

## Big Dig a Big Success

*Trees to be planted throughout McCauley*

**PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff**

Twenty seedlings and over two dozen seed pods were handed out free to McCauley residents during the Big Dig on October 1. Part of the "Trees Please" initiative of McCauley Revitalization, the intention is for participating residents to nurture a tree for a year.

People taking seedlings signed up with their contact information and where they intend to plant their tree. Information on how to care for their tree was also provided.

Many passers-by from other areas stopped by Caboto Park to see what the Big Dig was all about. Hopefully, it will lead to the appearance of many new trees in the near future.



From left: Alfie White (Boyle Street Community League), Jane Molstad (McCauley Revitalization Coordinator), and Todd Janes (Big Dig organizer). Paula E. Kirman



Jane Molstad hands a seed pod to an area resident. Paula E. Kirman

## Bohemia Comes to Boyle Street



Bohemia owners (from left) Sheena, Granger, and Steve in the new location of Bohemia. Brittany Ayotte

Boyle Street has a new venue for the arts. Bohemia, an artist-run organization known in the Edmonton arts

community for putting on live music shows and featuring the work of local artists, moved to 10217 97 Street and

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# Reflecting on Remembrance



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## McCauley Musings

I have been thinking about remembrance a lot these days. In fact, the theme of remembrance comes at a rather appropriate time of my life. I recently lost someone close to me, which was completely unexpected at the time when this topic was chosen for November's issue.

That being said, I am not sure I really have any profound words of wisdom. Everyone experiences grief differently, and how we remember someone depends a lot on who the person was to us. When someone passes from this world, the people left behind often talk about their favourite memories of that person.

I find myself doing the same thing. It is cathartic and helps me to relive those special moments. And, there are always regrets about

opportunities not taken. My advice is to make time for people we care about, so that we have those memories later on when they really count.

Sometimes people make fun of me for taking so many pictures, but really, there will come a time when those photos are treasured possessions. Believe me, I know this better than anyone at the moment. So, a word of warning to all my friends out there: the next time I get into your face with a camera, bear with me.

Grieving brings good days and bad days, and rarely a day can go by without thinking of that person. Remembering a person keeps them alive in one's heart, and there is nothing wrong with that. It is a lot better than "stuffing" one's emotions and hoping the pain just disappears.

Dr. Seuss offers some wonderful advice: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Let's all take time to remember someone and smile.

PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

## Editor's Notes

As I mention in my editorial over there to the left, an issue themed on Remembrance comes at a rather appropriate time in my life. Many thanks to the community members who have expressed their condolences.

Our contributors have presented a variety of perspectives on remembering, from lessons of the past, to the need for peace, to how people are honoured in their cultural traditions.

When it comes to your commu-

nity newspaper, it is important to "remember" to get involved! If you are interested in joining the Editorial Committee, becoming a block carrier, or contributing to the paper, please contact me to discuss these opportunities.

The next issue takes us through both December and January, so if there are any events coming up that we should cover that we may not know about, please get in touch. We are always looking for stories about people doing interesting things in the area.

You can reach me at editor@bmcnews.org or via phone at (780) 425-3475.

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# Don Nikiforuk: Always Stepping Up for Our Casinos

COLLEEN CHAPMAN • BMC News Staff

## Our Volunteers

One of our most dedicated volunteers who seldom gets the recognition he deserves is Don Nikiforuk.

Don was born in Lamont on June 20, 1948. His family moved into Edmonton to an acreage that eventually became Capilano Mall. When he was ready for school, he attended Braemar Elementary school - a school that is sadly no longer there.

Don went on to Hardisty Junior High and graduated from Victoria Composite High. He then went on to pursue his studies in Chemistry at the U of A. He also had a stint at N.A.I.T.

In 1998, Don moved into McCauley Apartments and became a neighbourhood regular. He is a self-confessed computer game freak, and enjoys several games. "Civilization" is his current favourite. Don loves history, archaeology, and watching the National Geographic Discovery Channel.

Don has two brothers and a sister, and is actively involved in healthy



Don Nikiforuk. David Prodan

eating. He is always checking out new ways of improving our health.

Don does not just volunteer for the

BMC News casinos, he always volunteers for the McCauley Community League's casinos as well. Many of the Casino Advisors have his

name as a person to call if clubs are short on volunteers. Thanks Don for your years of service to our community!

## A special message from our proofreader . . .

Many thanks go out to my son Philip for proofing the October issue of the paper when I was unable to during my recent illness. - Barbara B. Kirman

## Pizza Night for Volunteers



Some of our volunteers enjoying an appreciation event on October 18 at Tony's Pizza. If you would like to join their ranks and have the chance to take part in these events, contact us (our contact information is on page 2). Paula E. Kirman

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# Boyle McCauley News

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## JOIN US AT OUR 2011 AGM

The meeting is open to the communities of Boyle Street and McCauley. We will have a brief business meeting reviewing the past year in the operations of the paper and talk about our vision for the next one. This is a great chance to meet the people behind the paper and find out about how you can get involved.

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# What Should Be Done About the Husky?

*Intended plans regarding the Husky service station should be communicated to residents*

The former Husky service station on 108 Avenue and 95 street has been vacant for a while, and is currently a gravel lot. McCauley resident Caroline Stuart is concerned about the future of this vacant parcel of land. As a result, in late September Stuart sent a letter to City Councillor Jane Batty, who represents our area, as well as Councillor Ben Henderson, who sits on the Brownfield commission. She encourages readers to copy her letter and send it on or to send them an original letter of your own. Councillor Batty can be reached at [Jane.Batty@edmonton.ca](mailto:Jane.Batty@edmonton.ca), and Councillor Henderson at [Ben.Henderson@edmonton.ca](mailto:Ben.Henderson@edmonton.ca).

Dear Councillor Batty  
Cc. Councillor Henderson

Re: Decommissioned Husky at  
108A Avenue on 97 Street

I live a couple of doors down from the decommissioned Husky gas station at 108A Avenue and 97 Street and I would like you to know that I have interest and concerns in this empty lot. I have contacted Husky to



Work being done at the site of the former Husky station on 108 Avenue and 97 Street. Paula E. Kirman

let them know that there is a neighbour who is watching what is happening and who has an interest in what might be done with the empty lot. Robert Roe, of Husky, suggested that I send a letter to councillors as he takes direction at that level.

My interest and concerns in the lot are around the problems we have in this neighbourhood with vacant lots. I

am aware that not much might happen as Husky determines the environmental issues and I also know that the City has a Brownfield Redevelopment Grants that might be accessed to see some creative redevelopment in the lot.

Mr. Roe seemed to suggest that Husky might put a building on to the lot and offer it to a vendor and then my concerns would be around the ap-

propriateness of that vendor (such as the inappropriateness of another liquor store or "adult massage" business) for a family-oriented street.

I would like to support the work you will be doing to work with Husky for the best interest of our neighbourhood.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Stuart

## Death of a Salesman

ROBBIN LU

### Theatre Review

As the theatre filled with guests, conversations fluttered throughout the room in a calm serene manner. Some conversations could have been a play within itself. Sitting comfortably in my seat I noticed the backdrop was a romantic silhouette of apartment buildings and the stage consisted of four separate rooms without the use of walls. There were two bedrooms, a kitchen, and imaginary front yard. With great anticipation, the lights started to dim, voices turned into whispers, whispers turned into silence. The room got pitch black, the play was about to begin.

Willie Loman made his mark as soon as he walked on stage. The background music complimented his slow paced waddle through the dark cold night to the pathway of his home. From start to finish, each scene gradually revealed the life and secrets of Willie Loman. It was most fascinating when the scenes from his past experiences would randomly, but strategically appear. Symbolism played a huge role throughout the production.

With every leading man there is a leading lady. His wife was a loving, caring, and submissive woman. She undressed and dressed her

man and made sure his favourite foods were in the fridge. She made the best of everything and was the best listener a husband could have. There was a person behind me who did not like the way the wife was portrayed and muttered comments of their disapproval.

The Loman boys were full of energy and emotion. The set was wonderfully built because the audience would not recognize their exit unless they really paid attention. The communication between father and sons were played out to the max. The story line and the professional actors truly represented their role as if it were a friend talking to you in a time of need. I got pulled in from the beginning and did not want to leave for intermission. They stopped the play just to leave you hanging and looking forward to the next act.

The ending was so powerful that it literally shook me out of my seat. The actors were amazing! Slowly, one by one, each person came out and gave a bow. Willie Loman was the last to enter the stage and received a standing ovation. It was a proud moment for the whole production team. It gave me goose bumps. I thoroughly enjoyed *Death of a Salesman* at the Citadel.

## Look Up! Look Way Up!



St. Josaphat's Cathedral from a new, sunny angle. Jim Johansson

# A New Season of Crime Prevention



CST. MIKE WALKOM • McCauley EPS

## Cop's Corner

As the seasons change, we will notice a change in criminal behaviour along with the change in temperature. With this in mind, it is a good time to look back over the summer and take note of the criminal trends.

This summer, we noted an increased number of break and enters in comparison to 2010. Many of these were to outbuildings on property, where the perpetrators targeted bicycles and anything else of value that could be located in these areas. Buildings that were insecure or had small, easily bypassed locking systems were primarily targeted.

With this in mind, we can make efforts to reduce this next year. First and foremost, ensure your buildings are secured. Simple

knob locks and shallow mount dead bolts are easily defeated with the application of force. Deadbolt locks are ideal but they are only as strong as what they are mounted to. If your door or doorframes are made of a lighter material it is this that will yield when force is applied. If your door or frames are easily broken, it would be in your best interest to reinforce these to increase the durability of your door.

Mounting motion sensor lights is another great deterrent to criminal behavior. These can be easily mounted in positions that will catch any movement in your back yard. In turn, this will alert yourself and your neighbours to activity in your back yard. It will also serve the purpose of making the potential intruder uncomfortable, as they are now visible.

It is beneficial to increase visibility into your property, as this will give natural surveillance to the area. Some simple things can be done to achieve this during spring cleaning. Trim trees and shrubs; trees should have 2' to 3' clearance from the ground and shrubs should not be more

than 3' high. This reduces shadows and decreases areas that intruders can hide from view. As well, this will provide you with a clear view of your property while remaining aesthetically appealing.

Making your property secure is only one step in increasing the safety of your neighbourhood. Community members need to be vigilant in reporting suspicious behaviour to the police. We noted an increase in this type of report this year. This type of information assisted with the arrests of some of the repeat offenders in the area.

When reporting suspicious behaviour to the police, there are things to keep in mind to ensure your report captures all of the important details. You can remain anonymous when making reports of suspicious behaviour if you are afraid of being identified.

If possible, contact the police at the time the behaviour is occurring to direct them to the person of interest. This allows

the police to identify suspects who can then be put under surveillance. If you are unable to contact the police at the time, take down the following information and forward it on to police when you are able:

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Specific behaviour
- Number of suspects
- Any tools or property in their possession
- Suspect description:
  - Sex
  - Age
  - Apparent race
  - Clothing
  - Tattoos
  - Vehicle with license plate info
  - Anything else of note

With combined police and community efforts we can reduce break and enters next summer. Thank you for all of your efforts this summer.

*Cst. Walkom can be reached at (780) 421-2603 or via email at michael.walkom@edmontonpolice.ca.*

# Dedicated to My Father

ROBBIN LU

## Pacific Notes

When I think of Remembrance Day, my father is the first person who comes to mind. This year he will be turning 63 years old on November 11, 2011. We always celebrate his birthday by going to a Chinese restaurant and we order all of my dad's favourite foods.

My mother and father have climbed many mountains to gain all that they have to this day. Dad has worked at the same company for over 20 years with great dedication and commitment. I have definitely grown as an individual to appreciate the leaps and bounds my dad takes to maintain the best interests of our family.

My father's unconditional love is demonstrated through many ways. When I think about our time together as a child he always wanted us to have the best! When Mom had cooking classes to teach, Dad would take me to the mall and we would sit and have a snack and talk about life. He made it easy to talk to him about *almost* everything through his understanding and open-mindedness. I was not spoiled with gifts and attention; however, when Dad did buy me things, he made sure it was of the best quality.

Now that I'm in my thirties we don't have that time together because we have different interests and schedules. This is why family dinners and gatherings are so important. Food

has always been an important part of our family life because it brings us all together. We all make time to sit down and remind each other how much we all love one another without actually saying it.

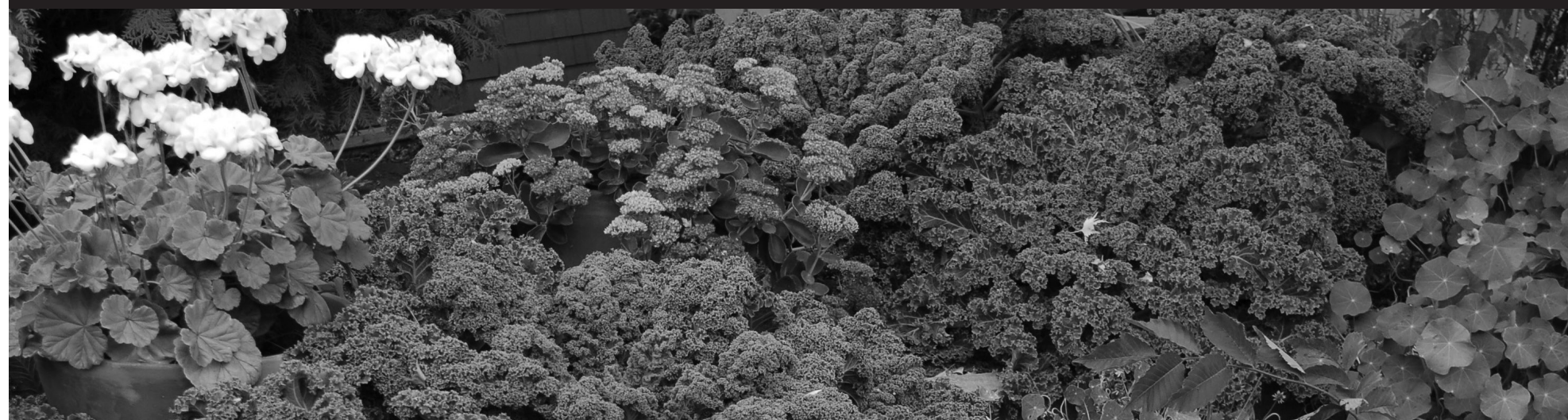
As a child, I always wanted to own a dog and now at the tender age of "thirty-something" my dad actually bought me one. Dad first said that he would not have any part in caring for the dog. However, that did not kick in at all. Every week he goes out and buys what he calls "snacks" or toys for the dog and offers to dog sit. We added two more dogs to the family because we didn't want the one to be lonely when we all went to work. Dad spoils them all with love and attention and, most importantly, treats!

There needs to be a new word that describes the love that a father provides to his children and family. I look forward to the day when I have a family to let them know how great a grandfather they have and to learn how to appreciate him at an early age. I can already envision the smiles he will have as he holds them in his arms, and how much they will be spoiled with love and affection.

Dad, you are truly a man who stands on his own two feet and you have the strength to carry the world on your shoulders. Our family loves and appreciates you today and forever!

*Robbin Lu works at Pacific Cafe (10874 97 Street) with her mother Nhan.*

## One Last, Lush Look



A beautiful garden at a home in McCauley in early autumn. Paula E. Kirman

# Programs at McCauley Transition Centre

*A new season of after school and evening programs at the McCauley Transition Centre (formerly McCauley School) is in full swing.*

## AFTER SCHOOL

**Tuesday**  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Grade 7-12**  
Recreation, Arts, Photography (AHC)

**Wednesday**  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**K-Grade 6**  
Floor hockey, Ice hockey (E4C)  
**Gr. 7-12**  
Leadership Program

**Thursday**

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Grade 7-12**  
Academic support (MCHB)

**Friday**  
3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
**Grade 7-12**  
Recreation Games and Academic Support (EISA and TFC)

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Adult ESL classes  
Academic Support and Youth Drop In

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## Times of Remembrance



CLARA GLADUE

### Drum Beats

Times of remembrance bring to my mind a lot of people that I have encountered along my travels. I met a lot of these people at different places.

One such fellow I have come to respect and honour is a associate named Bill Buck. I met him several years ago at the old House of Refuge Mission. He has such a warm heart for the people who come to visit that establishment. He is like a veteran at the mission, because to my knowledge he was one of the people to volunteer at the original Mission on Jasper Avenue. I have respect and admiration for his servant's heart. He is always at the Refuge with his group of willing and wonderful volunteers getting the Mission ready for opening up for the evening service time.

I also do recognize my wonderful neighbour who is a joy to watch. She is a beautiful lady who I have come to know indirectly. She warms my heart because her hard

work in her garden and hanging out her laundry brings fond memories of my dear mother.

It is hard when one loses their family members when they pass away, but we can find comfort in praying about keeping them in our memories. I recently went to a funeral for my significant other's grandmother. They had decided to have a traditional funeral. It was quite a experience for me. They a style of doing the funeral service that was different to me, such as using a horse drawn carriage to take the body for burial. As well, they had several kinfolk hand dig the burial plot.

For me, I find it is nice to see the closeness of family when people either are celebrating a marriage or a death. The latter is a time of sadness and remembrance of our loved ones. While we dwell on this God-given earth, we have to give thanks for our life.

That being said, be true to yourself in all aspects of your journey in life. You could mean a lot to someone by just being yourself and serving others in love. Finally, remember that we all need respect, but also to respect our elders.

*Clara lives in McCauley with her family. She is a Community Animator with Action for Healthy Communities.*

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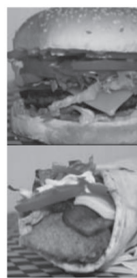
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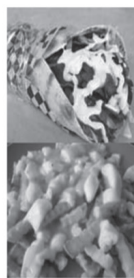
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# Boyle Street Goes Bohemian

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Bohemia is more than just a venue for live music and art - it is an attitude.

With its relocation to 97 Street and 102 Avenue in October, this is the third physical move for the establishment. Originally located on 110 Street and Jasper Avenue, the place was known as Bohemia Cyber Café (the storefront still exists at the empty location). Owners Granger, Sheena, and Steve were Bohemia's first customers - in fact, Granger and Sheena became employees at the cafe.

When that location closed in 2009, the three of them continued to host shows at a variety of venues like basements and garages over the past couple of years, especially the popular art+muzak monthly variety shows. Then, hoping to find a permanent home, Bohemia moved into the Blue Sky Art Lofts in Queen Mary Park for a

few months during the summer of 2011.

However, it was not to be. "The space in Queen Mary Park was not zoned to have a fully-licensed venue," explains Sheena. "So, we found another space that would satisfy our (and Edmonton's) needs, in the heart of downtown, with Churchill Square, the Citadel Theatre, Winspear Centre, Alberta Gallery of Art, and Shaw Conference Centre as our neighbours.

"The new space is close to transit, in the heart of the Arts District and revitalization zone, and has better acoustics," adds Granger.

Bohemia is an appropriate name for the venue, as the owners strive to create a space that is truly bohemian, aimed at artists trying to both showcase their work and make a living. "Bohemia is a place where people check their egos at the door and have access to the arts without the 'hoity-toity' or restrictive at-

mosphere of a lot of galleries and venues," says Sheena. "On the flip-side of the coin, Bohemia tries its darndest to make sure artists and performers get paid - all of us (owners) have been artists/musicians, and know how hard it is to make money doing something artistic."

"I love Bohemia because no one owns what it is. We may have a funky venue called Bohemia but everyone is a bohemian the moment they take control of their happiness," says Granger.

For co-owner Steve, Bohemia holds a lot of history for him artistically. "I was in a band called Warehouse District, and we played our first gig at Bohemia, way back in 2005. That was when I first felt that Bohemia was something special, and we have been chasing the dream ever since. The gig I played was our very first monthly art+muzak show as it turns out, something we now do every month and have ever since then!"

The fact that the owners are artists themselves helps maintain the raw, unpretentious feel of Bohemia, as well as the values behind it. "I have no formal training in 99 percent of what we do to run Bohemia. It's primarily thinking creatively with the other owners and just doing what needs to be done, consistently and without fail," says Granger. "Also, I really hope to see other people open venues that don't just cater to one small subdivision of society, so we can get back to living life as openly and enjoyably as we can!"

Steve adds that the ability for the owners to work together has helped maintain Bohemia over the years. "We are kind of punk rock business types, and it can be hard dealing with bureaucracy at times. However, we are getting ninja-like in our abilities to deal with challenges as they present themselves to us. The power of teamwork keeps Bohemia afloat."

## Gearing Up for Another Season

DAN GLUGOSH

### Around the Rink

Here we go again, gearing up for another skating season. Lots of things are in the works for the rink. Some are taking longer than we anticipated, but hopefully we will see some visual changes at the rink very soon.

At the time of my writing this article we have a meeting with OML Construction coming up in a week's time. Father Jim, Al Hamilton, and a few others are gathering to put the final stamp on get-

ting a trailer in place for this season. We all have needed to practice the skill of patience for this project, but I am very confident with the people who have dedicated their own time to make this project happen. I will have an update for the next issue of *Boyle McCauley News*.

David Prodan from E4C is working on skating programs for this season along with a couple of pre-registration/information sessions for the community. Also, I would expect that the City of Edmonton will be running a program or two. We have also

purchased two new professional hockey nets from the grant money that was received from Hockey Alberta. A big "thank you" goes out to Hockey Alberta.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the skating rink this season and remember, keep your stick on the ice.

If you have any hockey equipment, skates to donate, or questions please contact me at (780) 729-4363. If you have any questions about programming call David Prodan at (780) 424-2870.

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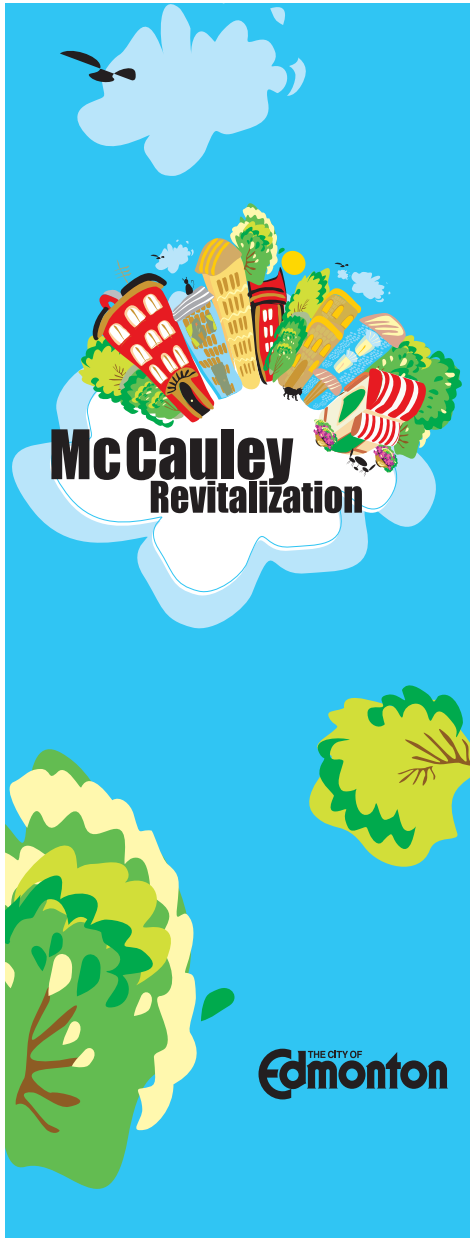


The progression of the Boyle Street Community Centre as it looked in early autumn. Paula E. Kirman

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## MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION

November 2011 Update



## Safety

On October 12, the McCauley Steering Committee presented an evening of information and education on personal safety issues in the McCauley neighbourhood and invited the surrounding neighbourhoods of Boyle, Parkdale, Alberta Avenue, and Central McDougall. The purpose was to inform and provide connections for all those in attendance. The outcome was significant for McCauley, as two new community residents have stepped forward to volunteer their time to work on crime reduction strategies. The project team on safety will proceed with start up meetings in November. If there are any other interested individuals, please contact Jane Molstad at (780) 496-6887 or email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Jane.molstad@edmonton.ca"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:Jane.molstad@edmonton.ca) Jane.molstad@edmonton.ca. This group will be working on new ideas to implement for spring 2012.

Topics covered at the session included information on how to keep yourself safe, how to address issues with the EPS, bylaws, and women who are engaged in the sex trade. There were a number of resource people in attendance including the newly assigned NET officer to the area, Chapman Lee. Kate Quinn who has lived in the community for over 30 years gave a heartfelt session on what it means to be a good neighbour by reaching out to all the people who live or walk the streets in McCauley. Capital City Clean Up agent, Tamara Brunelle was present as well as Sue Jamieson from Alberta Health Services. Community Standards (bylaw) representative Brent Craig was in attendance to answer all questions as well. REACH was also in attendance to explain their role in the community. The evening was a success given that people stayed until 9:30 p.m., but everyone got home safely and rides were provided to those who came by bus.

The outcome to this session indicated another spring session in 2012 would be needed and the newly appointed project leads will be working on the next session in 2012. The new information on safety for McCauley has identified a new NET team consisting of Chapman Lee and Kris Andreychuk, Social Worker with the City of Edmonton. Also added to the new resources will be the outreach workers with Boyle Street as part of the new Rapid Response team working in the McCauley neighbourhood. These are directly related to strategies the community has identified within the McCauley Revitalization Plan.

*McCauley Revitalization moves along with direction coming from the Steering Committee and project leads in the community. At this point, there is work to be done on the urban design for the area and it is the City of Edmonton's Sustainability and Development planners who are working to complete the plans for McCauley. Their update draft in brief is provided. The entire draft is available on line in the McCauley Revitalization web site.*

The report will outline key urban design principles and strategies for the area while addressing several key priorities that have been identified by the McCauley Revitalization Strategy. The urban design strategies are:

- Integrate Chinatown and Little Italy with downtown and surrounding areas;
- Develop a strong east-west pedestrian connections between Chinatown and Little Italy;
- Energize the cultural character of Chinatown and Little Italy;
- Attract market housing;
- Encourage major anchors to promote area as a destination of choice for citizens as well as for tourists;
- Create an interconnected network of open spaces and community gardens;
- Program year round community events;
- Connect Chinatown and Little Italy to the LRT system; and,
- RECLAIM 96 Street(CHURCH STREET) as a major Heritage destination.

The Urban design Strategy aims to provide a guiding vision that can be used in building a healthy, safe, and lively public spaces that honour the past and reflect the vitality of the neighbourhood today. The Project focus area encompasses 107A

Avenue and 107 Avenue between 97 Street and 95 Street. It includes the area along 95 Street from 109A Avenue to 106 Avenue and along 97 Street from 108 Avenue to 106A Avenue.

## KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## 1. Public spaces

## Challenges:

The McCauley School site is fenced off from the pedestrian environment and lacks casual surveillance.

The rink does not have a permanent changing or community facility.

With the exception of Giovanni Caboto Park, the area lacks public open spaces.

All public spaces must be adequately programmed and have surveillance in order to discourage unwanted/illicit activities.

## Opportunities:

The McCauley School site provides an open space to reclaim.

## 2. Land use controls

## Challenges:

Existing Zoning along 95 Street south of 107A Avenue limits the potential for future mixed use development.

## Opportunities:

Zoning revisions to encourage mixed use development on 95 Street would require an amendment to the ARP and a formal public process. Zoning is already in place along 107A Avenue for higher density residential development.

Properties within the BRZ area may have access to funding from façade and development programs.

There are a number of vacant and underutilized properties along 107A Avenue and 95 Street. With the owners' cooperation these properties may provide opportunity for redevelopment.

## 3. Transportation

## Challenges:

Pedestrians are treated as secondary users of the public realm. However, McCauley is primarily a pedestrian neighbourhood.

Conflict currently exists between pedestrians and vehicles in the area.

No traffic calming is planned for 107A Avenue in the near future as it is a major arterial roadway.

## Opportunities:

There may be an opportunity to LRT access at 95 Street and 106 Avenue in the future.

## 4. Pedestrian Environment

## Challenges:

Narrow poorly, maintained sidewalks along 107A Avenue discourage walking. The high speed and capacity of 107A Avenue is not conducive to a safe pedestrian environment.

Intersections are often intimidating to pedestrians and crossing can be difficult.

Lack of separation from passing vehicles contributes to pedestrians feelings of exposure.

## Opportunities:

A new streetscape improvement initiative is possible to address the pedestrian realm in Little Italy and south along 95 Street.

Streetscape enhancements are planned along 97 Street.

Improved pedestrian lighting along 107A Avenue and or 107 Avenue may be possible in the future.

## 5. Business and Retail

## Challenges:

Many building façades lack articulation and transparency for pedestrians.

There is a lack of free parking for visitors in time restricted areas as a result of heavy use, due to proximity to the downtown core and lack of parking time limit enforcement.

## Opportunities:

Façade improvement program is available to businesses along 95 Street and 97 Street.

Development incentive fund program is available to encourage mixed use developments in the area.

## Celebrate

Take a look at the self sustaining autumn events that McCauley can be proud of. Project leaders in the community take ownership with events sponsored such as East meets West, The Big Dig, the Safety sessions and the Tea Sampler coming up in November.

Project leads are the people who live in the community and oversee the work being done to include the residents and those who work in the area. Credit must be given to those who are the community leaders and organize others to get involved. Everyone appreciates those who do the work needed to make change in the area. One of the groups that needs more profile is the brokers for the Multicultural Teahouse. Plans are underway for a Sampler event to occur over the month of November in order to introduce the plans underway for building a teahouse that will make the community proud. Introducing the future plans will be done initially through having people participate in tea tasting that will be mobilized to groups to educate on the plans for the teahouse. Watch for the locations and dates to be advertised.

## Building

If you had an opportunity to come out on the morning of October 1 to Giovanni Caboto Park to get your free tree, then you are one of many who showed up to improve the neighbourhood.

Approximately 25 people showed up to take a tree or seedling ball donated from two partnering organizations in McCauley: Canadian Tire and Totem Building Supplies. This is a great example of shared responsibility to improve the area through environmental efforts. If each person in the community plants a tree in their front or back yard then Totem guarantees to plant two more in the Canadian wild forest areas. Canadian Tire is on board to dedicate trees for the next five years to residents in McCauley. Thank you to all residents in McCauley and Boyle committed to improving the greening of the neighbourhood. The City of Edmonton is also working on the next phase of tree planting to bring the area up to standard and the first row of trees that are going into the neighbourhood will be on 95 Street and 106A Avenue. This row of elms will be planted prior to the snow falling in 2011.

The washroom pilot has been extended due to need in the area. The current locations are Mary Burlie Park and Bissell Centre. These two locations have remained as locations where there is need and usage. The one washroom located at Hope Mission was closed out after six months of exhausting all the possible means of trying to make it work. The final report will identify recommendations as to the outcomes, locations, and design for a future permanent washroom in the area.

## Sustainability

In order to sustain and build on the great features of the McCauley neighbourhood, we have the opportunity to maintain the best of what the neighbourhood has to offer.

There are key areas that are currently being worked on to keep the strength and maturity of the area intact. We do know that having anchors in the neighbourhood creates a sense of destination for people in other parts of the city to come to the area. In order to maintain a healthy area there has to be strong economic development that exists (healthy businesses thriving). There also has to be a sense of mixed housing that helps to create a well balanced community where families can feel safe and stay in the area where their children can attend school.

One of the plans that was addressed in the Revitalization strategy was to build an Artist's Village on the entrance area to McCauley on 95 Street. The goal is to create a sense of community by developing housing that will be appealing and attractive to many. As plans start to move forward, it will be critical to have the involvement of the Community League and the BRZ to support the type of housing that would be acceptable and most valued in the area.

## Round Dance Commemorates Lives



The Bissell Centre hosted its tenth annual Round Dance on September 23 at the Alberta Aviation Museum. It is a traditional Aboriginal ceremonial event to memorialize and celebrate the lives of people who have passed on. *Amanda Almeida*

## Occupy Boyle Street



Occupy Edmonton, calling for a more just economy for everyone, took place on October 15. The march route included the south end of 97 Street. Similar events were held across Canada on the same day. The "Occupy" movement started globally in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street in New York. *Paula E. Kirman*

## Remembering My Parents

COLLEEN CHAPMAN • BMC News Staff

My parents met 67 years ago when they were stationed at an Army Air Corps base in Pocatello, Idaho during the Second World War. My dad was a ground School instructor for those who flew bombing missions (like pilots and gunners), and my mother was a Physical Education instructor. Both of them volunteered for the USO and that is where they met. My parent are the two nearest relatives I have who were veterans.



Caroline J. Wilson (Chapman), February 25, 1921 - August 31, 1970. *Supplied*



Charles C. Chapman, born on November 25, 1921. He will be turning 90 this year. *Supplied*

## Let There Be Peace on Earth



Participants (including several area residents) in the UN International Day of Peace flag-raising ceremony outside of City Hall on September 21 join hands during a song. *Paula E. Kirman*

## Sisters in Spirit



The Sisters in Spirit rally/walk took place in early October at Alex Taylor School. Supported by Amnesty International, the event raises awareness of violence against women, especially Aboriginal women. *Paula E. Kirman*

# Remembering Ewen Nelson



IAN YOUNG

## Ability and Community

We recognize Remembrance Day on November 11 each year in honour of the men and women who bravely served in our forces in the battles for freedom and democracy in our nation. However, I often reflect on that day about an Edmontonian who is no longer with us who fought a great battle for inclusion, human rights, and equal rights for the disabled community even while having physical struggles of his own. This man (my personal hero) is not a decorated soldier, but rather a stunning individual who paved the way for a vulnerable, often shunned population.

This fine Edmontonian I speak of is Ewen Nelson. Without this fine man the community would not be the place it is today and the leadership skills he left with the community are a driving force for me personally.

Ewen Nelson, who fought a battle of his own due to a physical handicap, worked diligently to bring rights and respect to the disabled community. Ewen always took great pride in being a positive force for change towards increased accessibility for those with disabilities. Ewen was the Vice-President of the Boyle Street Community League and the Inner City Youth Development Association, and also helped deliver the *Boyle McCauley News*. He was also the former Chair of the City of Edmonton's Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities (which I now sit on) and a member of

the Reasonable Accommodation Fund and Employment Equity Discretionary Fund Committees.

Ewen was a valuable resource at the University of Alberta, providing consulting services to the Specialized Support and Disability Services and Planning & Infrastructure. Also, he was the Chair of the Emergency Procedures Committee for Artspace Housing Co-operative, and the President of Supports for Artspace Independent Living, Inc. (where I proudly reside). The stretch of 101A ave between 95 st and 93 st in front of the Artspace Co-operative even has a street sign in his honour indicating "Ewen Nelson Way"

In 2003, the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities announced that Ewen was the co-winner of the 2002 Council

of Canadians with Disabilities Award for Alberta. This award recognizes individuals for their "dedication and integrity in the continuing pursuit of full participation in society by people with disabilities." Sadly, we lost Mr. Nelson on January 5 2006 but not his legacy! Ewen was a true soldier, hero in my mind and a driving force for this community we call ours.

I will remember the great men and women that served our country, but I will also remember the man who served my community. On Nov. 11 I will proudly walk down Ewen Nelson Way and remember and respect my personal hero.

*Ian is a resident of Boyle Street, a member of the Advisory Board for Services for Persons with Disabilities for the City of Edmonton, and the recipient of the Glenrose Award of Courage.*

# On Being 80

## Reflections on a family milestone



SHERRY MCKIBBEN

## Catch 66

I recently attended my aunt's eightieth birthday party. It was a wonderful sunny afternoon and we all basked in the joy of a life lived with intensity and insight. The party was attended by my aunt's friends and a smattering of younger relatives, such as nieces, nephews, and their children. During the affair I was able to talk to a number of 80 year olds. Most of my aunt's

friends were her peers and had been her friends since young adulthood. These women (most of the 80 year olds were women, though some still had husbands) were vibrant, engaging, and enjoying their lives.

When I asked them what it was like to be 80, the resounding answer was "wonderful." Wonderful was repeated many times and they talked about their gratitude for being alive and for lives well lived. My aunt read a poem definitively saying she wished to live longer. One of the women volunteered at a hospice because she wished to continue to make a contribution. My aunt and others at the gathering were very much into

genealogy, exploring their family histories, making discoveries about who their ancestors were and how they had shaped their lives.

This event brought me back to *The Mature Mind* by Eugene Cohen and his description of the stages of aging. I have already talked about the first two stages, Re-evaluation and Liberation, and written about McCauley residents exemplifying these stages. Cohen calls this third stage "Summing Up" and describes it as follows: ". . . people in this stage feel more urgently the desire to find larger meaning in the story of their lives through a process of review, summarizing, and giving back . . . through volunteerism, community activism and philanthropy. The Inner Push to sum up is often expressed creatively though recapitulation

and review of one's life through personal storytelling memoirs, and autobiography . . . oral histories . . . genealogies . . ."

Cohen goes on to say this need to sum up is likely fuelled by changes in the brain. Brain development, he writes, "likely creates a richer, more vivid experience because the brain is drawing on a broader palette of resources." This is to say, at 80 we not only have more to recall, but the telling is more enjoyable.

Or, to quote my aunt's niece who made the birthday toast, "though we choose to celebrate the length of our lives, it is their essence that is more worthy of recognition. To that end, let us make a toast to times shared, advice given and sought, wisdom imparted, and stories remembered."

*Sherry lives in McCauley and is a block carrier for the paper.*

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KERI BRECKENRIDGE

## Keri's Corner

November is the time of the year when we pause to remember those who have sacrificed for their country. We have such a narrow view of things that most of us don't see the irony in that statement. It's not just our country - it's our world, and if we spent more than a minute reflecting on that maybe these international conflicts would come to a final halt. We are all citizens of this world and we are all responsible to one another.

Global citizenry is more prominent than ever before in our history. Economies have crossed borders, information and knowledge are derived from all corners of the Earth, and advancements in science and technology are meant to benefit us all. Within this globalization is a duty to ensure that all people derive greater benefits than losses and that everyone is better off at the end of the day. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Communities are polluted in the quest for oil, labour is taken grievous advantage of in third-world countries in pursuit of profit, and voices are raised in protest then silenced by those who have alternate agendas.

Those people half the world away with strange accents and different lives are not our adversaries. Our opponents are those who would destroy mankind's chance at worldwide unity. We are people of this world with all its colour, all its suffering, and all its joy. We should stand together and claim ourselves to be the same. Guns, tanks, and all the weapons we use will not solve our issues. It will only leave us with sorrow and rage. We are not a country, we are a world.

Only when we truly view each other as brothers and sisters can we end global conflict.

Only when we see that all humans are entitled to the same basic rights, can we recognize ourselves in distant faces.

Only when we set aside our weapons, can we truly honour those who have fought.

War is not a sometimes necessary tool. We are fed propaganda to support back door interests and under the table dealings. War is not an ultimate instrument of peace. Media influences and mainstream culture train us to believe that they are the ultimate source of knowledge. War

is not the final stand. Our governments jump into conflict not because the fight is worth fighting but because political influence deems it financially sound. War is the opposite of peace and leads to nothing but more war. We have been robbed of our sensibilities in the name of patriotism.

We share a world and it the duty of each one of us to leave it a better place for all those who inhabit it. When we strive to identify our commonalities rather than rush to point out our differences, we are unifying people instead of driving them apart. When we empathize with the suffering of others as opposed to manipulating their desperation, we are creating higher standards for everyone. When we help our neighbour we are helping ourselves, because if the world is a better place for one it's better for all.

Remember in this time of reflection that love is better than hate, peace is more desirable than war, and it is our entire world.

*Keri lives a peaceful existence in Boyle Street.*



ISABELLE FOORD

## Something Funny

Why is it always so windy? Do we now have Global Windiness?

Scientists say there's a link between obesity and memory loss. Of course there's a link. People want to forget they're fat.

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

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# Remembering Jim

**JAMES CATTON JOHNSON**

Remembrance is a personal thing. It means many things to many people. For some, it evokes images on a grand scale like that of war-torn Europe a century ago. For others, the images are more personal like that of a loved one that recently passed. What matters most is the emotional meaning, the connection it has to us.

I find it interesting for myself. My grandfather, who I am named after, died less than a year before I was born. I have been gifted a name from someone that means the world to those around me but left this earth before I walked it. So for me, remembrance is also about cherishing and thinking of

those you never knew but are fundamental to who you are as a person.

Remembrance can be as simple as your name. James Catton Johnson is my name, all English. Johnson is a fairly common name. I always joke I get the silver medal for whitest name ever, always second fiddle to John Smith. Catton is the name of a village in Yorkshire, England. Yorkshire is where my grandparents emigrated from following World War Two. My grandfather, Jim, had joined the merchant marines before the start of WWII. He couldn't wait to get out and explore the world. He served during the war, ensuring that supplies made their way from Canada to Europe. After the war, he moved to Canada.

The decision was between Australia and Canada. Canada didn't charge any fees while Australia did. I love Canada but in the middle of January, I sometimes wish he chose Australia.

Jim struggled at first to make a living in Canada. Just because Canada was primarily English, didn't mean the English were popular. He was trained in tool and die-making but worked as a janitor, saving money to bring my grandmother and two aunts to live with him.

My favourite story about him relates to his job interview for his first job as a toolmaker. A skeptical shop foreman, who didn't really want to give Jim a job, handed him a twisted wrench and said to make him a new one. For hours, Jim worked on the

project, making sure he completed the task exactly as requested. When the foreman returned, Jim handed him his new wrench. Much like me, he was not content to only complete the task but make a point. He handed the foreman his new wrench, an exact replica of the twisted wrench. Sheepishly, the foreman hired Jim on the spot.

I don't have a relationship with Jim, no memories. But I do have his name and I do have his stories. Stories, like names, help remind us of who we are and where we've come from. So on this Remembrance Day, I'm going to call my grandmother Grace and together, we'll remember Jim.

*James lives in Downtown Edmonton. He works as a researcher for the Alberta Government.*

## Dining Out

**CAROL NEUMAN**

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When we step into Mamenche's dining room on a crisp October night, it feels like we're interrupting a post-dinner ritual at a neighbour's home. Two young men are silently plopped down in front of a flat screen television watching as a soccer match blares on. A middle-aged woman is doing the washing up in the kitchen. We feel almost guilty for dropping by unannounced though to be fair, the hours on the front door promise at least another hour of table service.

Since their quiet launch this April, Mamenche's, a Latin eatery on 97 Street and 108 Ave, has picked up where Los Comales, which previously occupied the space, left off. True, the menu has shifted further south, from Mexico to Guatemala, but Mamenche's fills largely the same niche as its predecessor: providing satisfying, homestyle Central American comfort food.

Mamenche is quick to bring us menus. With Corona the only Latin beer available and a non-descript wine menu, we skip the libations and dive right



Fried tilapia, Salvadoran guacamole, and rice and beans. Alistair Henning

into the long list of appetizers. The pupusas, a Salvadoran specialty of tortillas stuffed with savory fillings and deep fried, immediately catch our eye. Unfortunately, they have run out of cheese, so the Queso con Loroco (cheese with edible flower buds) is not an option. We settle on a pork-only variety instead. After a few audible minutes in the deep fryer, they arrive at the table, warm and crispy. They are soft and earthy, though perhaps a bit greasy.

Our mains arrive 15 minutes later, giving us ample time to absorb the sparse decoration in the tangerine dining room. My dining partner orders Chilaquiles Salvadoreños – tortillas filled with feta cheese, onions, and tomatoes and covered in tomato sauce. I opt for Mamenche's Special – fried tilapia served with Salvadoran guacamole, and rice and beans.

A few moments after the deep-fryer stop sizzling, our dishes arrive on the table. They're well-plated, aromatic and unfortunately, just a tad too hot to eat. The Chilaquiles are accompanied by a tortilla, a fluffy bed of yellow rice, and a generous helping of Salvadoran guacamole. The guacamole is distinct from other varieties in that it incorporates boiled egg, and is light on other typical seasonings, like chiles, cilantro, or lime. What is prominent is the friendly comingling of creamy textures.

My dish is also paired with the tortilla, Salvadoran guacamole, and casamientos – a wonderfully savory and deeply satisfying rice-and-beans dish. The tilapia is a crispy-brown, and not surprisingly, also a bit on the greasy side. It's a tasty, if simple, take on the fish, but far too much food for one person. I end up shar-

ing much of it with my dining partner, who's found his Chilaquiles less than entirely filling.

With little room for dessert, we get the welcome news that Mamenche's has no sweets left to serve us. We settle the bill, which tallies \$36 with tip.

While not every flavour sparkled, a few stood out. If nothing else, our recent visit to Mamenche's Restaurant has prompted me to adjust the menu of my last meal on earth: Goodbye rosemary-garlic polenta, and hello, casamientos.

Those delectable beans, a long list of underexplored dishes, and a cold winter ahead mean Mamenche's will certainly be on my list of neighbourhood haunts.

*Carol lives in Boyle Street.*

## McCauley Community League Update

# Enforce the Law

**ROB STACK • President**

Over the last weekend I was pepper sprayed on the front steps of my home. What was I doing to deserve this? Was I protesting "the man" without permits? Was I threatening a police officer or citizen? Was I picking a fight with, robbing, or assaulting anyone? No. I was walking home from cat sitting a friend and neighbour's grumpy old feline. Sick and tired all week, the last thing I was attempting to do was find trouble. However, as is repeatedly the case south of 107A Avenue, trouble proved largely unavoidable.

I'd like to say that this was an isolated event and that I feel safe in my neighbourhood and around downtown, but the reality is that this was not isolated and I do not feel safe. Personally, I've been verbally assaulted while walking and running, pushed twice near Mary Burlie Park, grabbed running up the stairs in Louise McKinney Park, tripped (attempted) running down 96 Street, followed and threatened while getting to my car, and threatened while gardening in my front yard. I have had my garage broken into multiple times- all of this within the last year.

Typically, my participation in these events is nothing, or a sustained effort to not get involved, or to ignore what might be aggressive posturing. Am I an especially prone target? This seems unlikely, as I know friends and neighbours who have experienced similar events over the last year. The issue, I think, is that I try to live in and around my home as I would in other areas of the city and I am largely unwilling to give up urban territory to bullies and thugs. I don't avoid walking south of 107A Avenue or down 96 Street nor do I avoid other "bad"

areas if they are on my route.

So, now the question becomes should I as a single person living in my home stop walking through my neighbourhood, avoid potentially risky situations, and stay indoors at night? Should I take the option of paving my front yard, locking my front fence, and only driving out of my garage? Should I modify my standards and lifestyle, say that I'm not experiencing impacts and pretend that I have a perception problem or that it is my own fault? Should I just say screw it and move? Or should I push even harder for the re-establishment of a safe community?

The EPS and the City acknowledge there is a big problem and they present "getting to know our neighbours" and "building community" as the solution. In other words, the problem is our fault because we have failed to do this. Well, I know my neighbours and I am part of a community. I suspect you know your neighbours as well. Hmmm . . .

As a resident of the block near the Boyle McCauley Health Centre and Mustard Seed, I feel betrayed by decisions that have allowed problems to concentrate and escalate here. I feel betrayed by the EPS and by the City for tacitly supporting a double standard in policing, for failing to recognize that there are more than one set of rights in play here, for turning a blind eye to unacceptable behaviour, and for continuously devaluing the contribution to the neighbourhood made by actual residents trying to just live a normal life.

I am tired of our neighbourhood being "special." I'm tired of "razzle-dazzle." Please, just enforce the law.

## Boyle Street Community League Update

# Meet the Animateur!

**CANDAS JANE DORSEY • Vice-President**

We're excited to report that Eva Marie Clarke has been hired by Boyle Street Community League as our new Community Program and Membership Animateur. Eva comes to us after a stellar communications and programming career. She will reach out into the community through personal contacts and media to encourage membership and participation and to plan for programs that our community wants and needs.

The grand opening of the Boyle Street Community Centre is less than a year away, and the summer of 2012 will be a time of getting to know our centre and celebrating its place in the heart of our community. We want our centre to be a place where we can all feel comfortable and a part of the action, no matter who we are. We want to meet our neighbours from the next block or the next community. We want to share our place and our programs with everyone!

The community centre is for fun and friends and family. It's going to be both new and old-fashioned: new walls and programs, old-fashioned homey atmosphere, and welcomes. It's a new song, but the tune is familiar. You'll be seeing Eva out and about, taking the measure of the community and encouraging you to be part of the music. And Eva is carrying our community league phone, so if you have ideas for what you'd like to do in the community, particularly in the new centre, give her a call at (780) 422-5857.

Meanwhile, we continue to work together with the Chinese Community and Riverdale Community League on a pan-community protest against the arbitrary route assignment of the downtown part of the future west-to-southeast LRT line. After a huge investment of community time in the consultation process, we were deeply disappointed (to say the least) when the LRT planners came back with the same route, "tweaked" slightly to avoid destroying the cultural buildings on 102 Avenue, but no different in principle. After putting two-way trains through the Chinatown (Harbin) Gate, destroying the aesthetic and symbolic nature of the area, the route cuts a tunnel entrance right between the cultural buildings and the Chinese elders' mansions and Chinese Multicultural Centre on the north side of 102 Avenue. The result is a huge trough and blockade right in the centre of historic Chinatown.

The community has worked

hard through the LRT Working Group to gain a consensus on our recommendation. We all agreed that if the LRT was going to work in Boyle Street community, the route should be moved one block north to 102A Avenue. Now, we are in the same place we were almost exactly one year ago. We must go again to protest to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of City Council on November 15, and then to Council a week later. Check the City of Edmonton website for details. If you also disagree with the destruction of the viable cultural area of old Chinatown along Harbin Road, please sign up to speak against the recommended route.

In August, our board passed a statement on non-market housing, supporting a reasonable balance of non-market housing in our rapidly-growing neighbourhood. Development over the next ten years will see a huge growth in market housing, which will have its impacts on our community. We pledged that during our growth and change we will also support better options for our neighbours who are homeless or underhoused, and will work for a stronger, safer, healthier neighbourhood together, as befits "the community with heart in the heart of the city."

In other news, we've been working to save an historic house at 10434 91 Street. One of the oldest houses in our neighbourhood, and one of the fewer than 80 freestanding houses left in Boyle Street, the house was threatened by a high-density development. After talks with the community league and city, the developer has made a preliminary commitment to save the house. Now we hope it's simply a matter of working out the details. Anyone who is interested in our historic preservation issues can give us a call and we'd be glad to have you volunteer for the historic inventory and monitoring project we hope we can carry out.

One of the tasks our animateur will be doing immediately will be putting our website up and getting our own domain active, as well as looking at social media, so that we have more ways to talk with friends and neighbours in Boyle Street and nearby communities about participation, programs, and issues. Look for an announcement soon. You'll also be hearing from us in more traditional media: newsletters, *Boyle McCauley News*, and so on. And we hope we'll be hearing lots from you, too!

You can reach Community Animateur Eva at (780) 422-5857 or e-mail [programs.boylestreet@gmail.com](mailto:programs.boylestreet@gmail.com).



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# Remembering 9/11

*On Fear, Peace, and Hope*

**JOANNE MCNEAL**

On Remembrance Day we honour the men and women who gave their lives while serving our country. Most of those whom we honour went to war voluntarily and willingly in World Wars I and II, and other wars as well. They volunteered because they believed that they were fighting for peace and to make the lives of their families and all Canadians safe. They made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of our country on foreign lands.

Because of their courage and bravery, we treasure and enjoy an enduring legacy of peace in Canada. We must also remember the many who came back wounded from those wars, and who have lived with the after effects of war for the rest of their lives. I don't want to take away from the honour we owe to all those who serve, but many of us believe that war of any kind is a horrible way to make peace, and we want to find a better way to solve our world's problems. The price of young lives is just too great to bear.

9/11 was a different kind of war. That horrible day not only exploded on North American lands, but those who were murdered that day just happened to be in the trade towers, Pentagon, and certain airplanes that morning. Firefighters also lost their lives in the line of duty, trying to help others, while

many others were affected by family loss or lingering sickness from the smoke and poisonous dust. The legacy of that day of terrorism, for all of us, is one of continued fear.

On 9/11 what we thought was our safe world came tumbling down with the Twin Towers. They had been hit by airplanes, were on fire, and the TV images were horrific! I was working a few hours from New York on that day, in a rural Virginia historic house museum that was a former tobacco plantation. Outside, the rural scene was tranquil—rolling green grass and trees. But on TV, scenes of devastation and horror had my staff immobilized with fear. We were in shock. Life as we knew it, and our world, was in chaos. We felt helpless to do anything to stop the tragedy. Although we were not hurt physically, our trust in humanity and in safety was shattered.

In the following days, I noticed many signs on businesses that read: "God Bless America." But a few signs wanted revenge, such as "Bomb the Middle East" or "Kill the Bastards." Then we heard that some of the terrorists were suspected of living nearby with their families in the suburbs, and we began to look suspiciously at our neighbours. We realized that our fear was making us wary of everyone else. Who could we trust? We were becoming so fearful that

everyone from the Middle East was suspected of being a terrorist. Then it hit closer to home! Our university employer announced that ALL international students were required to report to the police monthly, and had to keep police advised of their travels. What happened to our equality, and our freedom? I was shocked.

The following term, a student came up and asked me not to say his name aloud when I called the roll. I asked why, and he told me his name was very similar to that of Saddam Hussein, who was being hunted by the USA. The young student said he was being taunted and made fun of by other students. I honoured his request, but was astounded that our collective fear after 9/11 had become so personal for this international student, just because of his name. I went out of my way to help him, and he came and talked to me once in awhile. He thanked me for taking time to help him, but as the course came to an end, he finally told me he might be deported because he did not report on time to the authorities. After he left my office, this young student was on his way to an appointment with immigration authorities, and I never saw him again or learned what happened to him.

Ten years have passed since 9/11, but I have thought often about that student, and about how our collec-

tive terror, left over from that horrific day, has left us with a legacy of fear which hurts us all. Many of us have experienced the upgraded security measures at the border or as we travel by air. We have to find the strength and courage to overcome our fear - but how do we overcome our legacy of fear?

There are many suggestions by experts, but I believe living in Edmonton and McCauley is a good place to begin, as many of us came here from other countries. Just living here can be a part of the solution! I find getting to know neighbours, students, and people from other countries, enriches my own life and helps me understand our world. It helps me learn to overcome my own fear left over from 9/11, and begin to trust. It helps me realize that most people are kind and good and are struggling to get along in their daily lives, just like me.

I know we are each only one person, and we may have different norms and values. But as Jack Layton reminded us, "Hope is better than fear, and love is better than hate." So, if we talk to each other, and try to understand each other, together we can begin to put 9/11 fear behind us, and get on with making the world a better place.

*Joanne is a McCauley homeowner, educator, and artist who teaches art education courses at the U of A.*

# The Departed in Zimbabwe

**VIOLA ZIMUNYA**

The very first honour that we give to our departed, particularly if they were an influential member of the family or community, is that they are transformed into good individuals through their death. We actually have a saying that gives the same message as, "Do not speak ill of the dead."

As a result of this belief, some people's deaths may present a challenge if that person was difficult to live with, or was a criminal. What comes to mind now is the funeral of one man who was a very active member of a notorious house-breaking and burglary syndicate in Harare, Zimbabwe, where the bereaved family received great support from the "godfathers" of the organization. The big men would drive into his rural homestead for the duration of the funeral week, under cover of darkness and then leave just

before dawn for Harare. On the day of burial, one colleague spoke highly about the "professionalism" of his friend, and to illustrate that, he produced the dead man's tools of the trade: bolt cutters, various knives, and other contraptions that only they could identify (but no guns). He saw it fit for his departed comrade to carry his tools with him to the next world, and placed them reverently in the grave beside the huge, expensive casket. That man was buried with full professional honours from his colleagues.

This story (although not your typical example) serves to illustrate the extent to which words can be used to serve a belief system. At the core of the belief system is the role that is played by departed members in a family or community.

People who die do not really get removed from this world. They are believed to be forerunners

who have one eye watching over those whom they have left behind, and another wanting to connect with those who have gone before them. After the rituals, they then qualify to be our intercessors who take messages from us to those who left before them. But we have to help them to get there in the first place by ceremoniously handing them over to the elders in the other world.

On the day before burial, the body is collected from the funeral home where it is washed and clothed. A church service is held in the funeral home chapel before body viewing. Then, the body is taken to the person's home where it spends the night.

A church service precedes body viewing and then burial the following day. Forty days after burial, another church service is held to celebrate his or her life and that usually marks the end of the mourning period.

After a year or later, a ceremony that usually takes a whole weekend is held to hand over the spirit of the departed to their ancestors. The spirit is "collected" from the cemetery where it would have been roaming without guidance.

On the worldly front, this is the time when the remainder of the departed's personal effects are shared and the living spouse gets to choose whether they want a new spouse from the remaining brothers (in the case of a man's death) or sisters (if the deceased was a woman) of the dead individual. That ceremony is the subject of another story, but suffice it to say a lot of background work, some of which might not be that innocent, takes place at various levels of kinship.

*Viola is a Zimbabwean writer/editor who immigrated to Canada. She lived in McCauley before recently moving to Yellowknife.*

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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 pm

Women's Lunch: Tuesdays and Thursday at noon

Parenting Classes: Mondays at 11 a.m.

Haircutters: Tuesdays at 2 p.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 7:00p.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.

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### SACRED HEART CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

(780) 422-3052 for further info on anything listed below.

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. WhiteStone 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.

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### FREE GUITAR LESSONS

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Time: 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

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### DEVELOPING READING AND WRITING

An Introduction to Creative Writing and Storytelling

Monday & Tuesday evenings

November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Boardroom at M.cCauley Boys & Girls Club (9425 109A Avenue). Cost: FREE

Please contact David at (780) 424-2870.

### Course Description

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### HOCKEY FOR KIDS

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One of those two million, who served with distinction, was Bill Lesick, who passed away in September of this year. His story, from humble beginnings, says a lot about just what it means to be Canadian.

Bill was born in 1923, in Spedden, Alberta in the Smoky Lake district, of immigrant Ukrainian parents. He contributed to his province and to his country with great distinction, in a way that can best be described as truly honourable.

As a member of the Canadian Army he served in World War II, in Europe, helping liberate Holland with the 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. After the war he owned and managed the Beverly Pharmacy.

Bill Lesick believed in public service. He was elected and served as Member of Parliament for Edmonton East, then served as Citizenship Judge. As a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Norwood Branch Bill was known to all as he chaired the Remembrance Day Parade at the Beverly Cenotaph for many years.

William George Lesick was a War Veteran, a Member of Parliament, a Pharmacist, a Citizenship Judge, a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal and a Friend.

Like so many Canadian veterans, Bill Lesick was respected for his service to his country in war and peace. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends, especially on Remembrance Day each year. This year, pause for a moment, remember those who served Canada for the freedoms we enjoy today.

We must not forget.

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