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The Belgravia News



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Zoning Change Public Meeting

**Belgravia DC2 Lombardi Apartments
(known as St. Paul's
Apartments)**

**Monday, June 15, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 pm
at**

**St. Paul's United Church
11526 - 76 Ave**

**All Community residents are requested to attend
as the proposed changes will affect all future
development in our community. See more in the
presidents message.**

Community League Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM (except July and August)

Everyone is welcome to participate. Please come and help us to continue to make Belgravia a wonder-

Annual General Meeting

Despite the chilly weather there was a good turnout at the Annual General Meeting, June 7th at the Community Hall.

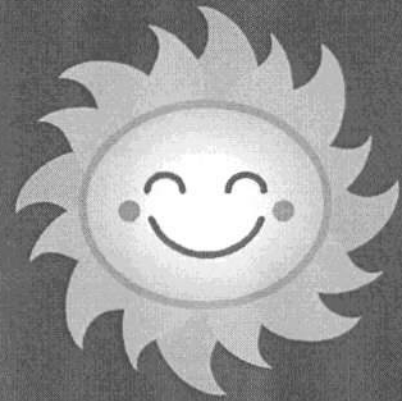
Local bands entertained while everyone munched on hamburgers and hot dogs and mixed and mingled. Children enjoyed the playground and were kept entertained by lots of fun and games.

The meeting itself was interesting and informative. Both of our City Councillors, Bryan Anderson and Don Iveson, were on hand to speak to issues that were of importance to us. Topics from transportation issues to the Scona Pool closure were discussed and our opinions were carefully listened to. Councillor Anderson more than once encouraged all of us to e-mail either him or Don with specific and concise information about our issues and they will see that our concerns are heard. Bryan Anderson can be reached at bryan.anderson@edmonton.ca. Don Iveson can be reached at don.iveson@edmonton.ca.

Goodbyes were said to board members who were resigning. They are: Martyn Unsworth (Vice-President), Grant Hutcheon,(Treasurer) ,Yvette Maskell (Programs) , Ron Maskell (Hall Rentals) and last but not least, just when I finally get his name spelled correctly in the newsletter...Terry Kuzsyk(Hall Maintenance). Thank you to all of these individuals for all of their hard work and dedication.

Belgravians being the vital and enthusiastic people they are have already stepped up to the plate. We have all but two of the above positions filled! We are still looking for a Vice-President as well as a Hall Maintenance Director. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact one of our BCL members. Contact information is on Page 10.

Thanks to those who braved the weather and came out to support the league.



What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.

-Gertrude Jekyll-

President's Message

Well, we just finished up a busy weekend getting ready for and holding the Belgravia Community League Annual General Meeting. A big thanks to all those who helped out. We are still looking to fill some positions on the board (most notably the hall maintenance position). If you would like to volunteer to improve your community, please contact me or any other board member.

The next big event to take place is the proposed zoning changes for the apartments beside St. Paul's United Church. As these apartments are directly behind our house, I have been a very interested member of a community committee that has worked for many months with the developer and the city to help negotiate a plan for this site. To this point the committee has not been happy with the proposed development for the following main reasons. The building in general is too tall and too long which results in almost no sunlight reaching the houses backing onto it for about 2 months of the winter. The other issue is that the building takes up too much of the site which leaves little green space. The committee in general believes that the building needs to be smaller and divided in two to allow more sunlight to penetrate during the winter months.

The committee requests your presence at this meeting on June 15 to listen, ask questions, and voice any concerns about this change in our neighborhood - one that will have some impact on the whole community. These are only proposed changes at present. As this proposal requires a zoning change, it will have to be approved by city council sometime in the next year.

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Belgravia Community League

Summer Registered Childrens Program

A Pirate's Life, Aug. 10-14

Ages: 7-12 yrs; Cost: \$101
Time: 9:00 -4:00 Code: 317661

Ahoy Shipmate! Unravel the mystery of long forgotten buried treasures! Come aboard ship to seek adventure on the high seas or walk the plank on a deserted island. Do you think you have what it takes to be a pirate? Shiver me timbers, I think you have!

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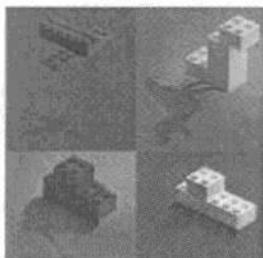
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Belgravia Out of School Care Wish List For 2009 - 2010!

Belgravia Out of School Care is non profit community program that provides care for children between kindergarten and grade 6. The students of Belgravia Elementary School spend many hours in our center and we wish to update some of our toys and educational centres.

At present, we are in need of the following items.



Lego blocks
Large plastic building blocks
Drama centre items
Puppets
Multicultural dress up clothing
Sand table
Water table

Scientific items for a science centre (sealed slides for microscopes).

Small musical instruments (no mouth instruments)

Stethoscopes, magnifying glass, rocks, shells, minerals...

Soft children's furniture (bean bags)

Kitchen Set

Trains and car sets

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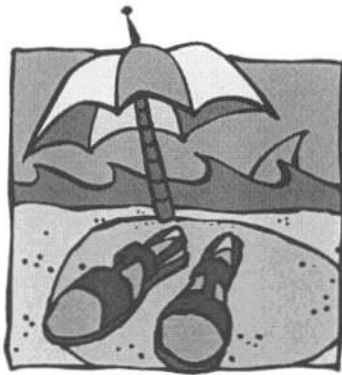
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Local Belgravia Author, Wendy Davis, is signing her book Dal and Rice at Belgravia Books & Treasures on Sunday July 5th from 2-4 pm.

Dal and Rice is an affectionate account of a childhood spent in India. The book also concerns her father who served in the Indian Civil Service for thirty years. Dal and Rice has been forwarded for the Governor General's Award.



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Serenity

Jeff Allen Art Gallery
Strathcona Place Senior Centre
10831 University Ave.

June 30, 2009 - July 30, 2009
Reception July 8, 2009 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Serenity is an exquisite exhibit in watercolours of landscapes and flowers.

You can feel the quiet and spirituality that has been interpreted by the artist Yomiko Hoyano in each of her landscape paintings which are predominantly of Edmonton, the foothill and mountains of Alberta. Yomiko's floral paintings pleasingly stimulate the senses.

Everyone is welcome to meet the artist at her reception and enjoy her works of art.

Best viewing hours for general public are
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM.

Centre is open
Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Need To Care for Yourself?

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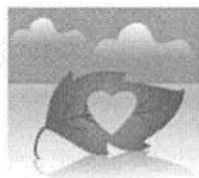
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valley and parks, the university, health care facilities, Whyte Avenue and downtown.

We have acquired three adjacent 44X 130 foot lots and plan to build our "house-for-life" on one of them: a house that is 'green' (net zero ready), accessible for all abilities and one that is both attractive and fits well into the community.

We hope to find two partners/families to purchase the remaining lots and build their own new home along with us during the same time frame (desired start date is May 1, 2010) with all of us using the same builder. We have chosen *Habitat* because of their focus and experience in designing environmental sustainable homes. With lower building costs due to the current economic realities, such collaboration will lead to even further savings.

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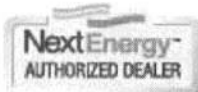
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Steps to Renovate Your Home with Geothermal: *And the \$6,325 Rebate You'll Receive*

Monica Gault, Geothermal Utilities

It's the time of year when homeowners start bubbling with endless renovation ideas. New to this year's home-reno plans, however, is the support of numerous Government grants, rebates and tax credits to inspire the poignant environmental consciousness seeping into every renovation decision.

Green renovations are more affordable, innovative and popular than ever. Everyone is looking for the latest and greatest in Green technologies, but more often than not have no idea where to start. So let's consider one that will have the most profound effect on your daily life: Geothermal heating, cooling and hot water for your home.

The concept behind Geothermal is that you are turning your land into a free geothermal energy source that is replenished daily by the sun. An appropriately designed loop field picks up the temperature of the earth and uses a heat pump to concentrate and distribute the energy throughout your existing or new home – cooling you down on those hot summer days and keeping you warm on those cold winter nights

Geothermal is up to 450% efficient and provides a safer, more comfortable living environment, as there is no open flame and no risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Your natural gas bill is completely eliminated.

The most exciting news for this environmentally friendly investment is the number of rebates popping up both Federally and Provincially. The Canadian Government has increased the ecoEnergy Retrofit Grant for Geothermal by 25% to \$4,375, which can be combined with the \$1350 Renovation Tax Credit and the new Alberta Energy Efficiency Rebate of \$600 to bring the total to \$6,325. There is no time like the present to renovate with a Geothermal system.

There are 7 important steps to keep in mind when deciding on Geothermal and to guarantee that you will receive your government rebates:

Hire a qualified energy advisor to perform an energy evaluation of your home. Recommended upgrades can include alterations to insulation, windows, doors and appliances. The cost should be \$400 or less.

Learn about Geothermal heating, cooling, and hot water.

Contact a Natural Resources Canada endorsed Canadian Geo-Exchange Coalition (CGC) certified and accredited Geothermal Company to design, install, and certify your system for the ecoEnergy retrofit program.

A site visit by your Geothermal installer is necessary to gather additional information, review your energy audit and update you on the green possibilities in your home.

A geothermal system is engineered specifically for your home and therefore the installer should provide you with a comprehensive quote. Necessary information includes an explanation of why your home requires a certain heat pump or number of boreholes for the earth loops, an accurate payback analysis, and a look into how much value could be added to your property due to installation of a geothermal earth loop.

The retrofit of your home can be accomplished in as little as a single week, involving drilling of boreholes, switching out your old method of heating and cooling, and connecting a Geothermal Heat Pump to your existing ductwork.

Lastly, once you are enjoying the benefits of your Geothermal system, you will have your energy advisor perform your post-renovation evaluation and submit your application. Your cheque should arrive within 90 days of submission.

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News From Our School

Another school year is almost gone and it has been a productive one for Belgravia. Fundraisers were a huge success with Belgravia residents once again surpassing our expectations with their generosity. These events provide an opportunity for the community to work together and have fun at the same time. Thank you for your support.

As usual June is another busy month for staff and students. Track and Field day is on June 24th at Foote Field for Division II (3-6). On the same day the Division I students will be participating in their own events at the school. The year-end assembly will be held on Friday, June 26 to bid farewell to the grade six students. This is followed by a special tea for the grade six parents. On a historical note the graduation of the Wensel family this year brings 23 consecutive years of having at least one child in the school to an end. The Freeman family ends 15 years. The contributions of these families to the school are second to none, and they will be truly missed.

The last day of school will prove to be a wet one, rain or shine, as it is also the day of the traditional and ever so popular water fight outdoors. Staff and students all go home very wet! Have a wonderful summer everyone. See you in the fall.



Volunteer Opportunity! Belgravia Out of School Care Needs You!



Belgravia Out of School Care Program provides an afternoon program for kindergarten-aged students of Belgravia Elementary School.

For the 2009 – 2010 school year, we are looking for community members to share their talents with our young students.

Do you:

Knit, crochet, paint, make pottery, sew, cake decorate or garden?

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