

# NORTHEAST VOICE

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## June EPL Events in the McLeod Community

### EPL Londonderry

Weekly:

#### Settlement Practitioner

Mond. 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

We offer Settlement Services to help you with common questions about moving to Canada and settling into a new home.

#### Sing Sign Laugh and Learn

Mondays 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM, 2:15 – 3:00 PM

You and your child from birth to age three are invited to join us for songs, rhymes and signs

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#### STEAM Lab

Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00 PM

From robot battles to hovercrafts to building your own games, discover all things Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

#### LACE Conversation Circle

Thursdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Drop in and join others who also want to practice their English.

#### Space Animation Pop up

Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Enjoy themed activities for all ages! No registration required.

#### Computer Skills Classes

Fridays 2:00 – 4:00 PM Until

June 17th

This is a class for those who are new to computers including English language learners and seniors. Different topic every week.

#### One-Time Events:

##### Make It: Paper Playground

Thu 6/2/2022 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Build a miniature playground out of nothing more than a sheet of paper.

##### 3D Printing: Make Your Own Personalized Backpack Charm

Thu 6/9/2022 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

We'll guide you through the process of combining 3D shapes in TinkerCAD – learning what works and what doesn't when designing for the

3D printing process!

##### Make It: Paper Architecture

Thu 6/16/2022 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Learn how to make shapes that will allow you to design your own paper houses, skyscrapers, and entire city blocks, all out of paper and tape.

##### Book Clubs of EPL

Wed 6/22/2022 7:00-8:00PM

Join us for lively discussions on all types of fiction and non-fiction (this month – Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah.)

##### 3D Printing: Make Your Own Personalized Butterfly

Thu 6/23/2022 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Learn how to create your own beautiful butterfly design that can be 3D printed at EPL!

##### Summer Starts: Opening Carnival

Sat 6/25/2022 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Join us at the library for some good old-fashioned fun and excitement as we kick off/bid farewell to our summer activities here at EPL.

##### Summer Starts at EPL: Indigenous Constellations: Light Up the Night

Tue 6/28/2022 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Look up at the night sky and

view the constellations from an Indigenous perspective

##### Summer Starts at EPL: 90's Dance Party

Wed 6/29/2022 2:00-3:00PM

Come dance with us to the awesome beats of the music that made a generation realize that there was a "place where you can get away, it's called a dance floor."

##### Make It: Paper Playground

Thu 6/30/2022 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Library staff will show you how to make shapes that will allow you to design your own paper playground with see-saws,

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## Important Notice

### To Property Owners in the City of Edmonton

2022 property tax notices have been mailed to property owners.

#### Your property tax notice includes:

- + **Municipal taxes**, which help pay for civic services like police, fire rescue, public transit and road maintenance.
- + **Education taxes**, which go directly to the Government of Alberta to fund education.

If you have not received your notice in the mail, contact the City of Edmonton by phone at 311 or view your notice online at [MyProperty.edmonton.ca](https://myproperty.edmonton.ca),

#### Taxes Due by June 30

Property taxes are due in full by June 30, 2022 if you are not enrolled in the monthly payment plan. A five per cent penalty on any outstanding 2022 amounts will be charged to your account on July 1, with further penalties later in the year. Property taxes cannot be appealed.

#### Payment Options

- + Property tax bills can be paid at most financial institutions, by telephone/online banking, and by mail.
- + The City also offers a monthly payment plan. Please contact 311 or sign up at [edmonton.ca/taxes](https://edmonton.ca/taxes).

Did your taxes go up or down? Find out more about how your property taxes are calculated and how your property assessment compares to overall assessment changes at [edmonton.ca/taxes](https://edmonton.ca/taxes).

You can also view your property tax notices online at [MyProperty.edmonton.ca](https://myproperty.edmonton.ca). Sign up for your MyProperty account using the unique access code found on your tax notice.

For more information, call 311 or visit [edmonton.ca/taxes](https://edmonton.ca/taxes).

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McLeod Dance

We offer dance training in a variety of dance genres including:  
Ballet, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Mini Movers, Modern, Tap, Adult  
Hip-Hop, Adult Jazz & Adult Tap.









# McLeod Community League News

Edmonton Police Service Commercial Vehicle Investigation Unit teamed up to conduct Spring Commercial Vehicle Inspections from May 10th to May 12th. They teamed up with the following partners: Calgary Police Commercial Vehicle Investigation Unit, Edmonton Commercial Vehicle Peace Officers, Alberta Sheriff's, AGLC Peace Officers, Alberta Dangerous Good Inspectors, Alberta Transportation, Strathcona County Peace Officer's, Parkland County Peace Officer's, Fox Creek Peace Officer's, Wetaskiwin County Peace Officer's and Lacombe County Peace Officer's.

Locations of Inspections were Highway 216 at Aurum Road, Highway 16 between 170 and 184 Street and Hwy 216 near Hwy 14. 263 level 1 Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Inspections were completed with 86 vehicles passing, 113 vehicles placed out of service and 17 commercial vehicles towed. 733 violations were found. Now, while 733 violations were found, most of those were brought to the attention of the driver's and only warnings were given.

Alberta Sheriff's Conducted Operation Road Check from May 17th to May 19th, 2022, at locations across the province. Operation Road Check was conducted across North American including United States and Mexico. Edmonton Police Commercial Vehicle Investigation Unit, Edmonton Commercial Vehicle Peace Officer's and Strathcona County Peace Officer's assisted this operation at the Ardrossan Vehicle Inspection Station. Multiple Inspections were conducted with several vehicles placed out of Service. Stats on this event have not yet been published.

## Here are some tips to the Commercial Vehicle Drivers to help keep you and others on the road safe:

- Pull over when feeling tired
- Leave adequate space between you and the vehicle in front of you
- Be aware of what other drivers are doing
- Know your units' blind spots
- Have your mirrors properly adjusted
- Ensure you are using your signal lights well ahead of your turn
- Complete proper trip inspections
- Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained.
- Ensure you are getting any re-torques on tires completed with the distance advised
- Do not overload your units
- Ensure your commercial vehicle gets its

yearly inspection if required on time and the sticker is displayed with the copy of the inspection in the unit

Ensure your Commercial Vehicle Cargo which includes tarps, dunnage, shovels, brooms are secured by straps with a working load limit on them (bungee straps are not permitted)

Ensure there is no loose gravel on your truck or trailers

Check your Parking Brake to ensure it holds your commercial vehicle at engine idle in gear

Check your breakaway system if you are pulling a trailer

Breakaway cables must be attached to the pulling vehicle and not attached to the chains

## Passenger Vehicle Safety

A lot of the points above can also be applied to passenger vehicles. In addition, here some more tips:

Ensure your headlights and taillights are on during dawn and dusk or/and adverse weather conditions. I am seeing too many vehicles driving in the dark with no headlights and/or taillights on.

Ensure all passengers are wearing their seat belts

Whenever possible have children in the back seat where they are safer due to air bags

Do not allow passengers to put their legs on the dash or out the window. If you are in a collision, the air bags or force of the collision could result in serious injuries

If your windshield has cracks in your sight lines, have the windshield replaced.

Stay off your phones. Do not hold, view, or text while operating. This also applies at red lights. You can receive a \$300.00 fine with 3 demerits.

For more safety tips and information about Commercial and Passenger Vehicle Safety month, visit [www.saferoads.com](http://www.saferoads.com).

## Bicycle Thefts:

Bicycle thefts happen every spring and summer and I want to give you some tips to help ensure your bicycle is not stolen:

Ensure your bicycle is locked to a bike rack or in a secure building such as a locked garage or shed. Do not leave it in plain sight unsecured.

Ensure the frame and any easy quick release wheels are secured with a cable lock to the bike rack.

Register your Bike-on-Bike Index or Proj-

ect 529 Garage. You will need the make and model of the bicycle along with a photo to upload and the serial number. If your bicycle is stolen make sure you attend your closest police detachment and fill out a statement. Having a photo and serial number is crucial to help police get your bicycle back to you if it is recovered.

## Boating Safety:

Ensure you have your boating license.

Your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) is like a driver's license and once you have your PCOC, it is yours for life. The PCOC is mandatory for anyone operating a pleasure craft with any type of motor, and the operator should be sure to have their original PCOC card "on board". A ticket can be issued if you do not have it on your person. A photo on your smartphone or photocopy is not sufficient.

Always check the local weather conditions before departure. If you notice darkening clouds, strong winds, or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water immediately and take cover on the nearest shoreline.

Ensure you and everyone on board is wearing a life jacket or personal flotation device. Ensure they fit properly. A large majority of drowning victims from boating accidents were found not to be wearing a life jacket or personal flotation devices.

Practice safe boating by not mixing alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs before or when you are on the boat. Just like driving under the influence, boating under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or illegal drugs is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada. If you are planning to consume alcohol or marijuana on your boat, you must be anchored and have permanent sleeping, kitchen, and toilet facilities on board.

If you are going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety means knowing how to swim. If you are not a strong swimmer, I encourage you to take swimming lessons before going out in or on the water.

Ensure your boat is running properly before heading out into the water. You can purchase what is called ears. They consist of two flat opposing rubber cups, one with a hose connection, on both sides of a long U-shaped bracket that allows them to seal against both sides of the lower drive unit over the normally submerged water intakes. The two cups on

the U-bracket look like earmuffs, and thus the term. You hook a water hose to them. If you have never used them there are great videos on U-Tube that shows you what to do. If still not sure do not attempt and have a local marine shop, ensure your boat is operating properly.

Very important and many people forget: make sure your boat plug is in.

Make sure you have the safety equipment on your boat as required by law. Check Transport Canada Website to check what you need to have on your boat. Violation Tickets can be issued if you do not have proper safety equipment on board

Lastly be courteous at boat launches. Safely, and as quickly as possible get your boat in the water and remove your vehicle and trailer so the next person can load or unload. If you see someone that is struggling, lend a hand. Some people are new to boating and may need a few pointers.

## Fire Prevention

Fire bans come and go in the province. Before you light one, check <https://alberta-firebans.ca/> to determine if there is a ban or restriction in your area. Lighting a fire when there is a ban or restriction can lead to a fine being issued and you could be billed for the cost of the fire service to respond and put out the fire or any damage your fire has caused.

If you are having a fire, let the fire burn down before you plan on putting it out. Spread the embers or ashes around in the fire pit and then add water or loose dirt and stir - water is preferred. Any wood still burning, add more water or loose dirt until you can no longer see smoke or steam. Do not bury your fire or leave it believing it will go out on its own. Embers will smolder and can re-emerge as a wildfire, especially if a wind picks up. To ensure your fire is out check and see if you feel any more heat from a safe distance. Do not stick your hands in or too close to the wood or ashes.

Parents/Guardians if you are having a fire in your backyard or at a campground, please do not leave children unattended or allow them to get close. This also goes for being near a waterway or pool.

Now is a good time to clean out dryer vents, change your furnace filter, test your fire alarms and CO detectors.

Stay Safe Everyone!

## Board Positions Available with 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:

Grants Director  
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@mcleod-communityleague.ca](mailto:president@mcleod-communityleague.ca).

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slides, jungle gyms, and more.

## Summer Starts at EPL: Treasure Hunt

Thu 6/30/2022 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM  
Dive right into our pirate adventure with mapping games and golden treasure

## At EPL McConachie

Weekly:  
Drop in Family Story Time

Mondays 2:30 - 3:00 PM  
No registration required.  
Join us for a story!

## Baby Laptime

Wedn 10:30 - 11:00 AM  
Enjoy delightful stories, songs, books, rhymes, finger plays and more, especially for babies

## One-Time Events:

Summer Starts: Opening Carnival  
Sat 6/25/2022 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Join us at the library for some good old-fashioned fun and excitement as we kick off/bid farewell to our summer activities here at EPL.

## Summer Starts at EPL: Travelling Troubadour

Mon 6/27/2022 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Train your inner troubadour through feats of song-writing, instrument-smithing and entertainment!



## What's Happening?

### Edmonton Catholic Schools Trustee Sandra Palazzo

Edmonton Catholic School Division (ECSD) has so much to celebrate this time of year. We recently honoured staff members with 10-40 years of dedicated service at the Long Service Awards. The Board of Trustees was delighted to offer its appreciation and congratulations to ECSD employees on achieving this significant landmark in their career and applaud them for their exceptional service.

We were proud to attend the Annual Chief Superintendent's Award of Excellence on May 11th, in person once again for the first time since 2019. It was an incredible opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our amazing student leaders.

On May 18th the ECSD Learning Services Department livestreamed its 32nd annual Celebration of the Arts. There were 22 different performances from all areas of the arts with over 750 students participating from 100 Voices through Grade 12. This year, performances and artworks reflected hope and solidarity for the people of Ukraine. This event which celebrates the remarkable artistic talents of our students can be viewed using



the following link <https://ecsd-coa.net/>

The Board of Trustees was proud to host its annual Retirement Gala on May 19th and was honoured to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions of our staff.

Education is about students. Edmonton Catholic Schools has a long history of providing opportunities for student engagement to inform the work of the Division. The Board of Trustees had the privilege to meet with High School Student representatives over the past school year to hear the voice of their peers on important topics.

The Class of 2022 is gearing up to celebrate. Grade 12 is an exciting and pivotal year

for our students, which culminates with a celebration of scholastic achievement - graduation! The Board is excited to be able to recognize this significant milestone alongside this year's graduates, their families and friends during their graduation events.

Edmonton Catholic Schools has a strong history of fostering positive learning experiences for all students. Learning Services has undertaken the extensive work required to begin implementation of the new curriculum in September. Teacher Working Groups have been created to create pacing guides as a way to ensure guidance in covering learner outcomes and cross curricular integrations of concepts, knowledge, and skills. They have also begun professional learning sessions for teachers and administrators to provide an overview of the curriculum and advise on how to best organize for learning in the fall.

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

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