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**Next Submission Deadline** 

January 12, 2017

# Christmas Craft Sale Belgravia Marketplace



Thursday, December 1, 2016 7:00 – 9:00 pm Belgravia Community Hall

There will be art, crafts, and holiday music. Come and meet your neighbours!

# 34th Annual Pumpkin Party

Thank you to the Reg and Jane Norby and their family for once again hosting the Annual Pumpkin Party. The event was well attended and fun for all ages. A wonderful Belgravia tradition.



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# President's Message

Five ½ years ago, when my husband Jay and I moved into Belgravia, we knew that we had moved into a special pocket of the city. Our neighbours, who had lived in their house in Belgravia for over 50 years, hosted a 'wine and cheese' event to welcome us to the community, and to introduce us to some of our surrounding neighbours. I left the event with a hand drawn map that included all of my new neighbours' names and phone numbers.

For someone new(ish) to the country, who only really knew her husband and workmates, having a genuine sense of community was important to me. I was delighted when a position on the board became available so that I could step up and make a contribution to Belgravia. The opening of our amazing new hall - the hall for all - is an important reminder of how so many Belgravians came together to make an enduring contribution to our community.

We are in the teething stages of getting the building fully operational. We now have three registered programs; Post Natal Yoga, Zumba, and Pilates, along with 'drop in family time' on Sunday afternoons between 3:00-5pm. Taekwondo classes for school-aged children have begun as well along with our 'Made in Belgravia' series of neighbours-teaching-neighbours sessions. The Lower Hall and its outdoor access helped make our 34 th Annual Pumpkin Party a huge success this past October. The Lower Hall is proving itself again as a very convenient space for our 3rd Annual December Holiday Marketplace ... shopping local at its best!

To find out what's happening in the community, join the BCL Face Book page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/belgraviaedmonton">https://www.facebook.com/belgraviaedmonton</a>) and subscribe to the BCL web page (<a href="http://belgraviaedmonton.ca">http://belgraviaedmonton.ca</a>). And of course, don't forget to read the Belgravian Newsletter that's delivered right to your door. Between Belgravian Newsletters, we also keep our members informed of upcoming events through once weekly (at the most) "E-Blasts". As volunteers, we try our best to get relevant information out to everyone. You can help us do that by joining the BCL and giving permission to be on our 'organization protected' electronic mailing list.

There are so many great things going on at the moment, and I hope you all feel as excited about our community's future as I do.

Heather Scherer Acting President



Belgravia
School Grade 4
& 5 nature field
trip and
walking school
bus with guest
walker, School
Board
Chairman
Michael Janz.



### **Events in the Community:**

#### **Pilates Mat Class**

#### Beginners/Intermediate Level

A class for those new to Pilates, post natal moms, and individuals wanting to develop core strength for other activities or for a better quality of life. The focus is on building muscle tone, core strength and body awareness using specific exercises and breathing techniques.

Instructor: Mike Daniel D.C.

When: Wednesdays 7:30- 8:30 p.m. January 11th-

March 15th.

Where: Belgravia Community League upper hall Cost: BCL members \$130 / non-members \$150 Contact: Annette Stupar-Cairns for information

and to register at

programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca.

Payment in cash or cheque made out to the BCL Minimum 8 & maximum12 participants.

Registration and payment deadline: January 4th.

#### **Taekwondo**

Taekwondo is a fun and exciting. confidence building martial art great for children, that teaches self defense, discipline and respect to others. Taekwondo classes for 4-12 year olds starting January 10th.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 10 for 8 weeks.

Tuesdays: 4-7 year olds - 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

8-12 year olds - 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Thursdays: 4-7 year olds - 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

8-12 year olds - 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Belgravia Community lower hall Cost: \$140 for the session plus \$30 for a child appropriate weapon. Uniform and testing fees are extra.

Contact: Please contact Adrienne to register at <a href="mailto:adrienne\_cheng@hotmail.com">adrienne\_cheng@hotmail.com</a>

#### **Belgravia School Holiday Cards**

Watch for the Belgravia School Holiday Cards! These are made and delivered by students to houses close to Belgravia school to wish the community all the best over the holiday season.

#### Sit and Be Fit

Sit and be fit is a safe effective exercise program for seniors and individuuals with limited physical motion that helps build functional fitness and strength by doing a variety of exercises while seated.

Instructor: Elise Ure

When: January 13th-March 17th 1:00-2:00 p.m. Where: Upper hall Belgravia Community League Cost: \$80 for BCL members, \$15 for a member drop-in / \$100 for non-members, \$20 for a non-member drop-in

**Contact:** Annette Stupar-Cairns for information and to register at

#### programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Payment in cash or cheque made out to the BCL A minimum of 12 participants are needed in order for the course to run

Registration and payment deadline: January 6th

#### **Baby/Toddler Family Time**

Drop-in to the hall on a Sunday afternoon for some family fun.

Where: Lower hall of the Belgravia Community

League

When: Sundays 3-5 p.m.

Cost: Drop-n fee \$5 per family

#### **Zumba Class**

Great class for those interested in a fun aerobic workout. Zumba is a fitness program combining dance and aerobic movements to energetic music. Come join and dance to great music, with great people and burn a ton of calories while doing it! Instructor: Allison Moore

When: Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m. January 9th-

March 20th (No class on February 20th)

Where: Belgravia Community League lower hall Cost: BCL members \$80, \$15 drop-in / Non-

members \$100, \$20 drop-in

**Contact:** Annette Stupar-Cairns for information and to register at

#### programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Payment in cash of cheque made out to the BCL Minimum of 12 participants required

Registration & payment deadline: January 2nd

## Landscaping at the New Hall

Landscaping at the new hall happened this past fall because of some pretty amazing volunteers ... from the design and ordering of hardy, drought tolerant shrubs, to planting them, to picking up and arranging the drainage rocks under the water spout, to saving newspapers and layer under the bark chips for weed control, to picking up and spreading a few tons of bark chips over the

whole area as a final topping. If you haven't had a chance to walk by and check it out, please do.

Thanks to: Kathy Goble, Ken Goble, Mary Jo Flannigan, Rosalynn Ruptash, Lois Benson, Joe McVie, Joan McVie, Kevin Taft and Jeanette Boman (and those who came out to help but were foiled by the rain, Linda Haswell, Susan Kamp and Barb Krahn). A final 5 ton load of free wood chips from Chipps Tree Care Edmonton was enough to finish everything off including topping up the Arts Park fruit tree and shrub bed.





# Belgravia Traffic Management Plan

As a result of traffic volume and traffic safety concerns raised by many residents, the city has agreed to implement a Community Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) along with the Belgravia Neighbourhood Renewal project, in order to improve traffic safety and where possible discourage short-cutting by vehicles traveling "through" but not "to" our neighbourhood. Several CTMP measures are being implemented on a trial basis, so their effectiveness can be evaluated prior to developing a final Traffic Management Plan. Most of these temporary measures are already in place.

Although the measures primarily target improved safety for pedestrian and cyclists, their traffic calming effects can also improve motor vehicle safety and discourage some short-cutters. More detailed information about the city's CTMP project for Belgravia is provided below in an article provided by the city.

You have probably noticed some of these temporary measures, such as the speed tables on Saskatchewan Drive. How do you feel these measures have affected your safety as a pedestrian in the neighbourhood? As a cyclist? As a motorist?

The City will conduct ongoing measurements of traffic impacts and in spring 2017 they will present their findings and solicit resident feedback. Meanwhile, the Belgravia Transportation Committee would welcome your comments on the effectiveness of the measures at: <a href="mailto:transportation@belgraviaedmonton.ca">transportation@belgraviaedmonton.ca</a>. You may also contact the City at <a href="mailto:belgraviaedmonton.ca">belgraviaedmonton.ca</a> (please copy the Transportation@belgraviaedmonton.ca).

Below is the City of Edmonton update on the project. - Steve Shroeder

# City of Edmonton Belgravia Traffic Management Plan Update December 2016

#### **Background**

During public engagement for the Belgravia Neighbourhood Renewal and the Engage 106-76 projects, residents, businesses, and other community stakeholders expressed concern that Belgravia is experiencing significant traffic issues.

In response, the City of Edmonton is partnering with the community to examine Belgravia's traffic challenges and explore potential traffic management solutions through a Community Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). Although each project is separate, feedback from residents on the other projects provided a starting point for the Belgravia traffic management team.

#### What We Have Heard

In December of 2015, a telephone survey of residents in the Belgravia area was conducted. Two hundred and six residents completed the survey, which helped City staff understand some of the issues, (the complete survey results are available on the City of Edmonton website).

This past May and June, the CTMP City staff met with a group of residents from Belgravia to continue the conversation around traffic concerns and future community engagement. On September 6, a traffic street lab meeting was held for Belgravia residents to try out experimental traffic measures and provide feedback. The street lab remained on Belgravia streets until September 16 for residents to experience and provide their feedback.

### What's happening now?

On October 5, the City project team presented a concept plan for temporary traffic management measures to be installed. The following measures and locations have been installed and will remain in Belgravia for the duration of the winter months with continuous monitoring throughout the trial period.

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Trial measures and locations currently installed:

**Speed Table** (to be Raised Crosswalk if permanently constructed)

This measure is being used to decrease speed on Saskatchewan Drive.

- Saskatchewan Drive and alley between 78 Avenue and 79 Avenue
- Saskatchewan Drive and 76 Avenue

Raised crosswalks are crosswalks constructed 3-4 inches above the elevation of the street. They typically have a profile similar to a speed table. Raised crosswalks are intended to reduce vehicle speeds specifically where pedestrians will be crossing a street.

#### **Curb Extension**

This measure is being used to increase pedestrian safety and decrease speeding.

- 119 Street and University Avenue
- 115 Street and University Avenue
- 118 Street and 74 Avenue
- 116 Street and 74 Avenue

A curb extension is used to extend the sidewalk. It can reduce the pedestrian crossing distance and narrow the roadway. They can be installed either at intersections or midblock.

#### No access to University Avenue

This measure is being used to reduce shortcutting through the neighbourhood.

• Service road between Saskatchewan Drive and 119 Street

#### One-way westbound

This measure is being used to reduce shortcutting through the neighbourhood.

• Service road between Saskatchewan Drive and 119 Street

To be installed December 2016

### Driver Feedback Sign

This measure will be used to give immediate feedback to drivers on their speed. Driver feedback signs are proven to be effective in reducing speed in many cases.

• 115 Street just north of 79 Avenue

To be installed December 2016

#### Median Islands

This measure is being used to increase pedestrian safety by adding crosswalks and creating a more controlled intersection through signage and directional islands.

• 116 Street and 77 Avenue

#### What's next?

The City will be monitoring the measures throughout the trial period and in the spring of 2017, report back to the community on the impact of the measures. This will also be an opportunity for residents to share their experience of the measures to the city. Based on the traffic data collected and the information shared by residents throughout the trial period, a plan for permanent measures will be presented to the community in spring 2017 and the construction of any permanent traffic measures will be incorporated into the 2017-2018 Neighbourhood Renewal construction.

Your questions and feedback are welcome throughout the trial period at <a href="mailto:belgraviatraffic@edmonton.ca">belgraviatraffic@edmonton.ca</a>

For more information please go to the website: www.edmonton.ca/belgraviatraffic

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# Made in Belgravia Series

#### 1. An Exploration of Painting With Watercolours

When: Wednesday afternoons from 1 - 3 pm; (Jan 11 - March 15, 2017)

Where: BCL Upper Hall

Facilitated by: Pat Galbraith, well-known Belgravia artist who will help you learn some amazing watercolour techniques and discover your own 'inner artist'.

Please Register By: December 28, 2016 at MIB@belgraviaedmonton.ca

- Registration fee: \$85 for BCL/associate members; \$100 for non-community league members. Maximum registrants = 15
- Once registered and prior to the first class, participants will be informed about the materials they will need to purchase including the option to share in the cost of a bulk paper purchase order.

#### 2. Soapstone Carving

When: Monday evenings from 7 - 9 pm (Jan 9 - March 13, 2017)

Where: BCL Upper Hall

Facilitated By: Pat Galbraith, well-known Belgravia sculptor whose front yard sculptures are known to many of us in the neighbourhood. In her November 21, 2016 Made in Belgravia demonstration class, participants were thrilled to see what they could carve in two hours. Imagine what you might create in 10 weeks.

- Please Register By: December 28, 2016 at MIB@belgraviaedmonton.ca
- Registration fee: \$85 for BCL/associate members; \$100 for non-community league members. Maximum registrants = 15
- Once registered and prior to the first class, participants will be informed about the materials they will need to purchase including the option to share in the cost of a bulk paper purchase order.

If you would like to do a Made in Belgravia presentation or have some suggestions for future presentations contact Jeanette Boman at <u>pastpresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca</u> and she'll get it rolling.

## Belgravia E-Blasts

The Belgravia E-Blast is an email update of what's happening in the community. We try to keep them to a minimum but it is a helpful reminder if you've misplaced your newsletter or something comes up between newsletters.

We're in the process of updating our 2016-17 BCL membership list and are currently using a combination of last year's e-mails and this year's new ones.

If you **DO NOT** want to receive BCL "E-Blasts" like this, please let us know. When our 2016-17 membership list is established, anyone who has not renewed will automatically be withdrawn from the BCL E-blast list.

# Belgravia Community League Membership

As of November 18, we have 357 members - quickly closing in on last years total! Thank you to everyone who has purchased a membership this year.

To get a membership:

1. Complete the form, return the whole page in an envelope with a cheque, and leave it in the mailbox at :

11691 72 Ave

or 11607 77 Ave

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11532 74 Ave

We will drop off your membership card.

2. You can also get a membership online by credit card through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues at <a href="http://www.efcl.org/">http://www.efcl.org/</a>. There is a \$5 processing charge.

Belgravia Community League membership Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #2: # of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive BCL e-mail news? yes/no Receive BCL e-mail news? yes/no BCL e-mail news is additional to the paper edition and is for members only. Please sign up every year. Need skate tags for use at other community rinks? yes / no Want to help with community league activities? yes / no Type of membership: □ Family (\$30) □ single (\$15) □ couple (\$15) □ senior (single/couple) (\$15) □ Associate (\$15)

# Streetlights for Belgravia - Have you voted?

What's your choice? It's important that all property owners in Belgravia vote - the original deadline for voting has been extended from November 15 to November 30, 2016.

- 1. The standard galvanized steel LED streetlight is included in the cost of neighbourhood renewal.
- 2. The decorative LED streetlight option carries a one-time \$13\* (approximately) per metre of property frontage. An average 50-ft. lot works out to a one-time cost of about \$200, or about \$15.54 per year if paid as a levy on your annual taxes over a 15 year period.

\*Current estimate, to be updated for each property if majority chooses this option; formula varies for condos & corner lots.

How to vote: You should have received an "Expression of Interest" (EOI) from the City in September. That's your ballot. If you can't find it, email <a href="mailto:streetlights@belgraviaedmonton.ca">streetlights@belgraviaedmonton.ca</a> and we will send you a new one. Once the form is completed and signed (everyone with an ownership interest in the property needs to sign), you can email <a href="mailto:streetlights@belgraviaedmonton.ca">streetlights@belgraviaedmonton.ca</a> to have it picked up or drop it off c/o Laurie de Grace at 7606 - 118 Street.

Questions? Phone Laurie de Grace at 780-904-8749.