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Reg Norby. 2018 BCL Casino Coordinator

Thanks for answering the call once again!



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President's Message

2018 road construction: it's going to be painful

The 2018 road construction season will be a difficult one for Belgravians. Although the 2017 road construction was wearisome, it did not involve the four locations that provide the only access into and out of Belgravia. In 2018, all four (76 Ave, Saskatchewan Drive, 115 St, and 119 St) will be closed at some point. This will of course result in even greater congestion when exiting and entering the neighbourhood.

The need for careful coordination of construction timelines for the access roadways was emphasized by many Belgravians at the open house held by the City in November at St. Paul's Church. In addition, the Transportation Committee of the Belgravia Community League has had frequent exchanges and meetings with City staff about construction scheduling and roadway design. The City's lead manager of the project has acknowledged the importance of scheduling and said he will do what he can. But (at least from my perspective) it will be impossible to avoid major inconvenience during construction.

Big changes will be coming to 76 Ave, including a multipurpose path on the north side, a traffic circle at 119 St, and raised crosswalks and narrower lanes to calm traffic. See the finished product between 109 St and Calgary Trail for an idea of what 76 Ave in Belgravia will look like, or visit the Engage 106-76 website at www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/76-ave-106-st-collector-plan.aspx.

During construction 76 Ave will be closed entirely for an unknown period of time and will have only one-lane traffic during other periods. When 76 Ave is closed, we have asked the City to implement temporary measures to facilitate neighbourhood access along the north side of Belgravia. The BCL will work with the City to provide frequent updates leading up to and during construction.

On the positive side, neighbourhood renewal seems to happen only once every sixty years. And most of us have complained about the condition of our sidewalks for years and will be happy to have them replaced.

Please contact Jordan Hoffart (transportation@belgraviaedmonton.ca), chair of our Transportation Committee, with your questions or comments. I would like to thank Jordan and the other the members of the committee for their persistence in working with the City on our behalf.

Finally, a big thank you to our outgoing editor of The Belgravian, Gail Fraser-Steffler, for her three years of work on this valued community institution! And thank you and welcome to our new editor, Miles Parenteau.

The Belgravia Hustle is back!

April 28th

Save the date for a family-fun afternoon featuring a **10k run, 5k run/walk, 2 km fun-run** and **2k dog walk**.

In addition, there will be games in the park (or at the hall if the weather is bad) and a post run BBQ, snacks and beverages for sale. The Hustle will be held jointly with BCL's annual volunteer appreciation day. Proceeds will support Belgravia Cooperative Playschool, a program under BCL. The Hustle is brought to you by Multisportscanada.

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Made in Belgravia - Knitting Update

Thanks to JoAnne Hamilton for leading a recent Made in Belgravia Knitting session for a few people keen to learn to develop their knitting skills.

Out of that session, further classes are being planned. If you are interested in being part of a knitting group at the hall, please contact programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca.



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Now is your chance to comment on the preferred route and help determine future stop locations.

You can view the preferred route online at **edmonton.ca/centrelrtstudy** and at our public engagement events.

Public Engagement Events: Open for Drop-in from 4:30 – 8:30pm with presentation times at 5:00pm and 7:00pm (repeat)

Locations and dates:

Feb 27, 2018, 4:30 - 8:30pm

St. Basil's Cultural Centre
10819 - 71 Ave NW, Edmonton

Feb 28, 2018, , 4:30 - 8:30pm

Campus Saint Jean- McMahon Pavilion Gym
8406 Rue Marie-Anne Gaboury NW, Edmonton

Online survey available until March 16, 2018.

edmonton.ca/centrelrtstudy

For more information email:
centrelrtstudy@edmonton.ca



Kate Russell

Neighbourhood Resource
Coordinator
Neighbourhoods Services Section

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

Civic Leadership Empowerment Workshop - March 3-4 (free).

Do you know the great value of volunteering for your community league board or other community areas of interest? This 2 day training session will focus on leadership development and board awareness training that will increase capacity to access volunteer opportunities in community league and volunteer sector.

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BCL Felting Workshop

When: March 10, 2018 (9:30 am – 4 pm)

Where: BCL Upper Hall (11540 73 Ave)

Brenda Philp, a Belgravia resident for nearly 30 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.

The 6 hour workshop will allow participants to take their beginning felting skills to create a project that might range from a scarf to mittens, cuffs or place mats.

Fee: \$90/person (Minimum 6 required for maximum class size of 10)

Course materials for project is student's responsibility and will be determined in a pre-workshop consultation with Brenda.

Contact programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca by March 7, 2018 to register



Playschool Open House March 8, 2018

Drop in at the Playschool Open House between 5:30 - 7:00pm and meet Miss Monika (our long time teacher)

See the children's learning areas. There will be parents available to answer all your questions. Bring your playschoolers to see where they could attend school this fall.

For more information please email:
playschool@belgraviaedmonton.ca



Kindergarden Open House

Thursday March 8, 2018
6:00 - 7:00pm



PLAYSCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday March 08, 2018
5:30-7:00 pm

Belgravia Community League Building
Lower Hall

Programs for preschoolers from 3 years old

Please come by to meet the teacher and see the space!

EVERYONE WELCOME !

Register now for Spring, 2018 BCL Programs at the Hall

Please contact programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca for registration

Program and Location	Day/Dates	BCL Member/Non-member fee
Chair Yoga (Upper Hall)	10 Tuesdays 11:30 am -12:30 pm April 3 – June 12 (No class May 22)	\$80/\$100 Min. 12 required; Max. 15; Drop ins: \$15/20
Mat Yoga (Upper Hall)	10 Tuesdays 10:20 – 11:20 am April 3 – June 12 (No class May 22)	\$80/\$100 Min. 12 required; Max. 15; Drop ins: \$15/20
Strength & Stretch (Lower Hall)	8 Fridays 11:30 am–12:30 pm April 27 – June 15	\$64/\$85 Min. 12 required; Max. 15; Drop ins: \$15/20
Zumba (Lower Hall)	Thursdays 7 pm – 8 pm TBA	\$80/\$100 Min 13 required; Max 15; Drop ins: \$15/20
Soapstone Carving (Upper Hall)	Monday Class & Wednesday Class TBA	

Does a Community League Walking Group interest you? Building on EFCL's initiative to support walking programs in communities across the city, the BCL will be looking at getting an Urban Poling group started in Belgravia if there is enough interest. Maybe a Saturday morning group when the ice and snow are gone and the ground dries up! Please let us know if you are interested by contacting programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Meet the new belgravian editor Miles Parenteau!

I have lived in the Edmonton area all my life. Born at the U of A hospital, I grew up in St. Albert, and then moved to Edmonton when I finished my undergraduate degree in Science at the U of A. After a career in scientific sales, I recently started my own business.

I love the outdoors and spending time in Edmonton's river valley jogging, walking, and cycling. I started running in 2008, with my first 5km in Ottawa. I have now run 15 half marathons and 2 full marathons, with my most exciting run a half marathon in Melbourne. My family and I enjoy living in Belgravia because of its central location, diversity, and great neighbours.

I enjoy web design, and development, digital image editing, and graphic design. I am very happy to have

the chance to be the new belgravian editor to learn new skills and work with others in our community.

Thank you to the previous belgravian editor Gail Fraser-Steffler for her hard work and guidance as I learn the ropes



Meet Your Neighbour - Meet the Belgravia School Leadership Team.

The goal of this group of Grade 6 students is to help their fellow students and the greater community. They do this by organizing fun activities, often with a charitable goal. The following is a list of some of their completed and planned events:

October - Halloween awards for costumes

November - Moustache Day with a Photo Booth and green screen with collected \$201 in donations for Men's Cancer.

December - Holiday Sweater Day where warm clothing was collected for the Bissell Centre.

January - Crazy Sock Day with a Sock Hop Dance in the gym which collected 340 pairs of socks for the Mustard Seed.

February - Giving week (maybe month) - looking for random acts of kindness.

to see their schoolmates have a great time at an event they have planned, while also being able to help the community. The students on the team come up with the ideas themselves, develop a plan of how it will be implemented and then they vote to determine which ones will go ahead. They really enjoy the freedom this gives them to pursue their ideas and get things done.

Many of the group look forward to getting involved in leadership activities when they move on to Junior High. However, they thought they might have to wait a year or so until they weren't the new kids in the school.

Belgravia and the greater Edmonton community certainly benefits from having enthusiastic people like these.

Basketball Club

All the students on the team agreed that it feels good



Grade 6 Leadership Team Members

Students: Zaina, Melinda, Sophie, Kalen, Marcus, Izzy, Claire, Becca, Anna, Tallulah

Teachers: Mrs. Tollefson, Mrs. Hansen, and Ms. Yonge (not in the picture)