

The Piper

The McLeod Community League Newsletter

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Important Dates:

October 26, 2008, 1-4pm:
Kids' Halloween Party

October 30, 2008, 7pm:
McLeod Annual General Meeting

December 7, 2008, 1-4pm:
Kids' Christmas Party

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President's Message

A community newsletter is not the proper place to brag, but after this outdoor season, I've just got to. Our sports teams have once again shown that McLeod is a force to be reckoned with. For the most part, the success is a result of the fantastic children who play with their hearts and souls game after game, but kudos have to also go out to the volunteers. These include coaches, assistant coaches, sports directors, and their assistants, without whom these programs couldn't operate. Without all of you, none of this

would be possible. On behalf of the McLeod Community League and Board of Directors, I thank you for making us the community that we are so very proud of.

We are always looking for people to help out in one way or another. If you are interested in becoming part of such a fantastic organization please call any of the members of the board of directors (contact info is on the back page of this newsletter). You won't be disappointed.

Wayne

McLeod C.L. President

AGM Notice

Our 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30th at 7pm. This is a great chance for members of the community to observe and participate in the workings of your community league!

The following positions on the board of directors will be up for election at the 2008 AGM: Vice-President, Programs Director, Membership Director, and Neighbourhood Watch Zone Leader.

Mark your calendars!

Outdoor Soccer Results!

Here are the results from the 2008 outdoor soccer season, listing the results for each category and the team's coach. As you can see, our teams have been extremely successful! Congratulations to all!

U10 Boys Tier 4

Gold: Holmes
Silver: Kresic
Bronze: Cazac

U10 Girls Tier 6

Gold: Turner

U10 Girls Tier 7

Bronze: Weber

U12 Boys - Tier 6

Gold: Adagala/Butler -
Advanced to Cities - Won Silver

U12 Girls - Tier 8

Gold: Merkosky - Advanced to
Cities - Won Gold U14 Boys -

U12 Girls - Tier 4

Silver: Pietersma - Advanced to
Cities
Bronze: Van Der Vinne

U14 Girls - Tier 4

Silver: Hopkinson - Advanced to
Cities - Advanced to Inter Cities
A in Calgary in September.

U14 Girls - Tier 8

Gold: Lazarenko - Advanced to
Cities - Took Bronze in Cities

U14 Girls - Tier 8

Bronze: Manni

U16 Boys - Tier 6 - City Wide

Gold: Da Estrella - Advanced to

Cities - Took Silver in Cities -
Advanced to Inter Cities B in
Edmonton in September

U16 Girls - Tier 4 - City Wide

Bronze: Peter Smyth - Advanced
to Cities - Took Silver in Cities -
Advanced to Provincials in
Spruce Grove in September.

U18 Boys - Tier 6

Gold: Pete Keller and Max Yuen
- Advancing to Inter Cities B in
Edmonton in September.

Be sure to check out our web
site for some of the team
photos!

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Softball!



"When we played softball, I'd steal second base, feel guilty and go back."

-Woody Allen

I would like to start with thanking all of the head coaches for stepping up, working very hard and doing a great job for the kids this season. These people jumped in and organized the teams and put a lot of time in for the kids. I would like to thank the assistant coaches also for their hard work and also the people in the background helping the coaching staff. Our coaches

are:
Nerf 1; Matt McCombe,
Nerf 2; Anne Griffin,
Nerf 3; Dustin Stecyk,
T-Ball 1; Donna-Rae Godziuk,
T-Ball 2; Blair Coull, Kevin Nestor, Keith Madisch and Brandee Silvester,
Coach Pitch 1; Krista Semeniuk
Coach Pitch 2; Tever Baird,
Colleen Baird, Cheryl Nanfara
Mite girls; Gord Matlock, Gold in Cities

Squirt Girls; Krista Semeniuk again, Gold in Cities
Bantam 1; Mike Wells, Silver in Cities
Bantam 2; Lorne Jacobsen, Gold in Cities.

Great job by all, hope to see all of the coaching staff back next year.

Lorne

McLeod Softball Director

Volunteer Needed!

The Area 17 Council is putting together a committee to coordinate events in conjunction with the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. We'd like to have a sports nut in our community step forward to help plan McLeod's portion of the festivities. Events will take place throughout the seven community leagues that form the Area 17 Council.

For more information call Del at 780-475-1273 or e-mail deljune@telus.net.

Hollick-Kenyon Park Update

Hollick-Kenyon is finally getting its own park! The grading and seeding of the park site began in July, to be completed by October (weather permitting). The construction/security fence will remain up to June 2010 to ensure that the grass has a chance to grow and fill in.

The park will be the home of two ball diamonds, three soccer fields (two large and one mini), a P3 K-9 Public School and community space. In the next few weeks, a color rendition of the park design including the

school, will be placed on the fence in several locations around the park for you to look at.

Construction of the school is projected to begin this month with a completion date of June 2010. It is scheduled to open for the start of the school year in September 2010.

If you have any questions about the park site, please contact Norma Lorincz, Community Recreation Coordinator at the City of Edmonton at 780-496-3774.

"I believe that a simple and unassuming manner of life is best for everyone, best both for the body and the mind."

-Albert Einstein

Free Children's Playgroups

Capital Health's Early Intervention Program (EIP) in partnership with Clareview Headstart offers drop-in community playgroups for children of all abilities from birth to age five. These groups are free and available to all interested families, although some groups require pre-registration.

Groups available in North Edmonton include:

Sing, Sign, Laugh & Learn, offered at the Edmonton Public Library (see www.epl.ca for times and locations). For children birth to three and a grown up who loves them. Come and spend time cuddling,

reading, signing, playing, laughing and learning. Brothers and sisters are welcome to attend.

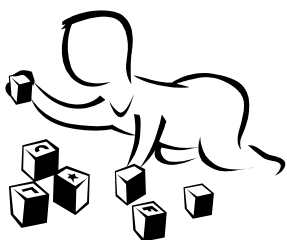
Me & My Buddy (for kids up to age 5 and their male role-models). Once monthly on Saturday—October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th at Clareview Headstart (1142 Hermitage Rd.), from 9:30-11am. Includes circle time with rhymes and songs and free play. Older siblings are welcome! Ring the buzzer to the right of the door and someone will let you in.

For more information on these groups call Sue at 780-408-5955.

Help Wanted!

In order to operate our outdoor rinks in each winter season, we require a dedicated person to work as our rink caretaker. The work involves preparing and maintaining the ice throughout the season (late October through to about March), along with supervising the rinks during operating hours.

Please e-mail your resume to president@mcleodcommunityleague.ca or phone Wayne at 780-475-8646 or Del at 475-1273 for more information.



Play:

Verb.

1) To occupy oneself with amusement, sport, or other recreation.

2) To make a really big mess with lots of toys.

Square Dancing

Learn to Square Dance

Are you looking for fun, friendship and fitness? Double Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club invites you to join us every Tuesday evening, starting September 30, 2008 at McLeod Hall, 14715 - 59 Street. First 3 nights are free.

New dancers begin at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Mainstream Dancing begins at 8:30pm to 10:00pm. Our excellent instructor, Ken Sipe, looks forward to seeing you on the dance floor. For more information, call Clarence and Delaine at 780-475-1717 or Ed and Jean at 780-476-2508.

Want a playground in Hollick-Kenyon?

One of the opportunities of a new park is the space to have a playground. Playgrounds today are designed and built in partnership between the community and the City of Edmonton. With the new park space in Hollick-Kenyon, now is the perfect time to get the ball rolling and plan for a new playground!

In order to create this partnership, the community must first create a Park/Playground committee. It is this group that works with the City and community league to

decide what the community wants for the playground, applies for grants, and fundraises any additional dollars that might be needed.

The City provides the process and people with expertise to assist the group.

If you are interested in being a part of the creation of a Park/Playground committee or if you would like more information please call Norma Lorincz, Community Recreation Coordinator, 780-496-3774.



"Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose."

—Tom Krause

Even more free playgroups!

The KARA Family Resource Centre offers several free children's playgroups in and near the McLeod area. Some of them are listed below:

Baby Buds: Every Thursday, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the St. John Bosco church (13503 40st). Please enter through the rear door and take the elevator upstairs. This program is for babies 12 months and under and the people who love them. (Ideal for first time parents!) Do fun activities with baby, enjoy a time of sharing helpful information, and make new friends.

Playtime Drop-In: Every Tuesday, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. John Bosco (same location as above). This program is geared for families with toddlers and pre-schoolers. KARA staff will set out toys and plan interesting

activities for the children.

Parents can join in the fun or relax and visit with other parents while the kids play.

Creative Play and More: Thursdays during the school year (starts Sept 18th), from 9:30-11:00 a.m. KARA Family Resource Centre, 6717-132 Ave. Please pre-register each week by phoning the day before (780-478-5396). This program is for parents with children Birth to three-and-a-half years old. Encourage your child's learning and development in a playful environment. (Children with special needs are particularly welcome.)

Please check out other programs and services offered by KARA by going to their website: www.kara-frc.ca or phoning 780-478-5396.

Kids' Parties!

Our popular children's Halloween and Christmas parties are back this year. The Halloween party will be held on Sunday, October 26th from 1-4pm. Admission will be by advance ticket only—contact Teresa at 906-2424 for tickets (\$5/child).

Our kids' Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 1-4pm. Again, admission will be by advance ticket sales only (\$10/child). Contact Teresa at 906-2424 for tickets.

Free Admission Day

The City of Edmonton will be having its annual Free Admission Day on Sunday, September 28th from 10am-6pm. Most City facilities will be free to the public, including the Valley Zoo, Fort Edmonton, and city leisure centres (including the Londonderry Leisure Centre). The Muttart Conservatory and Eastglen Leisure Centre will be closed, however.

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

**Call 421-7323
for more information.**

Learning Together is a project of the Centre for Family Literacy in partnership with St. Gerard Catholic Elementary School and is funded by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology, Community Programs



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Note: due to privacy concerns, we now only publish first names for our contacts.

General Contact Info

Our Hall phone number is 475-5712. For a faster response it's best to call the appropriate director at the numbers listed to the left.

Web site: <http://www.mcleodcommunityleague.ca>

E-mail: piper@mcleodcommunityleague.ca

Hall Rentals

The McLeod Community Hall is located at 14715 59 Street, and is available for rent hourly or daily. Call Patricia at 473-2448 for information and bookings (leave a message if there is no answer). Rental discounts are available for League members.

Free Swimming!

Members of the McLeod Community League can get a free swim at Londonderry Pool every Sunday from 4:15pm to 5:45pm, and at O'Leary Pool every Saturday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm from September to June. Just show your membership card!

About the McLeod Community League

We are a non-profit, volunteer-run society that: a) facilitates healthy and safe communities through affordable recreation, sports, and social activities; b) advocates on issues that affect our community, and c) provides a central location for meetings, recreational programs, and social events. The League is comprised of the neighbourhoods of McLeod, Casselman, Matt Berry (also known as McLeod Park), Hollick-Kenyon and Miller, in Northeast Edmonton.

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