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**Banner Photo - Belgravia School students
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Belgravia Cooks

This past month, Anjna Shaw and her assistants Chritina Lau Hoang & Pat Galbraith demonstrated the fine art of making samosas to over 25 people in the BCL upper hall kitchen. The work that went into preparation for the session was above and beyond the call of duty and clearly an act of love on Anjna's part., who is shown below, demonstrating how to fold a samosa.



As our inaugural Belgravia Cooks! in our Made in Belgravia series though, it couldn't have been more enjoyable ... both in all that was learned and especially, in all that was savoured and taken home!



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President's Message

Representing Belgravia on civic issues

One of the busiest responsibilities of the Belgravia Community League is representing our community's interests on civic issues, particularly transportation and development. Examples include traffic calming measures (speed bumps, stop signs, one-way streets, raised crosswalks), bike lanes, bus routes, development permits for new or modified buildings, and zoning changes.

But what, specifically is the role of the community league in civic issues, and who does the league speak for? Does the community league take a position on an issue, and if so how does it reach that position? And to whom do we present the community's position?

We are fortunate that our community league board has several members who have lived in Belgravia for many years, have long experience with the community league, and have professional backgrounds relevant to civics issues. However, despite these qualifications, the board does not reach its own decisions on civics issues. Instead, it is the responsibility of the community league board to gather and summarize input from Belgravia residents (including from board members themselves). In some cases, this process will reveal a clear preference held by the community. In others, it may reveal a lack of consensus.

There are several venues in which the community league presents Belgravia's positions, ranging from preliminary discussions with developers, City staff and councillors, to public hearings before City Council. In all cases, the community's position can best be determined and represented if many residents submit their opinions and concerns, and if the input can be quantified and documented.

Board members receive input from residents by email and in-person conversations, and through standing and ad hoc committees of community members. The transportation and End of the World committees have been particularly active in recent years. It is also very useful for selected board members to be copied on correspondence that residents exchange with City staff, Councillor Henderson, or directly with developers.

The community league is investigating new methods to increase input from residents, such as online surveys and Facebook discussions. We are also reviewing how we can best use our various communications channels (*The Belgravian*, emails, Facebook page, and website) to provide residents with the information they need to identify issues of concern and develop informed opinions. Please do take the time to read up on issues and share your thoughts with the community league. Your input is fundamental to the process and is greatly appreciated.

Michael Cohen

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An Open House was held by the City on November 22 to review the four projects that will happen in Belgravia next year. The projects address various concerns Belgravia residents have raised regarding speeding and shortcutting, and a desire for a more walkable, bikeable, livable neighbourhood. In the 2018 construction will bring together the Neighbourhood Renewal, Engage 106-76 and the Belgravia Traffic Management Plan.



Emily Zukowski, Project Manager & Jen Rutledge, Supervisor for the Neighbourhood Renewal Project beside the map showing the location of new elevated crosswalks.

Features are planned in the neighbourhood to discourage speeding and shortcutting. At the same time, the City is reviewing ways to enhance traffic flow on nearby arterial roads.



Maida Zaderayco, Project Manager for the Belgravia Traffic Management Plan and Belgravia Traffic Committee member, Chad Viminitz.

Belgravians had the opportunity to provide their input in to the colour of the paving stones for the raised crosswalks. The red brick was the clear winner.



Mike Bindas, Construction Manager and Jordan Hoffart, Belgravia Traffic Committee Chair, discuss construction scheduling.



Brenda Ruzycki and Linda Seale discuss Keillor

During 2018 neighbourhood reconstruction, local access will be maintained at all times through staged closures to help minimize overall impact to residents. The Belgravia Traffic Committee is particularly concerned how work on 76 Avenue will impact entering and exiting the community.

The Keillor Point Project will develop the area previously known as "Dnd of the World". This project will create a safe, accessible viewpoint.

For more information, go to:
edmonton.ca/BuildingBelgravia

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Chair Yoga (Upper Hall)	Tuesdays (10:30 -11:30 am) Jan. 16 – Mar 20	\$80/100 (Min. 12 required for class to be a 'GO'/Max. 15; drop ins \$15/20)	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Mat Yoga (Upper Hall)	Tuesdays 11:30 am – 12:30 Jan 16 – Mar 20	\$80/100 (Min. 12 required for class to be a 'GO'/Max. 15; drop ins \$15/20)	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Taekwondo (Lower Hall)	Tuesdays: After school (Start date TBA)	Check with adrienne_cheng@hotmail.com	adrienne_cheng@hotmail.com
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Strength & Stretch (Lower Hall)	Fridays (11:30–12:30 pm) Sept 29 – Dec 1)	\$80/100 (Min. 12/Max. 15; drop ins \$15/20)	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
U FIT Boot Camp (Lower Hall)	Saturdays (9:00 – 10:00 am)	Check with ufitexcel@gmail.com	ufitexcel@gmail.com
Guides (Lower Hall)	Mondays (6:30 – 8:30 pm)	Check with tonya.wolfe@gmail.com	tonya.wolfe@gmail.com



Belgravia Grade 4 students, Gregory C, Brandon Y, Olivia V and Hunter H with their Snow Valley promotional poster Their poster was the winner of the Snow Valley poster contest, open to schools across Edmonton.



Belgravia School students enjoying winter on “Mount Belgravia”

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- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection;
- On a one or two lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop. Remember to signal;
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal;
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles (there is often more than one) before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal;
- Emergency vehicles might use *any* available road space to maneuver. This could include the shoulders, turning lanes, in order to pass other traffic.

When operating a vehicle:

- Drive attentively and defensively at all times. Be cognizant to sirens and be prepared to yield the right of way;
- It is Alberta law for motorists to slow down to at least 60 km/hour (unless a lower speed is posted) when driving past a stopped emergency vehicle. This includes EMS, police, fire, and tow trucks with their lights activated;
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light, or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area;
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Made In Belgravia - Belgravia Cooks

In time for Christmas ... learning from the 'Master': How to make Almond Roca

"Marion the Pie Lady" as she is affectionately known by her former Belgravia neighbours, who have benefited from her pie making lessons, is proud of the fact that she is "nearly 99 years old" still cooking and still going strong.

Growing up on a farm, Marion learned at an early age how to cook a chicken starting with catching one in the farmyard! She went on to make all the baked beans at Little Acres, a BBQ, Banquet & Catering company owned by her son. Her cookie recipes became the basis of another family business, English Bay cookie dough many of us have bought through fund raising efforts over the years.

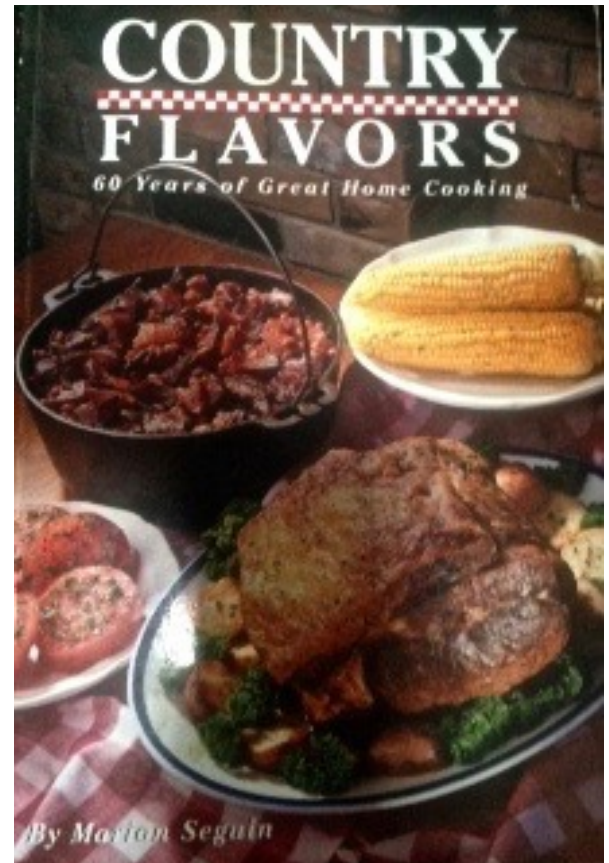
In 1993, after 5 years of testing and checking each recipe, she published a cookbook. And for anyone who visited Marion over the years, you always left with a present of one her preserves or pickles.

On December 9, 2017 (10 am - noon) in the BCL Upper Hall, Marion will lead one of our Belgravia Cooks! sessions (with her assistants, Lindsay Robinson & Dorothy Manning) and demonstrate how to make her famous Almond Roca, the King of Candy.

At Marion's request, we are accepting only 5 participants (who will all be asked to bring the pot that you plan to use to make the candy at home so Marion can check to make sure it is heavy enough). Her philosophy is to teach those who in turn can teach others.

Session fee: BCL Member/non-member rates: \$20/\$30.

Please RSVP to mib@belgraviaedmonotn.ca



The Old Strathcona Youth Society works with high risk and street involved youth from 14-24. Many of the youth we serve are homeless and lack funds for basic needs. Each year OSYS put together gift backpacks to distribute at a festive dinner, this year on December 16, 2017.

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Meet Your Neighbour - Paul Kamp

With the early snow this winter, the new sidewalks up to and around the BCL hall have already seen their share of some serious snow clearing action ... particularly before it gets packed down. After a night's snowfall, that means getting out by 7 am before hall, playground and school activities begin. In this Belgravian issue, we'd like you to meet Paul Kamp, our BCL Snow Clearing Guy (with a nod of appreciation to Marcel Hucaluk (BCL Facilities Director) & his daughter, Mikayla who have been getting out early in the morning to help out too).



Paul with his mom, sister & two of his 7 nephews

Growing up in Belgravia with four siblings and his parents, Bob & Susan Kamp, Paul attended Belgravia Elementary. He has great memories playing hide-and-seek in the huge rubber tires in the old playground, hockey on the rink and softball in the fields west of the school. He loved Social Studies and English classes at McKernan mainly because of his teacher, Stewart Capstick with whom he still keeps in touch. Then it was on to Harry Ainlay and a memorable construction course, where as part of a team, he built a bench his family still uses on their front porch.

This was also the beginning of Paul's volunteer work with seniors at Grandview Continuing Care; something that grew from visits with his grandmother who lived at Ashbourne (Assisted Living) in Garneau, including weekly walks to Earl's for lunch! He enrolled in Transitional Vocational programs, at NorQuest and Olds College that provided him with employment preparation training and strategies for independent living.

A highlight in Paul's life was a trip to London in 2005 and a visit to the Sherlock Holmes Museum on Baker Street. It turns out that Sherlock Holmes is one of Paul's favourite characters and an inspiration for Paul's own

hobby of writing mysteries. When asked if any Belgravia residents turn up in his stories, Paul said he gathers ideas from TV shows and story lines about who he is and what he might be like if he was married and had a family. His connection to family & community, his love of English and social studies come full circle in Paul's stories.

One thing we know for sure however ... it is no mystery who clears the walks around the hall. Next time you see him out there with a shovel in his hand, give him a big thank you. And who knows? You just might be the inspiration for a new character in one of his mysteries!