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Latta Bridge Replacement Continues

Despite traffic interruptions, the benefits outweigh the inconvenience.

ANITA JENKINS

The Latta Bridge (90th-91st Street on Jasper Avenue) has been closed since August 2022 to accommodate a bridge replacement project. The roadway will not re-open until fall of 2023 (estimated date). The resulting detour has presented some challenges for residents, visitors, the staff, students, and families at St. Teresa of Calcutta School, and the many others who use this section of Jasper Avenue to get to points east and west.

The new Latta Bridge is replacing a bridge built 87 years ago, in 1936. This is the third version of a small but important ravine crossing (see sidebar: First and Second Latta Bridges). Approximately 20,000 vehicles cross the bridge each day. The approved budget of \$19.7 million is intended to cover the cost of demolition, rebuild, the installation of a new bridge deck and shared-use path, and landscaping.

The contractor, PCL Construction, has had one notable setback to date. "In April a girder rolled onto its side and a new girder has had to be fabricated," says Nicole Boychuk, communications coordinator, Integrated Infrastructure Service, City of Edmonton. "We will keep the public informed about any potential changes to the project timeline," she adds.

The detour reroutes traffic, mainly on 92nd Street and north and south of St. Teresa of Calcutta School. Speed bumps and other traffic-calming measures are in place. "To address shortcutting concerns," Boychuk says, "we worked



The Latta Bridge construction site as seen in early May. Leif Gregersen

with the Edmonton Police Service and the community. The safety of both residents and construction workers is a priority, and we're continuing to monitor and adjust."

This writer's informal and unscientific survey of the impact on local residents, the school, and businesses suggests that the detour and changes to the ETS service are being taken in stride. Those who live near Jasper Avenue on the east side of 91st Street are enjoying the temporary lack of traffic noise, particularly the sirens of ambulances and fire engines. A small shuttle bus (#998) now runs between Jasper Avenue and the Stadium LRT Station every 12 minutes. The shuttle also connects with frequently run-

ning bus routes 2, 3, and 101 just north of the station.

As a result, transit trips might be even better than before. Riverside Towers resident Ernie Koch certainly thinks so. "After 60 years, I have the best, most consistent, and convenient services ever. The LRT takes us wherever we need to go. It goes often and quickly."

Another local who drives is going with the flow. He says, "I have learned to avoid the detour route, especially during rush hour and drop-off times at St. Teresa of Calcutta School."

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

HISTORY

First and Second Latta Bridges

The first Latta Bridge was built in 1911 by its namesake, David Latta, an early resident of Edmonton whose home was on Jasper Avenue just to the west of the ravine. This relatively primitive wooden structure served the needs of the time. As more motorized and larger vehicles started to use the bridge, it became necessary to make improvements. But the Great Depression of the 1930s prevented the City from moving ahead. Finally, in 1936 the second bridge was completed, made possible by the availability of relief workers receiving low wages - a form of social assistance - and by using a lot of recycled materials, including components left over from the construction of the High Level Bridge. Filling in the ravine was considered but the old coal mines discovered underneath the crossing caused a problem.

EXPLAINER

Kinnaird Bridge

Rehabilitation of the nearby Kinnaird Bridge (on 82nd Street just south of 112th Avenue) began on May 1st, 2023. One lane of traffic in both directions and one sidewalk remain open. This project, combined with the ongoing closure of the Latta Bridge, has led drivers to find new routes.



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We're remediating our Community Space to ensure we can keep offering our programs to the folks who call central Edmonton home. From the daily essentials to housing and other larger needs, we've ensured all our services will remain available throughout the remediation. This project will run until November 2023, when all necessary repairs will be complete. We are so excited to be breathing new life back into our Community Space building!



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High Hopes in Perilous Times



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

By the time many of you read this, another provincial election in Alberta will have come and gone. What changes the election may (or may not) bring are not yet known, since I am writing this in advance of voters heading to the polls. No matter what the election results are, I have some high hopes for the future, despite the grim few years behind us.

I hope that healthcare stays public and is properly funded so that people won't have to start paying to see a doctor or to have a medical procedure, and that people won't have to experience long wait times, especially to treat critical illnesses.

Further to the above, I hope that healthcare professionals, including doctors,

nurses, and everyone else involved in caring for patients, are treated with the respect they deserve, so that they will stay here and not be compelled to move to another province.

I hope that housing is a priority and that the unhoused will have access to safe, affordable homes. After all, if someone is housed, issues like mental health or addiction are easier to address.

Like the healthcare system, I also hope that education stays public and is funded properly to keep the teacher to student ratio reasonable and that supports are in place for students with special needs. I also hope that the curriculum being taught is developed by experts in education and includes both sound knowledge and values that reflect a diverse and inclusive society.

Frankly, all of these hopes should be unquestioned aspects of reality in a well-functioning society. The problem is that we haven't functioned very well for a while now. My biggest hope is that those in power will do better, and that the rest of us will hold them accountable.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our June-July issue. We hope you enjoy our presentation of community news and events.

If you are part of the online world, we also publish stories in between our print issues at our website: bmcnews.org. You can also subscribe to our free e-newsletter there. It is delivered directly to your inbox when we publish a new issue.

This community newspaper would not function without the efforts of our volunteers who write, photograph, proof-read, deliver, sit on our board, and help at our casinos. Speaking of casinos, our next one is scheduled for some time be-

tween January and March of 2024. Our casino is our biggest fundraising event. Although the date might seem like a long time in the future, it's never too soon to let us know if you're interested in volunteering for a shift (or two). For this, and any other volunteer-related questions, send me a message at editor@bmcnews.org.

Do you love Boyle McCauley News and want to see it thrive? Perhaps you would like to become a member of the non-profit society that oversees the operation of the paper. It's free to join and you will occasionally receive notices and information. The sign-up page is here: bmcnews.org/membership.

Have a wonderful start to your summer. See you again in August.

OUR NEXT ISSUE. . .

Volume 44, Issue 4 will be published August 1st, 2023. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: July 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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An Update from City Council

ANNE STEVENSON

Hello! As the proud City Councillor for Boyle Street and McCauley, I'm pleased to share a few updates with you. From addressing challenges to creating fun, here are some of the projects the City is undertaking in your neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Renewal

Both Boyle Street and McCauley will be going through Neighbourhood Renewal, including reconstruction of sidewalks and roads. Construction is starting this spring in specific parts of the neighbourhoods and will be phased over three years. Search "Boyle Street McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal" for the website and feel free to reach out to the Project Manager, Donny Fung at donny.fung@edmonton.ca or 780-496-4055 with any questions or to get more information.

Encampments

As the Councillor for Ward O-day'min and resident of Oliver, I'm aware of the continuing challenges posed by encampments.

Council approved an Enhanced Encampment Strategy focusing on two outcomes: rapid access to housing for those in encampments and minimising safety risks. A number of new strategies are being taken to meet these goals, including:

1. An active priority list that will work to move 100 people living in encampments into housing this summer.
2. Prototype projects aimed at improving the cleanliness and fire safety of encampments to reduce the most immediate risks and impacts to neighbours.
3. A new community liaison, providing follow up information to let you know what actions have been taken and what you can expect to see after an encampment has been reported to 311.

While I'm hopeful these enhanced approaches will alleviate some pressures, housing is the only true solution to encampments. My Council colleagues and I continue to stay focused on securing the housing our community needs to ensure every Edmontonian has a place to call home.

Healthy Streets Operations Centre

The Healthy Streets Operations Centre (HSOC) in McCauley is a collaboration between numerous agencies. It provides a visible safety presence, engages with the community, and proactively addresses public safety issues in portions of central Edmonton communities. If you have any questions about the centre, you can connect with the HSOC Project Manager, Dallas Dyson, at dallas.dyson@edmonton.ca.

Summer Fun!

The Green Shack program is back this summer! Starting in July, kids can drop by to enjoy fun and free activities, including games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events.

Boyle Street (in partnership with the YMCA), Neighbourhood Playspace at Boyle Plaza:

Tuesday July 4- Thursday August 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

McCauley, Giovanni Caboto Park:

Tuesday July 4- Thursday August 24, 2023, 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

In Closing

If you'd like to stay up to date, please sign up for my newsletter at annestevenson.ca/connect or follow my social media accounts. You can reach out anytime at anne.stevenson@edmonton.ca or 780-496-8333.

I'm also looking forward to spending time enjoying Boyle Street and McCauley this summer (especially my daughter's favourite parks at Boyle Street Plaza and Giovanni Caboto!) so please be sure to say hello if we cross paths!

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If you do not receive the paper at your home, there are numerous places where you can pick up a copy:

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97 Street & 107 Avenue (near Lucky 97)

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MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION UPDATES

McCauley Back Alley Clean Up 2023!

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH AND SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH FROM 9-4 PM

McCauley Revitalization in conjunction with Capital City Clean Up (CCCU), Waste Services and Hiregood will be doing a clean up of McCauley back alleys.

This event will coincide with the Coliseum Big Bin Event happening the same weekend.

Old couches, chairs, mattresses, and appliances free of charge. Computers and other electronics will also be accepted for recycling.

Please have your large household items ready to go behind your property in the alley early in the morning. Items must be clearly labeled so that Hiregood knows what to take away.

For more information please contact margaret.smith@edmonton.ca

City of Edmonton McCauley Revitalization Macro Grant Opportunities!

The Revitalization Project Macro Grant is available to support new opportunities and activities in Revitalization Areas that align with the goals of neighbourhood revitalization for each eligible community involved with the City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Revitalization Initiative.

REVITALIZATION MACRO PROJECT GRANTS PROVIDE RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND OPERATORS, AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS \$501-\$20,000 IN FUNDING.

Projects must be based in and benefit the community and be free to all participants.

Key Deadlines

- Applications are continuously accepted from January 1 to November 15
- A Financial Reconciliation and a Financial Report must be submitted within 60 days of project completion

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Red Dress Day 2023



Over 1,000 people marched from Churchill Square to Beaver Hills House Park on May 5th for Red Dress Day, a day to commemorate and honour missing and murdered Indigenous people. Paula E. Kirman

Ukrainian Easter Market, With Music



The Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada - Edmonton Society's Easter Market took place at the Ukrainian National Federation Hall on March 25th and 26th. In addition to the market, the event featured crafts, a bake sale, and, on the second day, a concert. Pictured above is the folk music ensemble RUTA. Paula E. Kirman

A Taste of the Philippines in McCauley

RJ Tasty Bites is another hidden gem in Chinatown.

DINING OUT

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ALAN SCHIETZSCH

While a great many of McCauley's restaurants are visible on our famous Chinatown strip along 97th Street, there's also more excellent food hiding just out of sight.

RJ Tasty Bites is a wonderful little hole-in-the-wall tucked inside a doorway just half a block to the west, kitty-corner from Lucky 97 or south across the avenue from Lee Garden Korean. At 9711 107th Avenue, it's easy to get to by walking or bus, as well as having street parking right at the door.

Julia (the "J" in RJ) immediately welcomed us inside, with no reservations needed. When I mentioned that my spouse and I lived in the area and hadn't noticed the restaurant before, she told us that they were attracted to the neighbourhood because of cost and location. Buying a restaurant space in McCauley beat other areas of Edmonton, while the



The full meal spread at RJ Tasty Bites. Alan Schietzsch

central location made their delivery and take-out business so much easier than from other neighbourhoods.

Julia and "R" (her husband) had run a popular restaurant in the Philippines before settling in Edmonton, so they are able to offer an extensive menu of Filipino cuisine. Their clean and bright space is fairly simple with just a couple of larger tables for families and a few smaller tables for one or two. There was a brisk delivery and take-out business happening, definitely evidence of R's cooking reputation in the Filipino community, which had spread through years of catering parties and weddings.

We ordered the Beef Adobo, which we learned is a super-popular item. It was already sold out by the time we'd arrived! So Julia suggested the pork version. While it was cooking, we decided to try the lumpia (spring rolls) appetizer, which arrived in a small basket. The rolls were tight, golden, small and crispy and not at all greasy, awakening the appetite for more. The Pork Adobo came nicely seasoned and plenty meaty, with well-cooked chunks to dig the fork into. We also shared a Chicken Mami, shredded chicken pieces in a big bowl of noodle soup, served with green onions, roasted garlic, bok choy, napa cabbage and boiled egg.

This soup (or the Pork Siomai and Beef Pares version) would make a great one-person meal.

Counterpoint is a feature in Filipino cuisine which normally comes in a pairing of something sweet with something salty or sour. For example, Puto, mildly sweet rice cakes almost like miniature cupcakes we were offered for dessert, each featured a surprise – a tiny decorative strip of salty and fatty processed cheese. It was a surprisingly tasty combination!

Stomachs filling from the hearty food, we noticed that RJ's also served bubble tea as well as calamansi juice, sago, and summer coolers for drinks. Wanting to see what a Filipino bubble tea was like, we each ordered one, and were happy to find they were absolutely loaded with bubbles and jelly – tasty bites indeed!

The two of us enjoyed the tasty and very substantial meal, with two containers left over for the next day's lunches, for about \$50. And there's so much on the menu that we couldn't yet try, like the Silog rice meals and the Beef Pares. We'll be back.

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

CEASE Announces New Executive Director

KATE QUINN

Liz John-West, known to many in McCauley and Alberta Avenue, is the new Executive Director for the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE).

Jessica Steingard, CEASE Board President, welcomed Liz to her new position: "She comes to us having spent many years serving vulnerable Albertans. We are confident CEASE will continue to grow and thrive under her leadership."

"The buying and selling of human beings, especially vulnerable women and girls, is one of the world's fastest growing crimes," says Liz. "This crime leaves deep and lasting scars on its victims. CEASE has dedicated the last 25 plus years to ending sex trafficking. I am honoured to take the baton from Kate Quinn and further the action and dialogue needed to end sex trafficking in Edmonton, Alberta, and Canada. CEASE is a force for change, and I strongly believe that with collaboration and hard work we can



Kate Quinn (left) and Liz John-West at Red Dress Day on May 5th. Paula E. Kirman

build a society where traffickers are held accountable, buyers are charged, and women and girls are freed."

As outgoing Executive Director, I wish to express my profound grati-

tude for the past 27 years of working with CEASE, formerly PAAFE. The work was rooted in our experiences in McCauley and other core communities in the early nineties. CEASE has offered me rich learning opportuni-

ties and inspirational moments. It is a community initiative that requires the insights, skills, and experience of many, especially those whose lives are touched by any aspect of sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and social inequality.

It has been my privilege to work with dedicated staff throughout the years. They are fierce advocates for the women and men who trusted them to walk alongside, bearing witness to painful histories and celebrating milestones of healing and forging new pathways. Past and current Board members give generously of their time to lead the organization and support the staff team and the vision and mission of CEASE. I wish to thank the women, men, and 2SLGBTQIA people who have so graciously been great teachers, sharing and challenging me to deepen my understanding. I look forward to hearing about new opportunities that Liz will create for CEASE!

Kate Quinn is the past Executive Director of CEASE. She lives in McCauley.

Outdoor Way of the Cross



The Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross resumed as an in-person event on April 7th, after three years of being online. The theme was "Hope in the Midst of Crisis." Hundreds of people gathered at Immigration Hall and followed the large cross as it was carried to five stations with speakers, songs, and prayers. Paula E. Kirman

Walk for Peace and Unity




A Walk for Peace and Unity was held on May 13th, organized by the Chinatown and Area Business Association. Following a gathering outside Ambrose Place, the walk headed to Chinatown where Elder Lorette Goulet smudged businesses and offered tobacco ties as a symbol of protection and respect. Paula E. Kirman



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On June 14, the Problem Property Initiative (PPI) will host a free Meet and Greet event in McCauley to increase awareness of the PPI's strategy to address problem properties. This is the last in a series of events.

The event will feature a presentation and an opportunity for community members to chat directly with PPI personnel and ask questions. You do not need to live or work in the neighbourhood to attend.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
6:30–8:30 p.m.
McCauley | Edmonton Intercultural Centre
9538 107 Avenue

To help us plan, please scan QR code to RSVP
(registration is not a requirement to attend).



To learn more about the Problem Property Initiative, visit edmonton.ca/ProblemProperties





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Meet With Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative

Problem Property Initiative Meet & Greet

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Edmonton Intercultural Centre
9538 107th Avenue

This spring, Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative (PPI) is hosting a series of Meet and Greets across north central Edmonton, where the highest number of problem properties exist. The final event will be held at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre in McCauley on June 14th.

Free for all Edmontonians to attend, these events aim to strengthen relationships with community members and increase awareness of the PPI's long term strategy and increased resources to address problem properties.

Each Meet and Greet features a presentation and question and answer session, followed by an opportunity for community members to share their knowledge and experiences directly with the PPI team members working in their neighbourhoods. Several new public information resources will be available. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

On April 29th, 62 people from 14 neighbourhoods attended the first Meet & Greet that took place in Eastwood. Guests were invited to provide their feedback about the event and the information presented by the PPI. An overwhelming 93% reported that the event helped to increase their knowledge of how the City and its partners address problem properties; 86% reported that the event gave them confidence that the City had a good strategy in place to address problem properties; and 86% signed up for a newsletter to receive information about the PPI's progress and future events.

Resources and Contacts

- To learn more about the Problem Property Initiative, visit edmonton.ca/ProblemProperties.
- To report a problem property call 311, contact 311 online or use the confidential reporting form at edmonton.ca/ProblemProperties.
- To report an unsecured vacant property call 311 or email communitypropertysafetyteam@edmonton.ca.
- For general inquiries or to engage directly with the Problem Property Initiative, email problemproperties@edmonton.ca.

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Let the Sun Shine

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ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

*"Here comes the sun,
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright"- George Harrison
(1943-2001), member of the
legendary group The Beatles.*

The first day of summer arrives with the solstice on Wednesday, June 21st. For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, Earth is tilting towards the sun.

Summer activities abound, such as festivals, concerts, and holidays. Perhaps you will have a vacation or a "staycation." Maybe this can be a time to leisurely get to know our city and community!

You can have your own festivals right outside your door. Be creative - gather neighbours

and explore. Our community holds a lot of significant history. Multiple generations of families have lived here, so there is always a story to tell!

Church Street (96th Street between 107th and 111th Avenue, formerly "Kinistino Street") is considered historically significant and was visited by well-known people such as Pope Francis who was here last summer, and the cast of SCTV who filmed a segment there in the early '80s.

Even a nice relaxing afternoon in Giovanni Caboto Park across from the historic Italian Centre can make for a wonderful time.

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



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CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

BISSELL CENTRE
780-423-2285 x 111 (General Inquiries)
Community Space: Closed to support operations at the Edmonton 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.

RADIUS COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HEALING (Formerly Boyle McCauley Health Centre)
10628 – 96 Street
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 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@icpmedmonton.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.

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

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Psychiatrist Monday to Friday
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Address: 10821-96 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 2J8, and Tel: (780) 422-3052.
Daily Mass:
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Sunday Masses:
Sunday: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. All are welcome.

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. For more information, please view our weekly bulletin, our webpage, and our Sacred Heart Facebook.

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

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

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

P.A.L.S. PROJECT ADULT LITERACY SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
Work with adult students in the ESL - English as a Second Language program. Training, materials, and supplies provided. Call (780) 424-5514 for more information.

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

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.
Fri.: 10 a.m.-noon
Cost \$4/portion
U/G Parking \$1/hr up to a maximum of four hours - access on 104 Avenue between 95 Street and 96 Street
For information and registration call 780-426-9265

CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS
YMCA Boyle Street Plaza will be offering Sportball day camps this summer! At Sportball camps, kids will have a blast while they learn sports skills for life. Visit bit.ly/sportballymca for more information and to register.
Visit the exciting new playground at YMCA Boyle Street Plaza this summer by joining in on the City of Edmonton's Green Shack program! Starting in July, drop by any time 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at 9538 103A Avenue.

DROP-IN GYM
YMCA Boyle Street Plaza
9538-103A Avenue
Drop-In Fee: \$5
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Saturdays: 1-3 p.m.
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McCauley Litter Blitz
Saturday, June 10, 12-4 p.m. (9541 108A Ave.)

Let's help clean up our community and have a party while we're at it! Join us, with the support of McCauley Revitalization and the City of Edmonton, as we go into our streets and alleys to pick up litter that has collected over the winter. Meet in the parking lot to get your litter clean up supplies and some delicious snacks! We are seeking volunteers for this event! Please call 780-903-9661 to sign up or just show up!

Drop-In Soccer
Tuesdays 4:30-6 p.m. Behind Sacred Heart Church (108A Ave. & 96 St.)
Have some fun playing soccer with your neighbours! We warm up with some stretches, do a few foot-control drills, then we set up a scrimmage game or two. It's all for fun, friends, and exercise! All experience levels welcome. Snacks and cold drinks provided. (Weather permitting.)

Street Prints at the Urban Farm
Saturday July 15 (1-3 p.m.) - 11312 79 St. (the corner of 113 Ave. and 79 St.)
Join Street Prints Collective artists as we create artistic and crafty garden-themed art, and you can even make some for your own garden with supplied materials! Check out one of Edmonton's hidden horticultural gems! The Urban Farm is open every weekend.
<https://exploreedmonton.com/industry/edmonton-urban-farm>

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 780-903-9661 if you are not able to use the website to order for any reason.

Please visit our Facebook page @e4cwellness for information on 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

Heart of the City Reboot

Establishing new beginnings.

JAKKI DUTTENHOFFER

Twenty years ago, members of Action for Healthy Communities, Bissell Centre, the Our Voice street newspaper, and the neighbourhoods of Boyle Street and McCauley got together to help inner city artists record and produce a CD showcasing the diverse musical voices within the communities. This CD, or rather project, was named "Patchworks" and would go on to inspire a daughter project entitled "Heart of the City."

On June 12th, 2004, the first annual festival was held at Giovanni Caboto Park with 19 musical acts performing. The park hosted around 300 people that day, going up to 700 the following year. Heart of the City would continue to grow, adding free workshops, free activities for the whole family, and a second day of programming in 2010.

As we gear up for our 20th anniversary in 2024, the Heart of the City Festival Society (HOTCFS) has decided not to host our annual two-day festival in 2023. Instead, we intend on stretching the festival's regular programming over the remainder of the year by hosting a series of events throughout our district. We have an almost brand-new Board of Di-

rectors and we plan to take this time to strengthen and reboot our organization while still upholding our mission to support and promote the artists and artisans in our communities.

We want to thank you, our community members, the *Boyle McCauley News*, all of the artists and creatives who have contributed to the festival thus far, and, of course, all of the board members and volunteers before us for their diligence over the years. HOTCFS would not be possible without the support and dedication of our volunteers and sponsors.

We will continue to update you regularly on our socials and website at www.heartcityfest.com, but, as always, you can reach us by email at heartcityfest@gmail.com with any questions and suggestions. We're also @heartcityfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

If you have any photographs or footage of previous festivals or any stories you wish to share, please do not hesitate to pass them along. We have something special in store for our 20th anniversary! Stay tuned.

Jakki is HOTC's Producer and a member of the festival's Board of Directors.

Taste of Ramadan at Boyle Street Plaza



The Al Rashid Mosque brought A Taste of Ramadan to Boyle Street Plaza on April 10th. The event was open to all and featured a free barbecue, a clothing giveaway, children's activities, and entertainment. Paula E. Kirman

EDMONTON INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

Gabriela Mistral Latin American School (GMLAS)

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

The Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) would like to welcome Gabriela Mistral Latin American Society (GMLAS) as the newest Tenant Partner operating in the EIC Facility.

The Gabriela Mistral Latin American School was founded on October 9th, 1987 by a group of parents and teachers who sought to maintain and promote the Spanish language and Latin American culture among their children. It is a non-profit organization which relies solely on the efforts and generosity and support of each one of the members of Edmonton's Latin American Community.

The school counts on an energetic group of dedicated teachers. Their aim is excellence in teaching Spanish through literacy, language, dance, music, and culture. Those are some of the reasons why, at their school, learning Spanish is fun!

The school has an enthusiastic student community including children, families, volunteers, and adults wishing to learn Spanish and enjoy the Latin atmosphere that permeates the school.

At Gabriela Mistral, everybody is welcome!

For more information about GMLAS, please visit their website at www.gabrielamistralschool.ca

Information provided by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre.

Return of the McCauley Community Orchard and Gardens

The McCauley Community Orchard and Gardens is back! Thanks to all the community members and organizations who worked tirelessly to get the space back up and running for the 2023 season under the new stewardship of Sustainable Food Edmonton!

Do you wish you knew more about fruit trees, orchards, and what it takes to grow great fruit in Edmonton? We are looking at dividing up the orchard into 12 sections (2-3 trees per section) and providing interested individuals and groups with the opportunity to learn how to grow, maintain, troubleshoot and harvest their sections. Each section would require approximately 3-4 hours of work per month – done on your schedule each month!

We also have 20 raised bed gar-

den plots available for gardeners for this season – individuals and groups are welcome to inquire for a bed to grow all the annual veggies and flowers they'd like.

We will be hosting work bees, gardening workshops, orchard workshops, cider pressings, and more. We would love to have you all join us on the site this summer. The outdoor space will be available for events, celebrations, festivals, and more.

Questions? Suggestions? Do you want a garden plot or an orchard section? Do you want to volunteer with us? Would you like to host an event or workshop at the site? Please reach out to Shannon at edirector@sustainablefoodedmonton.org.

Information provided by Sustainable Food Edmonton.

Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow

Event returns to McCauley following a pandemic break.

The 39th Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow took place on May 13th at Clarke Stadium, the first time since 2019. This year's theme was "Honouring Our Sacred Gifts - Our Children."

The Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow is organized by Edmonton Catholic Schools and Indigenous Learning Services, in partnership with the Ben Calf Robe Society and the City of Edmonton.

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