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McCauley Shows Up for Community League Day

Over 600 attendees enjoyed performances, food, and activities.

ALICE KOS

"THIS is McCauley," commented a volunteer and long-time McCauley resident as she observed the beautifully diverse crowd assembled at the McCauley Community Rink on September 24th in celebration of Community League Day.

After being surprised with a line-up outside the gate 30 minutes before the event began, we were delighted to welcome over 600 attendees throughout the day. Folks from all walks of life were welcomed with free coffee, cookies, and muffins on arrival, followed by hot dogs, beverages, and ice cream sandwiches. Children and youth enjoyed a bouncy castle, face-painting, and balloon artists. Attendees were treated to top-notch live performances from The Prince Charles Fiddlers, Ron Pearson Magic, Alain Intwali, Shang De Tai Chi Praying Mantis Martial Arts Association, Homofonik, and Melafrique.

The day was made even better thanks to contributions from our community partners. E4C hosted a craft table where participants transformed McCauley Community League t-shirts into vibrant orange tie-dye, in preparation for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. Courtesy of the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative, the God of Wealth mascot graced us with his presence and entertained us with some pretty spectacular dance moves. Two players from the Edmonton Elks signed autographs and posed for photos with fans alongside their mascot, Punter. And REACH Ed-



Alice Kos and the God of Wealth. Alice Kos



The Prince Charles Fiddlers. Paula E. Kirman

monton, with funding support from McCauley Revitalization, gave away 100 sets of decorative string lights and 144 motion sensor lights to McCauley residents as part of Light Up McCauley.

A cheerful team of community volunteers were the lifeblood of this event. We didn't expect quite so many folks to come out, and the volunteers were run off their feet to ensure the day went as seamlessly as possible! We are so grateful to each of them for giving so generously of their time.

The McCauley Community League Board is committed to ensuring that its events are open to all, and entirely free. Heartfelt thanks to McCauley Revitalization and the Edmonton Arts Council for helping make that happen!

On a more personal note, as I reach the end of my term with the MCL Board, I want to express how proud I am to have worked with such a solid group of board volunteers over the past two years. Regardless of many pandemic roadblocks, we accomplished a great deal together, not least of which were two of the best-attended Community League Day events ever. When I feel overwhelmed by the challenges our community faces, it's events like these that remind me that there's so much beauty, vibrancy, and love in McCauley.

Alice is the President of the McCauley Community League.



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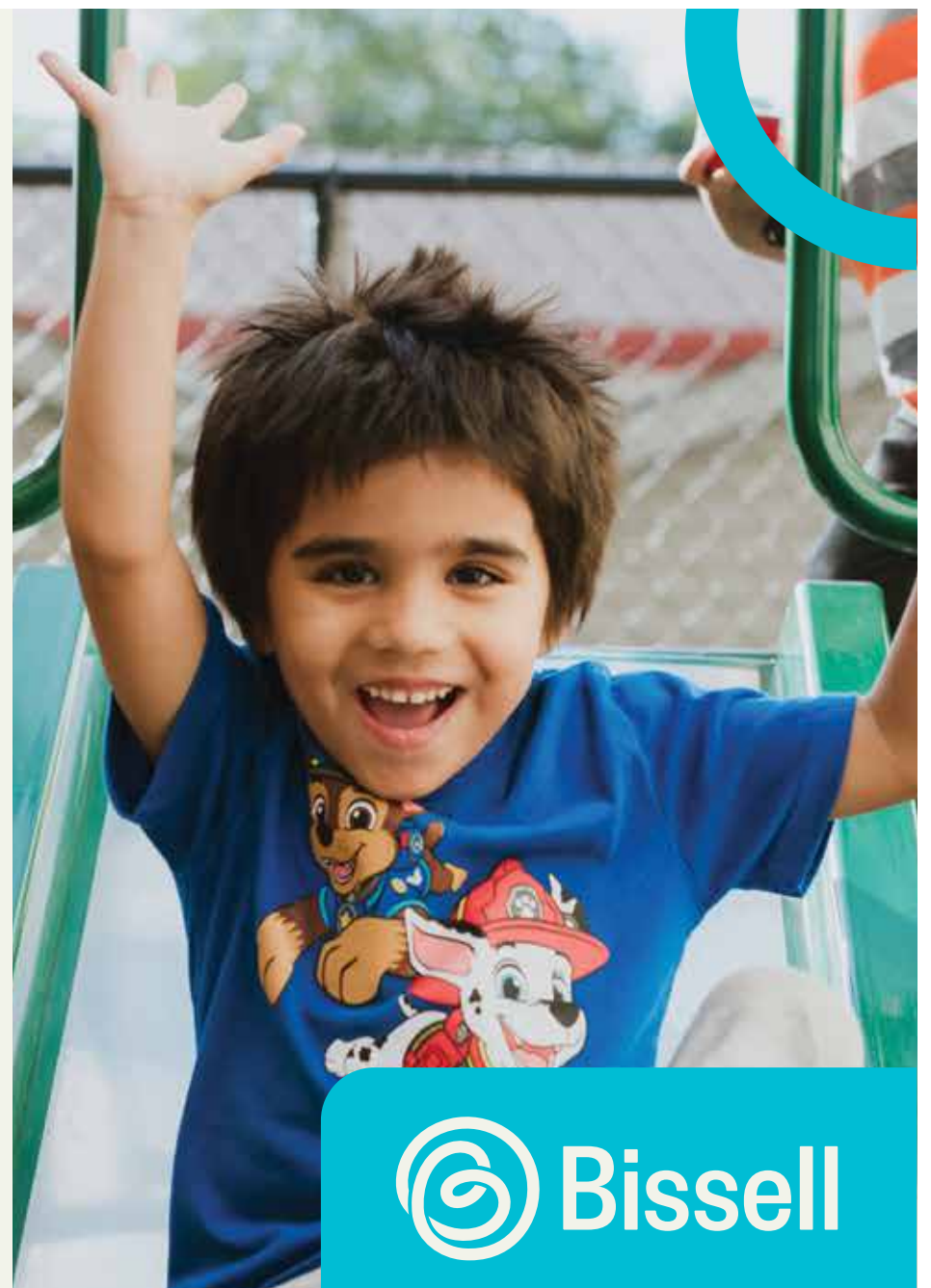
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When I was a young child, I was afraid of the dark. I would have to be accompanied by my favourite stuffed animal any time I got up during the night. I still have the toy, and if it could talk I am sure it would have plenty of stories to tell.

As I grew older, my list of fears expanded. People not liking me. Embarrassing myself in public. Failing my final exams. Being served brussels sprouts with dinner. Oh, how I hated those pungent little cabbage-like veggies.

Now as an adult, I still cling to some of my childhood fears. The darkness can be frightening at times, but vegetables don't bother

me as much anymore, if they are prepared well.

Joking aside, we all have our fears. They are part of what makes us human and unique individuals. We also have choices in how we deal with those fears. Sometimes facing those fears is the only way we can move forward in our lives and enjoy new and exciting experiences. After all, several people told me years ago that I should be afraid of hanging out in Boyle Street and McCauley. I'm glad I didn't listen to them.

Why am I spending so much time thinking about scary things? I'm writing this a few days before Halloween, a time when many people celebrate all things scary and even go out of their way to experience fear.

Horror movies and haunted houses may be some people's jam, but not mine. Bring on the costumes and candy, but when it comes to fear, there is enough scary stuff all around to last all year long.

Boyle McCauley News

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EDITOR'S NOTES

It may be getting chilly outside, but our distribution team and block carriers are still making sure the paper makes it to your doors. We still have a couple of routes up for grabs. Contact me for more information at editor@bmcnews.org.

If you are one of our readers who picks up their paper at one of our five newspaper boxes, we know that our boxes have been in need of a little love and attention. We are pleased to announce that David Williamson (known to many as "Rickshaw Dave") is our new Newspaper Box Technician. David will do his best to ensure the boxes are clean and functional.

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Enjoy this issue - and stay warm!

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Volume 44, Issue 1 will be published February 1st, 2023. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: January 12th, 2023. 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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Something to Celebrate



Janis Irwin (left) with Paula Kirman after presenting her with the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal at Boyle McCauley News' AGM on November 8th. Leif Gregersen

JANIS IRWIN

Dear friends,

I'd like to take this time to celebrate with you. In my role as MLA, I had the opportunity this fall to nominate some incredible people for the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. One of the people I was so proud to nominate was the editor of Boyle McCauley News, Paula Kirman.

If you know Paula, you'll know a couple of important things about her. One is that she works exceptionally hard to build and strengthen our community. Another is that she doesn't like to brag about this work. So I would love to use my update space, this time, to tell you about just some of the work that Paula does!

Paula is a well-known activist in Edmonton, and her strong sense of social justice is evident in her presence here in our communities of Boyle Street and McCauley, and beyond! Her commitment to anti-poverty and accessible housing initiatives, the peace movement, as well as environmentalism, bears out in the fact that you can find her at seemingly every rally, protest, and community gathering in support of these issues. By photographing and writing about these events, Paula also ensures that our community's activism is recorded so that we can look back to see how far we've come, and can chart a path forward.

Rather than seeking recognition by speaking over community members

whose voices have so often gone unheard and unrecognized, Paula chooses to support these folks and to do all she can to help amplify their voices. It's rare to spot Paula in photos of community events, because she's the one taking the photos! Through her work as editor here at Boyle McCauley News, Paula also makes very intentional choices about which stories the paper covers, and whose voices take precedence. She ensures that issues that aren't featured in other media have a place in this paper. And as printed news is becoming increasingly harder to find, Paula shows great commitment to ensuring that the news is available in hard copy for those who cannot or prefer not to access the news online.

If you know Paula, there's at least one more thing you know about her: she loves our communities. This love is so clear in all the work she does to ensure that our communities are both strong and compassionate. Friends, please join me in thanking Paula—for everything.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact our constituency office if we can offer any support. We'd love to hear from you.

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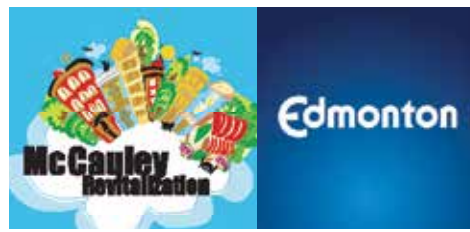
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Festival Celebrates Little Italy During Alberta Culture Days



People from all over Edmonton headed to Giovanni Caboto Park for the Festa dell'Uva Little Italy (Little Italy Grape Festival) on September 25th. The event featured lots of activities and performers. Highlights included a musical performance from legendary singer/songwriter Alfie Zappacosta (right) and the grape-stomping competition. The event was organized by Viva Italia Edmonton as part of Alberta Culture Days with funding from City of Edmonton and Government of Alberta and sponsorship from the Italian Centre Shop and McCauley Development Cooperative. Paula E. Kirman

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ALAN SCHIETZSCH

Curtis Cardinal, a local chef who grew up in northern Alberta, formed his love for bannock in his mom's kitchen, where he first learned how to create the traditional food and feed people. A Whitefish Lake First Nation member, Curtis credits his journey into the professional kitchen to her teaching him to cook early in life.

Bread is a very individual thing. Every chef and every family makes bread – in this case, bannock – a little differently. Some are chewy, some flaky, some heavy and dense, others light and cake-like. Cardinal brings this flexibility to an imaginative variety of bannock-based menu items.

Wanting to try several, I started with the Bannock Taco, a heaping basket of ground meat, shredded cheese, and lettuce atop a “tor-



Bannock Pizza Pop. Alan Schietzsch

tilla” of deconstructed bannock pieces. It was absolutely fresh and very filling, and the bannock was lighter and more crumbly than any bannock I had experienced before.

Next I tried the Bannock Fries, which are dough rolled before frying, accompanied by an herb and garlic sauce. They had a bit more chew, holding together and capturing

just enough of the hot oil to make the “French fry” inspiration come through without giving up their own identity.

Finally, we sampled the Bannock “Pizza Pop” which was an enormous half-dome of bannock filled with meat, cheese, and pizza sauce. It arrived piping hot, and the thick bannock crust held the heat throughout the eat. Saying something’s “a meal

in itself” may be a cliché, but not here – my dining companion, who’s a strongly-built adult man, was completely filled by it. This sure beats any factory pre-made pizza pop!

Cardinal has come a long way from first selling bannock over a decade ago from a backpack at powwows in the Edmonton area. Now that he’s opened an “official” restaurant in this bright and modern space, the vibe is relaxed, ordering is casual at the front counter, and there are small tables amid a vibrant art-lined space.

With his own recipe for bread and for life, Curtis continues his bannock adventure in our community, which is invited to try a taste of his bannock life at Tee Pee Treats.

Curtis also sells a prepared bannock mix (available on request) and offers catering for groups of 30 or more.

Tee Pee Treats is located inside the yellow door of CO*LAB between 96th and 97th Streets, just south from the Farmer’s Market and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Alan lives in McCauley. He is the Chair of the paper’s Board of Directors.



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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Resonates Through the Area

September 30th was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Also known as Orange Shirt Day, the day honours survivors of residential schools and the children who never returned home. Of the dozens of events to mark the day throughout Edmonton, several took place in Boyle Street and McCauley. Here is a look at some of them. **PHOTOS BY PAULA E. KIRMAN**



Clockwise from top left: 1) A morning gathering outside Ambrose Place with drumming and dancing, as well as the chance for community members to speak. 2) The Standing Together Orange Shirt Day Community Walk began at Mary Burle Park and weaved through Chinatown, finishing at Giovanni Caboto Park. It was led by Elder Lorette Goulet (front right) and supported by the City of Edmonton and YWCA Edmonton. 3) Sacred Heart Church is adorned in orange ribbons, as the approximately 150 participants in the Standing Together Orange Shirt Day Community Walk pass by. 4) Calling Our Spirits Back, organized by the Creating Hope Society, was an all day event at Boyle Street Plaza. It concluded in the evening with a round dance.

Taking Back the Night in Boyle Street



Dozens of marchers made their way through Boyle Street on the evening of October 19th to call for an end to violence against women. Take Back the Night began at CO*LAB and also featured speakers and cultural performances. It was organized by Women for Rights and Empowerment. *Paula E. Kirman*

Playspace Grand Opening



The official grand opening of the Boyle Street Neighbourhood Playspace took place on September 24th. The event featured speakers, Indigenous drummers and dancers, and a ribbon cutting ceremony. *Jordan Reiniger*



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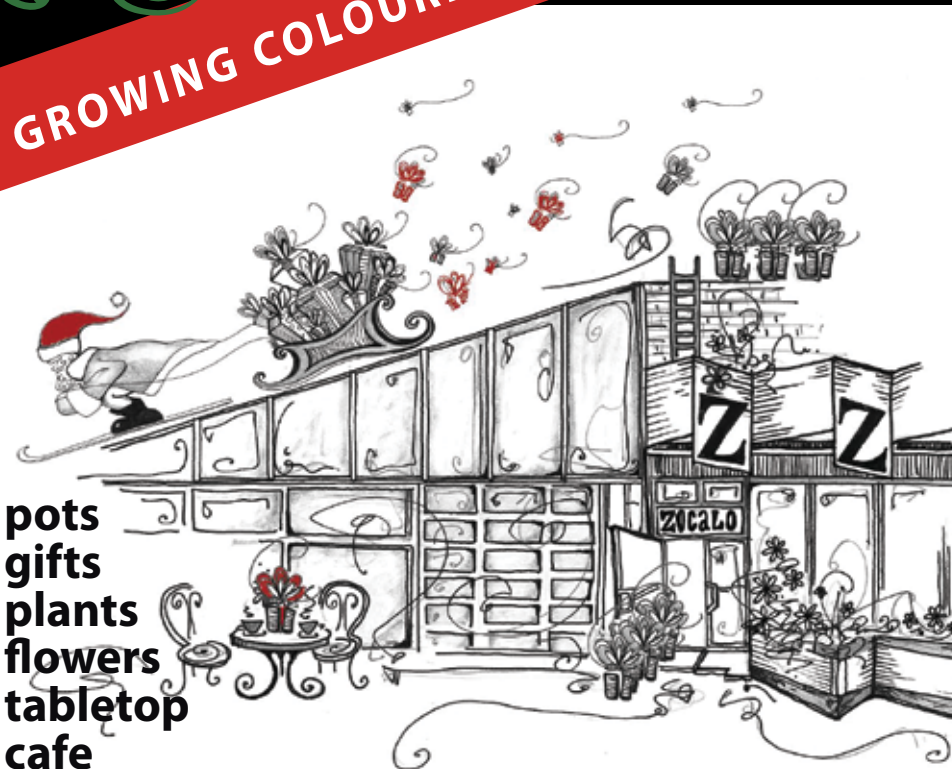
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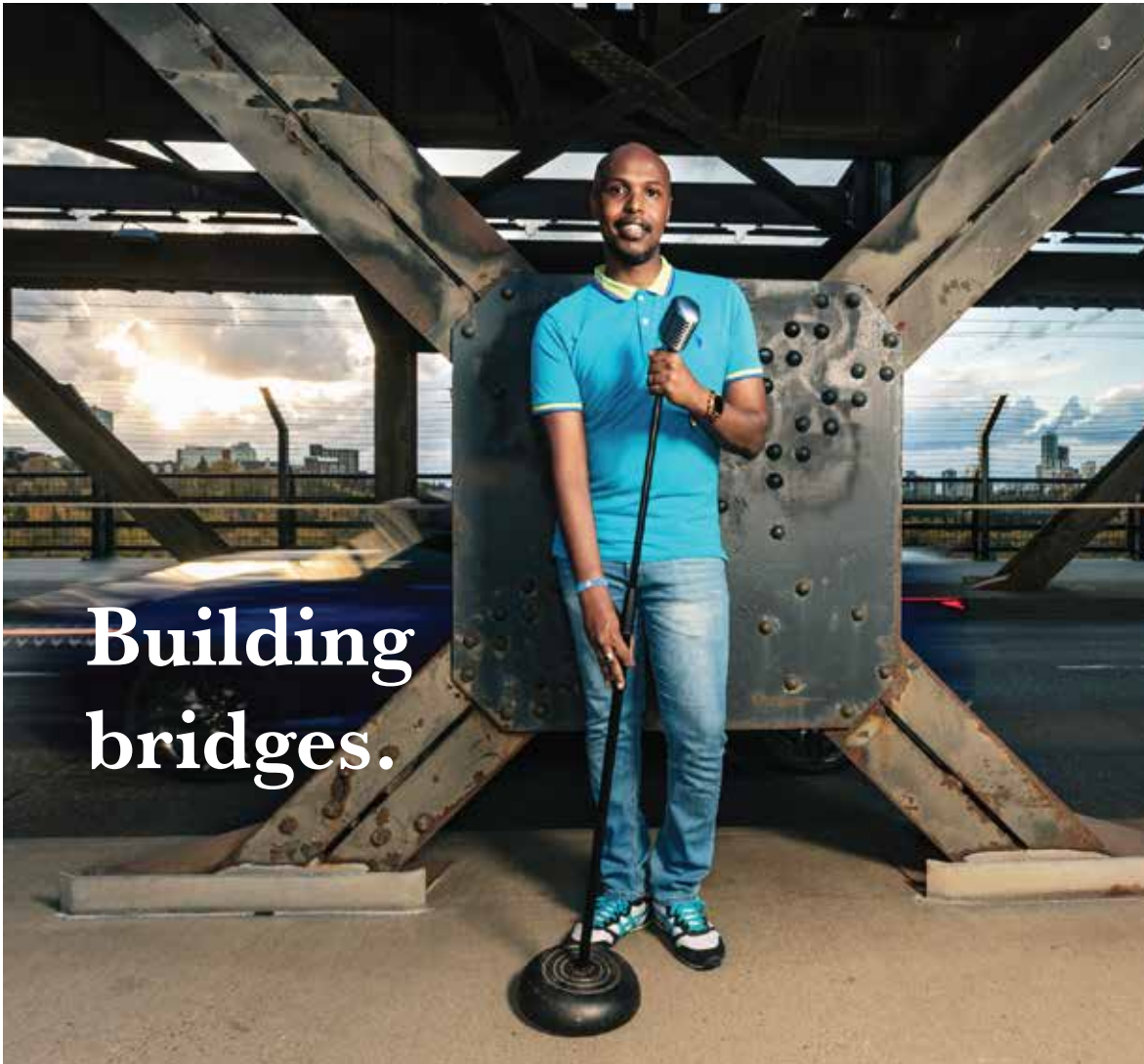
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IHLA: Languages and Learning

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International and Heritage Languages Association

The International and Heritage Languages Association (IHLA) is a non-profit organization consisting of a consortium of community-based heritage language schools and programs in Northern Alberta. Heritage language schools are community-run schools that operate typically on weekends. They teach the language and culture of the ethnic community that support them.

Prior to 1977, heritage language schools were taught by dedicated volunteers and operated in isolation among diverse linguistic and cultural communities. Thanks to a grant offered by the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism, heritage language schools organized a conference in 1977 by and for their teachers. Once teachers discovered that their challenges and rewards were similar across schools regardless of the languages they taught, they decided to continue to learn from one another.

In 1978, the Alberta Ethnic Language Teachers Association (AELTA) was born. In 2003, this organization would become IHLA in 2003. The tradition of learning from each other continues to this day. Most heritage language schools still have volun-

teers and/or provide a small honorarium to their teachers, many of whom are also Alberta Certified Teachers.

IHLA's membership consists of principals, teachers, teaching assistants, administrative school staff, and parent volunteers in the various heritage language schools that teach students of all ages, including pre-school, elementary, high school, and adult learners.

IHLA supports:

- heritage language students with the annual International Mother Language Day (MLD) and annual MLD Book which showcases student works and understanding of their language and culture
- volunteer, internationally-trained, and Canadian-trained teachers with professional development opportunities, curriculum support, the IHLA Newsletter, and career support and advice
- language school leaders by offering a mentorship programme, professional development and networking, advertisement, and help with creating a locally-developed curriculum.

IHLA is currently located in the Edmonton Intercultural Centre. It hosts a variety of events and learning opportunities within the building. Information about IHLA can be found at IHLA's website: ihla.ca. IHLA can also be reached at coordinator@ihla.ca (Coordinator) or edmontonihla@gmail.com (President, Antonella Cortese).

Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre.

Keeping Winter Warm

IAN YOUNG

ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

"One kind word can warm three winter months." - Japanese proverb

Winter is here, which means the snow and colder temperatures are visiting. Will it be a short stay, or will it stay longer than anticipated?

Each season has something to offer, from recognized celebrations to season-suited events. A great website to find out what's happening in the city is events.in.edmonton/. From paint nights, concerts, readings, and community events and more, if you are a winter insider or prefer outdoors there is always something to do!

Winter is a harsh reality, especially for the vulnerable community living outdoors. We can

all have a part in helping. Donations for clothing are always in demand. At this time of year it is especially important because we also have newcomers who will be experiencing an Edmonton winter for the first time!

211 is a great resource that can direct you to the agencies accepting donations. It is also a good number to call if you have concerns about someone in distress. Of course, if it is an emergency, call 911.

This community makes me proud of the unity and the diversity in its neighbourhoods. If you are in need of a bit of help yourself, you can contact The Edmonton Christmas Bureau at www.christmasbureau.ca. They offer assistance in a lot of ways.

I wish all people reading this a joyous winter season.

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

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info@icpmedmonton.ca

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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.

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Taking Down More Problem Properties

ECDC continues its work on community redevelopment.

ERICA MARIE

The Edmonton Community Development Company (ECDC) is determined to redevelop 22 more problem properties within the next two years as a follow-up to its Project 10 initiative.

In 2020, the organization sought to acquire and demolish 10 derelict properties and build new homes for families to purchase.

This pilot project was developed in response to harmful conditions that affect residents in mature neighbourhoods. Problem properties attract criminal activity and pose a major safety concern for the community.

These boarded-up homes are often in terrible shape, with run-down exteriors and strewn garbage surrounding the property. Having encountered former meth labs and highly volatile chemicals, the team never knows what they'll find when they enter these houses. Once, they almost fell through a hole because there had been a fire in the basement that was never disclosed.

The ECDC has two new modern duplexes on the market in the neighbourhoods of McCauley and Alberta Avenue. They hope to sell one of these properties and use those funds to purchase their eleventh property. Karen Gingras, Executive Director of ECDC, says, "Hope-



The ECDC is redeveloping this problem property in Alberta Avenue, located at 11221 94th Street, into a modern front-to-back duplex. Supplied by ECDC

fully, that occurs before the end of this year. If not, then we anticipate making a purchase in the first quarter of 2023."

Most of the derelict properties purchased for Project 10 were north-east of downtown, but ECDC is looking to expand to other communities such as Inglewood, Britannia-Youngstown, Balwin, Belvedere, Queen Mary Park, Central McDougall, Jasper Place, and Chinatown.

"We are seeking to add problem and derelict properties in these neighbourhoods to our database, so we are seeking addresses and pictures from residents in the communities," says Gingras.

Skil-Tec and Euro Design Master Builder (EDMB) specialize in infill development and are constructing new homes for Project 10. According to Gingras, they plan to partner with these builders in their upcoming projects.

"We will be increasing the minimum energy efficiency requirements from our builders and want to build basement suites in each unit so people can have them for extended family or to rent out. Since we would like to purchase and build on twenty-two sites, we hope to find at least one additional builder that aligns with our goals and can build a quality product in the price range we'd like to keep so that the homes remain affordably priced."

Another service the organization wants to add, along with developing these next properties, is to create a home ownership program that includes financial literacy and matched savings accounts.

"We are also at the beginning of plans for a homeownership program with a non-profit organization in Edmonton. Hopefully we can launch these two homeownership programs before the end of 2022," Gingras adds.

The ECDC's redevelopment initiative aligns with Edmonton's Neighbourhood Revitalization Program as outlined in their 10-year strategic City Plan. With the support of the city, ECDC aims to improve livability in mature neighbourhoods while maintaining vibrancy and promoting equity for all Edmontonians.

For more information, visit www.edmontoncdc.org.

Erica Marie is a content writer for the ECDC.

Lightfall Fundraiser for CO*LAB



The band Monks On Call performed at Lightfall, a fundraiser for Quarters Arts Society/CO*LAB, on October 14th. Lightfall featured light installations, live music, and a silent auction. CO*LAB is still seeking community support - visit linktr.ee/colabyeg for more information. Paula E. Kirman

Halloween Party at McCauley Rink



Around 88 children (and their adults) enjoyed games, snacks, music, and more at the 27th Annual Inner City Kids Safe Halloween at the McCauley Rink. The event was organized by community volunteer Shelley Hollingsworth, with sponsorship from e4c and the McCauley Community League. Paula E. Kirman

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George Zhang: "Mentorship is very empowering."

CORINE DEMAS

George Zhang is a musician and also a mentor at CreArt. He has been playing the guitar for many years, and he also sings and plays a bit of piano and violin.

CreArt Edmonton's website states that "CreArt is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating accessible art and community spaces where people share their knowledge in a horizontal approach to education and community development. We strongly believe in the power of arts to produce positive social transformation in our society."

Zhang became involved with CreArt seven years ago, when he met Sebastian Barrera, the founder of CreArt Edmonton. "I started off as a guitar student at CreArt. I was taught by him alongside many other CreArt mentors. Slowly, I started to resonate with his inspiring vision: to promote free education in arts and community development. As I became better at guitar, I also followed Sebastian's path and became a mentor," he explains.

"I was told that I'm one of the youngest mentors in the community. I actually believe that the idea of mentorship is



George Zhang. Supplied

very empowering because it feels really nice to see students of yours grow. They can use what they have learned to make other people grow as well. That is the whole idea of CreArt - to give the opportunity to everyone who wants to participate," Zhang says.

"My mission aligns with CreArt's mission to promote non-profit arts in the community. We want to have social transformation in the form of art. The best way we think to do that is through our ability to mentor others and give

them the opportunity to learn what they want. I have been part of CreArt for many years. I think this will be seven or eight years with CreArt. Every Saturday I teach guitar and mentor other community members. And I've been doing that for four or five years."

Zhang is also a board member of CreArt. He joined the board two years ago when he turned 18. "I have been involved in CreArt's other projects not as a volunteer, but as an official member of the board and a mentor. Every

year in the summer we have a mural project where we paint a lot of murals and we put them up in the river valley," he adds.

One of Zhang's projects is a YouTube channel for him and his band, called "Ph15 Music." "We try our best to record our own music, along with other covers, and try to upload it. We are looking for more opportunities to perform and also to collaborate with others."

What does the future hold for Zhang? "I am currently [pursuing] an Education degree hoping to become a teacher. I think that was influenced by CreArt. As I said previously, watching my students strive and become better day by day is very rewarding for me. I do really believe in leadership and mentorship."

You can find out more about how to take free guitar lessons or participate in mural painting and other projects with CreArt at creartedmonton.com. And, check out Zhang's band "Ph15 Music" on YouTube.

Corine Demas is the President of the Heart of the City Festival and the special events coordinator for the McCauley Community League.

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