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## Boyle Street Community League Losing its Home?

*Uncertain future for Boyle Street Plaza.*

**CANDAS JANE DORSEY**

As Boyle McCauley News celebrates the theme of Home this issue, the Boyle Street Community League, ironically, is having control of their home at the Boyle Street Community Centre removed, and may be losing their home altogether.

News broke in Edmonton media in late March that the City of Edmonton decided to end the lease the Boyle Street Community League has at Boyle Street Plaza (9538 103A Avenue). It has been a contentious decision, and one that arouses strong feelings among community members, especially those who were involved in creating the new community centre and carrying on the community league.

For many decades, the Boyle Street Community League had a building on a large field at the corner of 95 Street and 103A Avenue. That building was expropriated by the City to build what is now the Boyle Renaissance project, which includes Boyle Street Plaza. The terms of the deal included the City planning the community centre with the League, then leasing it to the Community League to use as its facility and to rent out for income.

In early 2017, the BSCL board was doing budget projections and determined that unless something changed with respect to the rent arrangement with the City, the BSCL would be running into financial trouble within three years.



Boyle Street Plaza. Paula E. Kirman

“Being pro-active,” wrote BSCL treasurer Jordan Reiniger, “we went to the City, as our partner, to brainstorm ways to make the model more sustainable.” As is true with every other recreation facility in the City, the BSCL cannot recoup the cost of operating the Plaza just from rental income, especially when the league is trying to provide affordable programming to Boyle Street and area.

The board’s request led to a meeting with the Director of Neighbourhood Services and other City officials in June of 2017, at which

the League presented a number of options, including potential rent relief; a grant to cover the shortfall; adding our building to the City of Edmonton’s recreation booking system; and, in the long term, working towards becoming a new Community Revitalization area, whatever form that program takes in the future. (Community Revitalization was the source of the funding that allowed McCauley and Alberta Avenue to transform their communities.)

“The City staff members said that they could not provide any financial relief because that has to go to council, and would ‘set a prec-

edent,’” continues Reiniger, “but that they would go away and look at what they could do. We made it clear that we wanted to be involved in the decision-making process, as this had a significantly impact on our community. They assured us we would be part of the process. After the June meeting, we did not hear from the City on the matter for more than six months, despite multiple requests for an update. Finally, in December of 2017, we were summoned to Edmonton Tower to meet with City officials. We were excited to continue the conversation and work out a possible solution.”

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# Home: Where the Heart Is?



PAULA E. KIRMAN • BMC News Staff

## McCauley Musings

"Home is where the heart is."

It's a proverb that I used to think was a cliché, until the Internet proved me wrong. According to a definition put forth by an online dictionary published by Oxford, the saying means that "your home will always be the place for which you feel the deepest affection, no matter where you are."

There's no denying that for many, the word "home" has associations of warmth, love, and family. Yet for others, "home" is a place of strife and pain. I'm thinking about people trapped in cycles of abuse, who can't leave out of fear or economics or simply hav-

ing nowhere else to go. For them there is no heart to the home. Maybe some who have unhappy homes, have memories of a better time and place - a home for which their hearts long.

Homelessness is a social issue that affects this area in very visible ways. I have witnessed that for some people without secure housing, their "heart" is their community of peers on the street or the shelters, not to mention the hard-working support staff who keep those agencies functioning.

"Home" is more than just four walls. It is the people within it who make a house a home - just like it is the people who live in a neighbourhood that make it a community. People who call the inner city home have houses, apartments, surf couches, or sleep on shelter mats. They are all part of the mosaic that puts the "heart" into this area and make it a place of diversity and compassion.

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## Editor's Notes

Welcome to May! As I sit here writing this, it is still April, and still unseasonably cold outside. However, at least the sun is shining. Oh, wait just a minute - is that snow I see falling from the sky?

Spring seems like it may be a little late this year, but thankfully reading Boyle McCauley News is an activity that can take place indoors! Our contributors are tackling the theme of "Home" in this issue. We also have community news and views from our writers

and photographers.

We're always looking for new contributors from McCauley and Boyle Street, so if you want to discuss you can reach me at [editor@bmcnews.org](mailto:editor@bmcnews.org). In particular, we need photographers who can drop by community events and take some pictures. You don't need a fancy camera - if you have a phone that takes high resolution photos, that will work just fine.

Have a great month! Remember that we're online at [bmcnews.org](http://bmcnews.org). You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter (@bmcnews) as well as Instagram (@bmcviews).

## Our Next Issue. . .

June's theme is "Memories." For those of you who have been here a while, what are some of your favourite memories from the Boyle Street and McCauley area? If you are new to the area, what memories are you making? Deadline: May 12. Send submissions to: [editor@bmcnews.org](mailto:editor@bmcnews.org). Articles should be 500 words or less and accompanied by photographs when possible.

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# Get to Know Your McCauley Safety Resources

*McCauley Community Safety Meeting, May 15, Edmonton Intercultural Centre, 7-9 p.m.*

*McCauley Safety Council Meeting, May 28, Sacred Heart Church rectory, 5-6:30 p.m.*

**ELISA ZENARI & MARK DAVIS**

Like stakeholders in many inner city neighbourhoods, those in McCauley often cite safety as a primary concern. Fortunately, McCauley is rich with resources to address safety concerns. Collectively residents, businesses, agencies, and community groups make up a movement with the capacity to improve the quality of life of all members of the community.

Recently, this movement gained momentum and a sense of optimism due to collective community action opposing a minors-prohibited gaming bar in the heart of Little Italy. On April 9, the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission wrote to community members stating that “after considering the objections, it was the Board’s decision to deny the ap-

plication . . . based on a lack of community support.” An appeal hearing has been requested by the applicant. This ruling clearly shows that your opinion matters and that your voice can be heard. If you feel strongly about an issue in your community, start a conversation. And, always report your concerns. Resources cannot be allocated to a situation that goes unreported. The McCauley Safety Council’s annual distribution of “Who to Call” postcards and Neighbourhood Response booklets is now underway.

The McCauley Safety Council and REACH Edmonton are two of the resources addressing safety concerns in the community. They are committed to collaboration – as well as increased engagement and communication with McCauley stakeholders. Please take a moment to get to know

more about them.

Under the umbrella of the City of Edmonton’s McCauley Revitalization Plan, the McCauley Safety Council is a group of volunteer residents, business owners, and agency representatives, supported by EPS and City of Edmonton Bylaw Enforcement. The main goal of the Safety Council is to promote and ensure public safety in the community of McCauley. The Council’s focus for 2018-2019 is safety through community engagement and activism. The Safety Council supports projects such as the “Who to Call” postcard, the Lights on Campaign, Big Cleans, the Pick It Up Project, and syringe pick up. Historically, the Safety Council has also facilitated such activities as the Community Walkabout, the Problem Property Session, and Claim the Corner. The Safety Council is currently chaired

by seven-year McCauley resident, Elisa Zenari.

REACH (Edmonton Council for Safe Communities), facilitates inclusive community engagement and collective action to address safety concerns. REACH promotes citizen ownership and empowerment. Its vision is “a city in which every citizen contributes to a community where everyone is safe and feels safe.” REACH’s McCauley Community Coordinator, Mark Davis, is tasked with convening Community Safety Meetings and connecting stakeholders with the resources and information they seek. Since August 2016, eleven Community Safety Meetings have taken place, with each one becoming more inclusive and representative of community.

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## Boyle Street Plaza

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That excitement was immediately replaced with shock. The BSCL board discovered that the purpose of the meeting was to tell them that the City of Edmonton planned to terminate their 25-year lease (something either party can do with six months’ notice) and instead enter into an agreement with the YMCA to take over the building for 3-5 years. Rather than supporting the BSCL, the City would give similar funds to the YMCA to cover the shortfall in revenues. While the exact amount of these funds is not available to the League, the board does know that the numbers have been drawn from the League’s own budget figures, as provided to the City in good faith.

“After meeting with our City Councillor, Scott McKeen, we determined that our best course of action was to engage in the facilitated conversation and get the best possible deal for our community,” Reiniger continues. “While we believe the process was inappropriate and unjust, we owed the conversation a chance. We responded, by email, that we were willing to engage in the conversation but hoped that all options would remain on the table for discussion. That email was sent on January 16, 2018. Again, silence from the City. No response. No communication. Then, on February 28, the City

of Edmonton sent us an email notifying us that they were terminating our lease effective August 2018.”

The City has offered to have a facilitated conversation between the YMCA, City of Edmonton, and the League to negotiate the terms of the BSCL’s exit or continuing presence in the Plaza, but as of press time, no meeting has been scheduled. The City has stated that they believe that the Board needs support, but has not made clear what form this would take.

Reiniger wrote an open letter to the community on the BSCL’s Facebook page, going on to say, “Instead of recognizing that this started with us asking them for help, the City now claims that our league was in turmoil and they had serious concerns about our ability to manage ‘their asset.’ Further, that they had brought those concerns to our attention on numerous occasions. When we pressed them on what the concerns were, they provided us a list of concerns brought to us through the Community Recreation Coordinator who attends our board meetings. The list was a set of routine concerns, provided over the course of a number of years, that one might expect when dealing with staff and operating a facility. At no time did the City correspond with us in writing or in person to inform us that their concerns were so

grave that they were about to terminate a 25-year lease with their partner unless something was done. This would seem standard practice and good governance – not to mention good partnership – to take such a step and give the League time to resolve whatever those concerns were.”

The BSCL board points out that the League has been subsidizing the running of the building with reserves, but has never missed a payment or invoice. In addition, the board feels that after the proposed hiatus, if the BSCL is again expected to run the building with no subsidy, they will be “set up for failure” as the same unsustainable circumstances will still constrain the operation of the building. Even an organization the size of the YMCA was not willing to take on this burden without a substantial subsidy, so why would the community league be expected to break even with no help?

The Boyle Street Plaza is unlike any other community league facility in the city, and at the time of opening, the City promised support and an ongoing collegial relationship.

Reiniger wrote, “While we as a Community League freely admit there have been challenges, those challenges were not out of the ordinary for a volunteer-led organization. Those challenges were never related to managing

of finances or creating a risk to the asset. Every issue brought to our attention was dealt with in due course.”

Community support for the League has resulted in some letters to City Council, but as things stand at press time, the League has been provided with a Notice to Terminate, and given the terms of the lease, this is within the rights of the City and BSCL has no recourse.

“We are going to engage in the discussion offered by the City to get the best deal possible for our neighbourhood,” writes Reiniger. “As we do this, we are reminded that the Community League is a not a building. It’s made up of the all residents who live in our amazing neighbourhood. We are an inclusive, creative, and resilient bunch. This situation will make our neighbourhood stronger.”

Be that as it may, the Boyle Street Community League board believes that the City’s actions have harmed rather than helped the community, and is encouraging community members to become involved in the League and work with the board to ensure that BSCL continues to have a home from which to serve the community.

*Candas Jane Dorsey is a resident of Boyle Street and part of the Boyle Street Community League Board.*

# Meet Barb Spencer

*e4c's leader has found her right livelihood.*

**ANITA JENKINS**

Barb Spencer is enthusiastic about her big job as CEO of e4c (Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation). The goal of this 48-year-old non-profit organization is to prevent and eventually eliminate poverty.

To this end, e4c delivers many programs for Edmonton's most vulnerable and marginalized people. The programs include housing first, early (pre-school) learning, a school nutrition program, a women's shelter, temporary housing for youth, and much more – all focused on the complex issue of poverty.

It can't be easy to continually hear about and think about poverty and to address the needs of clients who are (sometimes unsuccessfully) seeking access to such basic things as food and housing, employment, education, and/or workplace skills.

But for Barb this is the right place to be, and this task is her right livelihood. Her first day at e4c was almost five years ago, in September of 2013. At the end of that day, she called her mother and said, "Pinch me."



Barb Spencer. Paula E. Kirman

Barb sees the work of e4c in positive, strength-based terms. She fully agrees that the organization is changing lives and growing communities, as stated on the website, [e4calberta.org](http://e4calberta.org). "I immediately felt at home in so many ways," she says, "and I still experience pinch-me days."

Barb doesn't talk about "assisting" youth, men, women, and children who are struggling. Instead, she says, "You discover opportunities to be with someone, to walk along-

side them." She tries not to run a one-size-fits-all operation or to second-guess what people in crisis actually need. Her message on the e4c website describes "... taking the time to listen to and learn from the people we serve and respecting their personal stories."

A major role for this CEO is leading and directing 325 to 350 employees (250 full-time staff and approximately 100 relief and part-time workers) who touch the lives of close to 14,500 Edmontonians each year. The employees include child and family support workers, teachers, and social workers. There are also administrators, and policy experts, and strategists. This last group, in the words used on the website, "... navigate the orders of government and the non-profit world."

e4c also depends on the support of a legion of volunteers. "We couldn't do this work without them," Barb says.

This writer would like to think that having an office in the historic repurposed and renovated Alex Taylor School helps to make the CEO's days more pleasant. (See the article about this building in the March 2018 issue of *Boyle McCauley News*,

at [bmcnews.org](http://bmcnews.org).) A number of e4c's staff also work out of the Alex Taylor location.

It's a given that Barb's days are filled with "lots of conversations and meetings." Her job is to collaborate with community groups and agencies, steward the financial resources of the organization, and promote the strategic work of e4c through speaking engagements and contact with the media. In other words, she is not directly working with the people who are benefiting from the programs. Nonetheless, she is always fully aware of them and connects them personally when possible. "Every person has a story," she says. "No two people are alike."

Barb's work life before e4c prepared her for the role, both in terms of social justice awareness and financial and staff management. Her employers have included the Zebra Child Protection Centre, Alberta Tourism and Small Business, and TELUS.

Barb has received the Premier's Award of Excellence for quality programming, leadership and innovation, the YWCA Women of Distinction Award and the Alberta Centennial Medal.

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

## Thanking the Plows



110 Avenue in McCauley, between 92 Street and 95 Street, is very narrow because it was one of the first streets in Edmonton to have houses built along it. So, in the winter, the plows have nowhere to move the snow to but onto the sidewalk. When the snow began to melt this spring, it made huge puddles on the sidewalks, which turned to ice at night and made the road so narrow it was almost impassible. Joanne called the City and asked for their help to move the ice and snow. A few days later, two snowplows arrived and did an excellent job of cleaning up the spring mess. She wrote and thanked them for their work, and her photos are being included in a City employee newspaper, along with her thanks. It never hurts to say thank you when people do a great job! Joanne McNeal

## Fuel for Hunger Feeds Thousands



Moe Duval (front) and his crew of volunteers served chili lunches on the street by Bissell Centre and other inner city locations every Sunday during the winter months. The group, which is not affiliated with any agency, made the chili themselves and served about 6500 bowls of chili between December and March (approximately 500 bowls each Sunday). For more information, search for "Fuel for Hunger" on Facebook. Jim Gurnett

## Ukrainian Community Easter Celebration



On March 17 and 18, the exhibition of archive photos "History of UNF, UWO & UNYF in Pictures" took place at the Ukrainian National Federation Hall located at 10629 98 Street. The exhibition featured photographs from 1934 to 2012. Pictured above is the youth ensemble *Dzherelo* during a concert featuring young performers. Mykola Vorotylenko

## Speaking Truth to Power



The annual Outdoor Way of the Cross took place on March 30 (Good Friday). Around 300 people took part in the walk, with numbers down a bit due to the cold weather - the coldest temperatures in the walk's 39-year history. This year's theme was "Speaking truth to power," a Quaker saying used in the 50s and 60s in anti-war activities (and based on Jesus saying "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"). Stations looked at housing security, Truth and Reconciliation recommendations, police/courts/prisons, the environment, working people, and older people/isolation. For the first time, the Cross was carried past the new Royal Alberta Museum building. Michael Hoyt

## Not All Flowers are Friendly: Burdock



Burdock. City of Edmonton

As the seasonal thaw begins and the first signs of spring begin to show, many of us turn our attention to the greenery that warm weather brings. While many will focus on the bountiful harvest of backyard gardens, the City is asking Edmontonians to be on the lookout for **Burdock**, a noxious weed.

Noxious weeds must be controlled, meaning their growth or spread needs to be prevented. These weeds push out native plants, infest waterways, impact natural habitats, and spread rapidly. **The easiest way to control Burdock is to simply mow it down before it goes to seed.**

Interesting fact: people brought burdock to Edmonton as a garden vegetable - you can still buy it in the grocery store as "gobo" root. However, if left uncontrolled it will quickly take over other vegetation.

Here's what to look for:

- The flowers are pink or white and bloom late June to early September.
- The leaves are green with a red middle vein with pointed tips.

Starting in May, the weed enforcement program performs in-person visits to areas reported to have issues with these weeds. Property owners who do not control or destroy invasive weeds may be issued a notice to control or remove the weed. If action is not taken, the City has the authority to go onto private property to take weed control measures. Mowing is the only control measure the City uses for noxious weeds - the City does not use pesticides and chemicals on private property. Prohibited noxious weeds need to be destroyed. Contractors will be hired to physically remove prohibited noxious weeds.

Information provided by the City of Edmonton.

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# A Home of Love and Respect

**JOANNE MCNEAL**

A house is a home if love and respect are shared and practiced by all family members. Home is a place of comfort and safety where you can be yourself, in a shared space. At home you can share the joys, sorrows, trials, and triumphs of life with family members. If a family lives in shared love and respect, home is the safe refuge for the whole family from the troubles of the world.

When a guest or new member arrives, everyone has to adjust, but the new member also has to learn the dynamics of the family. When I was a girl, my grandfather died and my grandmother came to live with us. That changed the family dynamics a lot, because Grandma had very strict ideas. Whether it's a new baby or a relative, the learning of love and respect for all family members is essential to everyone's happiness.

As a single parent with two school-aged



The farmhouse where Joanne and her daughters lived. Supplied

daughters, we bought an old farmhouse in the country outside of Edmonton because my girls wanted horses. We learned together how to care for them, and we all shared the chores of living there. We also had major renovations to make, in addition to caring for the collies, cats, chickens, and horses, so we had lots of responsibilities. We each had skills to contribute, so we negotiat-

ed and took turns doing various chores. We made a list each week of the work required, and decided together who would do what. Each night we talked over supper about events of the day. We learned to listen and help each other, which helped all of us to feel valued.

A home can also expand to include outsid-

ers. One day we were told that a neighbour girl had attempted suicide, partly because her parents were alcoholic and abusive. The girl asked the social workers if she could come live with us for a few weeks. As a family we decided we could expand our home to help her. She was best friends with my daughters, so she fit right in. We sat together at the dinner table and talked about events of each day, and learned from each other. We listened with respect, and that also helped this girl learn new ways to behave at home. With the help of social workers, this girl gained confidence, and was able to return home after a few weeks. She and the social workers helped her parents and siblings mend their own home's love and respect. Our family learned a lot about helping and caring for others.

Creating a loving and safe home where each family member is valued and respected for themselves is essential to everyone's happiness. It's the key to a lifetime of success of each family member.

*Dr. Joanne McNeal is a retired professor. She has lived in McCauley for almost 12 years.*

# What Makes McCauley Home?

**ROSALIE GELDERMAN**

Abundant Community McCauley

Many of us call McCauley home. What makes it home?

What brought you here? Some come as newcomers to Canada and to McCauley because it feels like back home. In Chinatown, you can read the signs, the menus at restaurants, and buy familiar groceries in Lucky 97. Historically, many newcomers came for that same reason - they felt at home because there was a significant mass of people who spoke their language. Many gathered in their places of worship, shopped, and helped each other feel at home.

Some of us now come because of the legacy of those who have come and gone before us - the diversity of cultures. Walkability, proximity to downtown, and affordability draws others.

Whatever brought us here, many of us have made it our home. Does it feel like home for you? Why or why not? For me, knowing and greeting my neighbours, chatting over the back fence while I'm gardening, or meeting neighbours in the grocery store or coffee shop are big reasons why I feel connected, why I feel at home.

Belonging, engagement, and connection are essential to human thriving and signs of a healthy community. McCauley Community League's vi-

sion is that "McCauley is a welcoming neighbourhood where all people feel part of a vibrant, safe, and thriving community."

To help make that a reality, our Abundant Community project is building on strengths already found in McCauley. The people - their contributions, passions, how they "keep an eye" out for others - are already doing this on a frequent basis. We have many other assets as well, such as businesses like grocery stores, coffee shops, flower shops, and much more.

One of the building blocks is getting to know your neighbours. Become a point person on your block, throw a back alley party, be a listener. And if

some of your neighbours don't speak English, we will have cultural connectors that can smooth the way.

We are also partnering with Our McCauley to foster intercultural interactions - learning from each other and sharing activities in monthly gatherings. We can do more than smile and wave at each other. Come join us there.

Our community can only feel more like home for all of us when we connect with each other. Email [AbundantCommunityMcCauley@gmail.com](mailto:AbundantCommunityMcCauley@gmail.com) if you want more information or want to share a story with us of what you've already done to make that a reality.

# Comfort Food: Reminders of Home

**YOVELLA M.**

For some people, home isn't necessarily the place where they currently reside. Home is sometimes where their favourite memories are: their childhood home, college dorm, the first place they lived on their own, a local drop-in centre, or their vacation home. The expression, "home is where the heart is" is sometimes more than just an expression.

Something that is closely associated with home is comfort food. These are home made foods that have sentimental or nostalgic meaning. In Canada, some common comfort foods include Sunday roast beef, plain mashed potatoes, chicken noodle soup, pierogis, baked ham,

holiday turkey, shepherd's pie, and cabbage rolls.

Here is a quick and easy version of a classic comfort food, chicken pot pie.

Side dishes for pot pies usually consist of a light romain salad or mashed potatoes. Chicken pot pie can also be eaten on its own. For this recipe you can substitute frozen vegetables with any type of fresh vegetables you have on hand. You can also use beef as the filling. However you would need to use beef broth instead of chicken broth.

*Yovella is a former resident of McCauley who still works and volunteers in the area.*

## QUICK AND EASY CHICKEN POT PIE

### Crust

1 box of two ready made refrigerated pie crusts (defrosted)

### Filling

1/3 cup butter or margarine  
1/3 cup chopped onion  
1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 3/4 cups chicken broth  
1/2 cup milk  
2 1/2 cups shredded, cubed, or diced cooked chicken or turkey  
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed

Heat oven to 425°F. Make pie crusts as directed on box for a two crust pie.

In a 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until well blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk, cooking and stirring until bubbly and thickened.

Stir in chicken and mixed vegetables. Remove from heat. Spoon chicken mixture into crust-lined pan. Top with second crust; seal edge and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust.

Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown. During last 15 to 20 minutes of baking, cover crust edge with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

## Recreational Soccer in McCauley



Children practising their soccer skills in Caboto Park. File Photo

### GRACE KUIPERS

As winter has hung on a little longer than necessary, it seems almost fitting that our community soccer program will be delayed as well. Weather in May is often unpredictable, but the real reason for the delay is that the two rectangular soccer pitches are scheduled for maintenance in the month of June and we cannot use the field at all during this time.

We have pre-booked the field for Wednesday evenings in July and

August and are looking for coaches who would be willing to supervise a "Drop-In" program. We are anticipating one group of little kickers on the small field, ages 4-6, and a second group on the large field, ages 7-10. Similar to last year, this would be a non-competitive program, with the kids playing for fun.

Please get in touch with Grace Kuipers if you are interested in helping out at [dangrace@telus.net](mailto:dangrace@telus.net). Look in the June issue of the paper for registration and further notice.

## An Empty Tomb is My Home

### SHARON PASULA

As I pondered the theme for this month, two movies I recently saw came to mind: *Paul the Apostle* and *I Can Only Imagine*. These movies are about faith, how we live our life on earth, and where our future lies. I was challenged to go to the spiritual hard places. "Can I love my enemy?" is the question Paul the Apostle asks. Not just love my enemy, but particularly love those who wrongfully persecute me? Forgiveness was another theme that came up in the movie built around a song, "I Can Only Imagine." Forgiving someone you loved who hurt you deeply in many ways is challenging.

These are spiritual issues that often require a physical response. As I thought about these things, I realized again that this world is only one reality. Then I thought about Easter,

rather Resurrection Day as some are calling it. What makes the difference is the Resurrection. If Christ had not been resurrected there would be no hope of redemption, no hope of life everlasting, no eternal home.

Someone sent out a photo of the empty tomb from where Jesus was raised. As I pondered it, and I have visited the tomb in Jerusalem, I saw what will be for me, something that cannot be seen with physical eyes, yet is more real than the land on which we walk, more real than growing old, and that is life with Jesus Christ forever. The empty tomb gives me that. The place where I live now is a temporary residence. An empty tomb is my home.

*Sharon Pasula is an Indigenous spiritual and cultural resource person who lives in Boyle Street.*

## MPs Learn About Human Trafficking at Edmonton Event

### KATE QUINN

The Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights launched a national consultation on human trafficking in February. This all-party committee visited Edmonton on March 22 as part of a cross-country, five city tour. They met at the Commonwealth Stadium with EPS, RCMP, and many community organizations working to support victims of human trafficking, whether through labour exploitation or sexual exploitation. Committee members met with survivors of sex trafficking who gathered at the CEASE office. Later they visited A Safe Place, which has a designated space for women who are trafficked.

Randy Boissonnault, MP for Edmonton Centre, is a member of the Justice Committee. When asked to share his thoughts on what he learned, he replied: "One of the things that shocked me was the degree to which family trafficking is taking place. That family members would take advantage like that is a very disheartening reminder of the cruelty of some people toward their own children.

We also heard that the issue of human trafficking is complex. We must have a better understanding of what it is and that it doesn't always involve kidnapping and gangs. It can be your server at a restaurant who was trafficked for the purposes of labour exploitation."

Those who spoke stressed that poverty is one key driver for human trafficking, creating vulnerabilities that traffickers prey upon. Another harsh reality is that neither law enforcement nor community organizations have sufficient funding to work on comprehensive strategies and provide resources to those who are exploited. A second driver is the demand for cheap labour and exploitative sex. It is simple but true - without consumer demand, traffickers wouldn't have a profit motive to exploit human beings.

As an Edmontonian, Randy was impressed. "There are many talented organizations in our city that are working so hard to end human trafficking, and to support those who have survived trafficking. It is heartening to know we have a community that cares so much. Additionally, we are setting an example for collecting data (through ACT Alberta) which is helpful from a policy perspective. The work that organizations like YESS and iHuman are doing for homeless and at risk youth makes me proud."

He concluded, "I am proud that our government is looking into this issue. We'll be working hard with stakeholders to have a report that can make a difference in people's lives."

*Kate is the Executive Director of the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE).*



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**GREG LANE**

On Saturday March 24, McCauley Community League, in partnership with McCauley Revitalization, held its first Annual Spring Fiesta at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre located at 9538 107 Avenue in the old McCauley School. The event was open to all community members as well as those who work and play in our amazing neighbourhood.

And did they come. Around 200 people, young and young at heart, came out for the afternoon and shook off that winter dust with their neighbours. The underlying theme was to celebrate the spring equinox as it relates to the First Nations Medicine Wheel and welcome all the people of the community, to share food and some laughs, watch some amazing performances, and get to know each other in a fun and safe social environment.

March 21 was the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism and we wanted to show support in way that celebrated McCauley's diversity. There was food galore. People enjoyed Indian tacos and bannock from Tee Pee Treats, panini and antipasti from the Italian Centre Shop, delicious hand-rolled sambusas from Aroma Cup Café, and tasty fried bonce and real ginger beer from Bola at Best of Africa. Our Master of Ceremonies, Nigel Robinson welcomed performances from a variety of artists throughout the day including Jordan Lane and Alex Armstrong from YEG Music's November Band of the Month Feral Fires, Hoop Dancer Lakota Tootosis, Fancy Dancers Dustin Stamp and Sarah Paquette, and Métis jigger Hugo Martel and his group.

In addition, the McNally Chinese Culture Club performed a Dragon Dance, Edmonton's Poet Laureate Ahmed Knowmadic performed spoken word poetry, and McCauley tenor Boris Derow from Mercury Opera closed off the event with a little opera. Councillor Scott McKeen made an appearance to support the event and was seen having a couple of laughs and dancing with the groups. The Edmonton Public Library generously brought their green screen and button maker as well as a projector for a FIFA Soccer Tournament for the kids, and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre had a table to make friendship bracelets.

A few local artists and crafters came to showcase and sell their creations and door prizes were plentiful and generous with goodies from the City of Edmonton, Mile Zero Dance Company, Lindt Canada, the Italian Centre Shop, Zocalo, and VIVA Italia to name a few. The Community League would like to thank all those who played a part in making this event a success, from League and community members to our partners in McCauley and our friends at the City who always show their support in improving the quality of life for everyone in McCauley.

*Greg is a McCauley resident who is part of the Community League.*



## Spring Fiesta Highlights Cultures of the Community

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TODD HOMAN



1 Hoop Dancer Lakota Tootosis. 2 A Lion Dancer with the McNally Chinese Culture Club. 3 Mini-Round Dance. 4 Opera singer Boris Derow. 5 Fancy Dancer Dustin Stamp.

## Introducing the *new* Norwood Dental Centre!



Hello friends! My name is **Dr. William Chin**, and I am the proud new owner of **Norwood Dental Centre**. I purchased the clinic in March 2018, after working here as an associate since January. I am reaching out to the community to introduce myself and say hello. My team and I are hosting a "grand re-opening Open House," and we would love to meet you!

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# Homes and Homelessness

MANON AUBRY

## BoyleBits: A View from Boyle Street

I left home when I was 15 to be with a much older man and moved to a strange city. When it quickly became evident that the relationship wasn't working, I left the home I shared with him. I took the bus back to my home city and slept outside my mother's door because I was too scared of what she would say if I knocked. I'm guessing most people know this, but for those parents who don't know - never be so judgmental that your kids are afraid to turn to you for help.

But I digress. I made the trip back to my new city. I paid for admission to a movie theatre, and hid and slept there for a couple of days. I rode the bus so I could sleep in relative safety. Being homeless was a challenge, if only for a week or so. Luckily, I found a job and was able to rent a room in an old Edwardian house. That was the first home I was able to provide for myself.

As an occasional sufferer of panic attacks, I feel truly blessed to have been able to maintain a home. When I see a homeless person, my first thought is that "there for the grace of God go I." My introduction to homelessness in Edmonton was when I lived in a condo overlooking the Promenade in Oliver. This woman rented her suite out to formerly homeless people. The result was a culture clash. This building was full of professional people and having someone knock on their door at 10:30 p.m. to introduce themselves was not welcomed. When I told these same neighbours that I was moving to Boyle Street, they told me I was moving to skid row.

Contrary to stereotypes, I've found most homeless and under-housed people here are very sociable and generally helpful. The few who aren't are often under the influence, and let me not judge lest I be judged. Everybody gets to be who they are by honest means. I've often been helped out by people whose fortunes have swung widely. I've been able to connect with them when they were down on their luck and they have helped me with many tasks that I can't do myself and with their help I've been able to maintain my house.

Having a home gives me the freedom from the worry about taking care of myself. I feel safe in these four walls and I can't imagine what it would be like to be uncertain of where I would sleep if I didn't have a home. Since the Ice District has opened, we are seeing more "cart people" in Boyle Street as they are being asked to move away from the arena so that event-goers are not reminded of their existence. Asking a homeless person to move is the most unkind of acts. If a group of my peers were standing on the street, no one would dare ask us to move. I fail to see how people struggling financially have fewer rights than I do.

Can we try to be more friendly with the homeless? A simple smile or a hello would be a first step. A second step would be to vote in politicians who are committed to ending homelessness. We know that providing people with homes is more cost effective than paying for police and ambulance calls. It's also kinder and more humane.

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

# My Home: A Comfort Zone



IAN YOUNG

## Ability and Community

*"Home is where one starts from."-T.S. Eliot (American poet, 1888-1965)*

My birthplace and my home mean two different things, as I left my birthplace with my family to relocate to Edmonton for my father's work. I have lived here the longest and refer to Edmonton as my hometown. To me, my hometown is the one with which I am most familiar. It is easy to navigate and full of memories of my childhood, adolescence, and now adult years.

When I pass by buildings that used to be the drug store or the gas station, I feel a sense of nostalgia and warmth. I guess that is why the phrase "home

is where the heart is" makes sense.

I have resided in the Boyle Street/McCauley community for over 11 years, and I love and appreciate it: the location, the variety, the access. I reside in a co-op and I enjoy the elements of co-op living, plus I am rewarded with beautiful views of the city (especially Dawson Park and the River Valley).

My home is my comfort zone. My independence soars as I prepare my own meals, relax at my pace, and, yes, the kitchen is my favourite room because I love to cook.

When I feel comfort and security, that feels like home!

# McCauley Safety Resources

>Continued from page three.

Along with the McCauley Safety Council, partners represented at Community Safety Meetings have included residents, businesses, service providers, the McCauley Community League, McCauley Revitalization, the office of the Ward 6 City Councillor, the City of Edmonton, and the office of the Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood MLA. REACH supports the work of its partners in building sustainable community initiatives.

On February 12, 2018, a Community Safety Meeting took place at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre. 38 McCauley stakeholders gathered to discuss such issues as Gaming Licences and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The opening of Safe Consumption Sites was identified by attendees as their priority concern. In response, the next Community Safety Meeting

aims to convene experts to provide accurate information about the Harm Reduction approaches promoted by Safe Consumption Sites. This meeting will be facilitated by REACH Edmonton in partnership with the McCauley Safety Council. Come and join the conversation on May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre. Please RSVP to [mark.davis@reachedmonton.ca](mailto:mark.davis@reachedmonton.ca) to be added to the direct invite list. Food and seating will be provided in response to RSVPs.

The next McCauley Safety Council Meeting will take place at Studio 96 on May 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church rectory. Come and meet your Safety Council Members and learn more about the Council's priority actions. For further information, contact Elisa at [elisa.zenari@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.zenari@gmail.com).

*Elisa Zenari is the McCauley Safety Council Chair. Mark Davis is the REACH McCauley Community Coordinator.*

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# Home is Where There is Hope

KERI BRECKENRIDGE

## Keri's Corner

When the theme of "home" was brought forward, I began to do a mental exercise. I played a game where I had to complete the sentence "Home is...". I came up with a list - yippee! Okay, it wasn't that exciting but it did give me some insight of myself.

Home is where I can relax. I have struggled with not being productive. It seems throughout a day I can be bouncing up and down addressing whatever productive impulse enters my mind as soon as I have it. I should get the dishes done or make that phone call or get those papers organized and on and on and on. There are always chores to do - and the world won't fall apart if they aren't addressed this min-

ute - but allowing my body and mind to relax adds to my overall happiness, and there is time for everything so I need not rush. So, I've come to allow these walls and ceilings and floors to remind me of the stillness found in a moment.

Home is where I can express myself. Whether it be dancing, off-key singing, or colourful paintings on the walls - home is where I let it all hang out. I drop any public façade and embrace the many facets of my personality without fear of rejection or judgment. Through this self-acceptance I am more accepting and non-judgmental of others. Everyone is unique and to expect anyone to be just as normal as I am is ludicrous. People are happier when they are able to love and fully embrace their own distinctive qualities.

Home is a place where I nourish our energies. To make our home a positive place to be my husband, cat, plants, and (of course) I need good, free-flowing energy. To provide this I pray and let the sun in and play music, all on a frequent basis. As we receive energy, in turn we let go of energy no longer serving us. It is a conscious and recurrent effort that calls me to be more mindful of how I carry myself through life.

At its ideal, my home is a reflection of my best self, what I hope for, and who I wish to be. Although it may be untidy or less than organized, my home is functional, peaceful, and full of all my best hopes.

*Keri lives in her home in Boyle Street.*



ISABELLE FOORD

## Something Funny

The last time it rained cats and dogs, I had to be careful not to step on a poodle.

I read somewhere that North Americans spend 700 billion dollars a year on groceries. I am convinced that avocados make up a large proportion of this food bill.

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

# Home with Keri and a Cat

REINHARDT HEINRICHS

The most basic point of "home" is that you live there. The place where you live arguably is where you take care of yourself, eat, sleep, receive your mail, and do other things that mark your existence. Home can be any one of a near infinity of places if you can get these basics established.

Growing up on a farm, home included a lot of complications that needed to be addressed. There were animals, livestock, and pets, with a garden and crops

in need of attention. Home is where you take care of yourself and an environment where you can extend care. I have not had a garden since leaving the farm. The only holdover from childhood is cat ownership. When I met Keri and was getting to know her, there was a point of introducing her to the cats in my life. Naturally, they got along wonderfully. I live with Keri in a peaceful, creative pocket of comfort shared with a pampered cat.

I will judge the possible quality of a home on the state of their pets. When visiting places all through my past I would like-

ly spend time with cats and dogs. If they were contented and happy it was a good thing, no matter how humble the circumstances may be. Having a nice place is based on your own choices of atmosphere and environment to take care of yourself and the ones you choose to care about. I can't imagine something like a gun in my home. Of course, there were rifles on the farm and that was exclusively Dad's thing, but I never shot them at all.

At my home Keri paints and writes, I do my writing, we both read quite often, and spend time with our cat.

There are also other cats and Maltese puppies in residence since my building is quite pet-friendly. I have considered that the pet-loving landlords have avoided times of needless drama from tenants who have to come home and take care of something waiting for them. I love to come home to my wife and my cat, as it is the nicest part of every day. Anyone should be able to appreciate that if they can find it.

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

# Making McCauley My Home

LEIF GREGERSON

For my first 18 years of life, home for me was a townhouse in St. Albert owned by my parents. I really couldn't have picked a more perfect place for a young person to grow up. Across the back alley was a playground, an elementary school, and a junior high school, both of which I attended for the first nine years of my schooling. It was so nice to be able to always go home for lunch and watch *The Flintstones* on CTV every weekday.

Across the alley and down a small hill was a soccer field, further on a baseball field, and much parkland, including acres of undeveloped forest. There were endless glorious quests for victory in the football games my friends and I would play, and when I played soccer for one year and my team beat all the other teams in our small city except the rep team.

Even cold winter days were fun, going sliding on the hills around the schools

or playing King of the Castle on the piles of snow that were collected by the school parking lots. Last, but definitely not least, was the outdoor pool three blocks away.

It is funny, but even with all that I was restless and often unhappy. I will always remember being able to look out the upstairs windows in our townhouse and being able to see the hospital I was born in. I longed for the adventures I had seen on TV and read in the numerous books I had read.

I went through a lot, transitioning from being a St. Albert resident to a McCauley resident. In between there were times I lived in Vancouver, times I was homeless, and many different apartments that I kept moving from thinking it would improve my poor mental health to have a change. When I finally got to McCauley, I was taught something about how a neighborhood - a collection of houses of glass, nails, and wood - was something far different from a community: a collec-

tion of people who work together and interact to make something greater than the individual parts.

Moving here and taking part in the community meant a lot. Now, I was no longer isolated in a small apartment. I shared a house in a housing project and it took so much pressure off and truly eased my depressive tendencies. I would play sports with others in the community, something I had been unable to do since high school for lack of knowing where to go for sports or who to ask about getting to them.

I went through a profound change over the next 16 years. St. Albert was such a nice place, but the fact was it wasn't a place for me anymore. It's hard to live in the suburbs without a lot of support. I now have a great apartment for a very reasonable price. I have a place I can take pride in keeping clean and presentable not just for my landlord, but for my friends to come over any time they like. In the

mornings I go to Spinelli's Café and most of the time don't have to say my breakfast order anymore - they just put it on and take my money.

McCauley has so much to offer I could never find in the other places I have lived. Incredible people like Gary Garrison and his partner Sara, both writers who help me in many different ways to pursue my chosen career as a writer. There are many others within just blocks who help and inspire me, too many to mention. I also have to admit I love the cultural restaurants here, and so many ones pop up that I can't wait to try them all.

I may one day move back to St. Albert. I was born there and I still have enough friends to make a go of it, but for now McCauley is home and where I choose to live from deep in my heart.

*Leif is a writer of fiction and non-fiction. Seven of his paperbacks and four of his ebooks are available through the Edmonton Public Library.*



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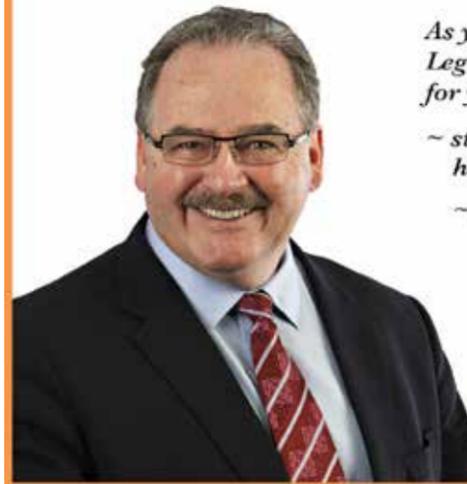


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**REBECCA KAISER  
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**Inner City Recreation  
& Wellness Program**

The **Street Prints Artist Collective** is excited, along with many in the community, to see the newly renovated Bissell Centre West! (At the time of writing this article the centre was not yet open.) As soon as it opens, we have extra reason to be excited because we will be creating art, and bringing artist-run workshops within the new space on a weekly basis!

As soon as the ground starts to dry up a little more, ICRWP will be loading up the van with gardeners and heading out to **Lady Flower Gardens** to starting working in this year's garden! Every growing season, participants harvest vegetables for Edmonton's Food Bank, and bring home



Laura Peters, Sportsmanship Award recipient. Rebecca Kaiser

bags of produce for themselves.

We will be kicking off our first week of **Inner City Sluggers Slo-Pitch** the first week of May! Our practices will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays at Diamond Park, and games will be Tuesday evenings

there as well! Our outdoor soccer team with the Edmonton Sport and Social Club Recreational League also starts this month.

This month's **sportsmanship award** goes to Laura Peters. Laura is fairly new to our Friday floor hockey games, and took a bit of a bump to the head playing hard on her first day! Despite some minor bruises, she came back to the program. Laura is a great sport and is adamant that everyone takes time and care to include others.

The **Underground City** artists are in final preparations to celebrate the release of the songs and poetry they recorded in the Boyle Street Youth Unit and at CJSR. The celebration/release will be at the upcoming Heart of the City Festival on June 2 and 3 in Giovanni Caboto Park. It is free, and everyone is welcome! Along with these young artists, ICRWP will be looking for oth-

er musicians and artists to highlight at the festival from the drop-ins at Boyle Street Community Services and Bissell Centre.

From May 11-13, the University of Alberta's **Humanities 101** program is hosting a conference to celebrate ten years of barrier free education! Learners from Edmonton's class, as well as students from similar programs across Western Canada, will present on a wide scope of research and issues ranging from the importance of art therapy and public radio to ICRWP's own Pet Food Bank! The conference is free to attend and includes an opening night concert at the Winspear Centre. For more information, please email Rylan at rkafara@boylestreet.org.

**Rylan Kafara is the Program Lead, Inner City Recreation and Wellness Program. Mike Siek and Rebecca Kaiser are Program Coordinators with ICRWP.**

## The Spirit of Community

*Volunteer opportunities led by e4c!*

**TARO HASHIMOTO**

This spring marks the 22nd year of the e4c McCauley Office being an official part of the McCauley community. There are some who recall the many people and projects that have been a part of the movement. There are others who weren't around and yet they are our beloved neighbours. Both these types of residents and everybody in between are what make e4c proud to be a part of the fabric. With this pride comes the exploration of old things and new things, which, brings us all together.

**HOTC Volunteer Coordination:** It's a return for e4c in playing a role in the Heart of the City Festival. This time though, we are happy to announce that e4c's McCauley Office will be supporting the festival by taking on volunteer coordination duties and working on what we love most - connecting our neighbours, volunteers, and colleagues to great opportunities to make a difference! So, PLEASE be in touch with us if you have a desire to volunteer or activate volunteers into being a part of our community's biggest and most accessible music/arts festival, the Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival, in Giovanni

Caboto Park this coming June 2-3. Register online @ [www.heartcityfest.com/volunteer](http://www.heartcityfest.com/volunteer)

**McCauley Clean Up Coordination:** Once again, spring is here to melt away the dreary snow, and expose the new growth and life for the year - AND uncover the garbage, junk, debris, grime, and dirt of the past year. The ANNUAL MCCAULEY COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT is on Saturday, June 9 at McCauley Apartments Building (9541 108A Avenue). Volunteers are needed (loaders/pickers/drivers/flyer canvassers) and once again, e4c McCauley Office (in McCauley Apartments) is the headquarters. Please call and join your community in making our community a better place to be!

We look forward to connecting with caring folks who share a love for this community!

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**Taro is the Community Development Officer with E4C.**

## Our McCauley Intercultural Gathering



Participants learn about the meaning of the song during the Round Dance at the McCauley Intercultural Gathering. Sheryle Carlson

**SHERYLE CARLSON**

The first Our McCauley - Intercultural Gathering took place on April 15 at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre. People came together, shared, danced, and participated in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, an interactive learning experience that teaches Indigenous history. Thank you to Michelle of the Edmonton Native Healing Centre for leading the Blanket Exercise, the Pinto Horse Singers for facilitating the mini-Round Dance, Street Prints Collective for their art display, Abundant Communities, food providers (Equitea Catering, Best of Africa, and Kukooms Ban-nock-Frybread), childminding

teachers, and our volunteers!

Please join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. for our second Intercultural Gathering at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre (9538 107 Avenue, old McCauley School). We will honour and celebrate our mothers with a special lunch with diverse cultural foods, poetry, and music. Please check our Facebook page for updates ([www.facebook.com/ourmccauley](http://www.facebook.com/ourmccauley)) and email [ourmccauley@gmail.com](mailto:ourmccauley@gmail.com) for information about child care spots, and if you have any questions. See you there!

**Sheryle is the Community Connector Programmer with Our McCauley.**

**BOYLE STREET  
COMMUNITY  
LEAGUE  
UPDATE**

# A Busy Summer Ahead

By the time you read this, the BSCL will be welcoming the new board elected at the April 30 AGM. They step into a busy portfolio, with meetings to come with the City on our future in the building (see story this issue). We continue to have input into several development and planning projects and issues, including the Jasper Avenue and Downtown Public Places consultations and some new developments in the Quarters. We are refreshing our website and looking at a new project, Faces of Boyle Street, which will roll out in the coming months.

It is going to be a busy summer at the BSCL, with green shack at St. Theresa's, basketball camp, and more, so check out our ad for a list of our programming. Remember that membership in BSCL is free this year, so you can benefit from all our programming and from the Commonwealth Rec Centre's free community swim on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. (just show your BSCL membership card.) Members go on to an e-mail list for programming and civics issues, and if you don't have e-mail, leave us your phone number or drop by the building for updates.

We are looking for volunteers to plan and run some community events, and hoping with your help to schedule block parties or a community dinner, so we look forward to meeting you. Any community league member is welcome at a regularly scheduled board meeting, if you're interested in becoming involved on a committee or joining the board in future. Our e-mail is [info@boylestreetcl.com](mailto:info@boylestreetcl.com) and our phone number is (780) 426-9264.

*Information provided by the Board of the Boyle Street Community League.*

# Heart of the City: Mentorship

**CHARITY SLOBOD**

Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival is turning 15 this year! Since it's in the middle of its teenage years, the focus will be "sharing knowledge and growth!" Mentorship is at the heart of this festival, and we have something special lined up for the Main Stage.

Edmonton music legend and singer-songwriter Bill Bourne will lead the stage on June 2 from 2:00-2:45 p.m. With numerous Juno nominations and awards under his belt, his folk-rock and traditional world sounds will inspire those in the park as those on the stage!

If spoken word is more your artistic avenue, check out the Main Stage on June 3, from 2:00-2:30

p.m. for the mentorship workshop featuring the phenomenal former Youth Poet Laureate Nasra Adem. Queer, Muslim, multi-disciplinary artist, community organizer, and activist - her poetry, leadership, and vision will have you floored. Come see Nasra and her mentee facilitate growth and share knowledge on stage!

These unique performances were facilitated by Corine Demas, Heart of the City Board Member and The Beat Stage creator. Through a competition run last month, local emerging artists - one musical and one spoken word - were awarded a mentorship opportunity to perform with Bill Bourne and Nasra Adem. Wow, what a year!

Feeling excited? Can't wait for the Festival June 2 and 3? Fret

not: we are hosting an event before the big weekend! On May 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. join us for the Heart of the City Friendraiser 2018, Raise a little Friends: Variety Show! For \$8 (advance), \$10 (door), or two Food Bank items, watch Boosh and The Dip, Sebastian Barrera, and hip hop artist Adawgua follow stand-up comedy and spoken word artists at The Aviary (9314 111 Avenue). It's just like the festival - but before the festival! For tickets and more details check out [www.yeglive.ca](http://www.yeglive.ca) and search "Heart of the City Friendraiser 2018."

Until then, see you in the park for another great year of inspiration through the arts!

*Charity is the President of the board of Heart of the City.*

## SUDOKU PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

Each column must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same column of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same. Each row must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same row of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.

**\*SOLUTION IS BELOW.**

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**CHECK OUT THE MONTHLY SUDOKU PUZZLE ABOVE AND CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE:**

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# Community Classifieds

**NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTS GET FREE CLASSIFIED ADS! EMAIL FIVE LINES OR LESS TO EDITOR@BMCNEWS.ORG**

**NOTE: WE FIT AS MANY ADS HERE AS WE CAN. FOR MORE CLASSIFIEDS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT BMCNEWS.ORG.**

## CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

### BISSELL CENTRE

(780) 423-2285  
Drop-in Centre: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. /Saturdays: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Child Care Centre: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (reservations preferred)  
Women's Lunch: Tuesdays and Thursday at noon  
Health for Two: Tuesdays at 12 p.m.  
Parenting Classes: Mondays at 11 a.m.  
Free Tax Workshops: Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Haircuts: Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. (sign up at 12:15, first come first serve)

### BOYLE MCCAULEY HEALTH CENTRE

10628 – 96 Street  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Women's Health Promotion Evening: Thursdays (except the last Thursday of the month) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by yoga class at 3:30 p.m. for one hour.  
Foot Clinic - Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Dental - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Streetworks during clinic hours.

### BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES

10116 – 105 Avenue  
(780) 424-4106  
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Youth night: Wed. 4-7 p.m. Adult Drop-In open all day – 8.30 – 4.30 . Lunch: Monday-Friday at 11.30. Free repairs for eyeglasses every Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; housing, family, youth, mental health and outreach programs available.

### INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

10527-96 St. NW  
(780) 424-7652  
Pastor Rick Chapman  
Pastoral Assistant: Michelle Nieviadomy  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m. - noon  
Sunday Lunch: Noon - 1 p.m.

### THE ROCK OUTREACH

11004 – 96 Street NW  
Phone (780) 426-1122  
Breakfasts: Tuesday to Thursday 7-9 a.m.

### Kids Club: Third Monday of the Month

### THE SALVATION ARMY ADDICTIONS & RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

9611-102 Avenue  
(780) 429-4274  
Men's Transitional Housing, Transformations Addiction Recovery Program, Community Support Services, Chapel Service, Volunteer Opportunities.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

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

### THE MUSTARD SEED

10635 – 96 Street  
(780) 426-5600  
Evening Meals: Mon.-Fri. 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Food Depot: Tues. and Thurs. afternoons 1:00-3:00 p.m., Wed. evenings 8:00-9:00 p.m.

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

Evening Drop-In: Saturday 6-10 p.m.  
Personal Assistance Centre (PAC, clothing ministry) 10568-114 Street, side door  
Mon: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Wed.: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Thurs: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
For more information call The Mustard Seed, at (780) 426-5600 or visit: [www.theseed.ca](http://www.theseed.ca)

### HOPE MISSION 9908 106 Avenue (780) 422-2018

#### HOPE MISSION MEALS:

Monday - Friday  
Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.  
Lunch 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.  
Supper 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Weekends & Holidays  
Brunch 10:45 am - 11:30 a.m.  
Supper 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

#### HOPE MISSION SHELTER:

Men, Women, Youth  
Doors open 8:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### HOPE MISSION COMMUNITY CHURCH:

Sunday  
2:00 p.m. Hope Mission Centre - 9908 106 Avenue  
7:00 p.m. Herb Jamieson Centre - 10014 105A Avenue

#### HOPE MISSION HEALTH CLINIC:

Family Doctor Tuesday and Thursday  
Walk in: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Family Doctor (Male Patients) Monday - Friday  
Walk in: 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Psychiatrist Monday - Friday  
Appointment only - call (780) 244-2018 Ext. 278

#### NICOTINE ANONYMOUS

RICK (780) 474-5593  
GWYNN (780) 443-3020  
Support for smokers who are trying to quit.  
Call Nicotine Anonymous.

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

(780) 422-3052 for further info on anything listed here. Eucharist is held each Sunday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bimonthly programs available to prepare parents for their child's Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations. Traditional Native Wakes, in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit traditions. AA meets in the Parish Hall. Eating Disorder Group meets each week. White Stone Project and Edmonton Inner City Children's Project Society run their programs in conjunction with Parish programs. Gospel music festivals, dances, youth dances, pancake breakfasts and Feasts are held in the hall throughout the year.

#### THE LEARNING CENTRE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

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

#### NETWORKS ACTIVITY CENTRE

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

#### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO JOIN MCCAULEY CLUB.

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

#### P.A.L.S. PROJECT ADULT LITERACY SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Work with adult students in the ESL - English as a Second Language program. Training, materials, and supplies provided. Call (780) 424-5514 for more information.

#### BUILDING BRIDGES

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PAINTING

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

#### WIRELESS NETWORKING

Are you tired of your street using your wireless Internet connection? I can set up your Wireless Router and increase your network security. Call Kevan at (780) 983-5343.

#### HANDS ON LTD. CONTRACTED SERVICES

Offers: Residential and office cleaning. Move ins and move outs and yard maintenance. Call Linda at (780) 619-4776.

#### COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY REC CENTRE ACCESS

All Amenities, Sundays 1-3 p.m.  
FREE for MCL and BSCL members.

#### FREE KIDS COMPETITIVE SWIM PROGRAM

For kids ages 6 to 14 at Commonwealth Pool. Must be able to swim 25m unassisted. Must live within the McCauley boundary.  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Corrine @ (780) 421-1189 or [corrinecoffey@shaw.ca](mailto:corrinecoffey@shaw.ca).

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

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

#### PIU YUM RECREATION CLUB

Dancing, Exercise, and Singing Everyone is welcome, free admission. Every Monday from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Boyle Street Plaza 9538 – 103A Avenue.

#### FREE COUNSELLING

Free counselling intended for personal growth from a professional counsellor with a Christian perspective. Experience freedom from or learn to cope with: Depressive and Anxious Thoughts, Loneliness, Low Self-Esteem, Low Self-Confidence, Fear of the Future, Trauma, Loss and Grief, Addictions, Personality Issues, Relationship Issues, or Fear of Harm. Regardless of your Christian Denomination, Religion, or lack of Religion, if you have reached 18 years of age, you are very welcome for individual or group counselling. Strictly no money or donation involved. The main objective of this Christian outreach service is to reach out to those who are hurting and, if they choose, to help them transform their lives through Christ and the Church community. Please feel free to email for an appointment: Rev. Dr. Davis P. Tharayil, PhD [churchofthesurrection.accc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofthesurrection.accc@gmail.com)

#### MAJESTIC INK

Willing to do snow shoveling. Call with 24 hours' notice. Seniors and residential area. Negotiable flat rate. Call Mo: 780-616-3941.

#### DIRTY CARS NO MORE

Dirty car or filthy work truck? NINJATEC DETAILING is my small business and I can detail your vehicles either at home in the Boyle Street/McCauley area or out of my garage in the west end. Prices are about half of what you'd pay at those "other" shops, and I'm a lot more picky and thorough than they are because I do it the old fashioned hotrod way...BY HAND!! (780) 566-2871 anytime...NINJATEC DETAILING - Make sure you check out my Facebook page!

#### MATH TUTORING

Offering math tutoring from junior high to undergraduate levels. Rate: \$30/hour, Phone Nathan Binnema: (587) 337-4189, email: [ernienathan@protonmail.com](mailto:ernienathan@protonmail.com). Willing to make house calls for residents of Boyle Street and McCauley. Contact for availability.

#### BICYCLE TUNE UPS

\$25 to tighten, adjust, and clean your two-wheeled treasure – call Alf at (780) 218-2838.

#### STAY AND PLAY

Norwood Child and Family Resource Centre has started a new Stay and Play playgroup at the McCauley Boys and Girls Club on Tuesdays! This drop-in group will run from April 3 until June 19 and is for families with children aged 0-6. Join us from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. to play with your child, meet new friends, and learn new fun activities in a fun environment! Please call (780) 471-3737 for more information on this or any of our other Stay and Play groups!

#### SPRING CLEAN UP

Local carpenter/handyman willing to work with you to spruce up your yard and home. Wages depend on work to be performed. Call Darcy at (780) 200-6492.

#### CHILD CAREGIVER WANTED IN MCCAULEY

Salary \$13.60 to \$14.00/hour, 40 hour week. As soon as possible.  
Kindergarten age (4 - 5 years), 2 years. Employer's home. Optional accommodation available at no charge on a live-in basis. Note: This is NOT a condition of employment. Apply: [marizel73@hotmail.com](mailto:marizel73@hotmail.com) or (780) 474-7076 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Weekdays.  
**Requirements:**  
Maintain a safe and healthy environment in the home. Bathe, dress, and feed infants and children. Discipline children according to the methods requested by the parents. Organize activities such as games and outings for children. Prepare and serve nutritious meals. Supervise and care for children.



### FREE MONDAY EVENING GUITAR LESSONS

Drop in guitar lessons for all ages and skill levels.

(Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Everyone welcome. Guitars available to use. Every Monday evening - 8:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Location: McCauley Boys & Girls Club, (9425 109A Avenue). For more info call (780) 424-2870 or (780) 271-5995. Sponsored by the McCauley Community League, E4C and Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church.

### WECAN FOOD BASKET

#### Make Your Monthly Grocery Supply More Complete for Less!

Monthly Food Basket \$15/meat order, \$10/produce order – Annual Membership is \$5. Upcoming deadline for payment is: May 6. Payment can be at McCauley Boys & Girls Club, during business hours, Monday – Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Next depot date is May 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at McCauley Boys & Girls Club (9425 109A Avenue).  
For more info please contact (780) 424-2870 or (780)-413-4525.  
Website info: [www.wecanfood.com](http://www.wecanfood.com)

### STREET PRINTS ARTIST COLLECTIVE

#### Creating opportunities for independent artists to market and sell.

A small but growing group of artists and community development folks, volunteering together to market and sell the works and prints of artists who consign their works for a minimal fee. Meetings happen bi-weekly as per the availability of members.  
Location: Bissell Centre (10527 96 Street)  
For more info please contact (780) 271-5995.  
Facebook page: [@streetprintscollective](https://www.facebook.com/streetprintscollective)  
E-mail: [streetprintscollective@gmail.com](mailto:streetprintscollective@gmail.com)

### HEART OF THE CITY (June 2-3) VOLUNTEER CALL

Want to be recognized as a music/arts support leader? You can be a part of our community's BIGGEST FESTIVAL by reaching out and VOLUNTEERING! Whether by yourself, with your friends/children/family, or your community based group/business, Register on the website: [www.heartcityfest.com/volunteer](http://www.heartcityfest.com/volunteer) (online form)  
For more info please contact: (780) 424-2870  
Email: [thashimoto@e4calberta.org](mailto:thashimoto@e4calberta.org)

### MCCAULEY CLEAN UP (Saturday, June 9) VOLUNTEER CALL

The Annual McCauley Community Clean Up Event is coming, and you can make a difference for our community! Sign up to join forces with neighbours and friends in cleaning up our community.  
Loaders/Pickers/Drivers/Helpers are needed and welcomed! Lunch Provided.  
To sign up/For more info please contact: (780) 424-2870  
Email: [thashimoto@e4calberta.org](mailto:thashimoto@e4calberta.org)

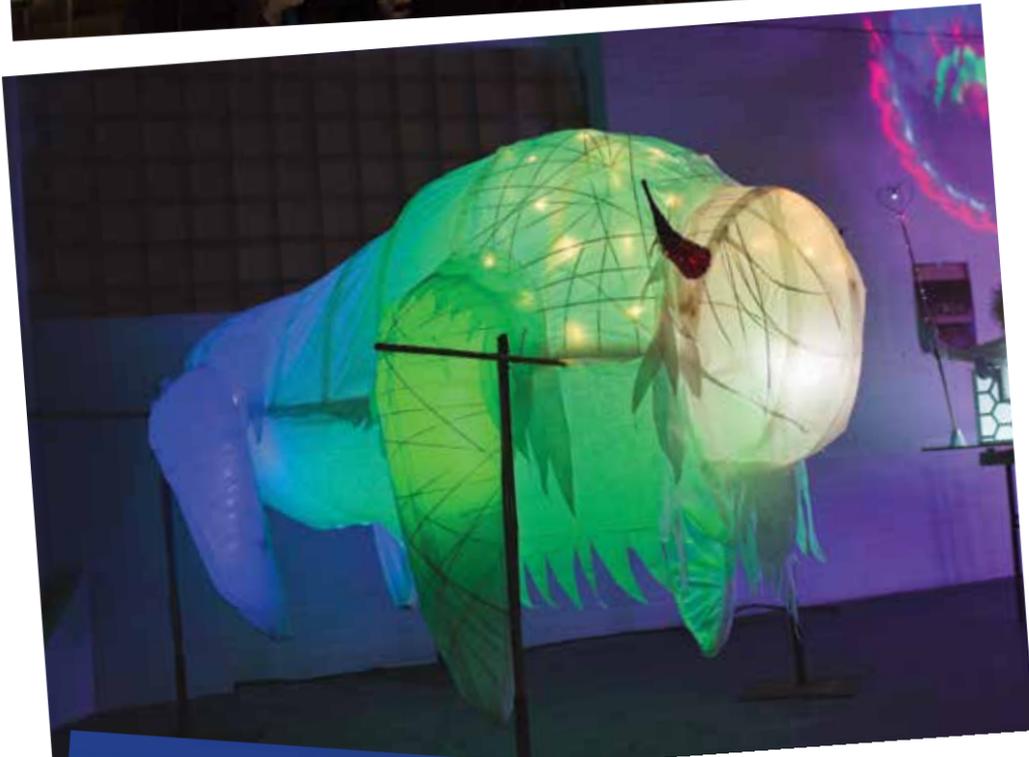
### EMPOWER U FOR WOMEN @ e4c e4c Financial Empowerment Hub

Until May 24  
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
10215 – 97 Street  
\*Light snacks & bus tickets provided  
To register please call: (780) 424-7543 ext.123 or email: [jcllements@e4calberta.org](mailto:jcllements@e4calberta.org)

**More information about E4C programs can be found in the Classifieds section of our website at [bmcnews.org](http://bmcnews.org).**

# Boyle Street GLOWs Once Again

The 2018 GLOW Festival organized by Quarters Arts took place from March 22 - 24. In addition to performances and workshops, the highlight of the festival was the lantern parade on the evening of March 24. Here is a look at some of the incredible creations. **PHOTOS BY JESSICA FERN FACETTE**



## Heart of the City

ART, MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD  
GIOVANNI CABOTO PARK  
JUNE 2 & 3, 2018  
FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS IN THE INNER CITY

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e4c & McCauley Community League presents  
**McCauley neighborhood COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

IN OPERATION:  
10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM



## Saturday, June 9th

It's time for the annual clean-up in McCauley! You can have your trash picked up for FREE on June 9th if you book with us. (Please NO Hazardous Waste\*, Appliances, or Electronics wastes. \*Call: 780-424-2870 for details). Spots are limited, so reserve your pick-up early! You can also drive through and get rid of trash at our disposal bin site (McCauley Apartments 9541 108A Ave in the back-alley north entrance)

Schedule your pick up!: 780-424-2870  
Email: thashimoto@e4calberta.org  
Clean Up Volunteers Needed! Contact us to Register!

Made possible with support from:  
e4c, McCauley Community League, Edmonton, 310-DUMP, enterprise