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A Decade of Compassion

Bissell Centre celebrates tenth anniversary of Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser.

For Terri Tereposky's grandchildren, their first Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk was about more than spending an evening with their grandma - it was an opportunity to begin understanding what it means to show compassion for others.

It was late February and spring was creeping in, though temperatures still plummeted when the sun set. As the five and seven-year-olds walked on wet sidewalks with their grandma's team, they encountered someone experiencing homelessness and saw how the cold affected them.

"They really were concerned for this person all winter long," explains Terri, who has walked for Bissell Centre for the past 10 years at CNOY. "It showed how once you see a problem, regardless if you're five or if you're 50 years-old, you can make a difference."

CNOY is one of Bissell Centre's largest annual fundraiser events. Since 2018, Bissell Centre has hosted its downtown walk, raising upwards of $150,000 each year towards programs and services. Terri and her team, "Mighty Neighbrrrly," have been walking for Bissell Centre since that first year - her team alone has raised approximately $100,000 over the past 10 years.



Terri Tereposky (second from left) with her team, "Mighty Neighbrrrly." Supplied: Bissell Centre

The walk itself takes place on the last Saturday of February each year - this year's walk will take place on February 27th, 2027.

There are CNOY events in different communities across Canada and the United States, with each individual walk supporting charities and shelters in their local areas. Teams can start forming and collecting donations as early as November, with the official CNOY website keeping a regular "scoreboard" showcasing how much each team is raising.

For Terri, a little friendly competition helps drive her family and team to keep raising funds. As she says, she looks forward to trying to out-fundraise her kids.

"I remember the first year, my daughter had a $500 goal," Terri recalls with a laugh. "And I said, 'that's ridiculous, add a zero to that.' And she did and she made her $5,000 goal."

That first year at CNOY, Terri's team of 17 people connected with 275 individual donors and raised more than $15,000. But it's not only a spot on the scoreboard that motivates Terri and her team to keep fundraising for CNOY year-after-year - it's also knowing how that money will be used for Bissell Centre's programs and services.

"It's preventing people from experiencing homelessness and helping in a sustainable way, so they stay out of those situations," Terri explains. "Instant relief is important, and there are great organizations providing that. But what I like is the stability Bissell Centre's programs offer to people."

Terri has watched hundreds of walkers raise tens of thousands of dollars each year at Bissell Centre's CNOY walkathon. She says she loves that so many more children get involved with the event year after year - establishing a foundation for caring and giving she hopes they carry with them for the rest of their lives.

It wasn't long after their first time walking together at CNOY that Terri and her grandchildren were driving by some houses under construction. Terri's grandson looked over and said, "I bet they're building that house for the person we saw who didn't have a house."

"And that's why we continue to walk for Bissell," says Terri. "We're all so very lucky that we're not experiencing the cold without a home."

To learn more about how to get involved, visit bissellcentre.org for regular updates on 2027's Coldest Night of the Year.

Information provided by Bissell Centre.



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"This was extremely sad news for many local customers, as well as for visitors from further afield.

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One Day in Edmonton



PAULA E. KIRMAN • *BMC News Staff*

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

A few months ago I was invited to take part in a photography project organized by Nice Photo Club (@nice.photo.club on Instagram), a photography club that runs accessible, community-focused photography programming. My task was to take pictures on August 8th throughout the day.

"One Day in Edmonton" launched on October 24th with an opening reception at The Parks on 108th Street just north of Jasper Avenue. The group exhibition featured 54 photographs by 38 artists who captured 24 hours in Edmonton with unique perspectives and subject matters. The photos were also turned into a deck of playing cards.

Several of the organizers of Nice Photo Club, as well as a number of people from the selected group of photographers, have connections to Boyle Street and McCauley. Some of the photos were taken in or near the area. The reception even featured catering that included Chinatown's Boa and Hare. And a number of people who attended the reception have ties to the area and this community newspaper.

Initiatives like "One Day in Edmonton" demonstrate the far-reaching impact of this area. Some of the people who make Boyle Street and McCauley great are doing incredible things throughout the city. Even ***Boyle McCauley News*** itself goes beyond neighbourhood borders thanks to our online presence and print issues sometimes trickling their way to different corners of Edmonton. What we do locally matters. We have the potential to share that energy everywhere.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to the final edition of Volume 47. I am going to jump right into things by emphasizing how this is a volunteer-driven, non-profit community newspaper. Our writers, photographers, proofreaders, and Block Carriers are all volunteers. So are our board members. I would like to thank Rachael Roberts who has moved on from our board. Thank you for your service, Rachael!

We still have a number of routes available in McCauley. If you would like to help deliver the paper to a specific block (or two) contact me at editor@bmcnews.org and I'll let you know what is available.

Have you visited our website? At bmcnews.org there is exclusive content, an archive of back issues, the opportunity to sign up for our free e-newsletter, and more. On social media you can follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at @bmcnews and Bluesky at @bmcnews.bsky.social.

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We'll be back in February with Volume 48. Until then, take care and enjoy the issue.

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Volunteer Appreciation at Tony's Pizza



Boyle McCauley News volunteers were treated to a pizza party at Tony's Pizza on September 18th. City Councillor Anne Stevenson (second on the left) also joined to show her support of the paper and its volunteers and staff. Dan Hempel



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MCCAULEY COMMUNITY LEAGUE UPDATE

Winter Will Happen in McCauley

RUTH SOROCHAN

We are all treaty people and this is written on Treaty 6 territory.

One thing that is certain in McCauley is that winter will happen.

There was an amazing rally of folks and neighbours this season, and there are nine people who are willing to stand together on the League board to maintain our status with the City. This means that the traditions and programs that we have in our community will be able to continue, as well as the possibility of many new ones. The winter rink will open with returning ice rink manager, Dan Glugosh. This will be the 25th season that he is building and maintaining our ice surface and coordinating opening hours.

Some time during the winter there will be a casino to raise funds for the maintenance of the rink and League programming for the next few years. If this is something that you can either help organize or to volunteer at, we ask that you please get in touch with the League via email (league@mccauleycl.com).

We will be rebranding and refreshing the website (mccauleycl.com), so please look there for ways to be involved and give your input. If you would like to be involved in writing or contributing content for the website please email the League.

We are still actively seeking volunteers and community member input on projects they would like to see or could be involved with in McCauley.

Join the WhatsApp community if you are inclined to share your points of interest in a respectful and community centred way. This will also be a way that we will share announcements and will be a way that working groups can communicate. To be added to the list, email the League.

There will be many usual happenings, including some seasonal parties at the rink and hopefully the 16th annual McCauley Cup - a friendly hockey game of all of McCauley's kids versus the Downtown Division Beat cops. Come by the rink to get a membership card.

The WECAN Food Basket Society has been struggling with the issue of survival as a viable entity. It had a special meeting in October to consider whether to dissolve as a society. Members voted to remain. Before this meeting, the coordinators of the WECAN McCauley depot chose to put the depot on hold. There will no longer be a McCauley depot for WECAN, so members that come to the rink space will be directed to other nearby depots. You can also get more information at wecanfood.com.

This winter season will bring as much joy as possible. See you in the neighbourhood.

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Ruth Sorochan lives in McCauley with her family and is the Vice President of the McCauley Community League.

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Creative Expressions Opposing Elder Abuse



Seniors taking part in an elder abuse awareness session at St. Josaphat's Seniors' Residence. Jim Gurnett

There are few experiences more painful than to be betrayed and hurt by someone close to you. Elder abuse - when an older person is robbed or assaulted or injured by someone in a position of trust in their life - is such an event.

An Edmonton organization is working to raise awareness and understanding of this often unspoken and hidden crime, to ensure more people can recognize the signs it may be happening and know what to do if they are concerned.

Canadians for a Civil Society is launching the second phase of its project this autumn and is seeking seniors to be involved.

"We will be using every sort of creative activity - music, visual arts, performing arts, poetry, crafts of every sort," explains project coordinator Esther Numfor. "We invite any senior who has some craft or art activity they enjoy to join us, learn, share about the issue, and work with other concerned community members to raise awareness."

The project, Creative Expressions Opposing Elder Abuse, hopes to attract individuals who enjoy some creative activity. They may join a small group with a similar interest, or create a group with a particular interest, to develop some presentation or product that educates about elder abuse.

"We are inviting individuals, but small groups who already get together around some creative activity and would be open to use it to take on elder abuse are especially welcome. And we would like to connect with people willing to take a lead role with a small group in some activity too," explains project coordinator Jim Gurnett.

"As many as one in ten Alberta seniors may be a victim of abuse," says Numfor. "A World Health Organization study found over 11 percent of older people had experienced psychological abuse and nearly seven percent reported being victims of financial abuse. Alberta is the third highest province for cases of elder abuse."

The new initiative follows one from earlier this year, Elders Supporting Elders to End Abuse. Information about that initiative, including a magazine of activities, and the new project can be found at www.ccsorg.ca.

The project will present a community event featuring the creations of those involved, in June 2027 to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Anyone wanting information or to be involved is asked to contact Gurnett at jimgurnett@yahoo.ca.

Information provided by Canadians for a Civil Society.

City Urges Residents to Report Unsecured Vacant Properties

Sites at higher risk of fire as temperatures drop.

As temperatures drop, unsecured properties can pose safety risks. Someone seeking relief from the cold may enter and start a fire, sometimes with tragic consequences.

That's where the City of Edmonton's Community Property Safety Team (CPST) comes in.

"A fire at an unsecured vacant property is a missed opportunity," says Captain Jennifer Sikorski, who oversees the team's operations. "If we can prevent that fire in the first place, we reduce the risk of tragedy, potential injuries to first responders, or property damage to neighbours."

Sikorski's team is renewing its call for citizens to report unsecured vacant properties through 311 or emailing the City at communitypropertysafetyteam@edmonton.ca. Other problem properties can be reported through 311 or confidentially at edmonton.ca/ProblemProperties.

The CPST team investigates all reported unsecured vacant properties within 48 hours, and can issue an order to the property owner to secure the property.

It isn't just another piece of paper. If an order is ignored, the City will secure the property themselves. The costs of boarding up the property, added security fences, or even round-the-clock security patrols will be added to the owner's property tax bill.



The Community Property Safety Team (CPST) secures a vacant property at risk of fire. Supplied: City of Edmonton

The model has already made an impact. CPST has directly secured 830 high-risk properties over the past four years, significantly reducing structure fires in neighbourhoods like Alberta Avenue and McCauley. CPST's actions have also led to the demolition of nearly 45% of properties investigated by the team, permanently eliminating the risk they present.

"We're actively monitoring around 600 sites across the city," Sikorski says. "But we ask Edmontonians to let us know when they spot an open, vacant property, because doing so can save lives."

CPST is one component of Edmonton's broader Problem Property Initiative (PPI), which tackles problem properties from a variety of angles. Over the past four years, 2,600 unique residential and commercial sites have been addressed.

It's more than fencing or boarding up homes. People who live in neglected properties are often in core housing need and struggle to afford anything else. More than 400 vulnerable tenants living at problem properties have been connected to vital support services.

Across 600 cleanups and 16 demolitions, 2.7 million pounds of debris and hazardous materials have also been removed.

"It's making a tangible difference," says Julianna Schulz, the Superintendent of Municipal Enforcement, who oversees the initiative. "We know how frustrating these properties can be, so it's gratifying to see improvement."

The PPI's comprehensive approach builds on a close relationship with the public, which requires transparency and accountability. Schulz notes that more than 110 community meetings and events have been held, along with direct engagements with more than 12,000 Edmontonians.

As part of this ongoing work, the City has unveiled a new PPI public dashboard, which allows anyone to access key data in real-time. The dashboard – which can be accessed at gis.edmonton.ca/ppi – includes info about inspections, enforcement actions, properties cleaned up and secured. An interactive heat map also allows residents to see how specific neighbourhoods are impacted.

"Problem properties are a community issue," says Schulz. "We want Edmontonians to know that we've got tools to make a difference, and that we're always here to help.

Information provided by the City of Edmonton.

Opera at The Piazza



Performers with Edmonton Opera presented highlights from Italian opera during the Festa dell'Uva on September 20th at The Piazza. From left: Trinity Collie (soprano), Alla Salakhova (mezzo-soprano), and Layne Spencer (bass). Presented by Viva Italia Edmonton, the event also featured food, grape stomping, and a market. Paula E. Kirman

Community Organizers Discuss Placemaking



From left: Tanika Burlie (Mary Burlie Park), Joanna Wong (Dragon Festival and Dragon Food Tours), Kathryn Luu (Chinatown BIA, Lunar New Year, Summer Festival, and Peace and Friendship Walk), and Stephanie Burlie (Mary Burlie Park) speak as a panel on placemaking at the International Chinatown Conference on September 27th. The conference, which explored the future of Chinatown communities, took place at the DoubleTree by Hilton and Brighton Block September 26-30. It featured talks, performances, and tours. It was hosted by the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society and the University of Alberta. Paula E. Kirman

New Connections Abound in Boyle Street

Community outreach is leading to increased engagement.

MICHELLE BERGSETH

After welcoming Kim Smith, who was hired five months ago as the Community Outreach Lead, Boyle Street Community League is already looking and feeling different. Kim began Phase 1 of their work after the AGM in July. They have methodically reached out to every current community league member to facilitate one-on-one meetups to discuss members' motivations for joining the league, what they felt the community needed, what was already here, and the ideal role of the league.

Guiding credos began to take form, a favourite being: "Ask not what your community league can do for you, ask what you can do with your neighbours for your community." This saying stemmed from many conversations with folks who had a want for the community and Kim looking to build those wants into action. Who better to drive the vehicle for change than the ones who want it most?

Kim also ran information tables at local gatherings, many at the now-closed Felice Cafe, a beloved institution whose sudden absence has sent a ripple of collective loss through the neighbourhood. Their presence attracted curious passers-by and potential members, and resulted in 20 new league memberships since Phase 1 began.

All their work culminated in a gathering held on October 4th at the ArtsHub Creative Studios Bowladrome Gallery space. Attendees were able to introduce their skills, ideas, and hopes to each other. One thing was clear: the neighbourhood is brimming with a diversity of experience and passion. Those who attended included students in the midst of their studies in a variety of fields. There were also new graduates looking to build their interests into connections and retirees who offered a breadth of experience to share. Newcomers were there seeking to build connections, as were community members working to keep their blocks safe and clean, and also engage with local government for the betterment of the neighbourhood.

In addition to new connections, a number of working groups came out of the activities. Some will unfold over the course of the next year and some are now already underway. The Communications working group already met on October 26th and is developing plans for a monthly league e-newsletter. Keep your eyes peeled!

A report on Phase 1 was presented to the board on October 28th. Phase 2 is now ramping up, building on the momentum from the activities of summer and fall with ideas abounding. This is for certain: folks in Boyle Street are looking for connection and what that can look like in our dense and diverse part of the city.

Are you a resident of the Boyle Street neighbourhood and interested in learning more about the Community League? Check out our website (boylestreetcl.com) where you can also find a neighbourhood calendar of events and register to become a member.

Michelle Bergseth moved to Edmonton and into Boyle Street in 2023. She is the Secretary on the board of the Boyle Street Community League, and loves to explore and photograph the little details of nearby neighbourhoods and find exciting things to eat.

Two New Murals in and Near Chinatown





Top: A new mural featuring the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac was unveiled in mid-September on the back of Pacific Mall (9700 105 Avenue). The mural's artist is SOWL, a Filipino-Canadian multidisciplinary artist originally from Toronto, but who is now based in Edmonton, and has created public artwork throughout the city.

Bottom: The new mural "Black Tortoise of the North" by Brenden Cha (also known as "Busyrawk") was unveiled on September 3rd at *okimaw pey-esew kamik* / King Thunderbird Centre. The event included a Grieving Lion Dance by Ging Wu Martial Arts Association, music performances by local artists, a light show, and an indoor grieving space. The mural is the latest in Cha's The Four Guardians of Chinatown Mural Series. Paula E. Kirman

Marking Truth and Reconciliation in McCauley





Top: Participants in the mâmawi nîpawiwin - Standing Together Orange Shirt Day Community Walk on September 30th. The walk began near the Edmonton Intercultural Centre and finished at Giovanni Caboto Park with cultural performances and a free lunch. The event was organized by mâmawi nîpawiwin - Standing Together with support from the City of Edmonton, REACH Edmonton, Quilts for Survivors, and the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society. Paula E. Kirman

Bottom: On Sunday, September 27th, the Delorme family and others from the neighbourhood hosted a community supper and giveaway at the McCauley Community Rink to mark the beginning of the week of Truth and Reconciliation. Ruth Sorochan

UPDATE FROM CITY COUNCIL

Year-End Reflections on Housing

ANNE STEVENSON

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on an important conversation about the future of Edmonton: how we grow, how we keep housing affordable, and who gets to make decisions about our communities.

As our population increases, we need to make room for more people in a way that is affordable and avoids unnecessary tax hikes for our residents. We also need to make sure that there is housing to meet the changing needs of our community.

Over the past two years, we've made changes to our zoning bylaw to make it easier to build a wider range of homes in existing neighbourhoods, whether that's a secondary suite, a row house, or small-scale apartments. These changes matter. They mean a young person might be able to afford their first home in the neighbourhood where they grew up. Or an older couple might be able to downsize without leaving the community they've called home for decades. They also help us make better use of the roads, transit, schools, and other infrastructure we've already invested in.

Infill hasn't been a perfect process and we've needed to make a number of adjustments to our rules so infill buildings are smaller and more attractive. But overall, our policies have worked. We've seen more homes being built close to transit and amenities, and rent increases have stayed moderate, especially compared with housing costs in other cities.

This is why I'm concerned about the provincial government's directive on municipal zoning. Provincial intervention that rolls back Edmonton's housing reforms risks undermining the progress we've made toward a more affordable and inclusive city. Of course, infill comes with challenges. I've heard from residents who are frustrated by construction impacts, parking pressures, and changes to their communities. These concerns are real, and I'm committed to keep working to address them. But restricting housing options is going to make Edmonton less affordable.

Edmonton's zoning changes didn't happen overnight. They followed years of discussion, public engagement, and debate, and a municipal election where infill was a key issue. Not everyone agreed with the outcome, but that's a feature of democracy, not a bug. I firmly believe decisions about how our neighbourhoods grow should be made locally, by the people who live here and the representatives they elect. Overriding local decisions raises serious questions about municipal autonomy and the ability of Edmontonians to shape their city's future.

Speaking of housing, the winter season is a great reminder of the importance of home. In addition to the protection it provides us from the cold weather, it's also where we start to gather with friends and family as we head into the holiday season. The season is also an invitation to enjoy the wonderful winter activities Edmonton has to offer. Check out a list of events at wintercityedmonton.ca!

Please take care on icy sidewalks and roads, keep walkways clear when you're able, and check in on neighbours who may need a little extra support during the colder months. And never hesitate to call 311 or 911 if you see someone struggling in the cold weather.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has shared their ideas, raised concerns, volunteered, or contributed to making our communities stronger this year. Your engagement is what makes local democracy meaningful.

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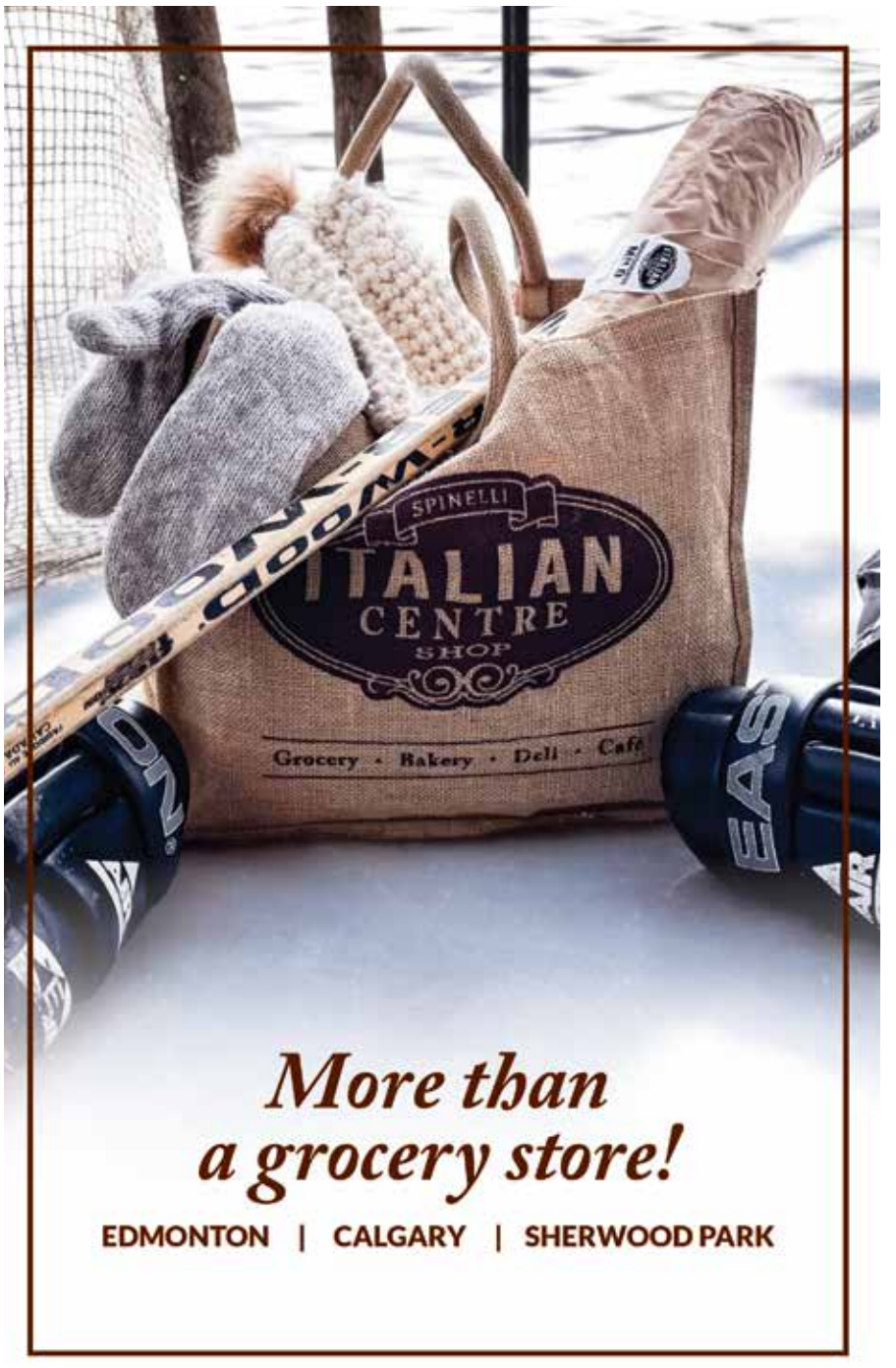
Two Honours at Newspaper AGM





Top: Ann-Marie Johnson (centre) received the 2026 Garry Spotowski Volunteer Award from Boyle Street McCauley Community Newspaper Society Chair Richard Nguyen (right) and Volunteer Coordinator Colleen Chapman (left) at the Society's AGM on November 5th. Ann-Marie has been a Block Carrier for almost two decades and continues to deliver the paper even though she no longer lives in McCauley. The award is named after Garry Spotoski, a former editor and long-time volunteer with the paper who died in 2017.

Bottom: *Boyle McCauley News* Editor Paula Kirman (right) received a commemorative scroll from MLA Janis Irwin at the AGM, to honour Paula's 20 years with the paper. Alan Schietzsch



Farewell to Felice Cafe

ANITA JENKINS

On October 1, 2026 a sign appeared on the locked doors of Felice Cafe, a popular spot in Boyle Street, which read: "Permanently closed."

This was extremely sad news for many local customers, as well as for visitors from further afield. In addition, Felice's loyal staff and the many suppliers and vendors involved in this truly local community venture were affected.

This warm and welcoming spot offered a wide variety of events and activities in addition to the delicious menu of drinks and pastries. Students came there with their laptops to do assignments and research; others met friends for coffee and conversation; local musicians and poets had a chance to perform in the evenings; visual artists exhibited their work on the walls; small businesses sold their wares at the little boutique by the order counter. And so much more happened there, including pop-up markets.

The owners, Michelle and Tim Brouwer, opened their exceptional business venture in April 2022 and did a terrific job for four and a half years. The notice on Instagram states that they are also very sad, having in the end found that there is an "incredible amount of financial strain, emotional stress, and physical burden running a hospitality business."

All the best to Michelle and Tim as they navigate the future. They deserve thanks for helping make Boyle Street a better community.

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

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Celebrating Cultures in the Area

IAN YOUNG

ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

"Last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." (T.S. Eliot, American poet, essayist, and playwright, September 26, 1888 - 4 January 4, 1965)

Above is one of my favourite quotes. As the holiday season turns into a new year, I reflect on the past year - the good things that happened, the lessons I learned - and look forward to welcoming a new year.

The dates for many notable celebrations for different cultures take place at this time of year. I am grateful I reside in a community that embraces and celebrates its multicultural nature.

The upcoming weeks will have many celebrations of diversity in and around the area.

Let's start with Winter in Little Italy. This annual event takes place over several weekends at 95th Street by Giovanni Caboto Park and features horse-drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate, outdoor fire pits, and other family-friendly activities. It is organized by Viva Italia Edmonton and takes place on Sunday, December 6th and 13th from 12-4 p.m. More details can be found at Viva Italia's Facebook page @vivaitaliaedmonton. This annual festival is a great way to see what Little Italy is all about.

Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Arts Festival takes place on January 16th and 17th, 2027 along 118th Avenue between 90th and 95th Street. From the festival website (deepfreezefest.ca): "Deep Freeze showcases the vibrant cultures of the Alberta Avenue District, highlighting Ukrainian, French Canadian, Franco African, Indigenous (Métis, Inuit, and First Nations), Latin American, and Asian traditions."

The festival is also looking for volunteers - more information is also at the website.

I have heard nothing but rave reviews about Deep Freeze but have never attended. This will be the first time I will be attending. I am so excited to see multiple cultures being celebrated!

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Let's welcome 2027 with positivity and open arms!

Happy New Year (***miyo-ohcêtowi-kîsikanisik***)!

Ian Young is a columnist and Block Carrier with the paper. He lives in the area.

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MLA UPDATE

Finding Hope This Season

JANIS IRWIN

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe we're well into winter already. I hope you are enjoying this frosty season and finding joy in the cold!

In October, my Alberta NDP Caucus colleagues and I headed back to the legislature. During this legislative session, we took every opportunity to bring focus on issues that you've told me are important: affordability, access to public healthcare, supporting education, fighting for free and fair elections, and protections for vulnerable and marginalized Albertans.

As your elected representative, it is my honour to fight for these priorities. And even in the face of a government desperately focused on division and distractions, you have my commitment that I will always keep pushing for better.

And as we transition out of the legislature over the holiday season, I've been taking some time to reflect, as I often do this time of year. Despite some challenging times, what keeps running through my mind is hope.

Hope for an Alberta where everyone feels valued, where young people thrive, where seniors can live in dignity, where healthcare is accessible and timely, and where putting food on the table isn't such a struggle.

People sometimes ask me where I find hope in politics, especially in the face of so much division, scapegoating, and disinformation. And even though some days it can be easy to feel despair, my mind consistently comes back to our community.

I find hope in the local classrooms I visit where students ask challenging questions, show incredible inclusiveness, and express tenacity for justice and human rights.

I find hope in the care I see every day from folks in our communities who check in on neighbours, share a meal, and volunteer for amazing organizations that do such good work.

I find hope in the feedback I receive from so many of you - my constituents - who continually strive, and help me strive, to make our community safer, more welcoming, and vibrant.

And so, please remember that even in the darkest of times, hope is very present.

And for that, I'm truly grateful.

As always, I want to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

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Making Neighbourhoods Bright

Simple tips for safe holiday lights.

As festive lights brighten the Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhoods, they bring extra joy to our community and create moments for neighbours to pause, smile and enjoy the season together.

Whether your holiday display is steeped in tradition or you love changing things up every year, here are a few tips from EPCOR to keep your seasonal decor safe, reliable and energy efficient:

- **Choose the right lights for the job**. Outdoor-rated lights and extension cords are designed to withstand moisture, snow and changing temperatures so check for certification marks such as CSA, cUL or ETL.
- **Look up before climbing a ladder.** Identify overhead power lines around your home before decorating and keep ladders three metres from the service lines that run from the power pole to your home.
- **Inspect before you decorate.** Seasonal decorations often spend most of the year in storage, so every extension cord and string of lights should be carefully checked for cracked insulation, damaged plugs, loose connections, exposed wires and broken sockets. Replace damaged products rather than attempting to repair them.
- ***Hang lights safely.*** Use clips or zip ties instead of nails, staples or tacks, which can damage cords and create hazards.
- **Test your outdoor outlet.** Outdoor holiday displays should always be connected to GFCI-protected outlets. Use the test and reset buttons to confirm that outlets are working properly.
- **Avoid overloading circuits.** If a breaker trips, a fuse blows or plugs feel warm, you may have too many bulbs connected to one circuit.
- **Be energy efficient.** To save power and maximize convenience, consider using outdoor timers.

A little preparation goes a long way. Whether your display is simple or full-out winter wonderland, safe decorating helps keep communities bright, welcoming and festive for everyone.

Information provided by EPCOR.

Boyle McCauley News at Resource Connect



Boyle McCauley News had a table (staffed by Editor Paula Kirman) at REACH Edmonton's Resource Connect on October 22nd at the Edmonton Conference Centre. Around 150 non-profit organizations took part to network and connect with the public. Supplied

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Jordan Reiniger: Boyle Street Community Builder

ANITA JENKINS

In June 2026 Boyle Street resident Jordan Reiniger stepped down from his role as Executive Director of Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS). He had worked for the agency for a total of 11 years, first joining the staff in 2015 and then taking on the top job in 2019.

"This job took huge energy," Reiniger says, "but I wouldn't change anything. I received tremendous support from the people I worked with, especially community members."

Reiniger is proud of the work his team has managed to do. In fact, he always speaks about his team and was hesitant about being profiled as an individual in this article. The team developed programs that are hugely beneficial to BSCS clients. For example, Hiregood, a property maintenance service, and Four Directions Financial Services (in co-operation with ATB Financial).

Reiniger (and team!) also recently oversaw the move to ***okimaw peyesew kamik*** (King Thunderbird Centre). "It was challenging," he says, "to manage a place and program acceptable to all people. I totally understand the fear and worry that some neighbours experienced. But I also know the building and services are going to benefit everyone in the neighbourhood."



Jordan Reiniger at the Open House of *okimaw peyesew kamik* (King Thunderbird Centre) in December 2025. Paula E. Kirman

City Councillor Anne Stevenson says, "We are so lucky to have had Jordan's leadership at BSCS, especially during the very difficult COVID years. I always valued his insights, and he worked hard to elevate the voices of those who are rarely included in decision making."

Reiniger studied political science at the University of Alberta, with a focus on poverty studies and international development, and an interest in business along with community building. At the beginning of his career, he worked in the office of an Edmonton MP. "I was gradually drawn to the non-profit sector," he says. "My attendance at the final meeting of the Truth and Reconciliation Comission inspired me to move in that direction." Indigenous people make up a majority of the clients at BSCS.

Reiniger and his wife Joelle, a librarian at Edmonton Public Library, first lived in downtown Edmonton, but in 2013 they began looking for a new home to accommodate their growing family. They both concluded that Boyle Street is the place for them: walkable, close to the city core, affordable. They are firmly settled here, he says, as a good place to raise their two daughters, Maddie and Lucy, who (along with Joelle) are Block Carriers with ***Boyle McCauley News***. "I love the street, love the neighbourhood, love the community. We see the potential but also enjoy Boyle Street as it is."

Reiniger is now working out of the Brighton Block (in the neighbourhood, of course) with the Sparrow Group and does some consulting with First Nations governments. He says, "My goal is to keep improving life for my family, my neighbours, and future generations."

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





