

The Piper

The McLeod Community League Newsletter

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Important Dates:

December 7, 2008, 1-4pm: Kids' Christmas Party
December 25, 2008: Christmas
December 26, 2008: Boxing Day
January 1, 2009: New Year's Day
January 13, 2009 6:30pm: Hollick-Kenyon Park Society Meeting (12830-58 Street)
March 18, 2009: Spring Playschool Registration

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President's Message

In our last newsletter, I lauded the efforts of our volunteers, without whom our programs could not be successful. An important part of that success is our volunteer Board of Directors who put in countless hours to ensure that our programs are well-run and our community hall is operational.

Unfortunately, many of our board members are burned out, and it is increasingly difficult to find new ones. At our last AGM, we barely had enough people to have a quorum. There are over 14,000 people who live within the McLeod boundaries and approximately 900 families have a League membership, yet

it seems impossible to get a dozen people out to our AGM. Several people called me to express interest in helping out, but they chose not to show up to the meeting.

Many of the positions on our Board are vacant or have one person filling multiple roles. Some of our current directors have volunteered for many years and would like to pass the torch on to somebody else.

We desperately need to have new blood on our Board. Hundreds of children participate in our sports programs and our community hall is utilized almost every night of the week—a League the

size of McLeod cannot continue to operate without a full Board. Please take the time to consider joining our board of directors. Many positions have a time commitment of only a few hours a month.

Call me at (780) 475-8646 if you can help out or would like more information about what each position entails.

On behalf of the McLeod Community League, I would like to wish each and every one of you an extremely happy Holiday Season.

Wayne
McLeod C.L. President

Hollick-Kenyon Park Society News

Our new park needs you! We are looking for people to join our team and work toward putting up a playground in Hollick-Kenyon Park. Are you great with numbers or words? Can you design a web site? Then we have some jobs for you!

In order to have a successful team we are looking for people to step up to the following key positions:

Treasurer - you will be responsible for balancing our accounts and providing a monthly report to the group.
Web site designer - create a website that anyone can access

for information on the park.

Press Secretary - will be responsible for preparing mailouts for the community, inserts into the newsletters as well and providing support to the web designer.

If you are interested in any of these positions please email Reesa MacGregor; Chair for the Hollick-Kenyon Park Society at hkchair@gmail.com.

There will be other opportunities to get involved and contribute so stay tuned. As a park society we will be looking to the community for ideas on what they would want in their park and playground.

Part of the process will be to do a needs assessment. We hope to do this in the spring but in the meantime, we always want to hear from you about any questions or ideas you may have about the park. You can email hkchair@gmail.com and Reesa will get back to you. Please come and meet our group and hear about this amazing project. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month starting January 13, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Kennedale Community Services office located at 12830 58 Street.

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Playschool

Playschool registration for 2009-2010 will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 6-8pm at the McLeod Hall. As always, a current membership in the McLeod Community League and a deposit will be required to hold your place. For more details, check the league web site at: www.mcleodcommunityleague.ca

Winter Snow Shack Program

Are your kids bored after they've finished playing with their Christmas presents? Need something to keep them active and happy while school is out?

The City of Edmonton in conjunction with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues will be offering FREE outdoor games, crafts, music and winter activities from December 29th to 31st, 12:30pm to 4:30pm each day. This program is for children 6-

12 years old, and is offered at the following sites in Northeast Edmonton:

Belvedere Community League
13223 62 Street

Evansdale Community League
9111 150 Street

Homesteader Community League
40st and Hermitage Road

Kilkenny Community League
14910 72 Street

Social Director's News

Another year is drawing to a close, and I would like to wish everyone in our community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I truly enjoy my position as Social Director. I love seeing the smiles and the twinkling eyes on all the children during an event.

However, without the many volunteers, I would not be able to carry out these events. I would personally like to thank each and every one of you who volunteer your time to help in the planning, organizing and running of these events.

In the New Year, we are

looking at a Family Dance, Cribbage tournament, Movie Nights, and family skate nights.

Stay tuned and have a safe holiday season!

Children's Parties

Our annual Halloween party was a huge success this year—the kids seemed to have a great time. Scary fun was had by all! Thanks very much for the volunteers for many hours preparing and running this event!

Our children's Christmas party is already sold out—thanks to everybody who has purchased tickets.

Family Dance

We'll be having a family dance early in 2009, date TBA. At the dance we will be having a silent auction and we'll need donations, ideally by the end of January. We'll also need some volunteers to help plan, prepare for, and run this event. If you are able to donate items for the silent auction or volunteer to help, please call me at (780) 906-2424.

Teresa

Social Director

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the party we
hoped for, but
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Neighbourhood Watch News

Simplicity is the Key to Theft Prevention

- Lock your car and pocket the keys;
- Never leave your car running unattended - even for a minute;
- Use a visual deterrent; such as the Club®;
- Park in attended lots;
- Completely close car windows, including sunroof, when parking;
- Be careful with your keys and don't hide an extra set in the vehicle;
- Keep your registration and insurance documents secure;



- If you have a garage, use it;
 - Park with your wheels turned towards the curb;
 - Back into your driveway if you have rear-wheel drive or a four-wheel drive vehicle;
 - Join the STOP Thief program sponsored by AMA;
 - Engrave expensive accessories - join Operation Identification;
 - Remove portable accessories; and
 - Activate your vehicle's security system.
- Reprinted from the brochure "Protecting your Vehicle" Edmonton Police Service, Crime Prevention Unit.

Outdoor Rinks

The rinks at the McLeod Hall will be open for skating as soon as the ice has had a chance to set. The rink hours are 5-9pm on weekdays, and Noon-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The rinks will be closed on statutory holidays and any time that the outside temperature or wind-chill factor is lower than minus 20 degrees Celsius.

For updates on the rink status, call the rink shack at (780) 473-8993.

Soccer News

The McLeod Soccer indoor program is going strong with over 400 kids registered from U4 to U18 on 25 teams. We also have 2 adult teams that have grown from our program and continued playing soccer together.

If you ever want to go see a game and support our McLeod teams the complete schedule is available at edmontonsoccer.com.

We are already planning and working on our 2009 outdoor

soccer program. Registration for outdoor soccer has been set for Saturday, February 28 from 9am-3pm and Friday, March 6 from 6-9pm. Please check our website at mcleodcommunityleague.ca for updates.

Good luck to all the teams the rest of the way and see you in the spring!

Sid

McLeod Soccer Director

Are YOU . . .

- > Stretched to the Max with Parenting?
- > Have a Parenting Concern?
- > Needing a Parenting Suggestion or Solution?
- > Want to Share Your Parenting Skills?
- > Wanting a Non-Judgmental & Safe Environment?

KARA's Parenting Support Group is for YOU!

- Meet on the Last Thursday of Every Month
- Refreshments & Healthy Snack Served
- Childcare & Bus Tickets Available
- Guest Speakers & More

When: Last Thursday of Every Month

Where: KARA Family Resource Centre
6717-132 Avenue

Time: 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Call Liz at 478-5396 for More Information!



IS THERE ANY REASON TO HOPE?

Join us for a Christmas Eve celebration with traditional and contemporary carols, candlelight, and an inspirational message.

December 24, 2008 @ 6:30pm
CentrepoinTE Community Church
5940 - 159 Avenue



the church in the school in the park
www.centrepoinTEchurch.ca



(upstairs in St. John Bosco Parish)

13503-40 St.

parentLINKcentre



Parents of 0-5 yrs. olds, you are invited to come with your child to our **PLAYTIME DROP-IN.**



KARA staff will set out toys and plan activities for the children. Parents can join in the fun or relax and visit with other parents while the kids play.

Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am (starting in August)
For more info, please call 780-478-5396 or www.kara-frc.ca



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Where? Regularly at Community Halls throughout Edmonton and Area. Private parties can also be arranged per request.

How Much? \$245 for 12 or \$175 for 8. Have us assemble the meals for an additional \$25.

And? Our menu changes every month so come back and see us!

Contact: Melissa @ 780-298-9921

Email: edmonton@dashingdishes.com

Website: www.dashingdishes.com

NOW HIRING

McLeod Community League Contacts

President	Wayne	475-8646
Past President	Del	475-1273
Vice President	Colin	476-5959
Secretary	Gloria	475-5712
Treasurer	Vacant	
Sports Director	Steve	475-8387
Hockey	Ed	456-9386
Baseball	Colin	476-5959
Softball	Lorne	476-4378
Soccer	Sid	457-4403
Program Coordinator	Mirka	478-6649
Program Director	Vacant	
Social Director	Teresa	906-2424
Membership Director	Joanne	472-8208
Facilities Director	Del	475-1273
Hall Rentals	Patricia	473-2448
Neighbourhood Watch	Deb and Bruce	476-3842
Communications Director	George	240-3200
Casino Director	Del	475-1273
Bingo Coordinator	Jeff	478-0827
Chair-Castledowns Bingo	Sandra	478-9960
Chair-ENEBA Bingo	Sandra	478-9960
Playschool Director	Nadine	456-9186
Grants Director	Jeff	478-0827
Area 17 Council Representative	Del	475-1273

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

General Contact Info

Our Hall phone number is (780) 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 (780) 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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