

The Piper

The McLeod Community League Newsletter

Spring 2009



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Important Dates:

February 16, 2009: Family Day

February 28 and March 6, 2009:
Spring sports registration

March 18, 2009: Spring Playschool
Registration

April 4, 2009: Family Dance

April 18, 2009: Volunteer
appreciation night (by invitation
only)

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Spring Soccer Registration

Registration for the 2009 outdoor season will take place at the McLeod Hall (14715 - 59 Street) as follows:

Saturday, February 28

- 9am-12pm: U4 to U10 (born 1999-2005)
- Noon-3pm: U12 to U18 (born 1991 to 1998)

Friday, March 6

- 6pm to 9pm (all age groups).

Players born from 1991 to 1994 will require player cards if they do not have them already. If you already have a card (i.e. you played Xtreme, U16, or U18 in another

community), please let us know as there is a charge by EMSA if you already have a non-expired card. If you require a player card, we will take your picture at registration—please bring ID such as a driver's license, provincial ID card or birth certificate (school ID is **not** accepted). The Zone planning meeting is on February 17 and 18 and we hope to have the fees posted on the McLeod website by February 22, 2009.

Due to fee increases from the ASA, EMSA, and the Zone, it's likely that there will be a \$10 increase over last year's fees.

As always, a current League membership is required for all players—if you bought one in September it's still valid. All families must fulfil a volunteer commitment, and a deposit of \$100/player is required which will be refunded after you do your volunteer duty. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca. Thank you and see you at registration.

Sid

McLeod Soccer Director

Softball Registration

The 2009 season will start at the end of April. As always, volunteers are needed to run the program—call me if you can help. As with all McLeod programs, a volunteer commitment is required, and a \$100/player deposit is required, which will be refunded after you have fulfilled the commitment. Categories and fees are as follows:

Category	Birth Year	Fees
Nerf*	2005-06	\$45
T-Ball*	2003-04	\$50
Coach-Pitch*	2001-02	\$50
Mites	1999-00	\$55
Squirt	1997-98	\$65
Peewee	1995-96	\$70
Bantam	1993-94	\$75
Midget	1990-92	\$80

* - Mixed girls and boys

Registration will occur at the McLeod Hall (14715 59 Street) on February 29th from 9am-noon, and on March 6th from 6-9pm. You can also register at the Northeast Zone (NEZ)

building (7515 Borden Park Rd.) on March 15 from 12-3, March 21 from 11-3, March 25 from 6:30-8:30pm, or April 1st from 11-2:30 and 6:30-8:30pm.

Returning players, if you forgot to return your uniform to your coach please bring it with you when you register.

NEZ Softball Spring Camp

This camp will run on April 2nd, 8th, 9th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd, for Mites & Squirts from 6-8pm and Peewee, Bantam, & Midget players from 8pm-10pm. The camp will run at the Concordia campus— 73st and 112 avenue, south entrance. The fee is \$40 for NEZ players, and \$50 for others.

Lorne

McLeod Softball Director
(780) 476-4378
Jake55@shaw.ca

Family Dance

We're having a Hawaiian Luau!

On April 4, 2009 from 7pm-midnight, we're having a luau! Come join us for some Polynesian fun for the low admission of only \$20 per family. We'll have a DJ supplying music, hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, nachos, and even some veggie trays for you healthy eaters out there! Prizes will be awarded for the best-dressed Hawaiian family!

As part of the dance we'll be having a silent auction—we desperately need auction items, so please donate if you are able!

Tickets will be sold from February 15th to March 15th - please contact Teresa at (780) 906-2424 for tickets or for more info. We also need some volunteers to help run the show—call Teresa if you're interested!

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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

Volunteer Commitment Deposit Increase

Effective immediately, the deposit required upon registration to our programs is increasing to \$100 per child or activity, to a maximum of \$200 per family. This deposit will be refunded upon completion of your volunteer commitment(s), such as working a bingo. The choice and duration of the

volunteer commitments remain the same as in past years—only the amount of the deposit has changed. As before, if you don't fulfill your volunteer commitment, the deposit will be forfeited.

Referees Needed!

Are you 14 years or older? Do you want to make some money this spring? Want to become a soccer referee?

The McLeod Community League can register you in the referee's course and pay for it, and after you have fulfilled a commitment of 10 games to McLeod, we will reimburse you for the cost of your referee kit. Last year referees were paid \$25 per game for U10, and \$35 for U12 and U14. We will book you and you can ref as many games as you want. If you are interested then email:

soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Due to recent abuse towards our directors, volunteers, and employees, we are adopting a "zero tolerance" policy.

Effective immediately, any type of verbal or physical abuse, including profanity, directed toward our staff or volunteers will result in the offending party and their family being banned from the League. This means that the offending person and their family will be prohibited from participating in all league programs, including sports leagues and the outdoor rinks.

Reinstatement to the Community League will be at the sole discretion of the McLeod Community League Executive.

We want to promote a safe and healthy environment for our staff and volunteers, and will strictly enforce this policy.

Along the same vein, any obscene or threatening messages left on the hall answering machine will be referred to the police, and we will actively pursue criminal charges.

*"It is better to
keep your mouth
shut and appear
stupid than to
open it and
remove all
doubt."*

-Mark Twain

Heart Month

Every 7 minutes, a Canadian dies from heart disease or stroke. Be a part of the solution support the Heart & Stroke foundation. February is Heart Month. Volunteers across Canada will visit their neighbours to raise awareness of heart disease while collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. One of your neighbours may be at your door this February, and we hope you will show your support.

For more information or to donate online, please visit www.heartandstroke.ca

With your help, we can secure a healthier future!



Area 17 Olympics

We need some volunteers to help organize this community event, scheduled to take place in February 2010. It will be a fun time for all, covering all 7 Communities in Area Council #17. A lot of time and energy have already been put into this to make it happen. This is where you can do your part for your community. Remember it is YOUR COMMUNITY. For further info call Del @ 780-475-1273 or e-mail deljune@telus.net.

Outdoor Rinks

The rinks at the McLeod Hall will be open for skating as long as the weather stays cold enough for the ice to stay frozen. 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.

Please note that the rinks will be **CLOSED** to public use on February 21st due to a tournament.

North Edmonton Seniors Association

NESA is an independent, non-profit society providing recreational, social, educational and wellness programs and services for seniors (age 55+ years).

NESA is the largest seniors' organization in Edmonton, responsible for providing Edmonton's most comprehensive older adult recreational and social programs.

Visit the Northgate Lions Seniors Recreation centre located at 7524-139 Ave or check out our website at

www.nesa1.ca for a full listing of programs and services. To request your own Program and Activity Guide, call 780-496-6969.

2009 MEMBERSHIPS ON SALE NOW!

The cost for a 2009 membership is \$30 and this is valid from the time of purchase through to December 31, 2009. You must have a current membership to be eligible for member rates when registering for our programs.

"Join us for Laughter, Learning and Living!"

Fitness Centre Now Open!

Get up and get active in our bright and friendly Fitness Centre. It offers a non-intimidating environment with knowledgeable staff always on duty. (Open day time hours only). No experience is required and FREE orientations are available. Call today for an appointment at 944-7442. Drop-in, monthly or 10 visit passes are available and no contracts are required.



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!



Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities

All-Star Hockey Fun-Raiser



FREE FAMILY DAY FUN!

The Edmonton Police Faded Blues

VS

The Edmonton Eskimo Alumni & U of A Pandas

Enjoy the Hockey Game, Silent Auction, Children's Puck Pull
Shoot Out On Goalie, Draws & Other Activities

FREE DRAW FOR A 7 DAY CRUISE

Sponsored By:  **Norwegian Cruise Lines**

MUST BE REGISTERED, OVER 18, AND AT THE EVENT TO BE ELIGIBLE

"Play By Play" & Family Entertainment

By Professional Comedian & Impersonator
Clark Robertson as "Don Cherry"



Family Day Monday, Feb. 16th

1 pm - 4 pm Clare Drake Arena

(U of A Campus, Behind ButteDome)

TO REGISTER VISIT www.accd.net

OR CALL #780-488-9088

All Funds Raised Support the ACCD Non-Profit Organization

Family Day Festival

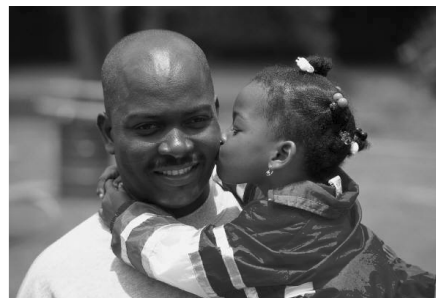
Monday February 16, 2009
1:00 - 4:00 pm
5812 - 149 Ave & McLeod Park



Sleigh rides, skating, sledding, inflatables, crafts, and more!

Only \$2.00 per person
Free hotdogs, popcorn, & warm drinks. Concession available.
Receiving donations for our local food bank

For more information www.shbc.ca or call 780-478-1553



Me & My Buddy

FREE

Clareview Head Start - 1142 Hermitage Rd

This group is offered in partnership with the KARA Family Resource Centre
And Clareview Headstart
Dads, step-dads, grandpas and uncles! Come bond with your little one!
In this group, children and their male role-model will enjoy playing together.
Features circle time with rhymes and songs as well as free play.

When: Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, 2008/Jan 10, Feb 7, March 7, April 18, May 2,
& June 6, 2009
9:30 - 11:00 am

For more information call Sue 408-5955

On Arrival please press buzzer to the right of the door

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 3:45pm to 5:45pm 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 a healthy and safe community 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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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