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Belgravia Community Hall

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Next Submission Deadline

August 19, 2016

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Save the Date!

September 17, 2016

Belgravia Community League:
Grand Hall Opening
Annual Community League Day
Annual General Meeting
3rd Annual Belgravia Hustle

September 17th will be a big day for our community. Mark your calendars.

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Celebrities in the Arts Park

11 year old, Seamus Muldrew, spotted these visitors to the Belgravia Arts Park through the front window just after father's day dinner. It was very exciting!

Arts Park Maintenance - The Weeding Gang

Thanks to all who have been able to join Kathy and Ken Goble in the maintenance of the Arts Park so far! The wildflower bed looks great..... cared for and wild at the same time.

There are still some weeding nights available, August 9, August 23 and September 6. Bring good gloves as there are Canada Thistles that will be quite nasty. Also, bring your favorite weeding tools. We do have some available but not many.

Finally, a couple of wildflower tidbits for two of our current bloomers:

Small- leaved Everlasting (also known as Pussy Toes)

Fifteen species of Pussy-toes grow in Alberta. These plants get their common name of Pussy-toes from the tiny, soft, fuzzy flower clusters which resemble a kitten's paw. They grow in dry, open grasslands, pastures and on eroded banks.

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Gaillardia (also Blanket Flower or Brown-eyed Susan)

Gaillardia is very common farther south in Alberta and in the Rocky Mountains, where it can be seen growing in gravel by the side of the road. It grows in a few isolated patches in the Edmonton area, mainly on south-facing slopes. The fragrant flowers are especially attractive to butterflies.

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Decorative Streetlights

There have been some inquiries about why the streetlights are being replaced. As a part of our neighbourhood renewal, all streetlights in Belgravia will be changed to LED fixtures. In mature neighbourhoods, the majority of the lighting systems are at the end of their life expectancy. Deteriorated poles, bases and wiring require replacement to ensure safe, efficient operation and reduce future repairs.

What is Replaced?

- Street Light Poles - new galvanized poles
- Underground Bases - new concrete bases
- Electrical wiring system - updated wiring to new electrical codes
- Light fixtures - new fixtures

Standard galvanized poles are installed with standard light fixtures.

Benefits of LED light fixtures over High Pressure Sodium fixtures

- Reduces CO2 emissions
- More energy efficient providing energy savings
- Longevity and decreased energy consumption offer significant maintenance savings
- Control of light dispersion spreads light out evenly and reduces light pollution and light trespass



With the option to enhance the appearance of Belgravia with Decorative Streetlights, efforts are being made to move forward. Thank you to everyone who provided input and/or attended the meeting to select the Decorative Streetlight design to be pursued for Belgravia. The majority selected the Heritage Arm in Black with the Octagonal Pole.

Estimated Cost

There is an additional cost to property owners for the Decorative Streetlights. Property owners have the choice of paying a one-time lump sum or a yearly payment over 15 years. The following are the cost estimates for a typical 50 ft lot:

One-time Cash payment	\$360
Yearly rate for 15 years	\$36

All property owners will receive an Expression of Interest (EOI) from the City by September 1. In order to move forward with the Decorative Streetlights we need support from 50% + 1 of the property owners. This means that if you support this initiative you must sign and return the EOI to the City by November 15th.

I have been asked a number of questions regarding the streetlights and the process. The following are the questions and the responses from the City.

1. *What is the life expectancy of the coloured poles. Is there a difference between the painted and the plain galvanized poles?*

The powder coated poles are galvanized underneath the powder coating so the life expectancy is the same.



2. *What is the durability of all poles?*

We have a 7 year warranty on the powder coating.

3. *How does the height of the light with the Heritage Arm compare the standard streetlight? There was concern that it was lower and might not be visible through the tree canopy.*

The pole height and arm length of the decorative poles and the galvanized davits are the same so light levels are not affected by the decorative options. In areas with heavy tree canopies, we use a shorter pole to reduce the light obstructions created by the trees. The light levels on the road will not be diminished because of the shorter poles.

4. *If we are unsuccessful in moving forward with the Decorative Streetlights, do we still have the option of choosing the Decorative Street Address Blades? Is there a cost associated with these blades?*

Communities can choose decorative street blades with or without decorative lights. If the communities are not successful with the EOI then the community will be responsible for 100% of the cost of the blades.

5. *Since Belgravia is a part of the 106/76 project, what streetlight design will be used on 76 Ave? Will it be consistent with the choice made by Belgravia?*

This is currently being reviewed in coordination with the Engage 106-76 concept plan.

6. *How is the additional cost of the Decorative Streetlights calculated for owners of condominiums?*

Often the living units, parking stalls and storage spaces all have separate tax roll numbers. For example, if the cost for the assessed lot is \$1,000 cash cost and there are 250 tax roll properties for the condominium the cost for each tax roll would be \$4. If one person owns a living unit, one parking stall and one storage space all with separate tax rolls they would pay \$12 total (3 properties x \$4). Also note that each property with a tax roll has a vote for the EOI. So in the case of the owner above they would have three votes.

7. *If property owners do not respond to the EOI, is that considered to be "not in favour" of the Decorative Streetlights? That is, the onus is on those who want the Decorative option to respond in favour?*

If property owners do not respond to the EOI then that is considered to be a "not in favour". You are correct that the onus for the EOI is for those that are in favour. As these costs do go on the tax roll the City wants to ensure that the majority of property owners are in favour of the project prior to it moving forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at streetlights@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Laurie de Grace

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Please contact ph. [780-964-2391](tel:780-964-2391) or icolmers@gmail.com with any tips or offers. No realtor necessary - willing to negotiate. Thanks, Robert Gray and Isabelle Colmers.

Crossing the Finish Line: Hall Renewal Nearly Complete

A dream that began fourteen years ago will be fulfilled in a matter of weeks when the Belgravia Community League's hall renewal is completed and the site restored and sodded. Many hundreds of people from our neighborhood have supported this project since the league's president in 2002, Dan Carroll, wrote to City officials about the need to renovate the hall "to better serve the needs of the League programs." In the years since then the league's boards and members have worked hard to keep the dream alive and this summer it will come true.

This success is rooted in a neighborhood that worked together to build the original hall in 1955, and undertook a major renovation and expansion in 1994. Generations of good habits carried this project forward.

In the generous spirit of Belgravians, contributions have continued to come in. Several thousand dollars have been committed in the past couple of months. To help us acknowledge your contributions Wei Yew, an internationally-recognized graphic artist who lives in Belgravia, has designed a special wall of recognition that will bear the names of contributors, to be unveiled in September.

It is never too late to make a contribution. We need your support to re-pay loans and you will be acknowledged. The average contribution has been over one thousand dollars-- amazing generosity. You can contribute through PayPal at Belgraviaedmonton.ca, or mail a cheque to "Belgravia Community League" to P.O. Box 52202, Edmonton, T6G 2T5.

A Hall for All--- brought to you by the people of Belgravia.

The Belgravia Hall Renewal Committee is Kathy Brodeur-Robb; Michael Cohen; Kathy Goble; Dale Rowe; Eugene Silva; Kevin Taft, chair. If you have questions please chat with us.

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July 4 - August 25

Monday - Friday 10:00 - 1:30 PM

Little Nature Nuts - Windsor Park

4 - 6 year olds enjoy the wonderful world of nature

July 4 - 8 (Monday - Friday) 9-11:30

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Pop-Up Play - McKernan Park

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July 4 - August 25

Mondays & Thursdays - 2:30 - 6

Belgravia Traffic Management Plan - Save the Date

Belgravia residents are invited to a community traffic management meeting with the City of Edmonton from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6 at St. Paul's United Church lower hall (11526 76 Avenue). You will have the chance to share your knowledge of the neighbourhood and identify areas where there may be traffic issues around the neighbourhood.

You can go to the City of Edmonton website and type Belgravia traffic into the search to find out more about this project.



Belgravia Cooperative Playschool is now accepting registrations for three and four year olds for the 2016-17 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.belgraviaplayschool.com

or by contacting:

playschool@belgraviaedmonton.ca.

Meet Your Neighbour - Bill Brady

Bill Brady lives in the north half of Belgravia and is frequently seen out puttering in or should I say maintaining his yard. In fact he is seen in all the Google map street views of his house, even though they are taken at different times. For people in the neighbourhood, Bill is well known and is always available for great and informed conversations about the state of the neighbourhood, the city, the province, the country and the world in general. Here's Bill...

Hello Neighbours, my name is Charles William Lawrence Lugsdin Brady and I have lived in Belgravia since December of 1984. I was born in Montreal and lived on the south shore in a town called Otterburn Park. It was part of a French Seigneurie, eventually becoming an English estate with manor house called Campbell Estate, along the Richelieu River. My parents, five siblings and I lived on the side of Mont St Hilaire and had quite a lovely time doing all the things kids did in the country.

I eventually came out here for a second degree and decided to make Alberta my home. In 1980 I married my wife Pearl and moved to Belgravia a few years later. In due course we had two daughters, Sabrina and then Brittany. We also have a little Westie named Jack, quite famous in our part of Belgravia.

What I like best about Belgravia is the trees and the river valley but also the people here tend to be a little different. Some are Baby Boomers a few older original settlers from the late forties, early fifties and sixties. Now a whole new influx of younger professionals with young families, bigger new homes and great mortgages.

I don't know if I have a favourite restaurant but some meals have been memorable: Tasty Toms on Whyte for a great hamburger, Hardware Grill on 97th and Post Hotel in Lake Louise, for both our tenth and thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

As for vacations, we have travelled to many places: Florence Italy, Hong Kong, Salt Spring Island, Newfoundland and Oregon. The world is still a wonderful place to visit. Just another reminder about what I like about Belgravia, the kids here travel and have a knowledge of life not seen in many communities.

Now I have to pad this little expose with, what's your favourite movie? For some reason I liked Moonstruck with Cher and Nicholas Cage. If I was stuck in an elevator I would most like to meet a twenty-one year old me so I could inform him of the pitfalls he needed to avoid. As for guilty snacks, good salted peanuts from the Farmer's Market. I am not reading any great books right now but my taste runs the gamut from politics, history and detective stories. As for something I would miss dearly, water, I like to shower daily. Words to live by "There is only one race 'human', get it!

There Gail I have done my job as a good neighbour. Belgravia is a beautiful place to live except during rush hours when you want to get out. Love Bill Brady.



Bill and Jack