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## Update on “The Hole”

Sale pending at site on 95 Street and Jasper Avenue.



A look inside “The Hole.” Inset: signage indicating a pending sale. Dan Glugosh & Jayne Russell

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According to several sources, the gaping hole on 95 Street and Jasper Avenue is in the process of being sold.

Chris Hodgson, Director, Property Sales and Acquisitions with the City of Edmonton, confirmed that as of the paper’s deadline, “an agreement for the sale of the property is pending a prospective purchaser completing due diligence work. Unfortunately, the de-

tails of the purchase have not been made public due to FOIP considerations.”

According to an article in the *Sun* published on June 23, the buyer is Calgary developer Cidex Group. It is believed the site will be developed into a large rental tower with over 200 units, including 3-bedroom ones, as well as a day care.

The hole, which measures 0.4 hectares and is 10 metres deep, was listed at around \$4.4 million.

The final price is not known, as councillors approved the sale in private. It was previously owned by BCM Developments. The company left the site after it was decontaminated, as it was unable to get financing and geotechnical assessments completed before the City’s deadline.

Boyle McCauley News will keep you updated as plans are confirmed for the development on that corner, when the information is available.

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# Choosing Favourites



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## McCauley Musings

I used to be very clear about my single favourite band or book or movie. As the years have passed, I find that the number of my "favourites" have expanded.

At any given time, I may have several favourite musical acts, because I like a lot of different musical genres. So, I may have a favourite folk, punk, or classic rock group. Same for movies: I have favourites in the categories of comedy, animation, and documentaries, which are the main kinds of films I tend to watch. Books are similar, with poetry collections, fiction, and non-fiction topping my reading lists. Then, I can further break things down into author nationality and time period.

However, there is one thing that stays constant with regard to my favourites: what I liked years ago, I tend to still like now. I still listen to the same music I listened to when I was a teenager, the evidence of which is my recent attendance at one of The Tragically Hip's concerts in Edmonton. The Hip's music was literally the soundtrack to my high school years, and it was bittersweet to have finally gotten to see them in concert on what is their farewell tour.

I also like to discover music, and often come away with new favourites after attending music festivals during the summer, like the Folk Fest or Interstellar Rodeo.

While I am not much for re-reading books or viewing movies over and over like some people do, it has been known to happen. I would much rather expand my universe with books and films that are new to me. I look forward to favourites of the future.

can have access to copies of the paper. We have more information about this on page three in Our Volunteers.

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## Editor's Notes

And, we're back! Welcome to the September issue of *Boyle McCauley News*. Our theme this issue is "Favourites," and it was very interesting learning about some of our writers' favourite music, books, and activities. We also have community news and events from the past few weeks.

Our summer break was quite busy. During this time, our newspaper box on 95 Street was repaired and placed back on the street, while we acquired two more boxes that are in the process of being refurbished and being placed in locations where even more people

We also created two new block carrier routes to serve businesses in Chinatown that were previously not receiving the paper. Many thanks to Jesse Orjasaeter and Donna Mackey for taking on these new routes. As well, due to a Block Carrier family moving away (again, more details are on page three), we were left with several large routes that needed to be filled. Thank you to Joanne McNeal and David Williamson for volunteering in our time of need!

Have story ideas? Feedback? Want to volunteer? Contact me at editor@bmcnews.org. Have a great month!

## Our Next Issue. . .

October's theme is "Helping Others." How do you try to help your friends, family, neighbours, and community? When was a time when you needed help? who was there for you? What are ways we can get involved with helping others? Deadline: September 12. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 500 words or less and accompanied by photographs when possible.

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# Going Above and Beyond

*Some of our volunteers have risen to the occasion and contributed in extraordinary ways.*

PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

## Our Volunteers

We value all of our volunteers here at Boyle McCauley News. In the past few months, there have been a number of them whose contributions have been incredible, and deserving of recognition.

Randy Loewen and his family delivered papers to three routes and Immigration Hall. The routes were not small ones, either. Randy and his family moved to Yellowknife over the summer, where he answered a ministerial calling. We hope they are reading this online so they know how much we appreciated them as volunteers and will miss them in our community.

Our newspaper box, which has been a fixture outside of the Italian Centre, was badly damaged a few months ago. Dan Glugosh took the box and fixed it, replacing the smashed plexiglass in its door. He replaced the box on the street, and went to Postmedia to pick up two more boxes for us and put them in our office to get them ready for their new locations. We greatly appreciate Dan's time and physical strength! Also, thank you to Postmedia for your generous donation of the boxes.

Wesley May has volunteered with the paper in almost every capacity: as a contributor (both as writer and photographer), board member, and block carrier. He also took care of keeping our office clean for a number of years.

Wesley recently had to step back from his involvement with the paper, due to health issues. Thank you, Wesley, for being there for us. Thanks also to Wesley's cousin Ann-Marie Johnson, who has taken over Wesley's paper routes and office cleaning duties. I find that volunteerism often runs in families!

Shauna Forsyth is someone who never ceases to amaze me. She volunteers with a number of community organizations and casinos, organizes events, and yet she still finds time to be our Secretary. I guess it's true that if you want to get something done, ask a busy person!

Anne Fitzpatrick has been on our Board for nearly two years, and has been a tremendous help in our budget planning. Her number crunching has been of value during this time of economic uncertainty, and has helped us plan for the future. Numbers have never been my strong point, and I am always amazed at people who are good at them.

Speaking of numbers, the paper would not be what it is without the consistent bookkeeping of Rosalie Gelderman. She keeps us on track by making sure the bills (and the staff!) get paid, and is a great resource on the history of the paper, since she has been here since day one.

Of course, we also appreciate the rest of our volunteers who write, take pictures, proofread, deliver the paper, sit on the board, take part in our casino, and help us in a variety of other ways. Thank you!

## Second Meet Me in McCauley Market, and the Hallelujah Garage Sale



The second Meet Me in McCauley Market was on July 10. Top: Mile Zero Dance performed at the Market. The Hallelujah Garage Sale on the same day featured church tours and rummage sales. Bottom: clothing items for sale outside Sacred Heart Church. Paula E. Kirman

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# Letter to the Editor

## A Message for EPS

Recently, I had the unfortunate experience of catching someone in the act of vandalizing my car. I was working upstairs in my home office, after a long day of work, and both of my dogs started barking aggressively, which usually means something is wrong. I looked out my window and saw a group of kids, one who was throwing 4L bottles of water onto the windshield of my car.

I banged in the window with my hand and yelled at them, then proceeded to foot chase the one boy through Giovanni Caboto Park, across the street to the Italian Centre, and finally, down the alley alongside La Dolce Vita. As I was running after him, I was yelling for help. No one bothered.

After losing him on 108 Avenue, I decided I would go home and change, and wait in the park. The group of friends that were with him arrived shortly after I did, and we talked for

a while, me telling them that they should have more pride in their neighbourhood, and that hanging around with a kid who vandalizes their neighbour's property makes them look bad, too. Eventually, the culprit came sauntering along, and I confronted him, only to find out he was from outside of McCauley, and had bussed over to hang around.

I put him on a bus, and told him not to come back. I threatened to call the police, and eventually did to report the incident, because we are instructed to do this in order to secure more police resources in our neighbourhood. However, the officer I talked to on the phone asked me, "Why do you live in McCauley?" The implications of this question are offensive, and I would appreciate the luxury of calling the police without being asked this question.

What the question implies is this: You live in McCauley. It is an unseemly neighbourhood. Bad things happen

there, and thus, what can you expect when a bad thing happens to you? Further, I can conclude by the question that I deserve what has happened to my property because I choose to live in the inner city. It reminds me of an article I read years ago, which talked about "Zones of Violence" in urban centres. Basically, the premise is that if you live in the inner city, you can expect and, ultimately, deserve the crime or violence that you experience. Worse, is that the area is zoned for it – carved out spaces that allow for it – and those who reside near it can only stand by, sigh, and shrug our shoulders at it. We certainly cannot expect anything to be done, for this area is seen as the permitted zone for violence and crime in the city. And, we chose to move here, after all.

I live in McCauley because the community is filled with wonderful people, from all backgrounds, who take the time to know and participate in their community. The first week we moved

here in May of 2015, I met every single person on my block, because they came out and introduced themselves. That is a far cry from my experiences prior. I live here because of the beautiful green space, the access to the Italian Centre, Zocalo, and the various cafés and restaurants that surround me. I live in McCauley because my children can walk to school, and I can walk to work each day. I live in the inner city because it enhances my quality of life. I can afford to live here comfortably.

So, my request to EPS is that when residents call you for help, please treat us all equally. I expect that when you are called to investigate a bank robbery you do not question why the bank tellers work there, with the risk of robbery and all, so do us the same courtesy. Treat us as though our choices can be respected, and that we have not deserved the crime that has brought us to call you in the first place.

- Stephanie Laskoski



## MCCAULEY COMMUNITY WALKABOUT 2016



On the evening of Wednesday, June 29, a group of concerned residents and business owners came together to participate in the walkabout in McCauley to help flag issues/concerns that need to be addressed. The final results are tabulated and this report back to the community is to demonstrate the current concerns to everyone. There is follow up work to be completed and representatives will be assigned the work that needs to be completed or improved. If you wish to be part of the group working to improve the community please contact Todd Janes or Stephanie Laskoski who serve as the Chairs of Revitalization and the Safety Council respectively in the community.

**THEY CAN BE REACHED AT:**

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### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

**Mary Burlie Park/Living Bridge**

- 105 A Avenue has lots of large items lying about, i.e. junk.
- overgrown lot, (vacant) lots of disrepair.
- Lots of public drinking but friendly and organized.
- Living Bridge has become one living camp.

**Paskins site - 95 Street and 106A Avenue**

- Cleaned up and no visible loitering, just lovely people working on garden.
- Well-maintained and colourful art.

**Chinatown area: 98 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

- Looks improved overall.

**Chinatown area: 99 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

- Issues concerning cleanliness and garbage.

**97 Street and alley from 105 Avenue and 107A Avenue**

- Vacant lots, weeds, and cleanliness issues.

**101 Street between 105 Avenue and 107A Avenue**

- Syringes and dirty sidewalks.

**110 Avenue from 95 Street to 97 Street**

- Issues concerning houses in various states of disrepair, conditions of yards, abandoned vehicles, people living in garages.

### WHAT HAS IMPROVED/CHANGED OVER PAST YEAR?

**Giovanni Caboto Park**

- Park looks great, alley looks good behind 108A Avenue businesses.
- Allegro and Kafana look like a little bit of "heaven."

**Mary Burlie Park**

- Park is clean despite having public drinking visible.
- Clean looking shrub area and is trimmed.
- No tents or tarps were visible.
- Maintenance truck drove by while there.

**Paskins site - 95 Street and 106A Avenue.**

- Good activity and no sign of any homeless people/disorder/no camps at all.
- Colourful art work on the fence.



# Problem Property Session

**SEPTEMBER 14, 7-9 P.M.**

Italian Canadian Seniors Association  
9111-110 Avenue, Edmonton

For more information contact:  
Jane Molstad at [jane.molstad@edmonton.ca](mailto:jane.molstad@edmonton.ca)

**Canada Post/Bissell Centre**

- Post office looks clean and the front landscaping is attractive.
- Looks better at night than during the day, people loitering during day.

**Chinatown: 98 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

- Clean, little bit of litter but overall clean; dumpsters were clean.
- No graffiti.

**Chinatown 99 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

Cleaner with no graffiti.  
New houses along 107 Avenue. It looks really nice; roses in alley.

**Chinatown: 97 Street alley from 105 ave to 107A Avenue**

Looks better, less garbage.

- Need garbage bins on Living Bridge.
- Storytelling activity.
- Social agencies using the park (mini-market).

**Chinatown area - 98 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

- Various efforts towards cleanliness and picking up garbage.

**Chinatown area - 99 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

- need to work on weeds and storefronts

**Chinatown - 97 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue**

- Vacant lots should be enforced by Bylaw.
- Back alley road work needed for pot-holes.

**110 Avenue from 95 Street to 97 Street**

- Need to take action with vacant lots, abandoned businesses, vehicles left in alleys.
- Homes need to do repairs - owners should not get away with poor maintenance. Houses should not be left in poor condition as they are dangerous and unsightly. Should not have people living in burned out garages.

**Bus stops on 95 Street** need to be balanced on the sidewalk.

**Houses boarded up** need to be addressed by someone.

**Remove VLTs** from businesses.

**Need garbage cans** on the Living Bridge.

**Need to take action on vacant lots**, houses in disrepair.



## POSITIVE COMMENTS

Allegro and Kafana look like a "little bit of heaven." Well done in keeping the businesses looking great.

Mary Burlie is clean despite visible drinking.

Colourful art at Community Garden on 95 Street.

Post Office looks nice with landscaping, better than barb wire fencing a few years ago.

Chinatown needs more work, over all it is clean but it can use a scrub.

New houses along 107 Avenue look so attractive.

Less garbage in Chinatown.

110 Avenue modern houses make it look like a great community.

New apartment building - Belmont is beautiful and the mural is stunning.



## ISSUES THAT WERE SURPRISING

**95 Street**

- Starting to look great with Allegro, new apartment- Belmont

**Mary Burlie Park**

- Open public drinking/garbage and litter with people presenting as if they 'own' the park

**Paskins site - 95 Street and 106A Avenue**

- gardening site makes it look used and no more transients there

**96 Street West**

- A lot cleaner than expected and the back alley is much improved; clean looking.

**Chinatown: 97 Street alley from 105 Ave to 107A Ave**

- Cleaner than expected.



## ACTIONS (SELECTED)

**Corner of 95 Street/gate to park**

- Animate corner, have activities, better lighting/do something to get rid of the undesirable activity there.

**Mary Burlie Park**

- needs to have investment of people using it. Try agencies and downtown crowd otherwise it will never change.

**Paskins site**

- community garden has changed the world on this location. It is colourful, and the people there enjoying the garden and growing veggies and flowers.

**Chinatown (98 Street from 105 to 107A Avenue):**

- much improved and businesses should be notified to keep doing a good job.

**Chinatown (99 Street from 105 Avenue to 107A Avenue):**

- Issues concerning needing more garbage cans and general cleanliness.

**97 Street alley**

- Potholes need repair from 107A Avenue to 109A Avenue.



## SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS

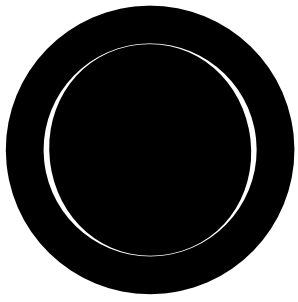
**Mary Burlie Park**

- Outreach opportunities.

**THE ACTIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES: EPS, NET, CRC, MCCAULEY SAFETY COUNCIL, REVITALIZATION COORDINATOR, MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT, ETS, FIRE AND SAFETY, VIVA ITALIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, AND THE CHINATOWN BRZ.**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JANE MOLSTAD AT [JANE.MOLSTAD@EDMONTON.CA](mailto:jane.molstad@edmonton.ca)**



## DINING OUT

### Allegro

#### ITALIAN

10809-95 Street  
(780) 756-6640

#### STEPHANIE LASKOSKI

On a recent Saturday night, my two daughters and I tried Allegro, a short walk across the park from where we live here in McCauley. When we arrived, there was a patron on the patio, and one table inside the restaurant was taken. We arrived shortly after they opened at 5 p.m.

Adam, the owner's son, greeted us and gave us a nice table by the front window. The décor is mostly red and black, and there is one television that was broadcasting the Olympics, on mute, with some nice music playing in the background.

The girls and I ordered some beverages, and then decided on a dish each: minestrone soup, the Caesar salad, and the Ziti Con Pollo. I ordered a glass of Pinot Grigio, and the girls had soft drinks. Shortly after ordering, we were brought a lovely basket of piping hot bread, which could be dipped in olive oil and vinegar.

Our food arrived and was very hot. I mention this, because one of my big-

# Very Sophisticated



Ziti Con Pollo at Allegro. Stephanie Laskoski

gest pet peeves in restaurants is receiving tepid food, and it happens a lot. Not at Allegro! My soup was so hot, it was steaming. The serving size was large and filling. The Caesar salad was also a very big size, and it tasted very fresh, with an excellent garlicky homemade dressing (it was not hot, don't worry!). The Ziti Con Pollo was a pasta dish filled with chicken, mushrooms, and sundried tomatoes. The portion was huge, and the pasta was cooked perfectly. The dish was tangy and tasty.

Overall, we very much enjoyed our experience at Allegro. Adam, our server, was

attentive and friendly. The girls received free refills of their drinks. Sadly, I did not receive a free refill of my wine! While we would go back to the restaurant to eat, I do have a couple of observations. The first is the pricing. I realize that the ingredients are high quality, and serving sizes are quite large, but the prices are quite high for a neighbourhood restaurant. As a family of three, we wanted to keep the food portion of our dinner to under \$40, and that was difficult to do. In total, our bill came to around \$60. That is not an atrocious cost, but we limited our main dishes to only one of us having one to keep the cost down. The other two of

us had appetizers. Second, the menu is very sophisticated, which can be limiting. For instance, my daughter would have loved to have had the lasagna, but did not want to have "veal lasagna." It would be nice to see some more common type items on the menu that would cater to the less sophisticated palate.

Otherwise, we enjoyed our experience very much, and will most certainly go back.

*Stephanie lives in McCauley with her family.*

## McCauley Mixdown Coffee House

#### TARO HASHIMOTO

On September 24, E4C McCauley is hosting a Coffee House event at the Mile Zero Dance Studio (10816 95 Street). It will be entitled "McCauley Mixdown Coffee House", and will be a funky, themed event. Special guest performers and poets will sing, act, dance, speak, and use other ways to expressing themselves for your entertainment and illumination.

There will also be a launch of an inner-city artists' marketing sales collec-

tive where you can see and experience handmade goods, and purchase unique local items. Dance/Theatre, DJs, an Art Battle competition, and art workshops are also on the planning agenda!

Interested artists and performers are currently being asked to submit their works or express interest in being a part of this special event. For more information, please contact: thashimoto@e4calberta.org or call (780) 424-2870.

*Taro is the Community Development Officer - McCauley Apartments.*

## Jars and Jars of Cherries



Joanne McNeal canned 19 jars of sweet Evans Cherries from trees in her McCauley yard. Joanne McNeal

# Location, Location, Location

## Part Six: Property Value

**EVELINA MANNARINO**

After five other articles in this series, today is where we wrap up with the topic of interest of property value.

Now, you may be confused about why this is the last thing to ask. "Shouldn't this be the first thing to consider when looking for a home: how much I can afford? I also want to buy my home in a place which will grow in value." While these are important questions, searching for a location based initially on price may result in stress in the longer term: once you are in your new home, you may find that simply paying a low price does not get you the things that keep you interested in the long term.

This post will be quite short compared to

the other posts as there are just two real questions to ask.

### What can you afford?

The first question is the obvious one: how much are you able to afford to purchase a vacant block and build your house? Remember to also include the price of drawing up designs and obtaining any permits.

McCauley has a variety of apartments for sale, which bring down its median home value to \$230,000. Houses go for \$260,000 and upwards. This represents a multiple of around six times the median household income of \$43,000, which makes the prices reasonable.

### What do you think will be the future value of your home?

This question is not really important. After all, you are buying your dream home and will likely stay there for life! But there may be circumstances which lead you to move, so making sure that you are able to sell your home and benefit would be great.

McCauley should always enjoy good growth due to its closeness to downtown, and also due to all the other factors discussed in previous articles. Custom-built homes also carry more value, reflecting the extra effort and attention given to making each room great.

McCauley enjoyed over 100% growth rate in house prices from 2005 to 2013, and may be poised to repeat this over the next 8-10 years.

### Conclusion

And there you have it! Six things to consider when looking for your ideal location to build a home. After looking at transport, education, recreation, shopping, and demographics, you can look at the current and future prices of your neighbourhood to decide if it is your ideal base.

*Evelina lives in McCauley and is the owner of Evelina Developments, which builds custom, luxury homes in Edmonton.*

# My Favourite Month

**LEIF GREGERSEN**

For a long time now, September has been my favourite month. When I was a kid, what I liked about it was that two long months of mosquitos and unbearably hot nights would turn to windy, colourful, and cool nights where I could sleep comfortably. I also secretly liked the idea of going back to school. Summer can be wonderful, but for a nerdy kid like me school days can be even better.

The idea of going back to school didn't just mean seeing my friends again and playing all kinds of fun games from football to tag to soccer and basketball - it also meant I would get to do fun math problems and push myself to learn new things. To me, math class was like doing a Sudoku or a crossword puzzle. I always saw the fun in it.

I will never forget the first September I experienced when I wasn't going back to school. I felt so alone and empty. It felt so strange that another exciting school year was starting and I wouldn't be a part of it. So, for some time now, I have been taking part-time classes, always trying to educate myself, to get that puzzle-like fun in my life. I have taken drafting courses, writing courses, psychology courses, law enforcement, and journalism courses. It doesn't totally fill the gap, but it goes a long way.

For the past couple years I have also really enjoyed September because I am now on the verge of being a professional writer, and in the summer ev-

everyone is away or dealing with different things and it is hard to book public speaking engagements, sell books or do any of the things I have to do to make my living. September means that everything will start up again and go heavy until Christmas.

September can be such a beautiful month. When I was a kid, each fall in late September my dad would drive our family to Drayton Valley just to look at all the fall colours. I love the changing foliage, and I even love the feel of crunchy leaves under my feet. I can often be caught walking in the gutters just to do so.

Lastly, September is a time for me to set aside more time each day to read. I love to open up a book, sometimes action, sometimes poetry, often short fiction, and just sail away on dreams of other places, other people, things I may never experience.

September has always been my favourite month for a lot of reasons. I hope this article can help others not to let September get them down. The end of summer may be sad in some ways, but the arrival of September is the prelude to great things, like winter sports, skiing, skating, sledding, hay rides, and hot chocolate. Also, there is ice fishing, Halloween and Christmas and New Year's, and of course, Thanksgiving. What would we do about all of those wonderful things if we never had a fall or winter? Without September, things just wouldn't be the same.

*Leif lives in McCauley.*

## Volunteering for a Quarter-Century



Elizabeth McEwan, a board member with the McCauley Community League, celebrates 25 years as a volunteer with The Fringe this year. She also celebrated 25 years with the International Street Performers Festival this year, and will reach the quarter-century mark with the Edmonton Folk Music Festival in 2017. Paula E. Kirman

# Return of the Musical Mamas

*Group encourages musical creativity among women.*

**PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff**

The Musical Mamas is a group of women who have been meeting in the inner city to share and enhance their musical talents, for just over two years. The group began meeting in Boyle Street Plaza last year, but their first event was in April of 2014.

Musical Mamas was founded by local musician Sinder Sparks. "In April of 2014, I was working for a venue owner as an event planner and talent bookings. As a female musician, I knew there was a desire for more opportunities for female musicians to gain more technical skills and stage time in a positive, female-friendly environment, through conversations I had with other female musicians. I produced one Musical Mamas Event for the venue before lease issues encouraged the owner to move on from being a venue owner. This event was so well attended, that I was contacted by participants to continue hosting Musical Mamas independently, so our current Musical Mamas Singer Songwriter Support Group was launched!"

Sparks explains that "Musical Mamas is an important group for women singer/songwriters because it creates a safe, positive space for female musicians to gain stage and performance experience and learning opportunities within an environment that is supportive not competitive, accessible and affordable. Many women, myself included, have experienced sexist or harassing situations at shows and sometimes during performances and desire a productive way to move through such setbacks. Others are exploring music and the healing qualities of music and seek a productive and positive place to develop their stage feet."

Women do not have to be professional musicians to get involved with Musical mamas. "Musical Mamas welcome musicians and songwriters of all abilities and ages," says Sparks. "We nurture positive musical, self-driven development for women. During our Musical Mamas meetings we have a learning segment followed by a 'Round' Stage where performance and experiences are shared."

This year, Musical Mamas is taking a huge step by becoming an official non-profit society. "Our goal is to produce one compilation CD per season, and to continue to meet once a month from September to May (with a December break) on the last Tuesday of each month," Sparks explains. "More Musical Mama events will develop as we progress." Sparks also emphasizes that you don't



A photo of some of the Musical Mamas from the last season. From left: Sylvia Trefry Khoury (holding bass), Shenta Arnold, Rhonda Hardcastle, Rhea Gagnon, Shauna Specht, Shauna Lynn McMillan, Sinder Sparks, Shauna Specht. Front: Mary Rankin. Supplied

have to actually be a "Mama" to join Musical Mamas. "Procreation is not a prerequisite to join Musical Mamas," she says, with a smile. "Our meetings are provided on a drop-in basis. We welcome all musically-inclined women of all ages and skill levels and they are FREE. Our meetings are only for women and we host annual mixed celebration events. We are LGBTQ friendly and sometimes we have male presenters for our meetings (we make them honorary Musical Mamas!)."

While full membership in the forthcoming society will only be open to those who identify as female, men can support the group by becoming Friends of the Musical Mamas. "Anyone can become a friend of Musical Mamas Society," says Sparks. "Many men have a wife, mother, sister, or daughter who would benefit musically with the opportunity Musical Mamas Meeting provide."

Musical Mamas' current list of supporters and active members come from Parkland, St. Albert, and Sherwood Park as well as Central, South, and North Edmonton. So why was Boyle Street Plaza chosen as the location for Musical Mamas events?

"I came across an ad for events that support and connect people in the Boyle Street and surrounding areas," says Sparks. "It was a wish come true because now I could offer Musical Mamas Meetings without having to charge a cover fee, making it more accessible to more women. It also had to be an all-ages location. I am a long-time central Edmonton resident as well, so it was a perfect fit."

Musical Mamas' first Meeting of Season Three is on Tuesday, September 27 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Boyle Street Plaza.

Donations are accepted to become an official registered Musical Mamas Member or Friend. The suggested amount is currently set at \$20. Memberships will be available at meetings and online when the website is launched. Volunteer options to cover memberships are also available.

As well, *Musical Mamas Vol. 1* is due to be launched this November (just in time for Christmas!). Pre-orders and final fundraising activities will be launching this month, along with the Musical Mamas' new (and first) website! Until then, the Musical Mamas can be followed on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/musicalmamas](http://www.facebook.com/musicalmamas).

For more information, Sinder Sparks can be contacted via email at: [musicalmamas.ed@gmail.com](mailto:musicalmamas.ed@gmail.com).



# Rocking for Inner City Youth

*Edmonton Rock Music Festival helps young people at-risk through the power of music.*

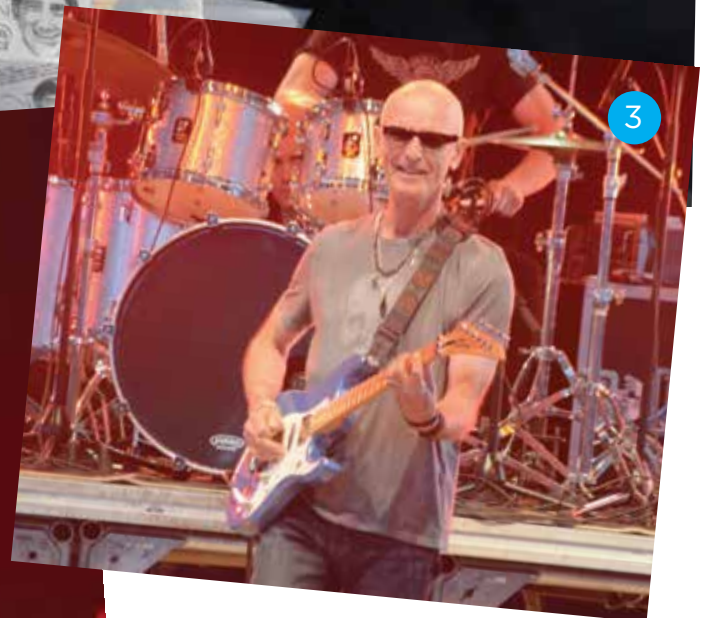
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The sixth annual Edmonton Rock Music Festival took place on August 12 and 13 at the Hawrelak Park Amphitheatre. It featured a number of well-known names in rock and roll, like blues guitar slinger David Wilcox; Randy Bachman of Guess Who and Bachman-Turner Overdrive fame; legendary alternative band 54-40; Lou Gramm, former lead singer of the band Foreigner; and, the wild party himself, Kim Mitchell.

However, the festival is not just a great time with great music. It helps raise funds for an after school band camp for at-risk, inner city youth.

The Rock and Roll Society of Edmonton, which organizes the Rock Music Festival, is the charitable organization that operates The Centre for Arts and Music (CAM). At CAM, children learn how to play instruments like guitar, drums and piano, as well as write songs and perform on stage together.

CAM originally began in McCauley, then moved on to several schools and agencies in northeast Edmonton. More information about CAM, the Edmonton Rock Music Festival, and the Rock and Roll Society of Edmonton can be found at [edrocks.ca](http://edrocks.ca).



1 McCauley resident Shelly Hollingsworth volunteers at the Edmonton Rock Festival every year. About 300 volunteers help put on the festival. 2 Randy Bachman and his band performed hits from The Guess Who and Bachman-Turner Overdrive, such as "Taking Care of Business." 3 Headliner Kim Mitchell had the crowd dancing and singing along during songs like "I Am A Wild Party," "Go for a Soda," and "Patio Lanterns." 4 Some of the young people who have benefitted from the Centre for Arts and Music performed during the festival. They were fantastic! 5 Dan Shinnan of The Mad Dog's Experience - A Tribute to Joe Cocker, which got the festival rolling and is a band made up of local musicians. 6 Lou Gramm, the Voice of Foreigner, sang classic hits like "Urgent," "I Want to Know What Love Is," and "Hot Blooded." All photos by Paula E. Kirman

# A Book About Human Behaviour

**SANDRA BARNES**

I have read many wonderful books during my lifetime, but *The Great Deluge* by David Brinkley stands out. It is a page-turner that documents the failures and heroics of the people of New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast during the nightmare of Hurricane Katrina in August and September 2005 - A real-life thriller which leaves the reader angry, happy, and amazed.

Today it is inconceivable that civic and state governments would fail to anticipate the consequences of a Category 5 hurricane. In my opinion, the most outrageous of these failures was the lack of an evacuation plan for people who did not own vehicles. These were, of course, the poor people, many of whom were herded into the chaos and hell of the Superdome. Others died in their attics or on their roofs.

The efforts of the New Orleans SPCA which evacuated 263 cats and dogs to

Houston, Texas stands out in sharp contradiction. When the animals were safely in their new quarters, the SPCA was asked why they went to such efforts to save them. The reply was simple: they merely pointed to their stated policy "to evacuate its shelter for Category 3 hurricanes and above."

One of the most amazing tales of survival occurred in Waveland, Louisiana., where 14 police officers survived by clinging to the branches of a small tree. They were "...only a snap of a branch away from death." There are many other similar events and it is heartening to read them.

In summary, if you want a good read and indeed a good lesson in human behaviour (both good and bad) during a crisis read this book, which is available as an audiobook (no copies in print, alas) at Edmonton Public Library.

*Sandra lives in Boyle Street.*

# The Underground City

**RYLAN KAFARA**

Inner City Recreation & Wellness Program

The Inner City Recreation and Wellness Program is happy to announce its newest initiative! Called the Underground City Project, we'll be creating a compilation album of artists from Central Edmonton. Over the course of about eight months, album contributors will work with producer Taro Hashimoto to create music reflecting their feelings, experiences, and perspectives. The artists will be from Boyle Street Community Services' Youth Unit, and will have the opportunity to learn from Boyle Street staff, as well as talented mentors from the wider community.

Partners include Professor Michael B. MacDonald of MacEwan University; Trev-

or Belsher and the Mercury Room; Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival; and CJSR FM 88.5. Funded by the Edmonton Arts Council, this is the next phase of creative output coming out of Boyle Street Community Services' Multimedia Lab, the most recent completed project being the short film *City Embers*.

The hope is to make participation in this project as inclusive and accessible as possible. Please consider this announcement a call for mentors to lead workshops on different stages of the creative process. For more information, please contact me at rkafara@boylestreet.org.

*Rylan is the Program Coordinator of the Inner City Recreation and Wellness Program.*

# Favourite Things



**IAN YOUNG**

## Ability and Community

*"I simply remember my favourite things/ And then I don't feel so bad"- Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein (Sung by Julie Andrews in The Sound of Music.)*

I have several favourite things, like activities, places, books, and movies. They can be difficult to pinpoint as they vary and change often. When a new book comes out, a new song is released, a new movie premieres, or a new eatery opens, my mind can change quickly.

With the variety of eateries that open

in our community, a new one can quickly be touted as a "favourite," but then be replaced by another one opening!

I tend to be a creature of habit and stick to the familiar, but often opt to try something new!

My very eclectic friends expose me to different cuisines, books, and music. I guess I could say my favourite things are experimenting, researching, and exploring. But, I also love writing, sharing, advocating, and travelling.

In my past, I have had many occupations. It is difficult to narrow down which one was the best, but I can say I enjoy interacting with people. That is one reason I love this city and community: the culture, the diversity, the excitement. So, if I had to pick a "favourite" thing, I will just narrow it down to living a complete life to its best, not harming anyone, but helping!

## Gold Top at The Cask and Barrel



Band Gold Top, featuring McCauley resident Alice Kos, in performance at the Cask and Barrel in early July. Paula E. Kirman

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# Singing Along with The Tragically Hip

KERI BRECKENRIDGE

## Keri's Corner

One of the strangest questions I've ever heard has been, "Do you like music?" Are there any people out there who don't like music? It's as basic as air and water. Of course I like music - I'm human, aren't I?

Through the years I've been to several concerts. I will admit to my very first one was New Kids on the Block. I was 12 years old, okay - I enjoyed bubblegum rock. That's what you do at that age. I've also seen Bob Dylan three times. I've seen Stone Temple Pilots, Neil Young, Matthew Sweet, and many others. I love the energy of a live concert and I avail myself of it whenever I can.

My favourite concert to date has been The Tragically Hip tour for *Man, Machine, Poem*. We all know that this tour goes deeper than promoting an album due to lead singer Gord Downie's cancer diagnosis.

My husband and I went to the Saturday concert on July 30. Every section was opened and all the seats were full. That sounds exciting but crowds



The Tragically Hip in concert at Rexall Place on July 30. Paula E. Kirman

are not something that I savour. The seating at Rexall is not comfortable and there aren't appropriate hand rails, so I tend to feel like I'm going to fall over. I was unnerved, at the least.

We barely found our seats as the house lights went down and The Hip took the stage. The opening

chords of "Blow at High Dough" careened through the air as we settled into our seats. There were very few people sitting and before long I was also on my feet. It's unusual for me to stand during a concert due to the aforementioned lack of hand rails, but I spent most of that concert on my feet.

It surprised me how many lyrics of those songs came back to me. I haven't heard some of those since shortly after high school but there they were ingrained in my memory and I shouted along with every one. Memories came back with each verse and I could feel that to be the case with the audience around me. They played "Courage" and a surge went through us. For whatever reason, that song has become an anthem and the energy it generated was almost primal. I never screamed as loud as I did when "Ahead by a Century" was played. It's a sweet song about childhood that resonates with me.

I thought my energy was dwindling by the encores, but then they performed "Fireworks" and I screamed along and bounced with as much vigour as I had throughout the concert. All those songs and all those memories intertwined. It was an amazing performance and a wonderful audience and not something that I will soon forget.

*Keri lives and listens to music in Boyle Street.*

# John and George

REINHARDT HEINRICHS

I love older writing. Two favourites out of a long list are John Steinbeck and George Orwell. These are writers that I read before they came up in my high school curriculum. They became an essential part of growing up.

I came across Steinbeck's *The Moon is Down* as a second-hand novel that I picked up for a quarter. It was completely apart from what was readily available at home or school. I've recently had this WWII novel about Nazi occupation circulating at work. It was written during the war and smuggled behind Nazi lines. Steinbeck actually met with Roosevelt on the issue of his war effort writing. The book was different from the books of Steinbeck's that my dad possessed. Those books were stories of people on the land: *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *The Red Pony*. They are also most likely to have been read as school curriculum. I will also mention Steinbeck's *Of Dubious Battle*, his novel of organizing a fruit picker's strike, as the most Socialist thing I've read from him yet. It's really excellent writing, but not the kind of thing my dad read. Steinbeck is an easy go-to reference of an older writer someone may know as it's within our generation's education.

This summer, I finished reading a book of George Orwell's letters that I began reading in 2014. Two years ago I ran out of library time and returned it. 2014 was 30 years since 1984 when Orwell hype was on during the Cold War in the Eighties. At this time, Orwell was hot and relevant even 34 years after his death. George Orwell died in 1950, not surviving past January of that year. He passed just before the success of *Animal Farm* and 1984 in the post-war world. *Animal Farm* came to the west hesitantly, but was popular behind Communist lines. *Animal Farm's* take on Stalinism had to go to those living under it and anyone who could publish or distribute it in Communist countries had Orwell's permission, waiving any royalties. The first to bring *Animal Farm* to North American readers was The Book-of-the-Month Club, in response to its European popularity. The Club would sell over 100,000 copies initially, exceeding Orwell's sales prediction by tenfold. Orwell died coming into his own as a novelist, but he was also a brilliant essayist and journalistic writer, beginning with "Down and Out in Paris and London," discussing his low-cost living in the two cities during the '30s.

Orwell, like Steinbeck, loved the

countryside, being out in the greenery. George's fishing gear occupied a corner of his sanitarium room where he died, the keys to the world he loved most, away from mad strokes of national powers. I could easily see Orwell and Steinbeck meeting in a pub, at a lunch counter or baiting hooks lakeside wondering what's to become of civilization.

*Reinhardt lives in Boyle Street with his wife, Keri Breckenridge.*



ISABELLE FOORD

## Something Funny

UFO sightings are at an all-time high. Aliens are attracted by our favourable Canadian dollar.

A pessimist is someone who wins the lottery on Friday, then complains because the banks are closed until Monday.

*Isabelle is a writer who was a long-time resident of McCauley.*



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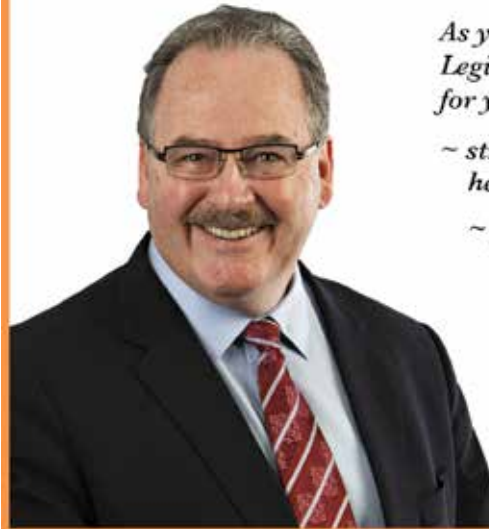
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## Collecting and Collections



Copper and green glass containers on the floor to ceiling shelf I made by the stair landing in the corner of my kitchen. It serves as storage in previously unused space. Joanne McNeal

### JOANNE MCNEAL

I think I collect quite a few things. I never really thought about it. Why do we collect things? Is there a purpose? Sometimes we collect things just because we like them. Other times, we collect things that serve some purpose like storage, or things that help us remember a place, like tourist art. Other collections are of things that are similar to each other by type, creator, or material.

When I was a child, my family got me started collecting tiny pitchers. My relatives brought me little pitchers from various countries and cities. I even have a tiny pitcher that says "made in occupied Japan"—after the Second World War. My sister collected tiny vases. When our family travelled, I always tried to find tiny pitchers and vases to remember where we'd been. So, when my own daughters were small, I let them choose what they'd like to collect. My eldest chose to collect little plates, and my youngest collected tiny shoes. Both of these were easy to find and not expensive to buy, and the girls liked having them on a little shelf in their rooms.

I still have my collection of small pitchers and I add to it whenever I find neat and different pitchers from various places. Some are made of different materials. Sometimes my daughters bring me a pitcher from countries they visit. My love for pitchers expanded to large functional pitchers for water, lemonade, or other patio drinks.

I also have other collections that serve a variety of purposes. When I was working on my doctorate, I spent a lot of time talking to women artists in the Canadian Arctic, and I bought examples of their artwork whenever possible. So, now I have a collection of Arctic art that I take to schools to help children learn about life there. These have also been exhibited in Toronto, Virginia, Vancouver, and Edmonton. That is one possible purpose for collections: they teach us about different places or about life there. When I was teaching art at the U of A, I bought a lot of examples of various styles of artwork to help the students learn about art.

Another collection I have is copper canisters and green glass jars. These are incredibly useful, as they serve as storage for various cooking ingredients. When I bought my little house in McCauley 10 years ago, it had almost no storage and few cupboards. So I built lots of shelves, and the shelf in the photo is floor to ceiling at the foot of the stairs that leads from the kitchen to the upstairs. It's handy, useful, and the glass containers let me see what's in them. The copper ones come with basic brass labels: flour, sugar, coffee, tea, or cookies.

I do have other smaller collections, such as quilts, handmade pottery, hand-turned wood bowls, stained glass, women's embroidery, and old family photos. I love anything that is handmade, so I now have too many collections!

## Gardeners: Want to Learn More About Pruning?



Pruning tools. Joanne McNeal

### Pruning Workshop Saturday Sept. 17, 10-11 a.m.

Pruning - what is that? Pruning is the shaping of plants through cutting them back. Hedges are a good example. You can keep them low or let them grow high, and some shrubs can be trimmed to look like sculptures! Most plants need some pruning, especially if they have flowers that bloom just once. Timing is important, and lilacs are a good example. Flowering plants like lilacs should be cut back right after blooming, as the new growth is what blooms the next year. Flowering shrubs also need the flowering part removed after the flowers fade, such as lilies and roses. Pruning seems to stimulate new growth, so it's good for plants, and it prepares them for the winter cold and the next season's growth. Trees and shrubs need pruning at least once each year. You can prune for shape, or to keep trees from getting too tall and into the wires, or

to keep them from taking over your yard. Some shrubs and trees grow fast, while others grow quite slowly. Of course, growing speed depends on fertilizer and water too.

Would you like to learn some simple and easy pruning techniques? You can quickly learn to make basic cuts on each branch, to give a tree or shrub the shape you want it to have. Dr. Joanne McNeal is offering to share some of the pruning techniques she has learned over the years on Saturday morning, September 17, from 10 to 11 a.m., in her own yard in McCauley. Joanne has taken several hands-on pruning workshops, and uses these techniques on her own trees and shrubs. Bring a pair of pruning shears or a pruning saw as pictured, and you can practice on her plants. Call or e-mail Joanne if you are interested in participating in this FREE workshop: (780) 641-5415, or e-mail joannemcneal1106@gmail.com.

### Late Night Chinatown Food Crawl



A late night food crawl through Chinatown took place on July 14. It was organized by YEG Food Crawl, which is supported by McCauley Revitalization. Freya Fu

## McCauley Community League Update

# Safety, Parking, and Off-Leash Dog Areas

PHIL O'HARA

### MCL Update

Being on the McCauley Community League Board means dealing with a variety of issues and concerns of residents in the neighbourhood. Here are just three issues that have reemerged recently.

Concerns about safety in the neighbourhood wax and wane, but they never go away entirely. Unfortunately, that's part of life in an inner city neighbourhood. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't come together to take action.

Recently, the area around Giovanni Caboto Park and the La Dolce Vita Café has been a lightning rod for concerns about safety and criminal activity. Residents have reported fighting, drug deals, and loud arguments. Some residents, especially young families, are fearful about going to the park.

The McCauley Safety Council, which is composed of local residents and businesses, the MCL, police, and City bylaw officers, has talked about ways to increase a sense of safety. On August 24, Councilor McKeon invited community groups to a discussion on safety in McCauley facilitated by REACH Edmonton. *Boyle McCauley News* will be reporting on the results of that meeting in the next issue.

Members of the MCL Board will be participating in that meeting. As well, the board is reaching out to the Safety Council to better coordinate our efforts to help make our neighbourhood a safer place. The fact there are no easy solutions won't stop us from working together on actions to enhance community safety in McCauley.

A revitalized downtown and the opening of the new arena are good for the city, but inner city neighbourhoods like McCauley are also bearing some negative effects. Parking and traffic congestion is emerging as a real problem.

Finding parking is already a problem in the neighbourhood due to commuters, events at the Stadium, and staff from the Royal

Alexandra Hospital. It will only get worse with the new arena and other new downtown developments.

Recently the League's zoning/development committee met with City engineers to talk about parking concerns in McCauley. The City just created a two-hour limit on parking on some streets in Chinatown close to the arena.

While the City can't act on our concerns about parking right away, we did agree on three strategies: 1) the City will study parking and traffic volumes around the new arena to determine if parking bans or limits are needed; 2) McCauley residents/businesses could request a residential parking program in 2017; and 3) do a study of parking in McCauley to better understand the patterns.

We will continue to work with the City on this and the League will be reaching out to residents, businesses and other groups to talk about parking and traffic.

As the guardian of a high-spirited nine-month-old German Shepherd named Pita, I'm always looking for new places to walk her. If you have a dog, you've likely already discovered the "unofficial" off-leash dog park in the neighbourhood in the rolling hills just west of the Stadium parking lot and the laneway behind 92 Street.

I say unofficial because it's not a designated dog park. I was curious about how a park space becomes a dog park so I contacted the City. Apparently the City just approved the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy which updates how it manages off-leash areas. The City won't be approving any new areas as it implements the plan over the next year. In the meantime, there are existing areas in Eastwood and Jasper Avenue and the Riverbank.

Finally, our Treasurer Shauna reports that effective September 11, the free swimming times for MCL members is Sunday afternoons from 1-3 at the Commonwealth Recreation Centre.

*Phil is President of the McCauley Community League.*

# Favourite Neighbourhood

*We just need to make sure we are kind to all.*

MANON AUBRY

### BoyleBits: A View from Boyle Street

I was thinking that Boyle Street is my all-time favourite neighbourhood. I spent my teen years in the Old South area of London, Ontario, voted best neighbourhood in Canada by the Canadian Institute of Planners. In Edmonton, I've lived in Rosedale and just off the Promenade in Oliver. I think this is the best yet. I love being so close to the River Valley. I like being able to walk to free access monthly Thursday at the Art Gallery of Alberta, and am looking forward to visiting the Royal Alberta Museum when it opens. Downtown is so close but we get to have trees instead of concrete.

I'm a little perplexed, though, at a change I've seen this year. Yes, I still stop and chat with the people I know but when I'm walking my dog and say hello to strangers, only half of them reply

back. Maybe they don't hear me, or maybe my big black dog makes them uncomfortable. We should all make an effort to be friendly with those we pass on the street so that this neighbourhood can get even better.

In order to make Boyle Street a shining example of how great an area can be, I suggest that we all make a commitment to doing one act of kindness towards a stranger every day. It's not hard and takes a second, like a compliment or a smile. It's contagious - you feel better about yourself and the recipient might be inspired to pass the good feeling on. There are still people out there in other parts of Edmonton who think that we are living in "skid row." We need to prove them wrong. So, it would be nice if everyone I greet while walking would greet me back.

*Manon is a resident of Boyle Street and an active volunteer in the community. This column contains her own opinions, and is not affiliated with the Boyle Street Community League.*

## Boyle Street Community League Update

# That's Boyle Street!

ALF WHITE

### BSCL Update

Greetings everyone! My name is Alf White, and I am the President of the Boyle Street Community League. I will be writing articles about the League for *Boyle McCauley News*.

First, I would like to introduce our Board members: Joelle Reiniger is our Vice-President; Karen Jackson is our Secretary, and our other Board members are Candace Jane Dorsey, Jason Reiniger, Taiwo Fasoranti, and Mark Helle. Our Facilities Director is Christine Poirier. We also have a very sharp group of employees who complement the Board with their experience and charm.

One thing that I find that is neat about the Board and staff is that everyone's ego has stayed in place. Everyone has really helped each other and have all chipped in to make things and events run better. And, as far as I am concerned, they all have contributed, because they all have great ideas. I wouldn't have it any other way, because I certainly don't have all the answers! When I get stumped on issues, on questions, or on concerns, I look to Joelle, Candace,

Karen, or any of the Board or staff. I ask them, "What do you think? Should we try this? Should we try that?" I have no problem with giving the other Board members and staff latitude and letting everyone be creative, because that's the magic and the answer: we all work to make Boyle Street a better place to live, work, and play. We all make things happen! We continue to make Boyle Street what and where it is today.

What do we have? Unity, vision, lack of ego, knowledge, creativity, and passion - that's Boyle Street! Would you like to be involved as a Board or Committee member? As a volunteer? Call us at (780) 426-9265. Christine will help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Lastly, I would like to see the rest of Edmonton respond in this manner when we talk about our neighbourhood: "You live in Boyle Street? COOL!"

Until next time, you all take care!

*Alf White is the President of the Boyle Street Community League.*

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### CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

#### BISSELL CENTRE

(780) 423-2285

Adult Cooking Classes: First 3 Wednesdays of the month January – June 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Movie Night: First 3 Wednesdays of the month 5 – 7 p.m.

Haircuts: Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. (sign up at 12:30, first come first serve)

Victorian Order of Nurses: Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Early Childhood Intervention: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (reservations preferred) Drop-In: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Women's Lunch: Tuesdays and Thursday at noon

Parenting Classes: Mondays at 11 a.m.

#### BOYLE MCCAULEY HEALTH CENTRE

10628 – 96 Street

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Women's Health Promotion Evening: Thursdays (except the last Thursday of the month) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by yoga class at 3:30 p.m. for one hour.

Foot Clinic - Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dental - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Streetworks during clinic hours.

#### BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES

10116 – 105 Avenue

(780) 424-4106

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

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#### INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

10527-96 St. NW

(780) 424-7652

Pastor Rick Chapman

Pastoral Assistant: Michelle Nievadiomy

Sunday Service: 11 a.m. - noon

Sunday Lunch: Noon - 1 p.m.

#### ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

9606 – 110 Avenue

(780) 426-1122

The Rock Community Breakfast

Tuesday to Thursday 7 – 9 a.m.

Kid's Club. Monday 6 – 7:30 p.m.

#### SALVATION ARMY

9611 – 102 Avenue

(780) 429-4274

Men's Residence, Anchorage Addiction & Rehabilitation Chapel.

#### WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

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

#### THE MUSTARD SEED

10635 – 96 Street

(780) 426-5600

Evening Meals: Mon.-Fri. 7:00-8:00 p.m., Sat. 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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Food Depot: Tues. and Thurs. afternoons 1:00-3:00 p.m., Wed. evenings 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Drop-In Coffee: Monday - Friday afternoons 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Evening Drop-In: Saturday 6-10 p.m.

Personal Assistance Centre (PAC, clothing ministry) 10568-114 Street, side door

Mon: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Wed.: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Thurs: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information call The Mustard Seed, at (780) 426-5600 or visit: [www.theseed.ca](http://www.theseed.ca)

#### HOPE MISSION

9908 106 Avenue (780) 422-2018\

#### HOPE MISSION MEALS:

Monday - Friday

Breakfast Served 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Lunch served 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Supper served 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Weekend

Brunch 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Supper 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### HOPE MISSION SHELTER:

Men, Women, Youth

Doors open 8:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### HOPE MISSION COMMUNITY CHURCH:

Sunday

2:00 p.m. Hope Mission Centre - 9908 106 Avenue

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

#### HOPE MISSION HEALTH CLINIC:

Family Doctor Tuesday and Thursday

Walk in: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Family Doctor (Male Patients) Monday - Friday

Walk in: 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Psychiatrist Monday - Friday

Appointment only - call (780) 244-2018 Ext. 278

#### NICOTINE ANONYMOUS

RICK (780) 474-5593

GWYNN (780) 443-3020

Support for smokers who are trying to quit. Call Nicotine Anonymous.

#### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

SATS is recruiting volunteer drivers to take low to middle income walking elders, age 75 and older, to important appointments. Call (780) 732-1221 or email [info@satsofmonton.org](mailto:info@satsofmonton.org) for more information.

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

(780) 422-3052 for further info on anything listed here. Eucharist is held each Sunday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bimonthly programs available to prepare parents for their child's Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations. Traditional Native Wakes, in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit traditions. AA meets in the Parish Hall. Eating Disorder Group meets

each week. White Stone Project and Edmonton Inner City Children's Project Society run their programs in conjunction with Parish programs. Gospel music festivals, dances, youth dances, pancake breakfasts and Feasts are held in the hall throughout the year.

#### THE LEARNING CENTRE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

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

Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator

780-429-0675 or

email: [dl.learningcentre@shaw.ca](mailto: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.

#### TEEN NIGHTS AT THE MCCAULEY CLUB

Join Teen Nights at the McCauley Club! Open to youth 13+ on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 6:30 p.m. Program includes leadership, community development, health and nutrition and free time with friends. Drop in at 9425 109A Avenue (Boys and Girls Club) or call (780) 822-2549 for details.

#### 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.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PAINTING

Randy, 25 years experience, \$12/hour. Offering Indoor (year round) and/or Outdoor (seasonal). Some of the work I have completed is taking care of all the painting needs at The Rock/ Breakfast Club. To contact me, please leave a message at (780) 426-1122.

#### WIRELESS NETWORKING

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#### BOOMER TO ZOOMER YOGA

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#### COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY REC CENTRE ACCESS

All Amenities, Saturdays 5-7 p.m., FREE for MCL and BSCL members.

#### FREE KIDS COMPETITIVE SWIM PROGRAM

For kids ages 6 to 14 at Commonwealth Pool. Must be able to swim 25m unassisted. Must live within the McCauley boundary. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. [www.mccauleyfriends.com](http://www.mccauleyfriends.com)

#### MUSICAL MAMAS SINGER SONGWRITER SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN

A wonderful gathering of female singer/songwriters and industry professionals who meet monthly to inspire, support, develop, and expand musically. Held at the Boyle Street Plaza on the last Tuesday of each month 7-9 p.m. All Ages - Free For more information: (780) 807-5883.

#### PIU YUM RECREATION CLUB

Dancing, Exercise, and Singing Everyone is welcome, free admission

Every Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Boyle Street Plaza 9538 – 103A Avenue, Edmonton

#### YOGA CLASSES

Mondays: September 12 to October 24

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed Holiday Monday October 10. Join Daria Kilburn, a certified yoga instructor for six weeks of yoga. Classes at the Ital-Canadian Seniors Association, 9111 - 110 Ave. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers to class.

Bring a water bottle and a Yoga Mat

ANY QUESTIONS CALL:

Connie Saccarello, (780) 424-1255



#### WECAN FOOD COOP

Monthly Food Basket \$15/meat order, \$10/produce order – Annual Membership is \$5. Upcoming deadline for payment is Friday, September 9. Payment can be at McCauley Boys & Girls Club, during business hours, Monday – Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Next depot date is Thursday, September 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at McCauley Boys & Girls Club (9425 109A Avenue). For more info please contact (780) 424-2870.

#### FREE GUITAR LESSONS

Drop-in guitar lessons for all ages and skill levels. Everyone welcome. Guitars available to use. Every Monday 8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Location: McCauley Boys & Girls Club, (9425 109A Avenue). To sign up for guitar lessons or for more info call (780) 424-2870. Sponsored by the McCauley Community League, E4C and Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church.

#### LADY FLOWER GARDENS – COMMUNITY GARDENING OUTINGS

An Afternoon Excursion to the Lady Flower Gardens.

Each week there are tasks and gardening chores, and also snacks and time to enjoy nature on the outer edge of the city limits! Sign up each week to participate. Seats are limited.

Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. through September (weather permitting). Departure Location: Office B08 at McCauley Apartments (9541 108A Avenue). For more info, please contact (780) 424-2870.

#### SOCCER AT SACRED HEART FIELD

Weekly outdoor recreational soccer fun!

Come alone or with friends to join in a friendly kick around or game with the soccer ball! Everyone is welcome and we play to have fun and to everyone's ability. Thursdays 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. throughout September (weather permitting). Location: Sacred Heart Church Park Field (9550 108 Ave.) For more info please contact (780) 424-2870.

#### WEDNESDAY BALL HOCKEY AT MCCAULEY RINK

Ball hockey galore!

Bring your stick and gloves or use one of the community leagues', and get shooting and scoring! Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Through September (weather permitting) Location: McCauley Community Rink. For more info please contact (780) 424-2870.

#### WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

A day to be dedicated to wellness!

Activities which focus on holistic well-being. From crafts and arts, games and outings in nature! Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. September through December Location: Office #B08 at McCauley Apartments (9541 108A Avenue). For more info please contact (780) 424-2870.



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