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## Community League Day BBQ and 2nd Annual Belgravia Hustle

### Saturday, September 19

Please mark your calendars for our second running of the Belgravia Hustle. All races will begin at 3 p.m. with race kits ready for pick up at 2 p.m. You can choose either the 2 km kids walk, 3 km canine hustle or the 5 km and 10 km races. Find race information and register early at **belgraviahustle.com**.

We are still in need of race volunteers — if you're interested in helping out during the afternoon, please email **programs@ belgraviaedmonton.ca**.

Immediately following the completion of the races, we will hold our annual Community League Day BBQ! Join us in the Arts Park for **food, music and games** to kick off our annual membership drive – it's guaranteed to be a fun, family-friendly afternoon with your Belgravia neighbours!

Visit **belgraviaedmonton.ca** for more information and to find out how to get involved.

## Belgravia Community League Membership Drive 2015/16

September is the beginning of many new things, including the community league membership drive. You can get your brand new BCL membership by:

- coming to the community league barbeque on Saturday, September 19
- completing the form below, putting it in an envelope along with a cheque made payable to Belgravia Community League and leaving it in the mailbox at 11691 72 Ave. (We'll drop off your new membership card in your mailbox.)
- emailing us at membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca
- paying online with your credit card via the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website at **www.efcl.org** (Please note: there is a \$2 surcharge for credit card payments.)

A Belgravia Community League membership helps the community league to represent all Belgravians on community development, transportation and other issues. As well as being a requirement for kids' soccer & hockey registration, your membership also gets you:

- a discount on passes and monthly memberships at all City of Edmonton recreation centres, including the Kinsmen
- free skating at the community rink and at all other community rinks throughout Edmonton
- reduced rental rates for the Belgravia Community Hall
- reduced advertising rates in our acclaimed Belgravian newsletter
- free community league events (including our annual barbeque, garden tour and fall pumpkin party)

### **Volunteers needed!**

We would love to have more help with the membership drive this year. Canvassing your block is a great way to meet your neighbours, and give everyone the chance to get connected to their community. Please email **membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca** if you'd like to help!

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# President's message

#### Kevin Klein

Ahhh — what a summer it has been! The days have been long and hot, the mosquitoes nowhere to be seen and the city of Edmonton has been busy with familyfriendly festivals almost every weekend. We Belgravians are so lucky to live in the heart of the city, only a few steps or a short bike ride away from so many amazing events — the Fringe, Folk Fest, Heritage Days and Taste of Edmonton — to name just a few.

Which reminds me, if you haven't yet registered for Belgravia's own annual event, the Belgravia Hustle, please visit **belgraviahustle.ca** and pick the race that fits your fitness and fun level. The race will take place on September 19 in the Arts Park and will immediately be followed by our annual Community League Day BBQ. This is always one of my favourite community events — a great chance to reconnect with my neighbours after summer holidays and an opportunity for some laughs and fun before the kids go back to school and the calendars get busy again.

On that note, with school right around the corner,

it's important to keep your speed down as you drive through the community — keep an eye out for children!

A couple other notes need mentioning before I sign off. We're still looking for ideas for our Made in Belgravia series. If you or someone you know has a talent or wishes to share something with the neighbourhood, please send your ideas to **programs@** belgraviaedmonton.ca.

And, our annual Community League Day BBQ and Belgravia Hustle are both in need of volunteers to help make the day a special one. If you have time to help out on September 19, please email us at **programs**@ **belgraviaedmonton.ca**. Every little bit counts so even an hour of time would be appreciated.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at **president@ belgraviaedmonton.ca**. I am always looking for new ideas and suggestions so don't hesitate to email me.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! *Kevin* 

## Letter to the editor

#### Wendy Davis, longtime Belgravia resident

I would like to acknowledge the good work ethics of the Somerville employees who worked in Belgravia on the change of gas lines from the back to the front road at 118A Street in July.

The administration office alerted me when the work would begin and when the men would need access to the house to turn the gas on and off. Good leadership reflects down to all the employees. One worker explained to me what he was doing. Other workers took the time to place bright orange netting supported by stakes at the end of a trench they dug ... a trench I may have inadvertently stepped into.

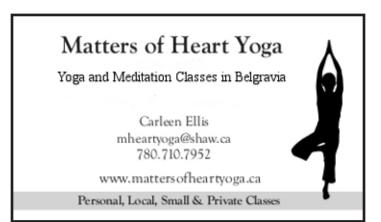
I had a previous experience with neighbours having work done and it is not a good memory: loud music, workers shouting loudly to be heard over their music, smoking and leaving cigarette butts all over the place, even chewing gum left on the sidewalk, which I unwittingly stepped on.

Now the Somerville work is completed in my specific area. My paving stones have been replaced and

no employees' garbage left. They never disturbed me in my home while the work was being carried out.

I understand that every yard gave them different problems, even a driveway with concrete. I would like to have the Somerville/ATCO employees to be recognized for their consideration when peoples' yards had to be disrupted.

Thank you! Wendy Davis







congratulations Greg Zeschuk

The University of Alberta Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Belgravia community member **Greg Zeschuk, '90 BMedSc, '92 MD,** will receive an Alumni Innovation Award for his contributions to gaming culture, support of emerging entrepreneurs and leadership in Alberta's craft beer industry. Celebrate with Greg at the ceremony:

#### Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

7 p.m. ceremony (reception to follow) Jubilee Auditorium (11455 87 Ave. NW) Free. All are welcome to attend. Register: uab.ca/AlumniAwards





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#### **Belgravian Editor Needed**

I serve a dual role with our league as both the Belgravian editor and the BCL communications director (responsible for our website, Facebook and Twitter pages, and communications plan). As I need to devote more time to my duties as director, we need a new editor to take over the Belgravian.

If you have an interest in community activities, are a whiz with words and have access to and skills with a layout program (e.g., InDesign, Publisher, Pages), please email me at **editor@belgraviaedmonton.ca** 

I'm available and happy to help with the transition. Cheers! Josie

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# Garden notebook

Barb Krahn, Belgravia resident and obsessive gardener



With autumn's clear blue skies and brilliant foliage just around the corner, it's time to reflect on the best of this year's gardening season. Despite challenging growing conditions and a hailstorm in mid-July, it was a good year for gardening in Belgravia.

For the first time, we held

two garden tours – Open Gardens on June 28 and Edible Gardens on August 9. Both were wonderful opportunities for neighbours to connect and enjoy the outstanding work of the gardeners in our community.

An enormous thank you to Open Gardens hosts Ruby, Dawn, Darlene and Garnett and Blaine and Trudy, and Edible Gardeners Bronwen, Kerry, Ruth, Kathy and Mary-Jo, as well as my indispensable "partner in crime" in organizing both tours, Rosalynn Ruptash.

And while lawns baked much of the season, lots of plants thrived in the hot dry conditions. Roses, clematis, sedum, rudbeckia and flowering shrubs such as mock orange, lilac and spirea performed exceptionally well, particularly if given a good, deep drink on a regular basis.

Fruit crops including strawberries, raspberries, saskatoons and apples also produced generously, as did many vegetable gardens. If you have a bounty of apples or any other produce you'd like to share, email me at **barbkrahn@shaw.ca** and I'll put the news out to our gardening co-op members.

This is my last garden column for 2015. Thank you to Belgravian Editor Josie Hammond-Thrasher and BCL Past President Jeanette Boman for encouraging me to fill this space. It's been my great pleasure sharing my gardening trials and tribulations with you and meeting fellow gardening enthusiasts on the tours. I'll see you again in a few months...

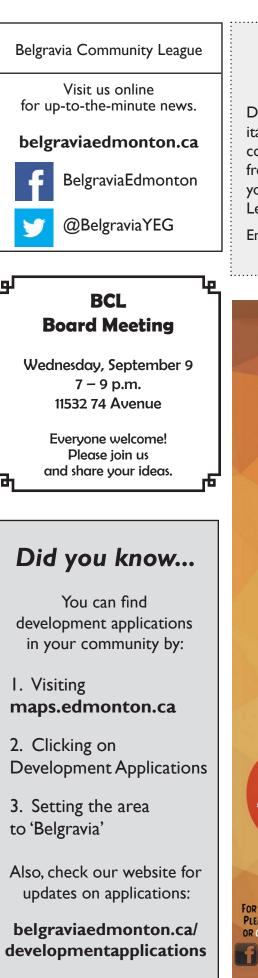
As every gardener knows, "There's always next year!"

Yours in gardening, **Barb** 

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