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Belgravia Community League Annual General Meeting

The Community League Annual General meeting was held on June 14, in the Upper BCL Hall. Changes to the board and committee chairs can be found on Page 2.



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President's Message

Hello everyone,

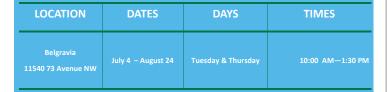
Thank you for taking a few moments to read my first monthly letter as the new BCL president. My wife Susan and I moved to Belgravia thirteen years ago, shortly after our first child was born. This is the neighbourhood that our two kids will always think of as the place they grew up, so Belgravia and Belgravia School are very special to our family. We have enjoyed many community league events and made many friends though volunteering with the league, playschool, and school. It's for these reasons that I was happy to help out when the league was looking for a new president.

Our community league directors and coordinators have been very busy over the past few years and have made great progress on numerous projects. My sincere thanks to those who left their positions in June and those who are staying on. Much of our work over the coming years will be a continuation of their efforts: Our new hall is finished, but we are still paying off loans from community members and learning how to best manage the facility. The City has completed a detailed study of the End of the World and proposed a redevelopment of the site, but nothing has yet been finalized. Several new higher-density developments have been completed or approved, but we are continually being asked to comment on new proposals. The City has tested several traffic management tools in Belgravia, but the backups on 76 Ave continue and much more needs to be done. The board will continue to keep residents informed and seek your input via The Belgravian, emails, and our website.

I am fortunate to tour much of the neighbourhood on a regular basis as I get pulled through the streets by Hazel, our family canine. If you see a guy and dog out there and the dog looks like she's part coyote and the guy looks like he's part Greg Heffley, that'll be us and feel free to stop and chat about what's on your mind. Or please email me anytime at president@belgraviaedmonton.ca Michael Cohen



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Our Pop Up Play program is now running in neighborhoods all over Edmonton.

This program is targeted for children aged 6-12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend.

edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms or call 311. F @GreenShack





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.

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Celebrating new hall solar panels & BCL volunteers

The sun couldn't have been shining any brighter on June 25 when the ribbons were pulled away from the new solar panels on the BCL hall. With Great Canadian Solar on site to show how much electricity the panels were already producing, it was exciting to see the hall doing it's part of the environment.





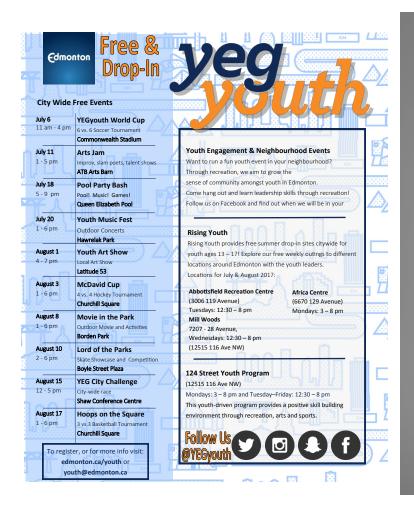
And the 85+ BCL volunteers who turned up for strawberry, rhubarb, pineapple and/or chocolate syrup sundaes couldn't have been more appreciated either. With lots of ice cream and toppings, there were seconds (and thirds!) for everyone. BCL Secretary, Joanne Wynn managed the door prize entries and had a little time to eat her own sundae with husband Rob and daughter, Bella.

Petting Zoo at the School

Over the years Belgravia Play School teacher, Monika Fouad has promoted the petting zoo as a way for children to connect with animals. While starting as part of the play school program, the petting zoo slowly grew over the years to involve seniors and the larger community as well as more and more classes from Belgravia Elementary School.

No mater what your age, it's hard not to smile at the miniature horses, chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats and 'kids' that are all part of Chicken John's Petting Zoo. And seeing how eager the children are to enter the zoo and hold or pet an animal is even better. Thanks to this realization, we appreciate the Belgravia Parent Council for sponsoring the petting zoo this year.





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DC2 Development Proposal on 76 Ave and 115 St: Update

Niche Development Corp. from Calgary and Fleming Development, an Edmonton company have proposed a development which involves taking down the three apartment buildings at the SW corner of 76 Ave and 115 St. Currently the 3 lots are zoned for medium density (RA7) and consist of 18 units, 6 in each apartment. The Grand Scala across the street is built to the specifications of the RA7 medium density zone that allows for a four story building with 32 units. Grand Scala has 51 units on 4 lots with a 6.6 meter setback at the front. For more information of what the current zone allows see: http://webdocs.edmonton.ca/zoningbylaw/ZoningBylaw/Part2/Residential/210_(RA7)_Low_Rise_Apartment_Zone.htm

The Niche/Fleming proposal to build a 4 story condominium with 71 units has a greater density than that allowed under RA7, so requires a rezoning to a DC2 zone. The DC2 zone is specific to each site as it is the result of discussions between the developer, the community and the city. The DC2 process is for the developer to make a proposal, discuss it with the community and City and have the community provide initial feedback. In this case, BCL members were notified by an E-blast of a meeting with the developers on May 24, 2017. Further to this meeting, all BCL members who have provided e-mail addresses to the BCL were asked to respond to the proposal. Information about the proposal was also posted on the BCL website (belgraviaedmonton.ca)

Of the proposed 71 units, 14 will have two or more bedrooms to a maximum size of 1,100 square feet. Underground parking is planned with one parking space per unit. The building will be set back at the front 6.6 meters. The building will have geothermal heating and will be built with concrete and steel.



While there is support for increased density and infill in general, a variety concerns have been identified e.g. traffic, whether size of units are family friendly, on street parking, visitor parking, impact on 76 Ave boulevard trees to mention a few.

We are now about to enter into the next phase of the DC2 application. During this phase you have another opportunity to convey any concerns or applicate that you have directly to the City. Even if you have already sent feedback to the developer, it must be sent directly to the City Development Officer: fiona.hamilton@edmonton.ca. in this phase of the DC2 process.

We have not as yet been informed of the dates for this next phase (start and finish dates) so watch for an e-blast!

For more information you can contact your BCL Planning Director, Susan Kamp: planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Simply Supper Belgravia Cooperative Playschool Fundraiser

You can purchase a card for \$100 each which buys about 8 meals. You and some friends can then go and put together your meals. Judging by the happy faces below it looks like a fun time. Contact play school@belgraviaedmonotn.ca to purchase your card.





The annual kindergarten ducks. Kindergarten children, Ella Katz, Samual McFadyen, Zayne Abdalkader, Aaron Cheng and Celeste Zillio with the kindergarten ducks. Each child also has the opportunity to take them home overnight.

Fellow Belgravians, Visionaries, and Adventurers

If you are an experienced engineer, a start-up wizard, or an angel read on.

Informed people have no doubt we are radically changing our planet. Governments are pressing for solutions. Two and a half year's work, a NRC patent search, and preliminary engineering reviews tell me SunDraco Power Inc. may have found a good one. It is the Dispersed Electric Power Plant (DEPP), a small, efficient, environment-friendly power plant that integrates heat from wasted resources. One model burns natural gas at the wellhead, and reinjects *all* emissions. DEPPs may have global significance.

I have start-up experience, a well-thought out business plan, designs, production numbers, an in-house market analysis, and critical contacts who will be helping us with R&D, patent protection, and government programmes. I value passion, vision, creativity, innovation, integrity, the environment, and good science. I need to complete our team and get going.

If you are serious, email R at R.SDPI@shaw.ca

Made in Belgravia: Honey in Your Backyard

Have you ever wondered about having a backyard beehive and collecting your own delicious honey? Find out what's involved in becoming an urban beekeeper at our next Made in Belgravia session with Kerry Maguire and Rob Wynn. While Rob is relatively new at beekeeping, many of you will know Kerry for the honey she has produced in Belgravia for several years now. Sample a little honey and sip some mint tea while we learn.

When? August 23, 2017 (2-4 pm)

Where? Upper BCL Hall

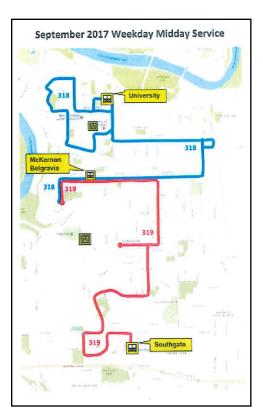
Session Fee: \$5/BCL members; \$10/non-community league members

RSVP by August 21 to: mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Bus Service Changes in Belgravia

Edmonton Transit has made changes in the bus service to Belgravia. The existing route 327 that comes into Belgravia will be discontinued. New routes, that serve other neighbourhoods as well, will come into our community. The following is a description and maps of the new routes that will start on September 5, 2017.

Route 55 that serves the neighbourhoods of Malmo and Lendrum, will be extend to McKernan and Belgravia. Service will operate every 30 to 60 minutes between Belgravia and Southgate Transit Centre. The extension of Route 55 will replace the current service on Route 327, which will be cancelled .



Service during weekday midday and Saturday midday time periods will be provided by the new Routes 318 and 319 operating every 60 minutes. These routes will provide service in the following neighbourhoods: Malmo, Lendrum, Pleasantview, Allendale, Parkallen, Queen Alexandria, McKernan, Belgravia, Strathcona, Garneau, University and Windsor Park. This new service will replace

September 2017 Weekday Peak Service

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Belgravia

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the current service on Routes 313 and 327.

The letter from Edmonton Transit and maps of the old and new routes are posted on the Belgravia Community website **belgraviaedmonton.ca**.

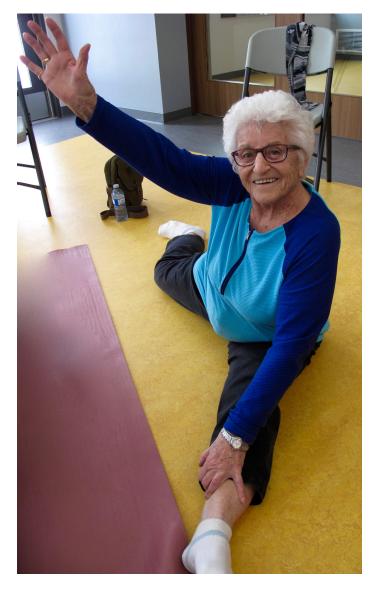
Meet Your Neighbour: Vera Chornoluk

Nearly 90 years old (on September 10), Vera remembers the wheat fields that grew south of 73 Avenue and riding the Toonerville Trolley downtown to go shopping. It is hard to imagine being a witness to all the changes that have occurred since Vera moved to Belgravia in 1956 with her husband, Metro. Trained as an 'Electrical Neurophysiology Technologist', she worked at the University Hospital until 1965. She continued her career as an EEG Technologist at the Royal Alex Hospital until her retirement in 1993.

During those years, Vera honed her golfing skills at the Highlands Golf course (with two holes-in-one and even golfing with Betty Cole to her credit). Her other joy was travelling the world: walking the Great Wall of China, climbing Mount Kinanbalu in Malaysia, covering all of South America and exploring most of Australia and New Zealand.

Her active lifestyle continued after retirement when she joined the U of Agers and pursued gymnastics for several more years. In 1999, she travelled with the group to Orlando and performed in the Year of the Senior festivities. After all these years, she can still do the splits and be an inspiration to all in the Stretch and Strength classes at the BCL Hall this past year.

Metro died in April 2016 leaving Vera on her own after 71 years of marriage. She is resilient with her strength of faith and connection to her community. When she isn't chatting with her neighbours over the back fence or gardening or watching golf on TV, you'll find her talking with her sisters in Edmonton & Kelowna by telephone, checking out Facebook messages and texting with her iPad.



Vera is a role model for managing all the changes in life. Her secret she says is staying active. So come out and join her this fall in the Fit for Life classes at the BCL hall. Maybe she'll teach us all how to do the splits!