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Surplus School Site in St. Olga Park Listed for Sale

The City of Edmonton has announced the sale of the surplus school site located at St. Olga Park at 14945 88A Street NW. The site is on the same parcel of land as St. Phillip School and Cardinal Leger Catholic Junior

High School.

Evansdale Community League has maintained long-standing interest and engagement in how the disposal of surplus school sites progresses and what happens to the sites.

St. Olga Park: What Evansdale Would Like to See

Evansdale Community League and our residents deserve a say in what happens to this site since it has the potential to affect the evolution of our community that we have all helped build over the last 60 years.

- We would like to be consulted about any proposed development of these lands by the City and the purchaser before it goes ahead

- We would have preferred the community be consulted before the land was put up for sale again, but we now will specifically request a public meeting and engagement process on the development of the site and appropriate uses of the site

- We would like to know if there are any other surplus school sites in Evansdale

- We would like to know what process is planned for the development of the site and what opportunities there are for engagement

- We believe there should be an authentic com-

munity engagement process to not only provide input into any development, but also to ensure the community and the new development move forward under a shared vision for our community.

Evansdale has a long history of engagement in the development of the neighbourhoods of Eaux Claires, Belle Rive and Evansdale. We take care to avoid knee jerk NIMBY reactions to projects, but we are also quite insistent that we and our community has an authentic role in how our community evolves.

A version of this is being sent as a letter to Mayor and Council and other community organizations.

Learn more at www.evansdale.ca and watch our Facebook page @evansdalecommunityleague

Contact us at president@evansdale.ca
Jeff Muiselaar, President of Evansdale Community League

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VACANT BUILDING SITE DEVELOPMENT

EVANSDALE:

- The City is exploring new uses for the vacant surplus school building site shown.
- Adjacent open space will remain.
- If a new use is proposed, the City will inform and engage the community as needed.

For more information call **311** or visit edmonton.ca/surplusschoolsites

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Green Shacks Back in McLeod

The Green Shacks will be back in the McLeod playgrounds in July and August of this year. The Green Shacks provide directed activities for

teens and pre-teens.

The timings will be:

Matt Berry Park: 230pm to 530pm

McLeod Park: 1030am to

130pm

Miller Park: 230pm to

530pm

Hollick-Kenyon Park:

1030am to 130pm

Kilkenny is having a Garage Sale



If you want to rent tables \$20 a table for 3 days call Anna 780-478-3269

Dates

Friday July 22 10 am to 7pm

Saturday July 23 10 Am to 6pm

Sunday July 24 10am to 4 pm

Community Day is coming

this fall Saturday September

17. 11 am to 3pm

Mark it on your calendar

McLeod Dance Accepting Registration for Summer and Fall Seasons

McLeod Dance is finishing up Season 5 of the McLeod Dance Program! McLeod Dance is now accepting registration for our Summer Classes and Fall Season. McLeod Dance offers classes in Ballet, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Mini-Movers, Modern, Tap & Adult Hip-Hop, Adult Jazz & Adult Tap. If you would like more information, please e-mail us at dance@mcleod-communityleague.ca or call Amy at 780-893-5151. We would love to have you join our dance family.



Evansdale Community League News

Serving: Evansdale – Belle Rive – Eaux Claires



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Community League Memberships

Get your membership anytime! Membership makes you part of an amazing community of people who care about and help look after our community. Get free community swims, discounts on community programs, discounts on Edmonton City wellness programs and hall rentals, and enjoy skating in the winter!

\$25 family
 \$10 single
 \$10 seniors

\$15 single parent
 \$15 couple with no children
 Contact Elaine Sarac at membership@evansdale.ca or 780-476-7442 to get your Evansdale Community League membership. Please leave a voice message if you cannot reach Elaine by phone.

If you are in a rush, you can buy memberships at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website: www.efcl.org

Sudoku Answer

8	7	6	4	3	2	5	9	1
2	9	5	7	6	1	4	8	3
4	3	1	9	8	5	2	7	6
1	8	3	2	4	9	7	6	5
6	2	9	8	5	7	1	3	4
7	5	4	6	1	3	8	2	9
9	6	7	1	2	4	3	5	8
3	1	8	5	7	6	9	4	2
5	4	2	3	9	8	6	1	7

Evansdale's Prior Engagement on the Future of the St. Olga Site

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The City has approached Evansdale Community League with a number of proposals for this land over the years beginning in 2016.

Prior to these dates we had numerous discussions with the city about what an appropriate development might be for these lands. We talked about seniors housing, affordable market housing, and several other possibilities. These were purely theoretical at the time.

On September 19th, 2016 we met with our city Councillor, and two representatives from the City of Edmonton about a proposal by the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) to build a school on the site. Signs were even erected at the northeast corner of the park.

We met with representatives of MAC and asked questions about whether the Edmonton Public School board was consulted and what the impact of a new school might have on existing schools and a host of other questions. Evansdale already has three schools in the neighbourhood and two more on the border – a blessing of the highest density of schools you will find anywhere.

We asked about the impact a new school might have on Evansdale Elementary School (just down the road) and whether a new school might cannibalize attendance at existing schools creating a new problem. We asked these and many other questions which were mostly left unanswered.

The Muslim Association was very easy to have discussions with, but the project fell through before it got very far.


In 2018 we met with members of the Canadian Arab Friendship Association about the site. They were considering developing a cultural center there where they would host English as a Second Language courses, citizenship programs, and life skills programs. They also were considering locating offices there and meeting rooms and possibly a cultural museum. These discussions went well and the association was clearly interested in working with the community. The community league neither endorsed or rejected this proposal and it never went any further.

Then just a few weeks ago our current councillor advised us the site was going up for sale to unknown potential buyers the next day after we were advised.

The listing on the City website says this is "A rare opportunity to develop a 3.05 acre surplus school site in the mature neighbourhood of Evansdale! While currently zoned Urban Services (US), this site has potential for a future multifamily or community development."

It is a little surprising we were not consulted or advised, given our long history of expressing interest and how active we have been in playing a role in the disposal of school sites.

FOR SALE - SURPLUS SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY



Neighbourhood: Evansdale

Legal Description: Plan 2122495 Block 40 Lot 4

Sector: North East

Total Land Area: 1.23 ha or 3.05 acres (more or less)

City Holding No.: 1011207

City File No.: CS200034

Existing Land Use Zone: US (Urban Services)

Last Update: April 13, 2022

Tax Roll Number: 11045366

14945 88A Street NW

\$2,750,000

BUYER'S APPLICATION FORM

[PDF FORM - DOWNLOAD](#) (scan, email, or mail)

A rare opportunity to develop a 3.05 acre surplus school site in the mature neighbourhood of Evansdale! While currently zoned Urban Services (US), this site has potential for a future multi-family or community development. The site is located on the north end of St. Olga Park, near several schools spanning kindergarten to grade 12 and it's only a 5 minute drive to the main retail centres of Northgate Centre and Londonderry Mall.



McLeod Community League News

Recruiting a Newsletter Editor for McLeod

After three years working on the McLeod newsletter, volunteer Holly is moving out of the neighbourhood. First, we would like to thank Holly for her contribution! The newsletter is a valuable source of information for many residents of Northeast Edmonton.

The good news is that this

opens up another volunteer opportunity. If there is anybody out there who would like to put together 10 issues of the newsletter per year, we would love to hear from you. Please email facility@mcleodcl.ca.

Printing and advertising are handled by our publisher.

All the editor must do is solicit articles from interested contributors, compile those articles, and send them to the publisher.

It's a rewarding job, but not a huge time commitment. Some proficiency with Microsoft Outlook and Word is required.

Board Positions McLeod Community League

Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? Do you want to get more involved in your community? McLeod Community League would love to welcome new members to our board!

There are various positions available, including: Vice President

Treasurer
Service Director
Volunteer Director
Youth Director
Casino Director
Bingo Coordinator
Civics Director
Area Council #17 Representative
Casselman Community

Representative
McLeod Community Representative
If any of these positions pique your interest, or if you want to lend a hand in another capacity, please reach out to our McLeod President, Fadi, at president@mcleodcommunityleague.ca.

What's Happening?

Edmonton Catholic Schools Trustee Sandra Palazzo

It has been a very busy time for Edmonton Catholic Schools and some of the highlights and major activities that took place this past month include that our Division continues to open their hearts for the people of Ukraine through their actions of prayer, awareness, donations and other social justice projects.

Our Division has begun receiving refugees from Ukraine and has been working diligently to ensure that schools are receiving the most up-to-date information on registering these families so that these students can begin their journey to some normalcy in their lives.

On March 25th we honored our staff members at the annual Long Service Recognition Ceremony for their many years of outstanding service to the staff, students and families of Edmonton Catholic Schools. Our staff is at the heart of everything we do and we are grateful for their great commitment and dedication to our Division.

One of the key roles of the Board of Trustees is to engage with key stakeholders by providing access to information about policy, programs, and



services. Another is to offer meaningful opportunities for input into decision making at the Board level. To that end, ECSD, on behalf of the Board, conducted a Community of School Councils (COSC) engagement session to gather feedback from our School Councils about the ECSD Board Advocacy Plan, as well as the best ways to share their voice in future engagements and through Division surveys.

School council representatives identified the following three advocacy themes as being the most important for their schools: Serving our Learners with Exceptional Needs, Serving Our Youngest Learners – Pandemic Recovery, and Curriculum-New Curriculum. Following

are the top three themes that were suggested for the Board to consider: focusing on mental health support; providing pandemic supports; and focusing on literacy. The Board valued the opportunity to meet with and gather the insights and feedback of our school councils. The information collected will be used to inform the Board's advocacy efforts with government.

With the announcement that all K-3 students will learn new Mathematics and English Language Arts and Literature curriculums, while all K-6 students will learn from new Physical Education and Wellness curriculum beginning in the 2022-2023 school and the subsequent release of the materials, our Learning Services staff have begun planning for the necessary professional learning and logistics to ensure that our schools are ready to provide excellent educational experiences for our students in these areas.

As we continue to focus on student success, I welcome the opportunity to engage with our school communities as I am committed to making decisions that are in the best interests of our Division and ensuring the well-being of our students is at the forefront of all that we do! *Sponsored article*

Free Swim for McLeod Members!

If you have a McLeod Community League membership, you can take advantage of the free swim times included with your membership.

Times and Locations:

Clareview Recreation Centre – Satu. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Grand Trunk Recreation Centre – Fridays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Londonderry Recreation Centre – Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

O'Leary Recreation Centre – Saturdays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

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Kilkenny News

We would like you to help Kilkenny

Looking to become a bigger part of our community? Needing to fulfill volunteer requirements? Have a passion you would like to share? Kilkenny Community League is looking for amazing community members join our team!

We currently have a vacancy for our Baseball/Softball Director. The position would come with training from our outgoing director. Questions,

always feel free to ask any of our amazing team!

Are you that "techy" person? We aren't! Our website is looking for some TLC. If you love mixing tech with a touch of design, have we got a position for you! We would need some items updated periodically, which are provided by our various directors.

Not looking for a specific position? Have some ideas you think we would love to

hear? We also have Directors-at-Large positions open. This position gives you a chance to join the board, and see if you can find your place within it!

Our board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you're interested, but not sure, let us know and we can give you more detail. You can even come to a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you! We hope to see you soon!

Kilkenny Hall Rentals



The Kilkenny Hall is available for rental!! It is the perfect space for your special event, meetings, weddings and any other social event.

Please go to <http://www.kilkenny.ab.ca/facilities/> view to have a look and click on "Book Facility" to...you guessed it... book the facility! The website will also show you when the hall is available. Feel free to call 780-478-2481 to leave a message for bookings as well.

Discounts available for those who hold a consecutive membership for a minimum two years with Kilkenny Community League.

Times	Auditorium	Meeting Room	Both
Weekdays / Weeknights	\$200	\$100	N/A
Fridays (after 5 pm)	\$400	\$100	\$500
Saturdays	\$550	\$100	\$650
Sundays	\$400	\$100	\$500
Two Day Wedding & Gift Opening (Sat - Sun)	\$750	\$100	\$850
Full Weekend (Fri @ 5pm - Sun @ 6pm)	N/A	N/A	\$1000
Hourly Rate (4 hour min.)	\$50	\$25	N/A

Ask Charles – Real Estate Advice

I'm selling my house, but I'm concerned about having strangers in my home during the COVID-19 pandemic. How can I minimize my risk?

Based on your concerns, you and your real estate professional can find options to minimize your risk and ease your mind, including:

Screening potential viewers for symptoms of COVID-19. You do not have to allow anyone into your residence if you feel that an individual may pose a risk to you. Your real estate professional can help draft questions to ask buyers, tenants, and their representatives about their health and travel information.

getting acknowledgement of viewing conditions in writing. Work with your real estate professional to develop a list of conditions for viewings such as using gloves, masks or hand sanitizer, or limiting the number of people at any time or during a specific time period. Keep in mind that viewing terms are subject to negotiation between parties. Have your real estate professional put them in writing and require the buyers and their professionals to sign off on the agreed-upon terms. Please always bear in mind, if you make the viewing conditions too strict, the potential buyers have the option to simply go looking for something else.

● communicating viewing conditions to property measurement companies, virtual tour companies, and home inspectors. Some appraisals can also be done through virtual tours.

● taking extra precautions to clean and sanitize your home before and after any viewings or inspections. Discuss with your real estate professional who will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing high-touch areas of your home before and after.

● It's important to have these discussions with your real estate professional so you can document all conditions in writing. Getting written confirmation and acknowledgement of conditions can ensure that all parties involved agree and understand the processes they need to follow to help mitigate the risk. This goes a long way to eliminating any confusion.

You've got questions. He's got answers.

Charles Stevenson is the Registrar at the Real Estate Council of Alberta. Charles knows that buying and selling a home can be confusing, but it doesn't have to be. "Ask Charles" is a question and answer column for consumers about buying and selling property in Alberta.

If you have a new question for Charles, please email askcharles@reca.ca.



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