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Removal of the old sidewalks on 78 Ave

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Belgravia Community League Day & Fall Barbecue.

Saturday, September 15, 2018, 4 - 8pm

Join us for our annual Fall Barbecue and Membership Drive on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 4 to 8 pm at the BCL Hall and surrounding grounds. It's a great chance to have some fun, meet your neighbours and learn more about the community league!

The barbecue is complimentary for 2017/18 Community League full and associate* members (\$5/burger for non-members).

Purchase your 2018/19 BCL membership and chat with the BCL board! There will also be the opportunity to sign up for programs like Yoga, Zumba and Knitting!

The BBQ will go ahead rain or shine! Keep up-to-date by checking our website!

We also need volunteers to help make this event a success! Please contact Cam McGregor at programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

* People who live outside of Belgravia who already belong to their home community league can purchase an associate membership in the BCL. Associate membership gives the privileges of being a BCL member (except voting rights).

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President's Message

The summer of our discontent...

Yesterday I took the dog for a walk around 5 pm. We began by scrambling over a trench where the sidewalk used to be, hoping to reach a navigable surface. A few doors to the east, two skinny houses in the final stages of construction were enveloped in a dust cloud originating from a screaming circular saw working its way through a sheet of siding. At the corner a herd of trotting graders, dump trucks, and assorted accessory vehicles bleated a concerto of whines, growls and backup beeps while feeding on mountains of sand and gravel. Overhead a pale orange sun hung in an acrid brown sky, weakly penetrating the wildfire smoke and the diminished canopy of Belgravia's stressed elm trees. Not quite the apocalypse, but a few of the horsemen seemed to be out for a ride.

Happily, the road and sidewalk construction is on schedule for completion by the end of autumn. All of us who have grumbled for years about proliferating potholes and heaving sidewalks will drive, stroll and shovel snow with greater ease. The possible exception for 2018 completion is 76 Ave, a separate project whose status is less clear.

The replacement of older homes with infill housing will of course continue for many years. Please see the June 2018 issue of The Belgravian for information and resources on planning for and managing the infill process.

The wildfire smoke and stressed elms are to me the issues of greatest concern. Climate change is strongly impacting our area. One of the major effects is more frequent drought in Edmonton and other parts of western North America, resulting in the smoke and thinning elm canopies. The effect of drought on our elms has been compounded by road and sidewalk reconstruction. All the trees have had surface

roots damaged and suffered soil compaction by heavy equipment.

Belgravia as a community can't do much about wildfires, but I believe that there is action we can take to support our elms. During the community league's efforts to reduce the size of the Belgravia Square development, several Belgravians volunteered time to assess the possible impact of the development on the elms bordering the site on 76 Ave. These dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers can help us to engage the City in an elm recovery plan for the neighbourhood, perhaps entailing increased watering and fertilizing. Please contact me at president@belgraviaedmonton.ca if you would like to assist with this project.

Throughout the construction season the BCL has worked to keep Belgravians informed of construction schedules, street closures, etc. The updates are posted on our website at <https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/construction/>.

We also distribute the updates by email. To receive these emails, please purchase a BCL membership and include your email address on your membership form.

Memberships will be sold at the Community League Day BBQ on September 15, or can be purchased online through the EFCL (<https://efcl.org/membership>).

BCL is looking for volunteers to help with BBQ and membership drive on September 15.

Please go to : www.volunteersignup.org/LWQDJ to register online (2018 BCL BBQ & Membership Drive signup sheet).

Let's meet in the Park...

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the Belgravia Arts Park with Kathy Goble, Belgravia resident and current Chair of the BCL Arts Park Committee. Kathy has been involved with the development of the park since its early beginnings nearly 20 years ago. Join her for a walk in the park, learn about the labyrinth that Kathy designed, and the stories behind the sculptures and how they were selected. Kathy will guide and explain other interesting park features:

- Entry archway to the park designed and built by another Belgravia resident, Peter Duncan.
- The fruit tree, the shrub bed and the native planting bed that has been a large focus of the Arts Park team.

There will be an opportunity to collect seeds!

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Kathy Goble - Art Park Team Leader

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Belgravia Arts Park

A unique landscape within the Belgravia community, the Arts Park is an eclectic mix of art and nature. Created 12 years ago by a great community effort, the park has been a multi-purpose space used for yoga, weddings, walking, games, and picnics, to name a few.

One feature of the Arts Park is the Native Plant Planting Bed located in the NE corner (along side 115 Street) of the arts park. This native Plant Planting Bed gives a glimpse of the historic prairie landscape, present long before the neighbourhood of Belgravia even existed!

The majority of the native plants in this bed have been sourced within 100 km of Edmonton. These plants are not just native to Alberta, but specifically to the Edmonton area!

Representing a wilder landscape, this bed is a departure from the residential landscaped gardens seen around the neighbourhood today. These plants have a unique beauty – not only do they connect you to the past, but also benefit gardeners and the environment alike. Considered hardy (as they are incredibly adapted to local conditions), they require less water, do not need fertilizer, help to suppress weeds, provide food for pollinators, and help preserve the prairie ecosystem.

So next time you pass the Arts Park, we hope you take a moment to enjoy the Native Plant Planting Bed, and experience a sample of the natural prairie landscape.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who first created this bed in 2006, and to the volunteers who, over the years, have continued to keep this bed a special part of our neighbourhood!

If you are interested in learning more about the bed, or volunteering, please contact Kathy Goble at kathygoble@newlinc.com

For more information about native plants:
https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/gardens_lawns_trees/natural-private-property.aspx



Planting the Native Planting Bed, 2006



Planting the Native Planting Bed, 2006



Native Planting Bed, 2018!

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BCL Fall 2018 Programs at the Hall

With the new hall, we have an opportunity to develop programs that fit our entire community. There are 920 households in Belgravia according to the 2016 Municipal Census. Of those about 40% are members of the Community League. The League would like its programs to support our community. Below are the programs for this fall!

To sign up for a program, please email the contact listed in the table below. Or, drop by the program booth at the community BBQ on September 15 where you can meet and suggest new ideas to our new program board member, Cam McGregor!

Program and Location	Day/Dates	BCL member / non-member Fee	Registration Contact
Strength & Stretch Leader: Tara Mayne (Lower Hall)	Mondays (11am - 12 noon) Sep 10 - Dec 3 (No class Thanksgiving Monday)	\$130/\$150 Drop ins:\$15/\$20	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
BCL Knitters (Upper Hall Community Living Room)	Tuesdays (Ongoing) 7 pm – 9 pm	BCL Membership	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Morning Mat Yoga Leader: Elise Ure (Upper Hall)	Tuesdays (10:20 - 11:20am) Session 1: Sep 11 - Oct 23 Session 2: Oct 30 - Dec 11	Session 1: \$70/90 Session 2: \$70/90 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Morning Chair Yoga Leader: Elise Ure (Lower Hall)	Tuesdays (11:30 - 12:30am) Session 1: Sep 11 - Oct 23 Session 2: Oct 30 - Dec 11	Session 1: \$70/90 Session 2: \$70/90 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Evening Mat Yoga Leader: Josh Clendenin (Upper Hall)	Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm Sept 12 – Oct 17	\$99 for all 6 classes Drop ins welcome	yogijoshwa@gmail.com
Soapstone Carving Leader: Pat Galbraith (Upper Hall)	Mondays 7 - 9 pm Sept 10 - Nov 9 (No class Thanksgiving Monday)	\$120/140 No drop ins please	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Guides Leader: Tonya Wolfe (Lower Hall)	Mondays 6:15 - 8:15pm Starting September	Contact Tonya: tonya.wolfe@gmail.com	tonya.wolfe@gmail.com
Zumba (Lower Hall) Leader: Genelle Routhier	Thursdays 7 pm – 8 pm Sep 6 - Oct 25	\$80/\$100 Drop ins \$15/20	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Sit & Be Fit Leader: Elise Ure (Lower Hall)	Fridays 11am - 12 noon Session 1: Sept 14 - Oct 26 Session 2: Nov 2 – Dec14	Session 1: \$70/90 Session 2: \$70/90 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Meet Genelle Routhier - Our New Zumba Teacher!

With Allison Moore's retiring as our Zumba teacher (having done so for the past 25 years ... and lucky us who got to experience her enthusiasm and great music for the past 2 years at the BCL hall), we're happy to announce that we've found, Genelle Routhier who is excited to be following in Allison's footsteps this fall. In her own words:

"Growing up I did a lot of competitive dance and synchronized swimming, so I've always had a love for moving with music. Recently, I realized I wanted a reason to dance again and Zumba has been the perfect solution for me! Being an elementary teacher, the teaching part comes easily and I love that I get a great workout while having fun! I look forward to meeting you and having fun on the dance floor!"

If you haven't tried Zumba out yet, now is the time to start. You can sign up for the whole series of classes in the lower hall or drop in whenever you have a free Thursday evening from 7 - 8 pm. Zumba starts on September 6. Working out has never been so much fun ...



Genelle Routhier

BOSC Ownership transfer to Greenfield School Age Day Care Association

On March 6th the Belgravia Out of School Care (BOSC) membership voted to transfer ownership of our Out of School Program to Greenfield School Age Day Care Association (GSADCA) effective August 1, 2018. GSADCA is the kind of high quality, professional program that BOSC has always aspired to become and we feel strongly that a Greenfield OSC program in Belgravia will be a major asset to the school and to the community.

We couldn't be happier with Greenfield's not-for-profit childcare philosophy, and the size and structure of their organization creates an exceptional level of stability for their programs. Working with GSADCA over the past few months has reinforced this. They've listened to our

membership and helped us make some very positive changes to the program already. We know there are more positive changes to come as they take over the full operation this summer.

If you have any questions related to the BOSC program, please send your questions, comments, or concerns to the Chair of the BOSC Board, Rob Hutchinson, at chair@ebosc.ca. If you would like to get to know the Greenfield School Age Day Care Association you can visit their website at gsadca.com or you can contact the Director, Sara Bowkowsky.

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- Aug 23 – Sept 8: University Ave Service road (119 St – 114 St)
- Aug 23 – Sept 8: 115 A St (University Ave – 80 Ave)
- Aug 23 – Sept 8: 80 Ave (115 A St – 115 St)
- Sept 4 – 16: 76 Ave (Saskatchewan Drive – 118 St)

Sidewalk replacement - Sidewalk and concrete construction will continue throughout the neighbourhood into September in the following areas:

- 79 Ave (119 St – 78 Ave), 115 – 114 St)
- 78 Ave (118 – 114 St)
- 77 Ave (118 – 114 St)
- 115 St (University Ave – 75 Ave)
- 76 Ave (Sask Drive – 114 St)

City Budget Matters.

By Councillor Ben Henderson

I wanted to let you know about some of the issues City Council will be dealing with in our city budget process. Both Capital and Operating Budgets will come before City Council this October and November. In the past we have had a multi-year process for the Capital Budget. Now both Operating and Capital Budget will be a four year term to allow for a better set of planning tools. Council will still re-visit the budget annually as we go along.

Public input is an important part of the overall budgeting and planning process. Even though the city continuously gathers data on citizens' needs related to budgetary matters, city staff is now doing specific public engagement until early October for this fall's budget. Please take an opportunity to go to www.edmonton.ca/mybudget if you wish to understand the budgeting process in more detail.

I am very pleased that the majority of neighbourhoods in Ward 8 have had Neighbourhood Renewal completed or are scheduled to be done soon. It has

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been a very long process. Replacement of roads, sidewalks and street lights, which our Neighbourhood Renewal program accomplishes, is a much needed investment. So far from 2009 to 2018 that cost has been about \$1.3 billion. I am glad to report that the fund we set aside for that no longer needs any additional top-up. Alley Renewal is our next and final piece, which should only need a much smaller levy to bring residential areas up to a higher standard.

Together, federal and provincial governments get 95% of all taxes. Right now our main revenue streams are property taxes and a smaller amount from user fees. The City has been working with the other orders of government to try to gain some ground. However, we expect the Province may cut some funding and we anticipate needing to make some trade-offs for a very tight budget this round.

You can always contact me at ben.henderson@edmonton.ca, or 780-496-8146, or follow me on Twitter @ben_hen