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Historic Change on Church Street

The Mustard Seed's church building is decommissioned and slated for demolition.

KATE QUINN

The Mustard Seed's church on 96th Street officially closed its doors on October 24th, 2024. It was formally decommissioned on Thursday, August 27th, 2025.

The *McCauley Then and Now* historical booklet states that the church was constructed in 1912 as the Dutch Baptist Church, then, the First German Baptist Church, later renamed Central Baptist Church. "In 1973, Friar's Steakhouse bought the property to offer licensed dining and dancing with live entertainment direct from Las Vegas. By 1979, after a brief iteration as 'The Mayflower,' Danny Hooper's Stockyard Night Club opened for business here...When Danny Hooper consolidated his numerous ventures, the church was again empty until 1993 when The Mustard Seed moved in" (page 61).

The building is over 100 years old. Many structural conditions were identified that were too costly to restore the building to safety standards. The Mustard Seed decided that it was more important to invest donor dollars to continue providing valuable services than to invest in the restoration.

Terry Fossen, a Regional Minister with the Alberta Baptist Federation, remembered the founding days of the Edmonton Mustard Seed in 1987, inspired by the "impetuousness of youth." Young men from Central Baptist spent time in McCauley



Jeremiah Basuric speaks at The Mustard Seed's church decommissioning ceremony on August 27th. Paula E. Kirman

and began inviting houseless men to come sleep in the church. One Sunday morning they were still there. This challenged the pastors and congregation to ask what more they could do.

Jeremiah Basuric worked with The Mustard Seed from 2012 to 2024 as Community Engagement Coordinator and a chaplain, and currently is a volunteer. He asked, "what do we all need as humans?"

Food, water, community, safety, fun, and a sense of home. The Mustard Seed was like a living room, where people could talk about deeper things."

James Gardiner, CEO of The Mustard Seed, spoke about the growth of services provided by The Mustard Seed throughout Edmonton and Alberta. He said their shelters have a 15% monthly target of helping shelter guests find appropriate housing and

that will increase to 20% in 2026. This year, they have reached 16.5%.

The former church and house next door will be demolished this fall. Gardiner stated they are actively meeting with municipal leaders, partners, and community members to discern what to do with the lots.

For more information, visit theseed.ca.

Kate Quinn is a McCauley resident.



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HELP PROTECT HISTORIC BUILDINGS
“ When we lose these original structures, neighbourhoods' sense of place deteriorates.
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Autumnal Happenings in McCauley

The McCauley Community League is glad to continue connecting neighbourhood residents through beautiful community events. We want a friendly, safe place for children, teens, and adults. A place to play and create community connections.

Look for more happenings at the community rink space (entrance at 108th Avenue and 96th Street).

Gardening activities at The Sustainable Food Edmonton McCauley Orchard will continue until the end of October.

Information about the Safe Halloween event hosted at the community rink space is coming soon.



Look for details on MCL's website (mccauleycl.com) or updates on Facebook (@mccauleycommunityleague)

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iHuman Art Walk Features Young Talent



The annual iHuman Art Walk took place on September 12th and 13th and featured performances and art by emerging young artists. Paula E. Kirman

A Double Celebration in Boyle Street



On September 13th, McCauley residents Mike Siek (left) and Colleen Chapman were celebrated at a joint party at Club 97, a new venue in Boyle Street. Colleen was celebrating her 80th birthday (the actual date being later in the month) and Mike was leaving the community on September 15th to return to his family in Eastern Canada. Many people attended from the area and beyond. Look for a feature on Club 97 in a future issue of the paper. Paula E. Kirman

Appreciating Short Summers



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

MCCAULEY MUSINGS

Summers in Edmonton always feel too short. One reason is because of all of the festivals and events. Often there are several things going on at the same time. That’s no surprise. There are only so many longer days and warm weekends.

I always look forward to some annual events, like the Folk Fest. I get to enjoy great music and run into folks I haven’t seen in ages (or at least since the previous year’s festival).

However, I also had a few new adventures. For starters, I went on a long-overdue trip to Vancouver. I visited with friends who relocated there, people I only knew online through vari-

ous organizations and activities. I also met with some professional contacts. Highlights included spending time in Chinatown and attending a huge music festival near where I was staying. Many pictures were taken.

I went to K-Days for the first time in years, thanks to a band I wanted to see. Yes, I had some greasy food. Yes, I played a game and won a stuffie. No, I did not go on any rides. My sense of adventure has limits.

My days as a bicycle commuter have dwindled for a variety of reasons, but I decided to get back on the saddle and explore my world on two wheels again. I own an older bike that, if it could speak, could tell many stories about our adventures over the past quarter of a century.

Our short summers make me appreciate the season and all of its possibilities. And now, on to autumn.

Boyle McCauley News

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EDITOR'S NOTES

October-November 2025 is our penultimate issue of Volume 46. Soon we'll get started on Volume 47 - one year closer to our 50th anniversary.

Ever since the beginning, this paper has relied upon volunteers. If you want to write, take pictures, or deliver the paper, let me know. Contact me at editor@bmcnews.org. You can also contact me to get connected with Colleen Chapman, who is coordinating our casino volunteers. Our fundraising casino is also coming up on December 30th and 31st of this year at the Century Casino on Fort Road. Colleen can let you know what positions are still available.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE. . .

Volume 46, Issue 6 (December 2025-January 2026) will be published December 1st, 2025. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome for both our print and online editions. We also occasionally accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline for the print edition: November 12th, 2025. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG format, in high resolution) whenever possible.

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Our final edition of Volume 46 will be published in December. Until then, enjoy the issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you want to respond to something that you read in these pages or that is going on in the community? Share your thoughts and opinions with a Letter to the Editor. Send your letters to editor@bmcnews.org. Letters should be 200 words maximum, may be edited for length or clarity, and include a full name and contact information. Publication is not guaranteed. The deadline for letters for our next print issue is November 12th, 2025.

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MCL UPDATE

Activating Our Shared Space and Fostering Connections

RUTH SOROCHAN

This spring and summer, the McCauley Community League organized activities for all ages at our community rink area from May through August. Our objectives included implementing consistent programming which emphasized sports and gardening. You might have noticed the sweet herb spiral we made in the green space at the community rink. We planted herbs and mint which we later served at the community teas.

We have been trying to improve the community space's existing infrastructure. Certain things still need attention, such as the removal or repair of damaged equipment and heavier yard work. If you are interested in helping please contact the League.

A highlight of our summer endeavours included bannock and jam on August 21st to acknowledge the signing of Treaty No. 6 on August 21st, 1877 at Fort Edmonton. The initiative proved to be a valuable community outreach initiative.

Throughout the spring and summer months, the League organized an array of events and gatherings that brought residents together, including ukulele nights, monthly cafés, and community teas. These types of events will continue and we hope our collective efforts will transform the space into a hub of engagement and connectivity. Our hope is that we can continue to be a gentle presence and to offer an ongoing cheerful corner of connection.

We collaborated with Sustainable Food Edmonton and Cultivate McCauley. There will be a forest nursery overwintered at the community site so that more trees will hopefully be

distributed to neighbours to plant as a part of the Cultivate McCauley project. Sustainable Food Edmonton's McCauley Orchard will be active until the end of October.

The rink will soon be transformed for the winter season into the wonderland that Rink Manager Dan Glugosh creates every year. Before that happens, we will look forward to the Safe Halloween party that former resident Shelley Hollingsworth has organized for 30 years. She is seeking volunteers. Donations are welcome for food, prizes, and candy. Contact the League to be put in touch with Shelley.

Our community café conversations on the last Monday of the month resulted in the establishment of a small lending library resource. This was enhanced by local business Paper Birch Books.

This summer saw long-time neighbour and volunteer Mike Siek leave the city. This may contribute to future challenges for the League including filling gaps that are left from the closing of the e4c programming at McCauley Apartments, such as the annual Community Clean-Up.

Please contact us with any questions or feedback. If you are not already a member, the link is on the website. Membership is free. Your involvement and investment is important to our local initiatives.

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Ruth Sorochan lives in McCauley with her family and is the Communications Director with the McCauley Community League.

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Café Taking Downtown Edmonton by Storm

Chai Coffee Day has customers coming back - and raving about quality and service.

ANITA JENKINS

A new café on 97th Street is a big hit with workers from across the street in Canada Place and beyond, tourists, and passersby.

At the time of writing, Chai Coffee Day (9665 101A Avenue) had 115 reviews on Google, all of them receiving a five-star rating (see sidebar). One enthusiastic customer says, “I legit come here every day I’m at the office to the point the owner starts making my masala chai the second he sees me crossing the street.”

This attractive and welcoming café serves a wide range of chai, including masala, elaichi (cardamom), ginger, and Kashmiri pink. The menu also includes coffee, samosas, and vegetarian patties.

The atmosphere is pleasant. The space features unique and bright furnishings, and signs that state “Give Thanks” and “Be Happy.”

The owner, Puneet Singh Mehara, has a special charm. All customers receive an exceptionally friendly greeting, and Mehara wears outfits that are colourful, like the décor. When asked about what this reporter saw as “Elvis” hair, Mehara says, “This is just the way my hair is.”

Mehara’s sense of humour and enthusiasm pervades



Puneet Singh Mehara behind the counter at Chai Coffee Day. Paula E. Kirman

his advertising. For example, “Warning: Royal Pink Chai may cause sudden cravings and uncontrollable happiness. If your morning doesn’t start with chai, what are you even doing? We’ve got that steamy, spicy, soul-hugging goodness waiting for you. Bring your face. Bring your friends. Just don’t bring drama — we’ve got enough steam already.”

Mehara worked in insurance in Toronto for one year. Then he decided it was time to seek out something new. He moved to Edmonton without knowing a soul and happened to see a For

Lease sign in a perfect location. By May 1st, 2025, Mehara was ready to open the doors of his new business.

Mehara explains the name, Chai Coffee Day: “People type ‘chai’ or ‘coffee’ in Google to look for drinks, so my business name pops up.” He added “day” because most people drink chai and coffee during the day. “If the name is too fancy, some people will avoid it, thinking it will be expensive.”

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

Comments from happy customers

“There’s a reason I’m back constantly, and I hope to see you there too. This chai is the best I’ve had in Edmonton, and I’ve had a lot.”

“Puneet, who genuinely knows how to make visitors feel appreciated and cared for, was what truly stood out.”

“The personnel was quite welcoming, never rushing us or sacrificing quality, even when we arrived at closing time. It’s uncommon to come across a location where excellent customer service is maintained throughout the day.”

Celebrating a Young Volunteer

IAN YOUNG

A person is never too young or old to learn.

Meet Henry, a capable, energetic youngster who (with supervision) delivers the Boyle McCauley News in the Artspace Housing Cooperative.

Henry, who will turn four early in the new year, is very excited to volunteer. His grandparents, who come along with me when Henry and I deliver papers, are excited that he is learning

skills at such a young age.

Henry decides which floor of the high-rise we should do first. There are eight floors. We deliver to four, take a break, then complete the other four.

Just like any worker, he is given employee reviews, and so far they have been very positive. He may be “Employee of the Year!” Of course, I’m joking: Henry is a volunteer like me and dozens of other folks involved with Boyle McCauley News.

It is enjoyable to see his smiling face when he “reports to work” and his interaction with residents when they see him.

Let’s applaud Henry for doing deliveries, as well as his parents and grandparents for the permission and supervision. Who knows? Henry could become a future columnist!

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



Henry - possibly the paper’s youngest volunteer. Dwayne Holmberg (Grampy)

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One01 Bistro

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ALAN SCHIETZSCH

At the west boundary of our community, 101st Street divides our neighbourhood from the heights of Rogers Place and the Ice District. Just across the street from where McCauley ends, One01 Bistro matches the physical heights of those tall towers with some high-end flavours!

For the last year, the new One01 Bistro has made itself a destination on the corner of 101 Street and 105 Avenue, or kitty corner from the EPCOR Tower, with parking hidden behind. Stepping through the doors you'll discover a sleek long space with modern booths to the left, and a room for bigger groups to the right. Windows hint at the buzz around Rogers Place, suggesting this might be a great spot to meet before a big concert or sporting event.

Our group of four were quickly seated at a booth, and handed not one, but three different menus to describe the sheer range of dishes offered. We learned from our friendly server that most of the kitchen staff hail from Hong Kong, an international crossroads. So, they're skilled in a fusion of both



Duck Breast Ramen. Alan Schietzsch

Hong Kong Chinese and European techniques, with touches of Japanese and Thai cuisines.

While trying to make up our minds from such a variety, we ordered a couple of appetizers which arrived promptly and piping hot. The Golden Tofu was crispy, opening to a silky texture inside, while the boiled Wontons with Chili Sauce were pillowy little parcels packed with flavour and just the right amount of heat. We were impressed with the high-end presentation too: each dish had distinctive plates and dishes that made it as visually appealing as it was tasty.

Since our server had mentioned the cultural fusion, I had to try the

Beef Bourguignon. "Now, that's a classically French dish, so what would the Hong Kong version be like?" I wondered. Oh my: big fall-apart-tender hunks of beef, in a rich spicy gravy and with large sweet carrots bringing to mind Vietnamese Bò Kho stew. And, with a mound of rice to soak up and not miss a drop of the aromatic sauce, I was in heaven.

Next up was Duck Breast Ramen, which was magazine-photo beautiful: slices of meat beautifully fanned out, shimmering on curly wheat-based noodles. My spouse selected Mapo Tofu Donburi, which felt like a childhood comfort food - satisfying and familiar even though we've never

been there. Cubes of tofu and a bed of ground beef topped a rice bowl, mixing Chinese home cooking with Japanese style. This would be a meal we'd crave on a cold day. And to try to the Thai side, a classic Pad Thai was flavour-filled, with the citrusy brightness of tamarind balanced by plenty of egg, shrimp, and chicken among the flat noodles and crunchy roasted peanuts. You won't be hungry after such a substantial feast!

To finish the evening, we only had room to share one dessert. While ice cream sounded pretty basic, this assumption was wrong. It was presented like a five-star restaurant, swirled with sauces and accompanied by a fudge and chocolate lava cake that was rich enough to satisfy all four of us sharing a few spoonfuls each.

For a meal that felt this high-end polished, prices were more than fair: about \$40 per person, including imported beer and a fancy dessert. Not bad for a place that could just as easily be charging downtown premiums.

One01 Bistro reflects the fusion of cultures, stories, and traditions that define this part of Edmonton. Whether you're heading to a concert or just craving something a little different, One01 is worth your visit.

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

You Gotta Eat Here – and Shop, and Play . . .

John Catucci (left), best known as the host of the television program *You Gotta Eat Here*, and emcee Nino Signore on stage at Festa Italiana on August 24th in Giovanni Caboto Park. Organized by Amici Italiani, the event featured performances, vendors, food trucks, wrestling, an Italian car show, and more. Paula E. Kirman

Square Dancing in Chinatown

Auntie Melissa (in the blue dress) leads square dancing during Chinatown After Dark on August 23rd in the alley at 97th Street and 105th Avenue. Chinatown After Dark is organized by YEG Chinatown RE:VITA. For information about upcoming events search YEGChinatownRevita on Facebook or @yegchinatownrevita on Instagram. Dan Hempel

McCauley Represented at the Edmonton Folk Music Festival



Two bands with McCauley connections were part of this year’s Edmonton Folk Festival lineup August 7-10 at Gallagher Park: Secondhand Dreamcar (top) and AV & The Inner City. Paula E. Kirman

Sari Sari Meets Chinatown Summer Festival



This year, the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) organized the Chinatown Summer Festival in collaboration with Sari Sari Mercado, which promotes Filipino culture and businesses. On August 31st, 98th Street between 105 and 107A Avenues was closed, with the south half being Sari Sari Goes to Chinatown and the north half the Chinatown Summer Festival. Left: Cara Morin of Dancing Cree performs at the Chinatown Summer Festival. Right: A Dragon Dance makes its way through the Sari Sari area. Paula E. Kirman

Lion Dancers Ready to Compete



Lion Dance teams from across the country pose on the stage following a procession as part of the opening ceremonies for the Canadian National Lion Dance Championship on August 23rd. The two-day event took place at Kinistinâw Park and was hosted by the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society and was part of the organization's Edmonton Dragon Festival that was held August 15-24. *Paula E. Kirman*

Dragon Boat Team Takes Bronze



Members of the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative dragon boat team celebrate after taking bronze at the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival that was held August 15-17 in Louise McKinney Riverfront Park. The CTC team had two boats in the races, and both won bronze. *Larry Louie*

New Mural at NUMO Cannabis



Local artist SOWL works on a mural on the south wall outside NUMO Cannabis at 107th Avenue and 97th Street in late July. The finished mural (top) launched on August 1st and was supported by a grant from the City of Edmonton's Community Murals Matching Grant program. *Paula E. Kirman*

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

The Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) is thrilled to announce MERCADO! 2025: Arts, Crafts, & Foods Fair, taking place on November 22 and 23, 2025. This marketplace event will showcase a vibrant celebration of Edmonton's diverse cultural heritage, building on the success of last year's 10th Anniversary Marketplace.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the EIC's 10th Anniversary Marketplace a memorable celebration of culture, creativity, and community. Your support and participation brought local talent to life and made the event truly special.

What's New This Year?

MERCADO! 2025 promises to be bigger and better than ever. The event will feature a bustling marketplace with artisan goods, food trucks, live performances, and an exciting night marketplace that will light up the evening hours. It's an opportunity to discover unique handcrafted items, enjoy delicious foods from different cultures, and be part of a dynamic celebration that highlights the rich diversity of our city.

Event Details

Location: In the heart of McCauley @ 9538 - 107th Avenue NW

Saturday, November 22, 2025

- **Marketplace:** 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **Night Marketplace:** 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (featuring food trucks and entertainment)

Sunday, November 23, 2025

- **Marketplace:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

We are excited to invite you to join us again this year! If you are an artisan, food vendor, or cultural performer looking to showcase your work and share your culture, we'd love to have you as part of the event.

Vendor Applications

Apply for a vendor booth. Email us at EventsAtEIC@gmail.com for the link to the application form. Whether you sell handmade goods, serve authentic cuisine, or offer cultural performances, come show your colours. Strut your stuff. Put the "U" in Unique. Amaze us with your creativity. Cook up a storm. We want to celebrate the diversity and creativity that make Edmonton so unique.

MERCADO! 2025 is more than just a marketplace - it's a celebration of heritage, creativity, and community. It's a chance to come together, appreciate the art and culture of Edmonton, and connect with neighbours from all backgrounds. Whether you're a vendor, a performer, or an attendee, your presence will help make this event unforgettable.

We look forward to seeing your name among the list of amazing vendors and celebrating the vibrant cultures that make Edmonton such a special place.

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Raising Awareness

IAN YOUNG

ABILITY AND COMMUNITY

"You can't heal what you don't acknowledge" - Jack Canfield (American author, motivational speaker, and co-author of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series of books.)

November is a month that raises awareness for a number of cultures and causes and also has a lot of specific awareness recognition days and weeks. November includes:

- Lebanese Heritage Month
- Hindu Heritage Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Diabetes Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Movember (awareness of men's health issues)
- November 5 - 11: Veterans' Week
- November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- November 20: National Child Day
- Fourth Saturday of November (the 22nd this year): Holodomor Memorial Day
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- November 30: Stomach Cancer Awareness Day

Months dedicated to cultures are important to celebrate their

histories and contributions to our multicultural society. We should always be aware of the vibrancy that different cultures bring through the stories they share along with skills, cuisine, entertainment, and knowledge. All of these things contribute to the greatness of this country and our community.

Other dates of awareness commemorate historic events and the people who took part in them. To appreciate veterans who have served our country, many events happen on November 11th. These heroes come from many backgrounds and cultures. It is also important to recognize Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8th to pay tribute to the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis veterans who have served this country.

Like many other months, November is also a month of recognition for a number of health issues. This helps people learn about health conditions (especially early detection and prevention) and helps organizations raise funds to do important research. We all need to try to take care of ourselves and to help support each other.

Acknowledgments help to raise awareness, build a multicultural society, and promote health and well-being. Let's pay attention to days and months that raise awareness for a variety of cultures and causes, and work together for a better world.

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



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MLA UPDATE

Supporting Education and More

JANIS IRWIN

Dear friends,

Since I last wrote, I've had the deep privilege of doing what I love: connecting with all of you. There were so many incredible community events in our Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhoods over the last few months, including Mary Burlie Day, Festa Italiana, Community League Day, Heart of the City Festival, and so many Chinatown events: the Chinatown Summer Festival, Chinatown After Dark, the Mid-Autumn Festival, and the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society's Dragon Festival, which included the National Lion Dance Championships - just to name a few!

I truly love spending a lot of time in Boyle Street and McCauley and whenever I'm there, I'm always reminded of the amazing, vibrant, caring, and compassionate communities that we are so fortunate to share. And now the leaves have turned, and the days are getting much shorter, so I want to wish you all a happy fall! Autumn is a beautiful season in Edmonton, and it is also an exciting time of new beginnings, specifically for our youngest community members: students.

Amidst the excitement this year, when knocking on your doors and connecting at events, I've heard from so many of you who are worried about education in our province. And so many of you have been urging me to keep amplifying the voices of Alberta teachers who have been asking the current government for something quite simple: support.

Support with

- Smaller class sizes so students can get the attention they need,
- More educational assistants so children don't fall through the cracks,

- Funding for appropriate and evidence-based learning resources, and
- Fair wages that, at minimum, cover the skyrocketing inflation we've all experienced over the past few years.

As always, you can count on me and my Alberta NDP Caucus colleagues to stand up for public education, stand up for students, and stand up for teachers and education workers who want to give students the best possible education in a safe and healthy environment.

Beyond the pressing concerns regarding education, you've told me that you want to see action on the extremely concerning changes to AISH, better access to mental health supports, meaningful attention to the ongoing drug poisoning crisis, funding for affordable housing, and so much more.

When my colleagues and I head back to the Legislature at the end of October, I'm ready to keep fighting for our communities at every opportunity. I am so honoured to represent you, so please keep in touch and continue to share your priorities and concerns - my door (and inbox!) is always open.

In the meantime, I hope to see you out and about this fall and winter, celebrating all the ways in which our community comes together!

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

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How Owners Can Help Protect Historic Buildings

HARRISON SHEREMETA

Boyle Street and McCauley are two of the city's oldest neighbourhoods and due to their ages, there are many properties in these neighbourhoods that have historical significance. Sadly, as can be seen in many other mature neighbourhoods in Edmonton, many of these historical buildings have been neglected or even demolished over the past few years. When we lose these original structures, neighbourhoods' sense of place deteriorates.

The Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) is an advisory board for City Council that provides information and recommendations relating to Edmonton's history generally and specifically to the City's built heritage. The EHB has been building awareness in our communities around this loss of built heritage. One effective way to tackle this issue of neighbourhood character erosion is the City of Edmonton's Historic Resources Management Program (HRMP).

The HRMP empowers owners of historically-significant property to protect their building in perpetuity through designation as a Municipal Historic Resource (MHR) where City Council passes a bylaw that prevents its demolition in perpetuity and requires the building owner to maintain it to a reasonable standard. In exchange for protecting the building, the City will install an interpretive plaque that provides information on the building and also offers financial incentives that can be used to rehabilitate exterior

"character-defining elements" of the building.

In order to be considered eligible for designation as a MHR, the property needs to first be listed on the City's Inventory of Historic Resources. This is a list of buildings in Edmonton that have been deemed by the EHB's Historic Resources Review Panel to have sufficient historical significance and integrity from both architectural and cultural standpoints to be eligible for designation as a MHR. Buildings on the Inventory have no legal protection from demolition. Unfortunately, over the last few years there have been more buildings lost from the Inventory due to demolition than have been added. This is an extremely concerning trend and one that urgently needs to be addressed.

If you own, or are contemplating owning, a building that you think is historically significant, please consider applying to add it to the Inventory. If it is already on the Inventory, please consider designation as a MHR to protect it so that it may be appreciated by future generations of Edmontonians. You can reach out to the City's heritage team at heritageplanners@edmonton.ca for details on either process.

Harrison Sheremeta is the Chair of the Edmonton Historical Board and lives in a heritage home in south Norwood, adjacent to the border with McCauley. He wants to see more heritage buildings in our neighbourhoods restored and protected for future generations to appreciate.



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Daniela Zenari: Comedy and Community

"My favourite part of McCauley is the community feeling."

CORINE DEMAS

Daniela Zenari, who lives in McCauley and works in the Ice District, is a freelance journalist and is also an artist. Her mediums are writing, singing, and playing the guitar.

I asked her what gets her going with her writing. "A deadline really helps. I follow my ADHD hyperfixations into things that I'm passionate about and interested in. It's hard to do all the things I want to do, so now I've just decided to start talking to all the people who do the things I want to do so I can learn more about them and then I can scratch that itch without having to commit. I've written an article about mushrooms in Alberta and I have tried growing mushrooms at home. My next article is about honey bees, backyard beekeeping, and honey producers. I think in general instead of having a mushroom log and a bee hive and probably a chicken coop, writing is my way of following my passions without taking on a million projects that I would not finish."

I asked Daniela to share her



Daniela Zenari. Mohamed Ali

experiences with Heart of the City. "Almost every year I go and check out the festival," she said. "It kicks off festival season for me. I love the vibe and the music and the different things there are to see. This year I was asked to do a comedy set at the Beat Spoken Word Stage's Comedy Showcase. It was really awesome to get to do the thing I love and feel supported at this great festival."

Daniela was one of eight comics

who each did a 10 minute set. This year, we had to contend with a terrible wind storm that almost shut down the show, but we left the tent flaps open, comics wrapped themselves up in blankets, and the show went on. Says Daniela, "The show was awesome, so many people braved that wind and even when there was half a tree that blew by, the audience stayed. You can't control the weather but under the circumstances I think it went really well. It was super fun."

When I asked Daniela about her connection to the neighbourhood, she said, "I grew up on the south side but for the last seven to eight years I've lived in McCauley. My sister has her family here. My mom moved here. We all live in a three block radius and I absolutely love McCauley. I've been the chair of the board of Inn Roads Housing Cooperative for the last three and half years. I just love the community and want to contribute. My favourite part of McCauley is the community feeling. You know your neighbours, you know who is around, people say hi and chat."

Being close to the Italian Centre,

Zocalo, and Paper Birch Books is one of Daniela's favourite things about McCauley. "There are so many great little community hubs where you can go, get all the things that you need and see people you know. I think it has that great community feel. My family is here. I want to live in McCauley for a long time because you don't really get that in other places."

If you recognize Daniela's last name, it's likely due to the fact that her family has run restaurants under the name "Zenari's" for the entirety of Daniela's life. However, the family's most recent restaurant closed in December 2024. "That was a big deal because it's the first time I haven't had a place to go. But I started working at O'Byrne's in Ice District. It's also a family-run business so that has been nice. It's a really great team."

At the time of writing this article, Daniela was starting two comedy shows. "Where's the Craic?" is a weekly show on Sundays at 8 p.m. at O'Byrnes Ice District. "Let's Be Frank" is a monthly show on the first Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Frank's Community Pub (8815 99th Street NW).

Corine Demas lives in McCauley where she is the President of the McCauley Community League and the Executive Director of the Heart of the City Festival.

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Hello Market at The Piazza

The Hello Market pop-up at The Piazza on July 19th was a hit despite the rain. In addition to vendors selling vintage clothing and other items outside and in an indoor space, there was food available at Culina and live music. It was organized by LastCall, a vintage clothing company co-owned by McCauley resident Harley Glugosh. Paula E. Kirman

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Chinatown Live Music Series Finale

The final evening of the Chinatown Live Music Series took place at Little BonBon on July 25th. The featured performer was Jia Jia Yong on harp. Paula E. Kirman