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Banner Photo: Grade 4 students, Tyler, Violet and Anna have fun on the snow-covered playground.

Let's Keep Talking Future of Waste

We heard you last fall! Now we want to hear more from you on topics like cart sizes, recycling and waste reduction. Share your views with us at a drop-in session or complete our online survey at edmonton.ca/futureofwaste (Feb 10–Apr 15).

Problem with left-hand turn signal entering Belgravia from 114 St northbound

Several residents have reported a problem with the left-hand turn signal on 114 St northbound at 76 Ave. The flashing arrow for left-hand turns sometimes does not come on, even when no LRT trains are approaching the intersection. The BCL is asking the City to investigate.

One possible cause of this problem is that cars in the left-hand turn lane are not pulling forward to the stop line. There is a sensor buried under the pavement near the stop line. It will not activate the left-hand turn signal unless a car is detected.

The stop line has been obscured by snow a lot lately, which may explain why some drivers are not pulling far enough forward. When you are in this left-hand turn lane, please double check that you have pulled forward to the stop line (but of course not beyond!). Thank you.

Friday yoga at the Hall

BCL is excited to be able to offer a second mat yoga class on Fridays!

Our yoga instructor Elise, who currently leads a class at the hall on Tuesdays from 10:20 to 11:20am, is able to offer a second class on Fridays either at 10 am or noon (depending on interest).

If you are interested in attending a yoga class on Fridays, please email Cam at programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Cost is \$120 for ten classes, or \$15 for drop-in

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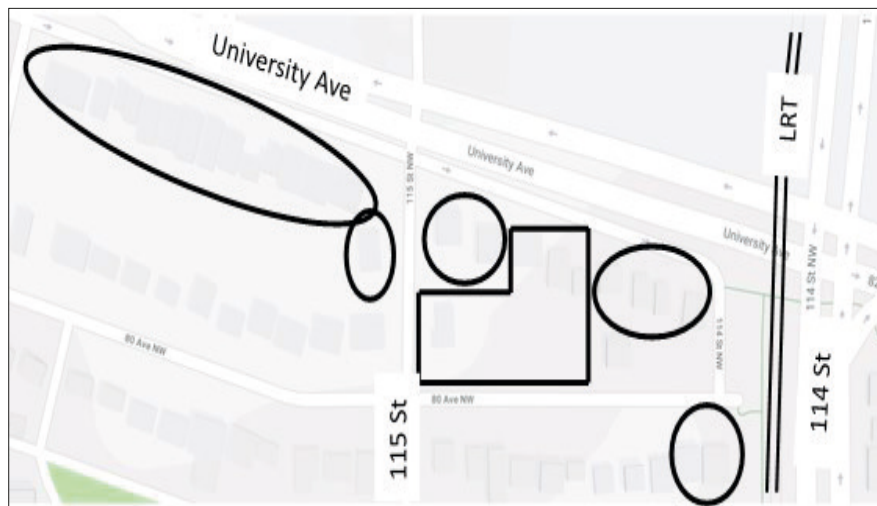
More mid-rise apartment buildings are coming to Belgravia

On January 21, Edmonton City Council approved an application from a developer to construct a 6-storey apartment building near the corner of University Ave and 115 St. The success of the application was a foregone conclusion because 4- and 6-storey buildings are authorized along some blocks of University Ave and 114 St in the Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), approved by City Council in 2013. The addition of more mid-rise buildings has substantial implications for traffic congestion in Belgravia. The Belgravia Community League board has actively engaged with City Council, City staff and developers on these issues, and will continue to do so.

The illustration below shows the location of the proposed 6-storey building (L-shape), as well as nearby properties that, under the ARP, can also be converted to 6-storey buildings (ovals). The developer, Westrich Pacific, is proposing a building with 87 units and one level of underground parking as well as surface parking. The final design is subject to City approval after the developer applies for the development permit.

Three Belgravians, including me, made presentations to City Council at the January 21 hearing to express concern about the impact of the proposed 6-storey building and the additional buildings that will almost certainly follow it. Two of our presentations focused on traffic and pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersections of University Ave and 115 St and University Ave and 114 St. As we all well know, both these intersections are already dangerously congested at afternoon rush hour. New mid-rise buildings in this area will add hundreds of new residents (and possibly commercial spaces and their staff and customers). These people will likely use University Ave and 115 St as their primary entry and exit point. Imagine the additional congestion.

Mayor Iveson and Councillor Henderson spoke in response to our presentations and agreed that the congestion and confusion at the University Ave – 115 St intersection should be addressed, particularly in light of future densification. They also expressed support for the addition of a crosswalk across



University Ave on the west side the LRT tracks, an important feature that has been a glaring omission for years. Further, Councillor Henderson made a motion that City staff undertake a study on traffic management along this area of University Ave, which Council passed unanimously. The BCL will follow up persistently with Councillor Henderson and City staff to ensure that the crosswalk and traffic study are completed.

Some readers will know that part of the area south of University Ave and

west of 114 St, including that shown on the map below, is officially part of the McKernan neighbourhood, not Belgravia. The McKernan and Belgravia Community Leagues are in regular contact about development issues in this area and are working together to represent our neighbourhoods.

This month we welcome Catherine Caufield as the new editor of The Belgravian. Thank you Catherine! And a special thank you to Miles Parenteau, who did a wonderful job as editor for the past year. Belgravian residents are always remarking to members of the BCL board how much they enjoy reading the monthly newsletter. We are so fortunate to have talented and dedicated volunteers to continue this treasured Belgravia institution.

Available Volunteer Positions with the Belgravia Community League

BCL board of directors positions		
Director of Planning and Place	Monitor development permits and City policy changes for concerns, respond to inquiries from residents, represent Belgravia at City workshops	Now
Vice president	Assist the board of directors as needed, prepare to become president in June 2021	June 2019
Director of Programs	Recruit program instructors, publicize programs, register participants, monitor community interest in new and existing programs	June 2019
Other positions		
Special events coordinator	Coordinate events such as Community League Day BBQ, volunteer appreciation, and Family Day	Now
Health and safety representative	Lead community league compliance with Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety Act	Now
Community hall hosts	Spend a few hours per week in the hall, welcoming visitors seeking to rent the hall, buy a membership, chat by the fireplace, etc.	Now
Your suggestion!	Please contact me about ideas for new BCL activities that you might like to be involved with	Now

River Valley Stairs Survey

Ongoing through Thursday, Feb 28, 2019, 11:30pm

The City of Edmonton is committed to keeping the river valley accessible to Edmontonians by building, rehabilitating and maintaining stairs or trails that connect the bottom of the river valley to the top of embankments.

This survey seeks your input and thoughts regarding the rehabilitation of river valley stairs and trails.

<https://www.edmontoninsightcommunity.ca/S.aspx?s=1068&r=sh4J22CF9gk0r3ne8Dk3kO&-so=true&fromdetect=1>

City of Edmonton Arena Ice Time

Are you a community group interested in booking ice time at City of Edmonton indoor arenas for the 2019/2020 season? If so, please email Cam McGregor at:

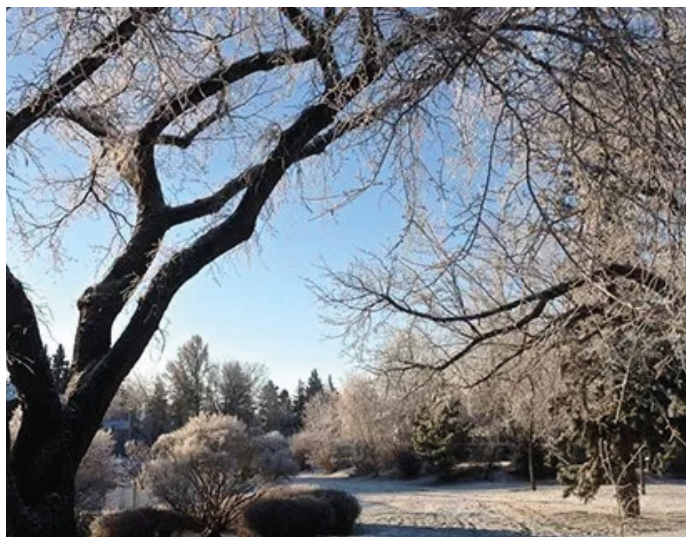
programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

City of Edmonton: MoveLearnPlay

MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca is the new City of Edmonton online portal to register for programs, camps and classes.

To set up a Move.Learn.Play account:

https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/set-up-your-move-learn-play-account.aspx





In 2017/2018, a roundabout was installed on 119 Street and 76 Avenue as part of 106 Street and 76 Avenue collector road improvement project. The roundabout was designed to encourage lower speeds while ensuring moderate traffic flow.

Under the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, roundabouts are intended to be entered and exited by going right and traveling in a counterclockwise direction. However, local residents have observed drivers turning left and traveling clockwise. This is illegal as doing so would be the same as driving against the traffic flow of a one-way street. Because of the danger, enforcement of this traffic law includes major penalties for drivers not going in the proper direction.

When using the roundabout at 119 Street and 76 Avenue, **ALWAYS** do the following:

1. Turn **RIGHT** when entering the circle and **YIELD** to drivers already in the circle.
2. **ALWAYS TRAVEL RIGHT**, or counter-clockwise. It is **ILLEGAL** to turn left and travel clockwise.
3. Activate the **RIGHT** turn signal as you approach your intended exit to alert other drivers and pedestrians of your intention. Leave the signal on until you have completed your exit.
4. **WATCH** and **YIELD** to pedestrians and cyclists using the crosswalks at the entrances and exits of the circle.

Alberta Transportation: Drivers Guide, Chapter 4—Intersections and Turns: Traffic Circles and Roundabouts, pp. 58-60 (Diagram: Indiana Department of Transportation)

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Membership Update

We are up to 410 members! Thank you so much to the more than 20 volunteers who sold memberships during our door-to-door campaign, which is now complete. If our volunteers missed you, it is still possible to get a membership. Just email me at membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca and I am happy to drop off a card and pick up payment. You can also get a membership online by credit card through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues at <http://www.efcl.org/> (there is a \$5 processing charge). We would love to reach the goal of 450 memberships as this would represent approximately half of all Belgravia households having memberships in our Community League! Membership benefits include BCL Hall rental privileges, BCL member rate for programs at the Hall, access to skating rinks across the city, and 10% discount on annual and multi-admission passes and monthly memberships at City of Edmonton recreation facilities. The Belgravia Community League works hard on your behalf to address issues such as traffic, security, transit and parking.



BCL Winter 2019 Programs at the Hall

Program/ Location	Day/Dates	BCL Member Fee	Register With . . .
Strength & Stretch Leader: Tara Mayne Location: Lower Hall	Mondays 11 am–12 noon Jan 14–April 22 (no class Feb 18, Apr 22)	\$120 Drop ins: \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Soapstone Carving Leader: Pat Galbraith Location: Upper Hall	Mondays 7–9 pm Jan 7 – Mar 25 (no class Jan 21, Feb 18)	\$120 No drop ins	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Morning Mat Yoga Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	Tuesdays 10:20–11:20 am Jan 15 – Apr 2	\$120 Drop ins: \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Morning Chair Yoga Leader: Elise Ure Location: Lower Hall	Tuesdays 11:30–12:30 pm Jan 15–Apr 2	\$120 Drop ins: \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
BCL Knitters Location: Upper Hall Community Living Room	Tuesdays 7–9 pm Ongoing	Free	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Belgravia Walking Club Leader: Cam McGregor Location: Meet in Upper Entryway	Wednesdays 10 am Ongoing	Free	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Zumba Leader: Genelle Routhier Location: Lower Hall	Thursdays 6–7 pm Jan 17–Mar 14 (no class Feb 14)	\$80 Drop ins \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Sit & Be Fit Leader: Elise Ure Location: Lower Hall	Fridays 11 am - 12 noon Jan 18–Apr 5	\$120 Drop ins: \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Other Programs at the Hall

Program/ Location	Day/Dates	Fee	Register With ...
Guides Location: Lower Hall	Mondays 6:15–8:15 pm	Contact: tonya.wolfe@gmail.com	tonya.wolfe@gmail.com
Bootcamp Location: Lower Hall	Tuesdays 8:30–9:30 am Jan 15–Mar 19	Contact: caitlinvbanks@gmail.com	caitlinvbanks@gmail.com
Learn to Skate Leader: City of Edmonton Location: BCL Rink	Tuesdays 4 -7pm Jan 8–Feb 12	Free	Drop in - no registration required
Sportball for Kids Location: Lower Hall	Sunday Mornings Jan 6–Mar 17	See BCL website for pricing	https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/services-programs/

Belgravia Co-operative Playschool Open House

Please join us on March 7th, 2019 from 6–7pm at Belgravia Community Hall. The Playschool teacher Ms. Monica will be there to meet and greet and answer questions that parents may have. There will also be parents there volunteering. Light snacks and refreshments provided!

Made In Belgravia: Felting Workshop

March 9, 2019; 10 am–3:30 pm
in the Upper BCL Hall)

Brenda Philp, a fibre artist who lives in Belgravia, creates unique, functional wearable & visual artwork through felting. The recent introduction of new & innovative techniques in felting wool have enhanced & expanded the creative potential of this natural material. Brenda's passion for colour, composition & texture are influenced by a lifelong love of the arts & music. Practical by nature, she uses traditional techniques & organic materials to produce useful & durable pieces.

See <https://www.facebook.com/Brenda-Philp-Art-Dog-Studio-39036.../>

Workshop participants will learn basic felting skills and create projects such as a pair of cuffs, a wall hanging, table runner or place mats. Other ideas can be discussed with Brenda prior to the workshop.

Fee: \$115 (BCL Members) \$125 (non-members) (includes all supplies and materials) Cheques to be written out to the Belgravia Community League.

Class size: Minimum of 5–8 (maximum) participants (Registration is secured with receipt of workshop fee)

RSVP to Jeanette at mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca



The Grade 1 class enjoys an outdoor field trip at the community skating rink.

Enrollment in Belgravia School for Fall 2019

District pre-enrolment will begin on March 11th via SchoolZone for those families currently enrolled in an Edmonton Public School. New student registration is now open and our Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please spread the word to prospective families. Children who are four years old as of March 1st of this year are eligible for Kindergarten in September. Registration forms will be available at our Open House. If you are unable to attend our Open House, you can print a registration form on www.epsb.ca or pick one up in any public school office. When submitting your registration form, please provide documentation of your child's birth date (birth certificate or passport) as well as something that can confirm your residential address (utility bill).

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If you are serious, maybe we can help each other. Email us at rmdec@SunDraco.com

Belgravia School Page

Welcome to the Belgravia School! Catch up with our school news for January/February!



Grade 1 students, Russel, Freddie and Henry at Crazy Hair Day.



Alberta Opera's performance of Pinocchio, held at Belgravia School on February 13th



Grade 3 students take an in-depth look at building bridges during an in-school field trip.



Part of the Grade 1 French Club and instructor, Candice. French Club is an optional program run during recess throughout the winter.



School staff dress up to celebrate the 100th day of school.

Meet Your Neighbours

February 17, 2019 was a good place to meet your neighbours at the BCL Friend and Family Day event. There was line dancing, crokinole and other games along with popcorn, mulled wine & beer in the lower hall and the Interactive Mapping Project, a group puzzle activity by the fire place and a Photograph Booth in the upper hall. Over 50 people shared a delicious pot-luck supper (every course was covered!) and good conversations. Here's to more pot-luck dinners at the hall!

Thanks to The Balloon Store (<http://theballoonstore.ca>) for the balloon bouquet as well as photographer and photography instructor at the Canadian Photography Learning Centre, Jonathan Tieh (<http://www.jonathantieh.com/>) for taking some beautiful Friends and Family Day portraits that were displayed as the afternoon unfolded (Digital copies available for those who may want their own copy). And a HUGE thanks from the event organizers Cam McGregor, Christina Lau Hoang, Imogen Sellman, and Jeanette Boman to the volunteers who helped make the event happen: Shaun and Irene Cooney, Joanna Lau, Gillian Mah-Thompson, Lorraine Hinch, Justine Barber, Kevin Taft, Jane Norby, Louise Sellman, Jan McGregor, Marcel Hukulak, and Michael Cohen. See some of your neighbours in the following photos taken by Cam McGregor and Jeanette Boman:



Belgravia “Where in the World” Interactive Mapping Activity

Belgravia is a community filled with people from many backgrounds with just as many interests, abilities and talents. At the BCL February 17, 2019 Family Day event Christina Lau Hoang & Jeanette Boman introduced an interactive mapping project that explores the rich diversity of all who make up Belgravia called “Where in the World ...”

Using the most recent aerial map of Belgravia we could get (May, 2018) from Edmonton Maps, the project involves people finding and marking their home with a coloured dot & pin. Then, with such questions as “How did I come to live here?” each person is asked to think of their connections to the rest of Alberta, Canada and/or the world tracing that relationship with a coloured thread from Belgravia to the place where they were born, where they grew up or the place of their ancestral history. The exercise is inevitably attached to something we all have: our ‘origin stories’.

The interactive mapping project can be found on the wall in BCL hall’s Community Living Room. Marker dots, pins and coloured threads are in place for Belgravia residents to keep adding to the maps over the coming months. Next time you come to the hall, mark your home on the map and extend your own historical thread to the project.

Jonathan, BCL’s new Facebook Manager and Alison Dinwoodie in front of the BCL Interactive Mapping Project



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April 2019	Mar 15	Mar 23-24
May 2019	Apr 19	Apr 27-28
June 2019	May 17	May 25-26
July/Aug 2019	June 14	June 22-23
September 2019	Aug 16	Aug 24-25

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