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### **Next Submission Deadline**

**February 17 , 2017**

Banner Picture: Belgravia School students delivering holiday cards in the neighbourhood.

## **Belgravia Family Day Celebration**

Come celebrate Family Day at the Belgravia Community League on February 20th from 2-5 p.m. Bring your family's favourite dish and enjoy a potluck meal and then stay for s'mores and roast marshmallows on the outdoor fire pit. Have fun skating at the community rink, sledding at the hill, and playing indoor games in the lower hall. After all the family day festivities end at 5:30 p.m., stay and play shinny hockey with your neighbours (bring your own stick and helmet).

## **Community League Membership**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the community league. We are at 398 members. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the door to door campaign successfully adding 116 memberships.

It is still possible to get a membership

1. Forms are available in old issues of the newsletter at <http://belgraviaedmonton.ca/newsletters/>
2. Membership online by credit card through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues at <http://www.efcl.org/>, with a \$5 processing charge.
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## President's Message

As we look forward to 2017, there is much to be excited about in Belgravia. We are using a matching grant to help furnish the hall - a big thank you, once again, to everyone who has already contributed to the hall, and thanks in advance to those of you who might still be able to contribute funds towards the final amenities and furnishings. In fact, our BCL Hall Renewal Contributors recognition wall was designed by Wei Yew as a tree so future contributor leaves can always be added!

The new tables and chairs have arrived so there's now enough for the capacity of both the upper and lower halls. No more having to move the carts up and down the sloped walkways for rental events! Next on our list are furnishings for the Community Living Room. We'll keep you posted on that one.

Mark your calendars for Family Day, February 20, 2017 at the hall. We're planning an afternoon of welcoming activities for everyone in the community: fire pits, kick sleds and skating outside and a "real" potluck meal and hot chocolate inside. If we can swing it, we'll stage our first ever 'Belgravia Classic', a game of shinny for all our seasoned and aspiring hockey players in the neighbourhood. Annette Stupar-Cairns, BCL program director, is planning it all and will be saying more about the afternoon events in this issue of the Belgravian. Updates will be posted our webpage ([www.belgraviaedmonton.ca](http://www.belgraviaedmonton.ca)) and Facebook account. ([www.facebook.com/belgraviaedmonton](https://www.facebook.com/belgraviaedmonton))

See you there!

Heather Scherer

Acting President



Youth shinny at the Belgravia rink. See Events in the Community for more information.



## Pilates Intermediate/Beginner Mat Class

Men and women join this class to build muscle tone, core strength and body awareness using specific exercises and breathing techniques

Belgravia Community League

Wednesdays 7:30 -8:30 p.m.

January 25 th- March 29 th

BCL Members \$130/ Non BCL Members \$150

Contact Annette at [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca) to register.

Registration Deadline is January 18 th.

**STILL POINT**



## Cardio, Strength and Stretch

A combination of lower and no-impact cardio, strength, flexibility, core and balance training. An ideal class for those wanting to stay active or those wanting motivation to exercise in a supportive safe environment close to home.

To get this class started in the community we need YOU to register this session; it will be designed and modified for the participants needs/injuries and fitness levels!

Instructor: Elise Ure

When: February 3-April 7 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Where: The upper hall of the 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 for more information and to register

at [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

Please note payment can be made in cash or cheque; with the cheque made out to the BCL

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## Events in the Community

### Belgravia School Winter Walk Day:

Join Belgravia School on Wednesday, February 1 for their winter walk. The walk starts 8:40 am at Belgravia School. Everyone is welcome.

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### Winter Green Shack @ Belgravia

Here's Jocelyn baking up some Monkey Bread at the Belgravia's Winter Green Shack. She's here in the upper playground park between January 7 - February 3, 2017 from 3:30 - 6 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays and 1 - 5 pm on Saturdays. Lots of drop-in winter activities for the kids!

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### 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). Family skate is on at the same time so you can drop in after a family skate to warm up. 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.

### Community Yoga:

This baby friendly class is open to all (you don't need to have a baby, you just have to be ok with it not being totally 'zen'). This class is perfect if you have always been interested in trying yoga but aren't confident enough or prepared to go to a yoga studio.

The class is suitable for all yoga levels and will focus on building strength for the whole body. You will need your own yoga mat and a blanket for the baby to lie/sit/play on. After the class anyone is welcome to join a free walk in the community.

Cost: \$100 BCL/associate members (\$15 drop-in); \$120 non-members (\$20 drop-in)

Contact: Tonya Yonge for more info and to register:

communications@[belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:communications@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

When: Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

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### Youth Shinny

Youth Shinny where coaches help 7 - 11 year old boys and girls develop their skating skills through drills and shinny at the BCL Rink.

When: Saturday 2 - 3:30 as long as there is ice

Cost: \$20/family for the whole ice season. Money collected goes towards the maintenance of the ice.

Contact: For information Michael Cohen  
(michael.cohen@[shaw.ca](mailto:michael.cohen@shaw.ca))

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### Springhill Pre-School Open House

Springhill preschool located in the heart of Queen Alexandra will be holding an open house on Feb 16, 2017.

Contact: Vanlee Robblee

<http://www.springhillpreschool.com/open-house/>  
[780-907-0477](tel:780-907-0477)

## Made in Belgravia Series

### Soup Making with Gwen Berdan

**When:** Wednesday, February 1, 2017 7:00 - 8:45 pm

**Where:** BCL Upper Hall

Join our very own Belgravia soup-making guru, Gwen Berdan at the BCL Upper hall on February 2, in preparation for National Homemade Soup Day. Gwen has been making soup for years will share some soup trivia, and read the Stone Soup story while we make 2 soups from one base. One will be vegetarian. This is a hands-on event. Bring an item that we can donate to Neighborhood Cafe so they can make their own Stone Soup.

RSVP at [mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca) so we can prepare for the number of participants. BCL/associate community league members: \$5; non-members:\$10.

### Introduction to Felting

**When:** February 23, 2017 (7 - 9 pm)

**Where:** BCL Upper Hall

Brenda Philp, a Belgravia resident for 28 years is a fibre artist who creates unique and functional wearable art through felting. This ancient art is experiencing a revival due to the introduction of new and innovative techniques that enhance and expand the creative potential of this practical and natural material.

Brenda's passion for colour, composition and texture are influenced by a lifelong love of the arts and music. Practical by nature, she utilizes traditional techniques and organic materials to produce useful and durable pieces. See some of her work at <http://brendaphilp.ca/>

This two-hour session is just enough time for participants to make an 8 " x 8" sample piece and experience what the art of felting involves. To cover the cost of materials, the charge for this class is: BCL/associate members \$10; non-BCL members: \$15.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by February 20 to [MIB@belgraviaedmonotn.ca](mailto:MIB@belgraviaedmonotn.ca)

If you would like to do a Made in Belgravia presentation or have some suggestions for future presentations contact Jeanette Boman @ [pastpresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:pastpresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca) to get it rolling.

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# Belgravia Neighbourhood Reconstruction Open House

Belgravia residents and property owners are invited to learn about neighbourhood reconstruction scheduled to begin in 2017. City staff will provide information about preliminary design, the construction timeline, and the local improvement process.

Construction activities include:

- Drainage renewal
- Reconstruction and repaving of roadways
- Streetlight upgrades
- Reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters

Property owners will also learn about options and costs associated with sidewalk and decorative streetlight local improvements.

The open house will take place:

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**McKernan School**  
**11330 76 Avenue**

There will be a formal presentation at **7 p.m.**

Building Great Neighbourhoods is a long-term initiative coordinating three City programs —Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal, Neighbourhood Renewal and the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program —to improve neighbourhood livability through the renewal and enhancement of neighbourhood infrastructure.

For more information go to [edmonton.ca/BuildingBelgravia](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBelgravia)



Julien Touret-Cordat, George Putkaradze & Michiko Tsuyuki, GR 5 & 6 students at Belgravia School with the 300 kg of food bank donations.

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This program does not provide **skates or helmets**, although both are required for participation. Talk to your community league or 311 for options, if you do not have any!

Learn basic skating skills through fun activities and games!

Programs will cancel at -25°C with wind chill, or if the ice is unusable as deemed by the facility.

## Meet Your Neighbour - Tonya Yonge

I moved into Belgravia with my husband Tom Yonge in October 2006. When I first met Tom and began dating, his one non-negotiable was that he really wanted to live in Belgravia. This conversation happened on our first date which was spent walking around the school, playground, dog park and in the river valley. As we walked, I noticed how friendly Belgravian neighbours were to one another, I remember seeing families biking or playing on their lawns and I was blown away with how much the river valley felt like an escape from urban living. Tom spoke at length about the sense of community in Belgravia and suggested that kids who go to kindergarten together at Belgravia, stick together right through high school. This rings true for him as his best friends to this day all grew up together in the neighbourhood.

I, on the other hand, was born in Winnipeg and have lived all over the country because my Dad was in the military. I really enjoyed spending time in different parts of Canada and believe the necessity of moving houses and schools created my passion for traveling the world. I have been to every continent except Antarctica and hope to knock that off the bucket list at some point. That said, as much as I enjoyed my upbringing, I knew that I wanted to have a family of my own rooted in one place. And Tom? Well, he is like a weathered old oak tree when it comes to roots. He wasn't going anywhere! And as that date went on, I started to realize that he wasn't necessarily even trying to sell me on the virtues of living in Belgravia at all. Instead, he was interviewing me to ensure I would be a good fit!

After being in the neighbourhood for ten years, I can't imagine a better place to live. We have a daughter named River (three in April), son named Walker (one year in February) and a dog named Trooper who you likely have all heard barking. Apologies. I get angry at Trooper from time to time, but Tom insists he is just barking to protect the neighbourhood. He is doing his part to help the Belgravia Watch. Our family likes LOVES to play and be active. I am the Department Head of Physical Education at Queen Elizabeth High School and Tom is the Curriculum Coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership at Strathcona School.



We enjoy running and biking on the trails in the summer and winter by day and night.

We also have family in the neighbourhood. Tom's mother Olive Yonge lives across the park from us and his sister's family Tina, Don, Annabelle and Henry live down the street from her. Olive works at the University of Alberta, Tina teaches at Belgravia Elementary School and Tom teaches at Scona. It is safe to say, our world is a radius of just a few blocks, in what I think we can all agree, is a great place to live.

### Afterword:

In September I became the Communications Liaison position for the BCL. We are hoping to add more pictures to the Facebook Page, BCL website and in the community hall itself. It would be great to have diverse representation of people enjoying activities in Belgravia. Please send me any and all pictures that you would like to share to [communications@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:communications@belgraviaedmonton.ca)