

# The Piper

The McLeod Community League Newsletter

Winter 2010



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## Important Dates:

December 25: Christmas day

December 28-30: Snow shack program at Lago Lindo Hall

January 1, 2011: New Year's Day

March 22, 2011: Hollick-Kenyon Park Society AGM

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## Community League Membership Benefits

Our membership drive occurs each September, but memberships are sold year-round. Benefits of a McLeod membership include:

- Participation in all McLeod sports programs;
- FREE outdoor skating at the McLeod rinks;
- FREE swimming at O'Leary and Londonderry Pools during Community swims;
- Discounts on rentals of the McLeod hall;
- Discounts on annual and multi-visit passes to City of Edmonton leisure centres;
- Discounts on banking services from the ATB in Hollick-Kenyon (5203-167Ave)

- You'll be supporting your community at the grassroots level!

Annual memberships are \$25 per family or \$15 per individual – a great value for all the benefits!

Community League membership shows your neighbours that you care about your community and want to be a part of it. Please become a member!

If you would like a membership you can purchase one online by visiting the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website at [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org) and clicking under "Store", or by calling our membership director, Cheryl, at (780) 940-6569.



## Happy Holidays

December is a great month to reflect on the year that's gone by, and look forward to what we'll do in the new year. I'm not sure if this is because it's the end of the year, or because it's a good thing to do while huddled up from the cold!

It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating McLeod's 40th anniversary! Once again our sports teams have been hugely successful, another batch of kids has moved through our playschool, and we've had countless events at the hall!

December is also a month of holidays and celebrations—whether you celebrate

Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or just want to ring in 2011 for New Year's Eve, the McLeod Community League is there to celebrate with you!

On a personal note, if you find the Piper useful to you, feel free to drop me a note at [piper@mcleodcommunityleague.ca](mailto:piper@mcleodcommunityleague.ca) to give me your comments and feedback. I've been publishing the Piper since 2004, and a lot of work goes into every issue, and sometimes I wonder if anybody actually reads it!

*George*  
Communications Director

## Snow shack fun!

### Snow Shacks...

#### Free Winter Fun for Kids!

Welcome the winter weather with a smile! Snow Shacks are free drop-in programs for 6-12 year olds. These programs offer fun indoor and outdoor activities, including crafts, games, sports, and drama. Come dressed for the weather and be ready for winter fun!

When: December 28 – 30, 2010 12 – 4 pm

Where: Lago Lindo Community Hall:  
17123 95 Street

[WWW.MCLEODCOMMUNITYLEAGUE.CA](http://WWW.MCLEODCOMMUNITYLEAGUE.CA)

## Playschool



Playschool Registration for the 2011/2012 term will be on Wednesday March 16th, 2011 from 6-8 pm at McLeod Hall. A non-refundable deposit will be required that night to hold your place.

For more information about our program, check our website at [www.mcleodcommunityleague.ca](http://www.mcleodcommunityleague.ca) under 'programs'.

*Nadine*  
Playschool Director

## Soccer Update

The indoor season is half over and the teams are off to a great start. We have 26 teams comprised of over 400 players. All schedules are listed on the EMSA website ([www.edmontonsoccer.com](http://www.edmontonsoccer.com)) if you wish to go cheer for your community teams!

Although it seems early, outdoor soccer and registration is just around the corner. Spring registration will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 9am to 3pm

Last outdoor season we ran 52 teams with 27 of them being U6 and U8. Because of format

changes, we were very short of coaches for these age groups. If you are registering a child in the u6 or U8 categories, please think about coaching—we will train you via a coaching clinic, and it's a very rewarding experience! So if you are interested in coaching a young team, or older team, please contact me at: [soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca](mailto:soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca)

*Mirka*  
Soccer Program Coordinator

*"The color of  
springtime is in the  
flowers, the color of  
winter is in the  
imagination."  
~Terri Guillemets*

## Hollick-Kenyon Park Society

### 2011 Annual General Meeting

The Hollick-Kenyon Park Society was created with the goal of building a playground in Hollick-Kenyon Park. In the last two years, we have come a long way, but there is still a lot more work to be done.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 22nd 2011 at the McLeod Community League Hall 14715 59 Street. Positions up for election are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. We can also hold a vote for Communications Director, and Events

Coordinator.

We welcome everyone to come out and see how far we have come, and help us build everyone's playground. With the new Dr. Donald Massey School open, the need for this playground is greater than ever.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me, and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

*Devin McIntosh*  
Chair,  
Hollick-Kenyon Park Society  
[hkchair@gmail.com](mailto:hkchair@gmail.com)



## Be a Snow Angel

Now that there's some of the white stuff on the ground, it's everybody's responsibility to keep their sidewalk clear. This task is a challenge, though, for some Edmontonians.

Seniors in particular need extra help in the winter to keep their sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe.

Want to be a snow angel? Just adopt a nearby senior's sidewalk this winter and keep it clear of snow and ice. Watch for people on your street that

could use help, and ask them if you can lend a hand.

If you're a senior in need of snow shoveling assistance, but no snow angel is around, you can call the Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE) at (780) 701-9007 to ask about their snow shoveling assistance program. Pre-screened workers will clear your walk at reasonable rates.

## Rinks are open!

The rinks behind the McLeod Hall at 14715 59 Street are open for skating by League members! Stop by any Monday to Friday from 5pm-10pm, Saturday/Sunday from 12-5pm, or Sunday from 11am-4pm

The rink may be closed periodically depending on weather. For updated information, call the rink hotline at (780) 473-8993.





## Neighbourhood Watch

### Auto Theft Prevention

Edmonton has one of the highest rates of vehicle thefts in Canada! Criminals young and old steal vehicles for transportation, to commit other crimes, or to sell for profit. The risk of apprehension is perceived as small, and the punishment and penalties are not effective deterrents.

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.

- Extracted from the brochure "Protecting your Vehicle" from the Edmonton Police Service, Crime Prevention Unit.

*Deb and Bruce*  
McLeod Neighbourhood Watch



## Help! Call 211?

**Give Help, Get Help: call 211 or visit [211edmonton.com](http://211edmonton.com)**

If you need community information and services, or would like to donate your time or goods during the holiday season, 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

2-1-1 can help you find:

- Community meals and holiday celebrations
- Food hampers, gift and toy donations
- Shelters, warm clothing
- Counseling/support groups
- Addictions supports
- Financial supports
- Volunteer information
- And MUCH more...

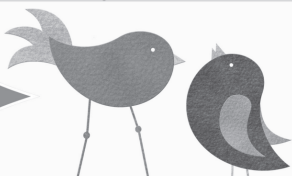
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*"Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat. "*

*~Unknown*

## Hollick-Kenyon Drop-in Playgroup

Have you heard about the new drop in playgroup that is starting up in Hollick Kenyon?



### Benefits for parents:

• Playgroups provide stay-at-home parents with a reason to leave the house with baby

• Playgroups also provide stay-at-home parents with social contact with adults who can stimulate parts of the mind that baby simply cannot.

• Playgroups provide the social interaction, support, advice, and the opportunity to hear that others also struggle with their new baby or their toddler that can help resolve some of these questions.

### Benefits for children:

• Any activity that lifts the caregiver's spirit even a little, gives him/her more energy and patience to deal with the seemingly endless demands of parenthood. *(happy mommy=happy baby)*

• Playgroups provide parents and children with a social environment for learning about each other.

• Playgroups also help children develop social and communication skills.

### Who:

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers

### When:

Every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30

### Where:

The music room at NorthEast Christian School  
(5940 - 159 Avenue)

Please ring the doorbell at the front door to get in

Enjoy a supportive, productive, stimulating, and fun morning out with your child!!

contact Leslie @ 780.406.5119 for more information

## WARM UP YOUR WINTER WITH A HOT STONE MASSAGE THERAPY!

Get Relaxed, Refreshed, Rejuvenated at

"All is Well" Massage By Clara

Get \$7.50 off the 1 hr Day to Day or \$12.50 off the 1 ½ hr Spa Style Hot Stone Massage Therapies Dec 21, 2010 to March 21, 2011.

Location: 14603 Miller Blvd, EDM, AB

To Book, Call/Text (780) 970-8918 or

Email: [alliswellmassagebyclara@gmail.com](mailto:alliswellmassagebyclara@gmail.com)

Website: <http://alliswellmassagebyclara.health.officelive.com/default.aspx>

Open: Wkday evenings, Wkends & Stat Hols



## TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING



Rise Up & Beyond What You Think Possible...

Come & enjoy a class filled with cardio, weight & interval training

McLeod Community Centre

Thursday - 6:30-7:30 p.m. January 13 - February 24

Contact Kristen @ (780) 235-1324

[www.ascendantfitness.com](http://www.ascendantfitness.com)

## McLeod Community League Contacts

|                                |               |                |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| President                      | Collin        | (587) 989-1707 |
| Past President                 | Wayne         | (780) 475-8646 |
| Vice President                 | Troy          | (780) 457-1169 |
| Secretary                      | Gloria        | (780) 475-5712 |
| Treasurer                      | Tammy         | (780) 475-9376 |
| Sports Director                | Shelley       | (780) 340-6820 |
| Hockey                         | Ed            | (780) 456-9386 |
| Baseball                       | Brad          | (780) 457-7421 |
| Softball                       | Gord          | (780) 420-5864 |
| Soccer                         | Vacant        |                |
| Program Coordinator            | Mirka         | (780) 478-6649 |
| Program Director               | Shauna        | (780) 399-5605 |
| Social Director                | Teresa        | (780) 906-2424 |
| Membership Director            | Cheryl        | (780) 940-6569 |
| Facilities Director            | Del           | (780) 475-1273 |
| Hall Rentals                   | Patricia      | (780) 473-2448 |
| Neighbourhood Watch            | Deb and Bruce | (780) 476-3842 |
| Communications Director        | George        | (780) 240-3200 |
| Casino Director                | Steve         | (780) 475-8387 |
| Bingo Coordinator              | Joanne        | (587) 989-1707 |
| Chair-Castledowns Bingo        | Teresa        | (780) 906-2424 |
| Chair-ENEBA Bingo              | Teresa        | (780) 906-2424 |
| Playschool Director            | Nadine        | (780) 456-9186 |
| Grants Director                | Leanne        | (780) 906-9150 |
| Area 17 Council Representative | Jeff          | (780) 478-0827 |

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](mailto: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.