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The Belgravia News



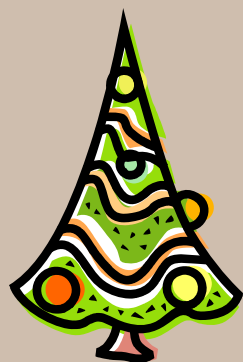
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2010

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Community League
Meetings are held on the
first
Thursday of every month
at 7:30 PM.

If you have items to put
on the agenda please
e-mail the Secretary or
President.

Everyone is welcome to
participate. Please come
and help us to continue to
make Belgravia a
wonderful place to live!



BELGRAVIA HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW



St. Paul's United Church
11526 ~ 76 Ave
December 4th
10 am – 3 pm

Featuring unique items from local artisans such as
silver jewelry, specialty foods, pottery, hand-made
cards, bags of all sorts and much more!
Come have fun and pick up some unique gifts!

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Art Park

Denise Radford Stars in Gardening at the Park in 2010

Denise was at every one of our nine work bees at the Arts Park this summer. Our thanks also go to Belgravia volunteers Sandy Guilbert, Sylvia Forrow, Ruth Craig, Bev & Sam Harbison, Peter Duncan, Linda Haswell, Barb Krahn, Luciana Sacchi, Joyce Spicer, Jeanette Boman, Marita Cairns, and Bill & Marie Walker. Sandy has been a regular weeder since the park opened and we will miss her support as she has moved away from Edmonton.

The Arts Park has a *Partners-in-Parks* agreement with the city. The Community League is responsible for maintaining the perennial bed and the shrub bed in the park and the volunteers did a great job. Work bees are held to do spring and fall clean up and the regular weeding in between. The volunteers tallied 81 hours of work on the beds this year.

This year the fruit trees were pruned to establish proper shaping for future growth. The apple trees are starting to produce lovely apples. Bright red crab apples and high bush cranberries were in good enough supply that community members were able to make small amounts of jelly and cranberry sauce. The Saskatoons didn't produce as well as last year, but there were enough for the weeders to get a little snack when they came to work. The fruit trees and bushes are there for community members to enjoy. If you are wondering about the "rules" feel free to take a little fruit for yourself. Leave some on the tree for the next person, and if it doesn't all get picked the wildlife can enjoy it. Jeanette Boman offered to look after the shrub bed and the extra care is evident in the disappearance of weeds!

If you have an interest in gardening and the fun of doing it with others, as well as learning about Alberta's native plants, please come and join us. We meet on a week night from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. If you leave your contact information this fall you will be contacted when we start in the spring.

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President's Message

Hello all. I hope everything is going well this fall as you prepare for the festive season. I wanted to draw your attention to a few things that are happening in the community. The first is that we have started to rework the content on our website. We are hoping to put together a team that will work on keeping information on the website updated and current. As some of you are aware the way information is getting around has been making considerable changes in the last decade. We need people who are interested in working on a social media team (Webpage, Facebook, Twitter and the newsletter) to help keep our community updated and informed with the understanding we still need to remember that not everyone has access to the internet. Please email or call me or anyone on the BCL board if you are interested in working on this project.

If you have children 11 to 14 you should consider the community cruiser program that is running this winter again. My information tells me that all the kids that participated last year had a great time including my daughter Autumn. See the information below this column. A special thanks to Gwen Berdan for working with the city and community league to get this program going again.

Hopefully this newsletter gets to most your homes in time for you to consider the Empowering Edmonton event. This is promising to be a very exciting day with five of Edmonton's best motivational speakers including Belgravia's own Jim Yih, the treasurer of the BCL. Please look in the newsletter for more information or on the web at www.empoweringedmonton.com

On a final note it looks like the Condos beside the United Church are getting closer to the construction phase with about 18 units being sold. If you are interested in one of these or in the plans please have a look at www.nafdevelopments.com. It is looking like we may see the start of construction in the next year or so.

Oh yea, one more thing.... Go Riders!

Parker Fjeldberg, President president@belgraviaedmonton.ca

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND YOUTH COMMUNITY CRUISER

Ages 11-14

Field Trips Every Friday Night!
Field Trips May Include Wall Climbing,
Laser Tag, Swimming and MORE!!!

FRIDAYS AT THE BELGRAVIA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

(11605-74 Ave)

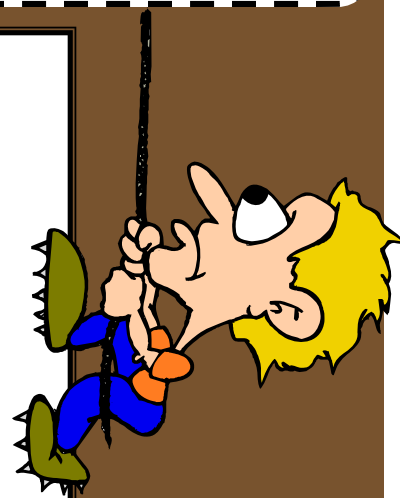
Starting January

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

\$60.00 per child

Check our website in December for further registration
Details.

For program registration Contact City of Edmonton Phone: **311**



St. Paul's United Church invites you to connect with us



Call the church office to register or to purchase tickets

Book discussion: *Three Cups of Tea*

7 pm Wednesday, November 17th

Concert and Dessert Fund Raiser for Campus Ministry

7 pm Saturday, November 20th

You are always welcome Sundays at 10 am

Dramatic Presentation of *David*

10 am Sunday, November 21st

Longest Night – Solstice Service

4 pm Sunday, December 19th

Christmas Eve Worship

6 pm and 9 pm Friday, December 24

www.stpaulsunited.org

11526-76 Avenue

780-436-1555



Belgravia Community League – Out of School Care Program is participating in the Ronald McDonald House "Pop the Top" program. We will be collecting pull tabs from pop cans, pet food, fish and meat tins and soup cans.

Why collect pull tabs? Pull tabs are an easy way to recycle while helping sick children and their families at the same time! Donated pull tabs help provide a home away from home for families while their children are receiving medical treatment at an Edmonton hospital. The money raised from our recycled pull tabs will be used to support the operational costs of Ronald McDonald House Northern Alberta.

Please start collecting your pull tabs and bring them into BOSC (located at the Community League Hall). Contact Jennifer at 780-660-2672 if you need us to come by and pick them up (if you live in Belgravia!)



Holiday Happenings

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Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up Saturday, November 13th 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Sir Winston Churchill Square**

The official lighting of the tree will be followed by a spectacular sound, light and fireworks display! Enjoy live music and entertainment, fun activities and wrap up your Christmas shopping with vendors from the 104th Street City Market.

Bring a food donation for the Edmonton Food Bank and books or toys for Santa's Anonymous to ensure every Edmontonian has a joyous holiday season.

Jingle On Santa Parade Sunday, December 5, 2010 **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Downtown Pedways from Commerce Place, to Manulife Place and through Edmonton City Centre.

Chrystal Christmas Sundays December 12 & 19 1-4 pm Regular admission rates

Take in the sights and sounds of Muttart Conservatory this Christmas. Enjoy our "Ice Crystal concerts" in the Centre Court. Children can play in the "Snowflake Room", (play area) where a festive wonderland of games, crafts and music will be created just for them. Enter to win a beautiful Christmas Gift Basket. Don't forget to purchase a poinsettia – choose from a variety of home grown poinsettias. The selection is great and the poinsettias are full and grand. Get one for yourself or pick some up for gifts.

Senior Candy Cane Tea at the Edmonton Valley Zoo **December 7 and 8th** **1-3pm**

Enjoy a tea just for Seniors. Take a tour of the Zoo followed by Candy Cane tea, hot chocolate and Christmas goodies. Winter admission applies. PH: 780.496.8771

Return of the Magic Old Strathcona/Whyte Ave **Nov 9—Jan 9**

9 store front holiday window exhibits featuring antique mechanical holiday characters.

Fort Edmonton Christmas Reflections—Dec 10-23

Christmas carolling; sleigh rides; crafts; hot chocolate and goodies

A Christmas Past— Rutherford House

Holiday High Tea weekends December
Christmas Dinner and Tales—Dec 9 & 16
Ph 780.427.3995 www.rutherfordhouse.ca





Stuff A Bus

Wednesday November 24th
Calgary Trail
5 am to 7 pm

CP Holiday Train

The goal of the Holiday Train is to collect food and money for local food banks and to raise awareness in the fight against hunger. At each event, the Holiday Train provides a box car stage, a line up of great musical talents and a corporate contribution to the local food bank. The community, in turn, is encouraged to donate food and funds, all of which stays in the community.

December 10th –8:30 pm
North of the Edmonton CP Station
7935 Gateway Blvd.
Featuring The Odds

Tom Jackson

Singing for Supper

Robertson Wesley Church
December 13th Doors open 6pm
Show 6:30 pm General Seating
Tickets \$20.00
Contact: 780-425-2133

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Size	BCL Member	Non Member
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1/4 page	\$25.00	\$35.00
1/2 page	\$45.00	\$60.00
Full page	\$75.00	\$100.00

St. Paul's Playgroup



Infants to Preschoolers with their caregivers are welcome to join St. Paul's Playgroup.

We are an informal, non-denominational, co-operative group that runs from September through June.

We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in the basement of St. Paul's United Church, 11526 - 76 Ave. There is a \$20 fee per family per 'year' which covers toy replacements and upkeep of the room.

Children have access to a toy filled playroom and a large open area that provides space for riding toys and room to run, chase, and make noise.

All attendees provide a snack by taking turns via a sign-up sheet.

For further information call:

Susan @ 780-433-6717 or email susan.andrew@ualberta.ca



**Swim, Drink, & Fish Public Information Session
and North Saskatchewan Riverkeeper
Nov 16 2010 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Presenter: Michael G. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provincial Fisheries Science Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Division, Sustainable Resource Development

Dr. Sullivan will deliver a highly visual, practical and interactive presentation and discussion on the present and future of our ability to swim, drink and fish in the Capital Region and areas upstream and downstream. Dr. Sullivan's presentation is based on research funded by the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) titled, Cumulative Effects Assessment of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed using ALCES ([click for Executive Summary and link to complete report](#)).

There will be lots of time for questions and discussion. Come Join Us!

Hosted by Glenn Isaac of the North Saskatchewan Riverkeeper (NSRK). Glenn will provide a brief introduction of the NSRK.

At 7:00PM, we will host a reception with beverages and snacks prior to the presentation at 7:30PM. **RSVP** Glenn at glenn@saskriverkeeper.ca

Location

Aurora Room

Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta Campus (87 Avenue & 116 Street, just west of the Jubilee Auditorium)



**Lendrum Pottery Group
Christmas Sale
Saturday December 4, 2010
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Lendrum Community League Building
11335 – 57 Ave**

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Our nearest Page location is
8525—109 Street

Most needed—infants & toddlers sizes and Men's sizes

THE FATE OF BELGRAVIA'S LETTERBOXES or USE IT OR LOSE IT.

Two of Belgravia's three letterboxes were removed by Canada Post on August 21. All three were originally on the removal list. The Canada Post representative for the Prairie region was persuaded by phone calls from several of Belgravia's residents to let the red letterbox stay at Belgravia Books. A petition with 137 signatures, collected in less than a week before the box removal, was picked up by Edmonton's assistant to our Member of Parliament, Linda Duncan.

Linda has subsequently met with the Prairie representative for Canada Post. Edmonton's letterbox contents had been audited during three weeks in June for the purpose of culling any with less than 75 pieces of mail a day. Belgravia's Arts' Park letterbox averaged 20 pieces per day. (I had reasoned with the Prairie representative that the 20 pieces were very important to 20 individual citizens since there wasn't a business nearby that could fatten the count.)

Belgravia is lucky to have been able to keep the Belgravia Books letterbox. Of the 90 letterboxes originally on Canada Post's list for removal, only seven were returned after protests from communities.

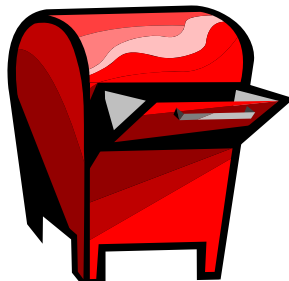
Canada Post is also reviewing hours at the south side depot, which may be reduced.

Musing over the cement pad left behind by Canada Post, a Belgravia resident wondered what the sprites would do for fun without their letterbox to push down on weekend nights.

In order to keep our box at Belgravia Books, we must use it! Get out of the habit of taking your mail to work. Your volume of mail will help keep a local box open for residents who are less mobile and need the nearby service.

Subsequent to the unhappy Canada Post decision when we had to label the Belgravia Books box as such, a wonderful café has opened up on the other side of the letterbox; Gracious Goods. Enjoy our own neighborhood by visiting our local café for a treat and then depositing your mail as you go next door to browse the bookshop.

Use it or lose it.
Joyce Spicer



Public Information Open House South Campus Sectors Plan

Monday, November 29th
5—9 pm

University of Alberta South Campus
Saville Sports Centre Gymnasium
11520—65 Avenue

Presentation by the University of Alberta
7:00 pm

Please join the University of Alberta and learn more about the future development of the University of Alberta South Campus.

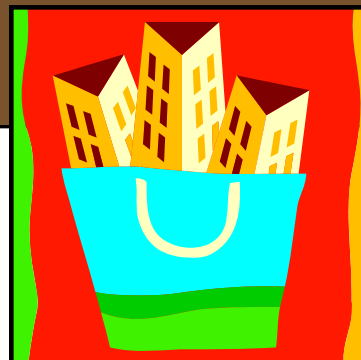
University of Alberta Representatives will be on hand to answer questions about South Campus sector planning, which deals with general development guidelines.

Your participation is important and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Ball at 780-492-4345.

Shop Local

Christmas in November—A Night of Shopping

Kinsmen Clubhouse—River Valley Place
Friday November 19th
7-9 pm
Wine, Snacks and Shopping
Put on by the Kinette Club of Edmonton



Shop Local Shop Till You Drop Expo

Trans Alta Arts Barns—10330—83 Ave
Sunday November 28th
10 am—5 pm
Featuring 62 fabulous Edmonton and area local businesses. One stop shop for unique and wonderful gifts including baby attire, children's toys, jewellery, artwork, tasty treats and more!
Admission is free but a donation to the Food Bank is appreciated.

Make it Edmonton—The Handmade Revolution!

November 25—28th
Alberta Aviation Museum 11410 Kingsway Ave Admission is \$5.00 at the door
www.makeitproductions.com
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Primetime

If you are 55+, join us for coffee and discussion on topics of interest 9:30-11:00 am



*November 9 - Fraud Prevention
December 14 - Finding the
Fountain of Youth*

**McKernan Baptist Church
780-436-0611 11103 76 Avenue**

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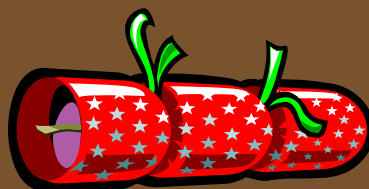
The Little Dickens Children's Choir
Studio "B" Saxophone Quartet
directed by Paula Roberts

Saturday, December 11

2:00 pm

Ellerslie Road Baptist Church
10603 Ellerslie Road

Food Bank Donations
gratefully accepted
Silver Collection



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**BELGRAVIA ELEMENTARY
FUN AUCTION
CASINO ROYALE/"007"
THEME
SAT. NOV. 20th 7 PM
ROYAL GLENORA CLUB
Tickets \$35 each**

Join us for Belgravia's social event of the year!! Enjoy a fantastic evening out while supporting the continued vitality and excellence that your neighbourhood school provides! Meet fellow parents, neighbours and staff while partaking in our "fun" casino and "name that tune" events. Hors d'oeuvres and dessert are provided, with a cash martini bar. Fun \$ can be used on surprise prizes!

Excellent bargains are to be had with over 100 quality silent auction items up for bid including, Oilers tickets (gold seats), Vieta Hobo bag, Ben Sherman wear, 2 Shadow Theatre subscriptions, \$150 for The Melting Pot, a 2 week pass to the YMCA, and much, much more! Many items sell for well under 50% retail.

Our auctioneer, Lew Warke, a Belgravian and longtime fun auction supporter, adds huge entertainment value as he pits bidders against each other. Our unique live auction items include a weekend Corvette rental, a wine tasting hosted by Bin 104, and a Brazilian BBQ!!

The best way to show your support is through the purchase of tickets. These are available at the school office or reserve tickets by emailing Kim Kelly at rufkim@shaw.ca We would love to meet you and prefer your attendance but if you have to miss out and would like to make a donation, a cheque made payable to the "Belgravia Parent Council Society" would be gratefully accepted.

"GREAT DEALS, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT, GREAT CAUSE, WHY NOT?"



**Wishing you and your families a very Happy and
Healthy Holiday Season.**

**See you in 2011!
Your Belgravia Community League Executive**