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## 1909 Boyle Street Building Being Restored

Edmonton Iron Works will have another chapter in its long history.



The Edmonton Iron Works building. Leif Gregersen

### ANITA JENKINS

Restoration is well underway on one of Edmonton's oldest buildings, a 1909 industrial site called Edmonton Iron Works. This structure, located on the east side of 96th Street north of 104th Avenue, is interesting for a number of reasons.

First, it is the place where Edmonton Iron Works manufactured materials to construct a very new and rapidly growing city. As well, it was not only functional but also aesthetically pleasing, with its brick façade and large windows. And, it is one of a small number of historic sites left in the Boyle Street area, the original location of Edmonton's city centre.

The City of Edmonton now owns Edmonton Iron Works and is continuing rehabilitation work on the foundation and significant portions of the building structure – what Principal Heritage Planner David Johnston calls “the really scary stuff.”

“Current tasks include restoring exterior walls, installing new floors, addressing a range of structural repairs, and preparing the space for new uses,” Johnston says. The project is challenging, he adds, since “rough and tumble” heavy industry can result in a lot of wear and tear.

The building's location is near what was then a railway that facilitated shipping and receiving. After Edmonton Iron Works shut down

its business in 1927, various other industrial companies were located there. But by 2016 the building had been empty for a number of years and the owner had applied to demolish it. The structure was on the City's Inventory of Historic Resources, but this listing did not give the City any power to stop demolition.

“Alberta Culture headed off the process by ordering the property owner to provide a historic assessment,” Johnston says. The owner then sold the property, and the City of Edmonton made an unusual and rare decision to buy it.

Plans are for the space to be available for tenants by 2024. The Ed-

monton Arts Council has already committed to moving in when work is completed.

Work is also proceeding on the 1950s annex on the north side of the Edmonton Iron Works Building, which the City also owns (along with an annex on the south side, which is on hold for the moment). These areas will be renovated as opposed to the restoration techniques required for the central historic section.

“The restoration of the Iron Works could be a catalyst for the Quarters area,” Johnston says.

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



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**Sunset as Seen in McCauley**



A colourful sunset over McCauley in early January as seen from behind McCauley Apartments. Leif Gregersen

**Celebrating the Year of the Rabbit**



5 Elements: Drums and Lion Dance Crew in performance at Kingsway Mall during Lunar New Year celebrations on January 14th that were organized by the Chinese Graduates Association of Alberta. The Chinese Lunar New Year in 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit, while in Vietnamese culture it is the Year of the Cat. The Lunar New Year began on January 22nd. Paula E. Kirman

# That First Bowl of Pho



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

## MCCAULEY MUSINGS

A couple of years before I began editing *Boyle McCauley News*, a friend took me to a restaurant in Chinatown and led me through the process of ordering and consuming my first ever bowl of pho soup. This was a triple first for me: dining in Chinatown, eating pho, and using chopsticks. Since then, I have become accustomed to engaging in all three of these activities. I always reflect on this experience in the context of it taking a friend to push me out of my comfort zone and introduce me to something new, fun, and delicious.

At other times, I have been that friend who has introduced new places and cuisines to others. One

time, after lunch a friend and I ended up going to a gift store in Chinatown to purchase a set of chopsticks so my friend could practise using them, hopefully to get better at it for our next lunch adventure.

I am not sure how many people I have brought to the restaurants, stores, and events Boyle Street and McCauley have to offer, but I know that each person walked away with an experience they never would have tried if not for my encouragement and persistence. In some cases, they left with a new perspective on the neighbourhoods and have become return visitors.

Trying something new doesn't have to be something extreme or require a great deal of effort or planning. It can be something simple, like taking someone to a new restaurant to try a kind of food they have never tasted. Sometimes these small things can make a huge impact. I'll always remember that first bowl of pho and the subsequent life choices I made - like becoming editor of this paper.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

The new year brings some changes to the paper. First of all, Karen Simons, who has been our lead proofreader for the past four years, has decided to take a break. We thank her for her service, and I especially am grateful for her help in elevating the quality of the paper to new heights. Thank you, Karen!

At the same time, we would like to thank Glen Argan, who is stepping into our lead proofreading role. Glen is an experienced editor and has been a guest proofreader in the past. Welcome, Glen!

We also have two new board members to welcome: Richard Nguyen and Deb-

orah Stewart. Richard grew up in the area and is also a Block Carrier. Some of you may be familiar with Deborah's name, as she was a board member (and a Co-Chair) a number of years ago. Thank you both for stepping up!

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# New Strategy and Dedicated Resources Added to Help Address Problem Properties

Problem properties are much more than abandoned houses with overgrown weeds. They are magnets for repeat criminal activity, place a burden on emergency services and pose a significant public health risk. Their presence in a community generates frequent and serious complaints and safety concerns.

Problem properties have been a long-standing challenge throughout Edmonton. That's why, in early 2020, the City of Edmonton initiated an 18-month human-centered research project to gather ideas and lived experiences from Edmontonians in some of the hardest hit neighbourhoods. Out of this came the 2023 - 2026 long-term strategic approach for problem properties and dedicated funding to tackle the issues associated with these places.

"After 18 months of research and community engagement, the development of a robust long-term strategic approach and the creation of a funded centralized model for administering the Problem Property Initiative, the City of Edmonton and its stakeholders are now, more than ever, positioned to address problem properties," said Justin Lallemand, specialized program coordinator at the City of Edmonton.

The Initiative now includes:

## Dedicated resources

Neighbourhoods with high concentrations of problem properties and derelict buildings will be assigned dedicated Municipal Enforcement Officers to proactively identify and quickly address problem properties before they escalate. A dedicated Community Safety Liaison will also join Officers on inspections to bring an enhanced social justice lens and will provide direct support to people staying in or employed at problem properties.

## Centralized office

A newly created centralized office serves as the key point of contact for the public, community, and City Council regarding all aspects of problem properties. This team will continue to develop relationships, attend community meetings, and co-create solutions based on data as well as the specific needs of the communities to which they are assigned.

## Coordinated responses

The Problem Property Initiative coordinates the efforts of multiple City departments, the Edmonton Police

Service, Alberta Health Services, and the Government of Alberta to present a united, consistent approach to the complex issues associated with problem properties.

## Unique approach to unsecured vacant properties

The Community Property Safety Team (CPST) is a bold, innovative, and proactive approach to reducing fire risk at unsecured, vacant buildings. Using provincial legislation, the CPST holds landowners accountable to secure unsecured, vacant buildings that pose a fire risk to the surrounding community.

## Streamlined path to demolition

A more focused, unified approach to streamline the path to demolition has been designed to take bolder action in addressing situations where owners have not taken accountability for their problem properties. This process prioritizes and expedites demolitions where required.

## Potential tax subclasses

The City is studying the potential to establish a tax subclass for derelict properties. This subclass would enable the City to charge a higher tax rate to properties that are declared derelict, hopefully helping to discourage neglect and ensuring owners take responsibility for their property.

Stay tuned to your neighbourhood news and social media for an invitation to attend one of the City's Meet and Greet Events where the Problem Property Initiative will share information about its strategic plan, dedicated teams, and new resources; and continue to gather information from community members about their lived experiences with problem properties.

## Resource and contacts

- To learn more about the Problem Property Initiative, visit [edmonton.ca/problemproperties](http://edmonton.ca/problemproperties).
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# New Boyle Street Café Filling a Gap in the Neighbourhood

*Felice is a happy place with a focus on community.*



Michelle Brouwer. Brizza Pedrosa

## ANITA JENKINS

Felice translates from Italian as “happy,” and the owners of this new café in Stadium Yards have definitely chosen the right name.

Michelle and Tim Brouwer’s business at 10930 84th Street is making a major contribution to the Boyle Street community and beyond. It offers craft coffee and other beverages, snacks, and a small marketplace - all sourced from approximately 30 local companies and individuals. It has presented several live shows featuring regional musicians, and has plans for more in the future.

“When you support a local business, you support people who are your neighbours,” Michelle Brouwer says. “We have each other’s backs.”

Brouwer, who was a lab technician for 12 years, comes from a family of entrepreneurs operating small local businesses in the Edmonton area. She and her husband decided the time was right to join the business

world, and started planning in January of 2021. They opened the café in April of 2022.

“Business was always in the back of my mind,” Brouwer says. “Then the pandemic forced me to re-evaluate and think about my passions, which include live music and food. I see owning and operating a business as a lifestyle (being your own boss) and a way of building the community.

The café’s customers include students from Norquest, MacEwan, NAIT, and U of A, who can easily drop in via the nearby Stadium LRT station. The café welcomes them and offers a place where they can work on their laptops and read.

The owners are responsive to customer feedback. For example, they lowered prices when they realized that many local residents - and many students - have low incomes. They also listened when customers asked for more savoury food options and upgrades to the Wi-Fi.

Brouwer notes that visitors from other cities and provinces “are finding us and coming for the Edmonton experience.”

The concerts have worked out really well too. Tickets were sold out for local artist Ellie Heath’s concert on November 26th. And, Felice gives the artists 100% of ticket sales, 100% of merch sales, and 5% of the revenue generated. “I didn’t know that this was not common practice,” Brouwer says, laughing.

The café hosted a plant market in October, with 800 people coming through the door. Plans are underway for a vintage market offered by local vendors.

Brouwer notes that a big component of Felice’s success is the staff. There is an 86 percent retention rate. “Staff have had a direct impact in shaping Felice into what it is today.”

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

## Coffee shop at last

My husband and I moved from the Highlands to an apartment on Jasper Avenue in 2013. We moved for disability access but gradually discovered how much our new Boyle Street community had to offer. Little Italy and Chinatown are unique, special, and filled with treasures. The built heritage of this area - the oldest part of Edmonton - is of great interest to me (Alex Taylor School, the Brighton Block, the Hecla Block, and more). Being able to look out my window at diners on the patio of Panini’s restaurant makes me feel very cosmopolitan. But until now one thing was sorely missing - a coffee shop! Felice has filled that gap and is doing so far beyond what I could have hoped for. - AJ

## A New Harbin Gate is Coming to Chinatown



A new Harbin Gate will be constructed over 97th Street at 101A Avenue. City councillors approved \$6 million in the 2023-26 capital budget in December for the project. The previous Harbin Gate (pictured here), located at 102nd Avenue and 97th Street, was removed in 2017 due to Valley Line LRT construction. The date of completion and the design have not yet been finalized. Caption: Paula E. Kirman. Photo: Leif Gregersen.

## Pei Pei Chei Ow

*An artistic menu of Indigenous cuisine.*

### DINING OUT

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#### ALAN SCHIETZSCH

Boyle Street and McCauley may be downtown and urban, but our city neighbourhood is also where Saskatoon berries and wild asparagus grows just below the Stadium LRT station. Huge herds of bison roamed right to the edge of the River Valley until our houses were here. Ducks and geese still swim in the North Saskatchewan River below Jasper Avenue.

That natural fruit and meat sustained the people right here for thousands of years, and they – and the people who harvested it – haven't gone away just because the few remaining bison are now on ranches.



Berry BBQ Brisket Sandwich. Alan Schietzsch

In the previous issue of the paper, I reviewed Tee Pee Treats on 102A Avenue. There's another exciting new Indigenous eatery hidden in McCauley, called Pei Pei Chei Ow (pronounced *pe-pe-s-chew*). We discovered Pei Pei Chei Ow inside the front gallery entrance while checking out the beautiful Whiskeyjack Art House on 97th street near the corner of 111th Avenue. Just inside, art fills the walls, and in front of you will be an equally artis-

tic menu, seasonally changing with the natural cycles of what ingredients are freshest and currently available.

We were intrigued by the Berry BBQ Brisket Sandwich. A tangy berry compote contrasted with the deep flavours of the tender meat, enhancing both elements of the sandwich. Next was the Breakfast Sandwich, with perfectly-cooked egg and a little hit of richness with salt and fats from

the mortadella, offset with the crisp bite of arugula and the real surprise: a bright green pea pesto that contained such freshness that it was like opening a pea pod in a garden. Our final selection was beef stew accompanied by bannock, which was deep and hearty, sustaining us well past the time we'd usually get hungry again – a real comfort food.

Founded by Chef Scott Iserhoff, Pei Pei Chei Ow was the name his Moshom (Grandfather) Louis gave to Scott during his childhood. It means "robin" in Omushkegowin (Swampy Cree).

As well as serving at the gallery with take-out, and catering for events around Edmonton, Pei Chei Ow also offers a variety of cooking classes to share their knowledge of Indigenous cooking, traditions, and culture.

I love that I can go there and have something new, not boring or ordinary. Yet the food is somehow comforting and familiar, even to this old white guy. Maybe, just maybe, that's because it's genuinely the food from right here, our shared home.

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

# Accolades for McCauley Community Members



Todd Janes and Sarah Hoffman. Tonya Malo



Kate Quinn and Janis Irwin. John Kolkman



AV (Ann Vriend). Johwnna Alleyne



Vikki Wiercinski. Cooper and O'Hara

**PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff**

A number of McCauley residents and community contributors have received some major awards recently.

In our previous issue, MLA Janis Irwin wrote about presenting me with the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. A couple of other community members have also recently received this honour.

McCauley resident Todd Janes received the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal from Sarah Hoffman, the MLA for Edmonton-Glenora on October 13th, 2022,

for his contributions to the city and province. Todd is the Executive Director of the Stony Plain Road Business Association. In a Facebook post, Sarah Hoffman describes him as "a tireless advocate for Alberta's arts, culture, and business communities."

Kate Quinn was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal from MLA Janis Irwin on December 16th at the office of the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE). "For over 30 years Kate has been an advocate speaking out against sexual exploitation and sex trafficking in our communities. As the Executive Director of

CEASE, Kate has helped countless individuals," said Janis Irwin in a Facebook post.

A couple of other McCauley community members have been honoured for their work in the Arts and contributions to making Edmonton a better place.

McCauley musician AV (Ann Vriend) received the 2022 Edmonton Artists' Trust Fund (EATF) in December. Known for her porch concerts bringing the community together during the pandemic, many of AV's songs are inspired by her experiences living in the neighbour-

hood and her passion for McCauley.

Another recipient of the EATF - and a reason we here at the paper are celebrating - is Vikki Wiercinski: **Boyle McCauley News'** Designer and Advertising Coordinator. In addition to being an artist and designer, Vikki is a ceramicist and the lead organizer of the Royal Bison Art and Craft Fair.

The EATF is a joint initiative of the Edmonton Arts Council and the Edmonton Community Foundation, and is intended to encourage artists to stay in the city. We certainly hope both AV and Vikki stick around for a long time to come!

## Fun Activities Warm Up a Cold December During Winter in Little Italy



Winter in Little Italy took place on December 11th and 18th, featuring sleigh rides, a fire pit for marshmallow roasting, free hot chocolate at Zocalo, roasting chestnuts (by members of Amici Italiani), ice sculptures on the corner of Giovanni Caboto Park (on the 11th), and more. Most of the outdoor activities on the 18th had to be cancelled due to the bitterly cold weather. The photos above were taken on the 11th. Winter in Little Italy was organized by the Viva Italia District Association. Paula E. Kirman



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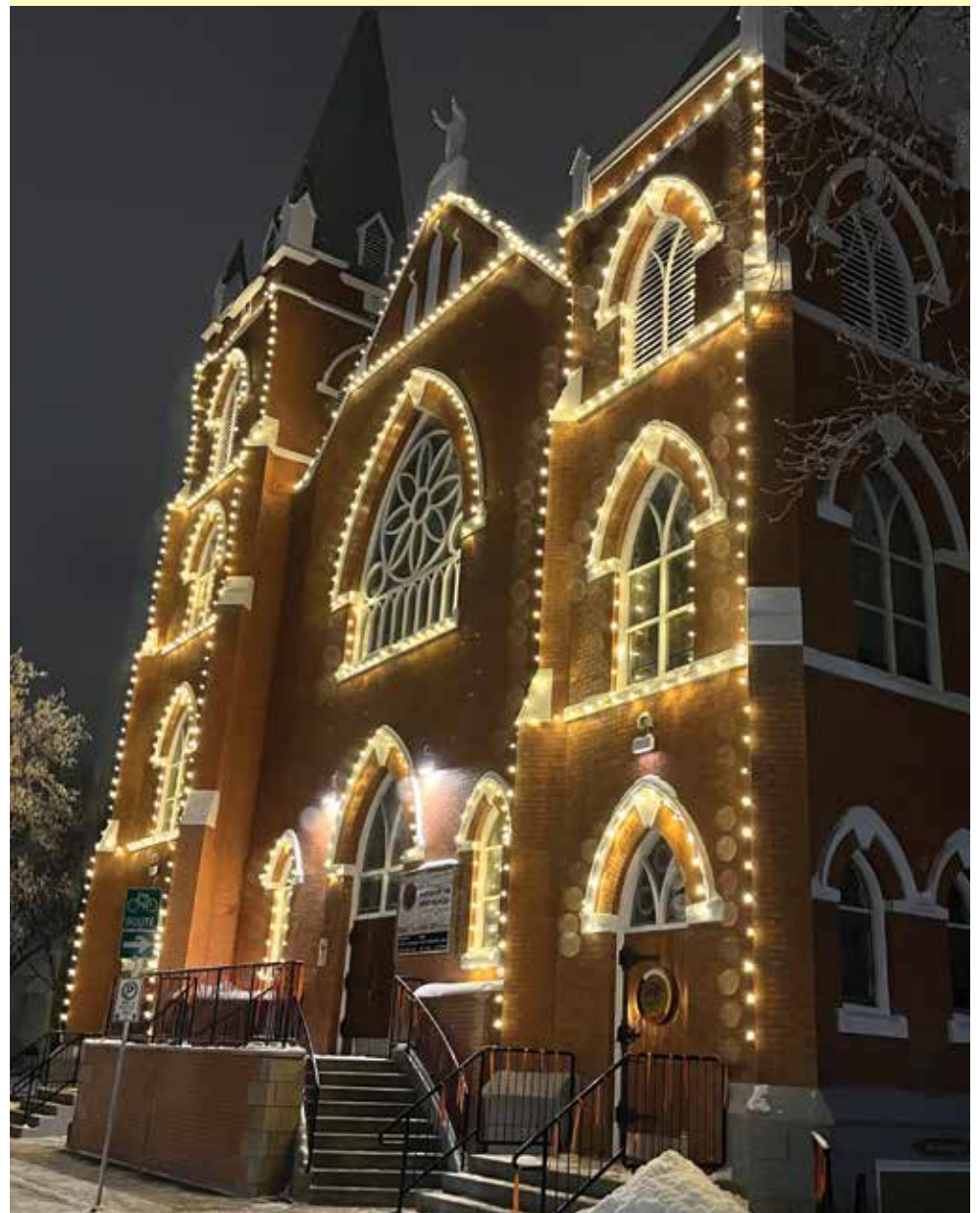
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Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples lit up on New Year's Eve. Paula E. Kirman



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# The Centre for Race and Culture

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## The Centre for Race and Culture

The Centre for Race and Culture (CFRAC) is a non-profit organization based in Edmonton. Their aim is to create a society free of discrimination and racism. CFRAC's team includes experienced coordinators, assistants, educators, facilitators, and board members. They offer consultations, workshops, and courses which advocate and support intercultural understanding in the community.

CFRAC was established in 1993 as part of the Edmonton office of the Department of Canadian Heritage with the initial goal of educating the public regarding race relations. This goal continues today through community engagement and research-based projects and initiatives.

Consulting practices are offered by CFRAC to organizations that value equity, diversity, and inclusion. This fosters an intercultural and inclusive mindset that benefits diverse workforces, which helps individuals become better team players and community members. Previous customized workshops have included topics such as Anti-Racism Education, Gender Inclusivity, and Effective

Intercultural Practices.

Public workshops and courses are also available to the general public, where participants listen and learn about issues related to race and culture. Participants complete activities and reflections to improve their understanding of intercultural concepts. Recent programs include Unmasking Micro-Inequities, which covers intersections from different instances of inequities, and the Leadership Program for Racialized Youth, which is focused on Indigenous Solidarity. Workshops and courses span from a single day to fourteen weeks. CFRAC places importance on community engagement, so many of the workshops they offer have a sliding scale basis on the ticket pricing to limit the barriers to the public's participation.

Free access to educational resources and publications is also available on CFRAC's website to sustain a continuous social commitment to its stakeholders. Individuals are permitted to access the resources at any time to share information with their communities to initiate meaningful conversations on equity and inclusivity.

More information about CFRAC can be found on their website at [cfrac.com](http://cfrac.com). To get in touch, they can be contacted at [info@cfrac.com](mailto:info@cfrac.com).

*Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre.*

## MCCAULEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

# Winter Activities and Beyond

As McCauley welcomes the first months of 2023, signs of winter activity can be spotted everywhere. From the holiday music in our local stores, to colourful lights in businesses and on residences, to children playing in the snow in the parks and skating, to folks just trying to keep warm in whatever ways they can: they're all parts of cold weather living in our community. While warmer days tend to offer a bit more ease of comfort while we are out and about, the cooler months offer opportunities to come together and connect in their own unique ways.

The McCauley Community League Board gathered together in mid-December (indoors!) to celebrate the year that was 2022, give thanks to our outgoing president Alice Kos (who has contributed so much over the past few years), and to shift our gaze to the year ahead with intentions to keep supporting our neighbourhood in whatever ways we can. In the spirit of coming together, both our community rink and kids/youth soccer programs have been in full swing thanks to a dedicated crew of volunteers for both programs (more information: [www.mccauleycl.com](http://www.mccauleycl.com)).

We hope to continue hosting a few fun events throughout the year as capacity and resources allow, as well as to collaborate with partners in Chinatown, E4C, REACH Edmonton, Viva Italia District Association, and others with activities and initiatives unfolding in and around the neighbourhood. We will be hosting our annual Family Day event at the rink on Sunday, February 19th, and co-hosting the McCauley Cup hockey game with the Edmonton Police Service on Saturday, February 25th (both weather dependent). Please watch our website and social media for more information closer to the dates!

We are also excited to announce that we have been approved for an upcoming Casino on June 24th and 25th at Grand Villa (next to Rogers Place). The funds received from this casino will be used to fund both our rink operations for 2023/2024 and beyond, as well as the future construction of a permanent community-centered rink amenity building to replace the trailer currently on site. We are in need of volunteers for various shifts for both of these days. Anyone interested can email us ASAP at [league@mccauleycl.com](mailto:league@mccauleycl.com)

While our board is mighty, we are also somewhat small these days. We welcome anyone interested in joining us to reach out to discuss your interests/passions and how we can best support you as an addition to our team. Our meetings are engaging, social, and fun while also focused on keeping on track with activities, events, and projects with the benefit of our community as a whole. We are open to new ideas and suggestions, as well as opportunities to increase capacities and resources in order to ensure meaningful outcomes for our community.

Our meetings are open to all and we currently meet on the third Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m., either in-person or virtually depending on our board's availability and comfort levels. If you are curious, please email us and let's chat!

Finally, we encourage everyone to sign up for a McCauley Community League membership now available online ([www.mccauleycl.com/membership](http://www.mccauleycl.com/membership)) to keep up with events and news updates as they unfold. Memberships are still free (although donations to the League are welcome).

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# Make a Friend in February

IAN YOUNG

## ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

*“Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises.” - Charmaine J. Forde, writer and poet originally from Barbados.*

While February is the second and shortest month on the Gregorian calendar, it is also the only month that can add an extra day every four years - known as leap year.

February is Black History Month and, in the U.S., is also Cancer Prevention Month. As far as individual dates go, many know of Groundhog Day (February 2nd) and also Valentine’s Day (February 14th). However, there are some lesser-known dates you can learn about for your amusement. These include:

February 1st: Dark Chocolate Day  
February 6th: Chopsticks Day

February 13th: Tortellini Day  
February 21st: Pancake Day (also known as Shrove Tuesday)

Finally, we end the month with Chocolate Soufflé Day on the 28th!

So, if you want to recognize any of these dates, they could be excuses to have fun.

My favourite day is February 11th: Make a Friend Day. I find our community supportive and friendly and have met wonderful friends here. Some friendships have started by sharing community interests and attending events that take place in Boyle Street and McCauley.

My late grandad used to say “Everyone you meet can become a friend.” I like that - and there really is a day for everything!

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

## New Year’s Eve Fireworks



The City of Edmonton’s early New Year’s Eve fireworks at 8:30 p.m. as seen from the McCauley Community Rink during the NYE Skating Party. Paula E. Kirman



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# Jen Dunford: "My body is the work and I am the art."

**CORINE DEMAS**

Jen Dunford recently moved to McCauley and is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Heart of the City Festival. Dunford is a multi-disciplinary artist who has formally studied piano and dance. She has worked in several different disciplines including theatre devising, acting, and singing.

Dunford says, "I'm an improviser by trade. I think that my happiest place is working between the mediums of live dance and live music. Art is a language. I've studied a lot in non-verbal communication which is my favourite way of saying dance. I work as a performer. My body is the work and I am the art."

Dunford has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, a degree which she received in 2015. "I grew up taking community dance and I did Royal Conservatory examinations in piano at the same time, so I was concurrently becoming a musician and a dancer until I reached grade 6 in piano at which time it became more theory heavy and I had to make a decision between whether I was going to become a dancer or a musician," Dunford says. "I decided to



Jen Dunford. Steve Pedersen Photography

choose dance because oftentimes in a classical ballet class there is a live pianist and so in that way I could continue to experience both at the same time."

As an independent dance artist, Jen works with musicians and singers performing together live. Her choreographies always include either live musicians or originally composed scores. "It is really important to me that the dancers and musicians have a connection. That interplay is what

makes performance meaningful."

When describing why she is drawn to dance, Dunford says, "I think it's the ability to self-express and to have the agency to create. I feel empowered when expressing. I feel in control and I feel just a little bit taller, more confident. What always brings me to tears in dance is when I feel that I am a part of something more - I'm part of a conversation. It's that communication between artists that makes me feel I'm a val-

ued member of what is happening."

"I recently came back to working as an educator for the Art Gallery of Alberta. It has been a joy and a highlight to utilize my skills in the fine arts and to recognize the cross over between all genres of art and how important visual literacy is. I'm really proud that the Art Gallery of Alberta, the house of art for our province, exists downtown.

About living in the inner city, Dunford says, "I think I prefer the downtown, even though I've had as many negative experiences as I've had positive experiences. It's been a goal of mine to move out of the suburbs and create my own adult life in the inner city. I've always felt a part of the under-represented voiceless youth. I've spent a lot of time in the underbelly screaming into the void and never hearing an echo back."

Dunford adds, "Maybe if I can create space for others, even in my own small capacity, I can help to reciprocate that echo."

*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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