spaces!

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with us since November 2020, providing feedback through our community conversations, surveys, emails and phone calls with the Project Team.

We are now ready to share final designs that will change the way you walk, bike, roll, drive and gather in the Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhoods.

Stay informed and engaged:

- **Review** the final design
- **Ask Questions** at an online information session, **June 22 or 23** (pre-registration required)
- **Provide feedback** by completing the online survey, open from **June 13 – 30**

For more information and to sign up for project updates visit edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley

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A Tribute to Bill Bourne

March 28th, 1954 - April 16th, 2022

CORINE DEMAS & PAULA E. KIRMAN

Legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Bill Bourne died on April 16th following a long battle with bladder cancer. He had recently turned 68. Upon the news of his death, his Facebook page was flooded with memories from hundreds of friends, fans, and fellow musicians.

Known for his fingerstyle guitar picking and distinctive vocals, Bourne traversed the musical genres of folk, country, and blues through his solo work and numerous collaborations. He was nominated for and received numerous Juno awards, and was respected and admired for his generosity, professionalism, and down-to-earth nature. Bill Bourne often mentored and encouraged emerging musicians, and lived a relatively private life when he wasn't touring.

Bourne lived in McCauley for a time and could often be found having coffee at Spinelli's. He taught free guitar lessons for young people through the Boyle Street Community League at one point, and he often performed at numerous events and venues in the



Bill Bourne performing on the music main stage at the 2018 Heart of the City Festival. Paula E. Kirman

area - including the Heart of the City Festival.

In 2018, the Heart of the City Festival decided to give musicians and songwriters the opportunity to be mentored by a seasoned musician. Bill Bourne was an obvious choice as mentor for this program. He chose to work with Wendy Gregson and Renee McLachlan. The duo met with him for

three sessions and wrote a song called "Ancient Rhythm" which they played in a windstorm on the main stage at Heart of the City that year.

Bourne had difficulty choosing who to work with for the mentorship program as he felt that all the candidates were worthy. In his typically generous way, Bourne gave each of the applicants the opportunity to spend

two hours with him. Ten bands and solo artists took him up on his offer. Bourne told the musicians that finding interesting and new rhythms was key. He also advised that once a songwriter has gotten a song polished and has performed it, they should immediately record it and move on to the next song.

For Bill Bourne, music and spirituality were connected. Throughout these meetings, he spoke about how mystical music is and how one can express spirituality through music.

In his obituary, people were asked not to weep, but "to love each other, and dance and celebrate" - the latter request referring to one of Bourne's most famous songs. His music will live on as his legacy, with its messages of peace, love, and kindness that he shared so freely.

Corine Demas is the President of the Heart of the City Festival. Paula E. Kirman, when she is not editing Boyle McCauley News, is a musician who had the privilege of working with Bill Bourne for a number of performances and projects.

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Celebrating Spring with GLOW



The GLOW lantern workshop, parade, and spring equinox celebration took place on March 19th. The workshop at CO*LAB, led by local lantern artist Gabrielle (Gabs) deGouw, had people making their own mushroom-themed lanterns, which were then part of the evening's parade around Boyle Street. The event also featured live music. GLOW was organized by the Quarters Arts Society. Paula E. Kirman

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