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Belgravia Hustle Event!

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Friday, June 22
7 to 8 pm
Belgravia Community Hall

Wine and cheese social at 8 pm

Please attend if you can, to speak up on issues of importance and elect the 2018-19 board of directors.

BCL Members Classifieds on Community Notice Boards

After the hall was renewed, community notice boards were installed next to the entrances of the community hall. These boards have been used to keep the community up-to-date with information and events from the BCL and the City of Edmonton. This summer, we would also like these boards to become a space for the community to connect with each other and so are offering a classifieds section where BCL members can advertise garage sales, items for sale, lost pets, babysitting, dog walking etc.

The opportunity to post on the boards is being offered as a benefit of Belgravia Community League membership. If you would like to post on the board, please email communications@belgraviaedmonton.ca for more information.

the belgravian

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We publish 10 issues per year.

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We deliver approximately 960 copies to homes in Belgravia. Copies are also available at Gracious Goods and Belgravia Hub

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Advertising for businesses located outside Belgravia, McKernan, and Windor Park are limited to business card size.

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Submissions are subject to editorial discretion and available space. To submit an article please email editor@belgraviaedmonton.ca

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President's Message

Living with Infill

At 6:52 am the gargantuan backhoe roars to life and begins to demolish the house that has rested comfortably next to yours for decades. As the dust cloud rises and the work crew exchanges obscenity-filled banter, two of your prized rosebushes are crushed under some wayward caterpillar tracks. There follows twelve months of raucous early mornings, generators and trucks spewing exhaust, mud coating the alley and your garage, pickups filling the parking spots on both sides of the street, and dust settling on every surface of your home and yard. But when it's all done hopefully you and the rest of the block have gained a wonderful family of new neighbours. And that new house, while looming over your property somewhat more than the old one, is rather attractive. Life returns to normal, until the bungalow across the street goes up for sale...

Most of us in Belgravia have experienced this scenario, either as residents of an older home, the family building a new home, or both. And given the large number of smaller, original homes that remain, the scenario will be repeated many more times in the coming years. There are currently about three dozen active infill construction sites in the neighbourhood!

Recognizing the numerous difficulties raised by infill construction, the City of Edmonton has established bylaws that protect the rights of neighbours, and resources to assist them. The City recently revamped and expanded its infill website (www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/). It has loads of information and many pages to click through. If you are currently dealing with a problematic infill site or preparing yourself for one to come, these resources are very useful.

The Neighbour Construction Information page (www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/community/infill-in-your-neighbourhood/constructioninformation) includes a checklist with suggestions such as documenting the state of your property (foundation, fences, trees, etc.) before construction begins on an adjacent site. Also be sure to look at the updated Residential Construction Guide for information on what to expect as well as the standards to which the builder must adhere (www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/public/download/documents/34768). Builders must limit excavation to areas within secure fencing, keep sidewalks clean and clear of debris, work within permitted hours (Monday to Saturday 7 am to 9 pm, and Sundays

and holidays 9 am to 7 pm), protect public trees, and direct runoff to the City drainage system. For an industry perspective on infill practices and issues, consult the website of the Infill in Edmonton Development Association: www.infilledmonton.com/.

The infill process (see www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/community/infill-in-your-neighbourhood/whats-next). If there is to be infill construction next to your property, you will receive a notice from the City. The notice will inform you as to whether you are being asked for input into the project or whether you are simply being informed. If the project complies with all the bylaws, then the notice is for information only. If the applicant wants to do something that does not comply with the bylaw, then you have an opportunity to provide your thoughts on the project. The process for responding to a land development notice is provided at: www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/community/infill-in-your-neighbourhood/planning-application-in-your-neighbourhood. If the project is approved, you will be notified of your opportunity to appeal.

After final approval, a notice will be posted on the property with the builder's phone number and a file number for the site. If problems arise you should first contact the builder.

If this does not resolve the problem, you can call

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Belgravia/University & Hospital Area Home for Rent

Lovely 2,200 square ft furnished house located in beautiful Belgravia. 15-minute walk to University of Alberta and Cross Cancer Institute and 20-minute walk to University of Alberta Hospital. 10-minute walk to McKernan LRT station and Belgravia Hub restaurant and Gracious Goods Café. 2 blocks from River Valley.

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the City at 311. Provide the file number and ask for the contact information for the City development officer assigned to the project. You can then contact the development officer with your questions.

Belgravia residents are welcome to contact Susan Kamp, the community league director of planning and place, (planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca) for more information. My thanks to Susan for her help in writing this article.

Belgravia Arts Park Native Plant Planting Bed

We are pleased to have re-created a bit of the "wild" here in the Belgravia Arts Park Native Plant Planting Bed.

It is maintained by volunteers who meet every second Tuesday at 6:30 starting on May 29. If you would like to help out, meet some of your neighbours and learn more about the native plants of Edmonton you are welcome to join us! Contact Kathy Goble at 780-435-1778 or kathygoble@newlinc.com

Join the BCL Board of Directors!

Help support the Belgravia Community League and shape its future by joining the Board of Directors. Volunteering with the Community League is a great way to meet your neighbours and make a difference with issues affecting our community.

The following BCL board positions are currently open:

Vice President - Assist with various community league functions, fill in for the president during absences, and take the lead on special projects. Be willing to transition to president in June 2019

Membership - Help the BCL sell memberships by coordinating volunteers at membership sale events and door-to-door sales - maintain and manage the membership list
Please contact Michael Cohen (president@belgraviaedmonton.ca) for more information.

Belgravia Square Public Artwork

The developers of Belgravia Square (new building at 76 Ave and 115 St) have commissioned the artist Kimberly Thompson (<https://www.kimberlythompsonart.com/>) to paint two large murals (8x8 feet) that will be mounted behind glass beside the main entrance of Belgravia Square facing 76th Ave.

Belgravia residents are invited to suggest Belgravia-related themes for the murals. Options include views of the river valley from the dog-walking area or Keillor Point (formerly End of the World), the tree canopy over our streets, and the school, playground and community league hall.

Please send your ideas and suggestions for the murals to communications@belgraviaedmonton.ca.

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City of Edmonton Updates

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To reserve a picnic site, complete the online form at <http://coewebapps.edmonton.ca/picnic-bookings/default>

For more information: tel: 780-423-7428 or email: picnicbookings@edmonton.ca
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Leaders in Training Program

Youth ages 13-17 can volunteer for 2 to 7 weeks at City of Edmonton Day Camps, Green Shack playground programs, and Flying Eagle Indigenous programs throughout the summer months. Develop leadership skills & gain valuable work experience/ volunteer hours, while having fun outdoors!

Register by June 12th.
More details at edmonton.ca/lit



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Stay Current with Construction in Belgravia

This year there are many construction projects happening in and around Belgravia. We will post updates on a new construction page on the BCL website:

<https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/construction/>

For issues and questions relating to the Belgravia Square development (new building at 76 Ave and 115 St) please email planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca or contact Cody Anderson, project manager, (780) 203-8211.



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June 23rd & 24th

Give Soapstone carving a try with this two day workshop running 10 am - 5 pm on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June at the BCL Hall. Seven spaces left! All abilities welcome!

For more information, or to register, email programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
\$100 for BCL members, \$120 for non-members



Belgravia School Page

Events at the Belgravia school since May issue of the belgravian.



Grade 4 students Brandon Yih, Thomas Magee and Harrison Magee in front of their poster at the science fair. There were over 35 research projects presented by students from kindergarten to grade 6.



Grade 6 students with teacher Brent Irving on Hats on! For Mental Health Day on May 2. Students and staff wore hats to promote awareness for mental health



Parents enjoying the Grade 5 performance at the annual volunteer tea. Each class performed exceptionally well from the grade 1 song 'Its about Respect' to the original musical composition of the grade 6 class.



NSTEP team reviewing the ups and downs of sugar with grade 5 students. Belgravia school has partnered with NSTEP; NSTEP provides fun, interactive, nutritional and activity education to students and teachers.



Made in Belgravia: Postage Stamp Art
with Anita Nawrocki

Have you looked at your mail lately? Not your e-mail but the mail that is delivered to your door. Take a really good look. There are lots of great art ideas waiting for you to discover on each envelope. I am an artist creating works with postage stamps on canvas.
<https://anitanawrocki.weebly.com>



Join me for a Made in Belgravia Session where we will discuss, learn about, sort, glue, admire and create with postage stamps.

Held at the Belgravia Community League Hall, 11540-73 Ave.

On Saturday, June 16th from 1:00 – 3:00

\$10.00 for BCL members/ \$15.00 for non-BCL members.

Fee includes refreshments/snacks and all supplies needed for making a project, which will be ready to hang. You are welcome to bring your own postage stamps, but it is not necessary.

This is an excellent family activity with all ages enjoying the experience. Please note that children under eleven must be accompanied by an adult and that the youngest child welcome would be five years old.

RSVP by June 13, 2018 to mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Belgravia Hustle & Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Belgravia Hustle & Volunteer Appreciation event was very successful from the beginning to the end. The agenda included the Belgravia Hustle runs starting at 1pm, the volunteer and post race pasta lunch in the lower hall, popcorn and beer garden in the upper hall. Other outdoor activities included ring toss & tug of war games. There was also a lemonade stand! At the end of the afternoon, there were draws for great prizes. It was just an all around way to meet up and visit with your neighbours and have fun! "It was great to see how well the hall worked for this event! All proceeds raised went to the playschool. We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make the day a success, as well as the generous sponsors:"



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Meet Your Neighbour: Anita Nawrocki

Anita Nawrocki has lived in Belgravia for 22 years and only when she expressed an interest in doing a Made in Belgravia session did we discover another accomplished artist in the neighbourhood. She and her husband, Neil Lamoureux, initially chose Belgravia as a convenient location for Neil's work place downtown and Anita's in Southgate where she was helping her mother manage their well-known family retail business, Dansk Gifts. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology from the U of A, along with several introductory arts courses, art had always been a small, quiet hobby for Anita including glass blowing, and acrylic painting. Not surprisingly, Anita's favourite activity at Dansk Gifts was decorating and setting up all the displays.

Adam was born in 1998 and two years later, Anita & Neil discovered Adam had a chronic illness that required Anita to leave Dansk so she could focus on Adam's health. When Adam's health stabilized and after Sophie's birth in 2003, Anita pursued an After Degree in Elementary Education at the U of A. While she re-discovered her joy in creating art during this time, it wasn't until she took 11 year old Adam (who was 'really into coins') to a Strathcona coin & stamp shop that the idea of using stamps as art came to her. The stamps, at the back of the store, caught her eye and inspired thoughts about how easily they could be used to fill an empty canvas she had back at home just waiting to be hung in a particular spot in her hallway. Anita bought a bag of used postage stamps and started gluing. It wasn't long before she "was astounded by the variety of stamps"; how each stamp was a miniature piece of art on its own and even more interesting, what happened when stamps were placed side-by-side and overlapped.

The more she looked at these stamps, the more the possibilities of putting them together emerged. For example, her wondering why one

stamp was worth pennies and another worth thousands, lead to a series called "Precious." Another series entitled "Messages" came about as a result of imagining what was in the letters the stamps had shared. "From Correspondence to TXT" at the Alberta Craft Council was a postage stamp commentary on how society has changed the way it corresponds. Anita's current exhibit 'Stampified National Pride' at the Muttart Conservatory (until June 14, 2018) is a collection of 24 canvases of stamps that explore what is important to people and their countries.

If you have a box of stamps, maybe a collection you started when you were a kid that never progressed into a serious project, you might consider re-purposing them. Come to Anita's Made in Belgravia session on June 16, 2018 (1 – 3 pm) in the upper BCL hall, see some of Anita's pieces and learn how to create some of your own Postage Stamp Art. For more information about Anita's work, go to: <https://anitanawrocki.weebly.com>



Anita Nawrocki