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#### **Belgravia Community Hall**

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#### Next Submission Deadline

#### April 21, 2017

Banner Picture: Strength and Stretch Class at the Belgravia Community Hall

## Belgravia Playschool Spring Spots Available

A couple of spots have opened in our Tuesday/ Thursday playschool class for April to June.

It's a perfect way to

• try it out if you plan to register your 3-4 year old for the 2017/18 term

• for new families who have moved to the community since last fall's registration and might like to utilize the playschool program for the rest of the term.

Fee: \$125/month. Registration fee waived for these two spots.

For further information go to <u>www.belgraviaedmonton.ca</u> (click on Playschool) or email playschool@belgraviaedmonton.ca



**Belgravia School** 

**Bottle Drive** 

## Saturday May 13

Please mark your calendar and place in front of your house by **9:00** AM

Thank-you for supporting our community school!

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cKernan Community Hall 11341 78 Ave, NW Tuesday, March 28th, 7:30 PM

Email edmonton riverview@assembly.ab.ca.for more details

## **BCL Board Message**

Happy spring everyone! On behalf of the Belgravia Community League Board we hope you enjoy this edition of the Belgravia Newsletter. It's our once-a-month way of keeping you up-to-date with happenings in the 'hood. If you are a member of the BCL, we also send out in-between newsletter updates through what we affectionately call an "E-Blast".

There's a lot going on with the upcoming neighbourhood renewal and transportation management plans. Stay tuned for whatever information we can pass along to you as we learn about it. One issue still be worked out is the plan for a Shared Use Path (SUP) along Saskatchewan Drive going south from 76 Avenue where a current SUP ends. While some residents are in favour of the extension, others are concerned about various aspects of the plan. City planners met with several of those opposed to the SUP on February 25 to hear those concerns and look for possible solutions. We are currently waiting for the City's detailed response to such questions as to whether trees will be removed or damaged, where and how much will the roadway along SK DR be narrowed to accommodate the SUP and what overall measures will be taken to accommodate walkers, runners, cyclists, people who use strollers, walkers and wheel chairs along this route as well as those who use the 'off leash' dog park and park along the road in this area Belgravia. Your responses and concerns can be taken to buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca

BCL membership numbers continue to climb ... now at 423 and counting! With this continuing success, we are working hard to expand our program offerings too. Our board is made up of volunteers. As we end this current membership year, we will be recruiting new board members. Let us know if you are interested in getting involved. Our goal is to connect people, build our community, keep people informed and to help people engage in wider city processes.

If you don't know your neighbours please take the time to introduce yourself. You never know when you may to borrow an egg or a cup of flour!

#### Heather Scherer Acting President

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## **Construction Practices & Infill Projects**

Here are some of the initiatives going on in Edmonton with respect to infill and construction practices.

You are invited to an Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

#### **Construction Issues Committee Meeting**

#### 7 pm, March 30 at the EFCL Office, 7103 105 Street

Purpose:

- 1. Share construction experiences in the last year.
- 2. Prepare feedback to City Council and Administration. In the last year the City has created an Infill Compliance Team, increased penalties for bad construction practices, required lot grading plans for all new housing construction sites, required Development Permit Signs on construction sites and more. What has worked well, and what still needs to be improved? What more needs to be done?

There are several upcoming opportunities to speak to a number of agenda items of the City <u>Council Urban Planning Committee</u>:

- April 5- Status Report on the Infill Compliance Team
- May 3 Status Report on Lot Grading
- May 24 Construction Excavation and Compliance Report

If you are unavailable for the March 30 meeting, please feel free to forward your construction experiences and your comments to <u>Bev.Zubot@efcl.org</u>.

#### C4RD: Citizens for Responsible Development:

In response to City Council's infill densification project a group of concerned citizens has come together to form C4RD (Citizens for Responsible Development). You may want to check into C4RD if you are interested in the issues arising from infill. This society wants to convey a citywide message to Council, that a large numbers of constituents desire to be heard and heeded and Edmonton's infill densification project needs to be revisited.

Here is the link to the C4RD websitel:<u>http://c4rd.ca/</u>



Belgravia School students enjoying the playground.

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## Treat Yourself to Some Meal Planning & Support the BCL Playschool at the Same Time ...

Who hasn't wished for an organized freezer full of healthy, delicious, and economical meals to minimize the stress of meal preparation? Here's a chance to make that wish come true with the Belgravia Cooperative Playschool (BCP) fund raising initiative through Simply Supper, a local Edmonton meal making based business located at 2305 Rabbit Hill Road.

Simply Supper's meal preparation studio makes getting a healthy, home-cooked meal on your table easy. You can either put together bulk meals in advance or for a small charge, choose the already assembled meals option. With recipes that use all fresh ingredients (diced, chopped and shredded to save time during assembly sessions), the meals are bagged and ready to store in the freezer or be used for your dinner that evening.

Simply Supper helps all kinds of community groups with their fundraising needs by contributing \$10 for every \$100 gift card it sells. It's a win for the BCP and a win for you by making those "What's for supper?" questions easy to answer.

Other Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How much does it cost to assemble Simply Supper Meals? You pay \$115 for 6 meals (2-3 servings each) and \$200 for 6 meals (4-6 servings each). That's as low as \$5.50 per serving. If you assemble 24 meals, the cost per serving comes down to as low as \$4.97.
- 2. Do I have to assemble? No, they can do it for you. The cost would be \$15 extra for 6 meals.
- 3. Can I make the meal assembly a social outing? Yes! The BCP has already booked the first Belgravia Private Party for 7 pm, April 28, 2017 for neighbours and friends who want to assemble their meals together. Contact Simply Supper directly (780 433 6958) to register for this assembly event. Although spots available fill up quickly, the BCP will book further private parties as needed.
- Do I have to make it a social outing? No! Any individual can book an assembly spot online (www.simplysupper.ca) or purchase Ready-to-go meals for the extra fee.
- 5. OK I want to buy my Simply Supper gift card(s). Now what? E-mail playschool@belgraviaedmonton.ca to place your order. Gift cards will be available by March 31. Once payment arrangements (cash or cheque made out to the BCP) are made, your Simply Supper gift card(s) will be delivered to your door. You'll be one step closer to making some of the meal planning in your home just a little bit easier and ... you will have supported the playschool program in Belgravia too. Thank you in advance for doing that!



Scrimger and Logan Rowe

## **Upper Hall Entryway Bench Installed**

Cam McGregor rose to the challenge when he was asked if he could refurbish one of the benches salvaged from the old hall skate change room. His carpenter's eye saw hope for the wood ... especially when he identified it as mahogany.

Taking the boards and metal structural supports apart, Cam reworked, sanded, and stained the wood back to life. This past week Cam installed the bench in the entryway of the upper hall. It is incredibly satisfying to see this bench move on to its next chapter at the hall. If it only could tell stories of all the people it has supported over the years ... and now, years to come.



THANK YOU Cam for donating your time and resources and making this salvage project possible. It's people like you who help make Belgravia a great community!

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## **Events in the Community**

## Strength & Stretch: Fit for Life

What: This is a great class to work on your strength, flexibility, core and balance training. All individual fitness needs will be accommodated. It is ideal for staying active in a supportive safe environment close to home.

We need YOU to register this session to help us make it happen.

When: April 21 - June 23; 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Where: Belgravia Community League lower hall

Cost: BCL members - \$80 session/\$15 drop in Non-members - \$110 session/\$20 drop

Payment can be made in cash or cheque (made out to the BCL)

Registration/Payment Deadline: April 13, 2017 Note: A minimum of 12 participants are needed to run the program.

## Family/Toddler Time

This is a time where the lower hall is open to let your children run around and explore different toys on Sunday afternoons (please bring some to share). The more families that attend the more fun we will have.

When: Sundays 3-5pm

Cost: \$5 per family

Contact: Heather Scherer for more info, no registration required.

### Belgravia School Science Fair

Come out and see the innovative science projects of Belgravia students. April 6 6:00 -8:00 pm in the school gym.

### Belgravia School Scholastic Book Fair.

Stop by and select from a wide variety of children's books. April 4 & 5 11:30 - 12:30 & 3:30 - 4:30 and April 6 11:30 - 12:30 in the school gym.

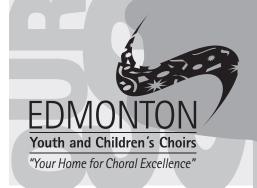
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Belgravia Cooperative Playschool is now accepting registrations for three and four year olds for the 2017-18 school year.

Located in the newly renovated Belgravia Hall, the not-for-profit preschool program has been serving the area for more than 40 years.

Registration forms available at: www.belgraviaedmonton.ca or by contacting: playschool@belgraviaedmonton.ca.



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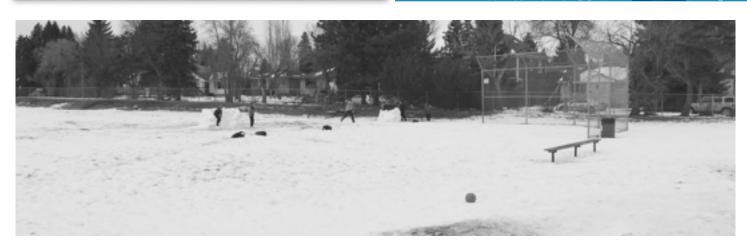
#### **Belgravia Community League**

11540-73 Avenue

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Registration opens March 15, 2017

- To Register
- Call 311
- Online at ereg.edmonton.ca
- In person at any City of Edmonton Recreation Leisure Centre



## Made in Belgravia: Soapstone Carving

The first round of Soapstone Carving classes facilitated by Pat Galbraith in the upper BCL Hall is finishing up with some beautiful results. By the photographs below, you will agree we have some amazing sculptors in Belgravia. A second series of soapstone carving classes beginning on March 27 is now filled but plans are underway for a another class in September, 2017. Stay tuned ...









## Meet Your Neighbour - Audrey Inouye

Audrey came to Edmonton in January 2001 for a one-year nutrition internship after completing her degree in nutrition from the University of Guelph. That day her room mates took her skating to Hawrelak Park. As fate would have it, one of the people she met on the ice was Dave McMillan and a classic Canadian love story unfolded: shinny every Sunday for the rest of winter, potluck dinners with her new found friends and a wedding the following year!

Taro, their first son, was born in 2005. A year later, and more or less by chance they moved to Belgravia. At the time, Audrey was working as a First Nations dietician for Health Canada. While her work required some travel throughout Alberta, Audrey was mostly based in Edmonton. Their second son, Kiyoshi was born in 2007 and when Taro was 3, Audrey began a "six year volunteer career" with the Belgravia Cooperative Playschool (BCP).

In 2009, Audrey and Dave took leaves from their work, rented out their Belgravia home and along with Tao and Kiyoshi, spent 9 months travelling to Indonesia, Thailand, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica & Nicaragua. They did it again from January - July 2015 when they went to Sri Lanka, India, Malvasia, Thailand, Morocco, Spain & France. By this time 3 year old Kaito (in the photo below with Audrey) was also part of the adventure. For a fascinating read, check out heir travel blog at: www.mcnouye.travellerspoint.com

Audrey returned to Belgravia in time to help relocate the BCP to St. Paul's United Church during Hall Renewal project. Along with her dedicated BCP team, she took on all the onerous tasks called for by such a move. With the BCP back in the new hall this past fall and Kaito in his final year, Audrey is the first to acknowledge how a community playschool can lead to life-long family friendships.

While on leave from Health Canada for the past 5 years, Audrey continued to develop her nutrition expertise around a diet shown to have a profound effect on Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). The diet is extremely challenging and typically, people require assistance to stay with it. Audrey sought out the

necessary training and became one of a handful of expert IBS diet advisors across Canada. You can read more about out her phone and video based IBS nutrition business at: <u>www.IBSNutrition.com</u>

It is no surprise that Audrey is a fan of the BCP's Simply Supper fund raising drive. The meals are nutritious, family friendly, time-saving, economical and community oriented ... everything that Audrey values and appreciates. Given the way Dave and Audrey met, it is also not surprising to learn the family iced in their backyard this past winter for the boys and neighbourhood kids to skate to their heart's content.

What has been a surprise for them however, Audrey says is that: *"We moved to Belgravia thinking it would be for just a few years before we found a bigger house somewhere else. We had NO idea that Belgravia would be such a great community. Now, we can't imagine leaving."* 

And, Belgravia is all the better because the Inouye/ McMillan family want to remain here. They're still interested in finding that bigger house though. If you want to sell or hear of a two story ready for a family like theirs, let Audrey know! (audrey.inouye@gmail.com)

