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Belgravia Community League BBQ & Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 7, 2009
12-4pm

Bring your family to the park and come out to enjoy the day.

Local bands will entertain during the BBQ. The meeting features a guest speaker and a chance to hear about local issues.

Parks & Recreation staff will engage your children in activities during the meeting.

Community League Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Please come and help us to continue to make Belgravia a wonderful place to live!

There are several board positions up for new fresh faces to occupy. Job descriptions will be posted on our website soon. Please have a look and come out to the AGM and volunteer for a position that interests you.

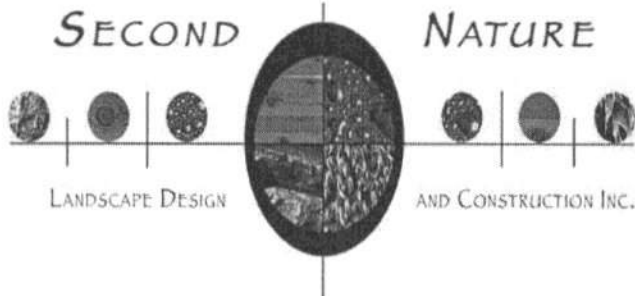
Transportation News

Route 327

This new small bus route serves the neighbourhoods of Belgravia and McKernan replacing Route 7. The route operates along the previous routing of Route 7 between the Belgravia turnaround and Whyte Avenue. The route then operates east on Whyte Avenue, south on 104 Street and west on 76 Avenue to 109 Street and the previous routing of Route 7. The route provides residents with a good connection to the LRT at the

McKernan-Belgravia LRT Station and direct service to **Old Strathcona**. The route operates every 30 minutes in all time periods. This provides increased frequency during the Weekday late nights and Weekend early mornings and nights.

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President's Message

Well it's finally here, and first impressions are that it was worth the wait. I use the LRT a couple of days a week when I travel downtown. Some other things that the residents of our areas need to consider is that the city just got a little smaller as a lot of places got a whole lot closer. Some examples are the Sobeys grocery store at the Bay station, the Canadian Tire at the Belvedere Station as well as lots of restaurants, fitness centers and movie theatres. I was thinking it would be a good idea to arrange a LRT tour some Saturday to familiarize people of Belgravia of some of things available on LRT route, especially our senior citizens. If you would be interested in helping organize something like this please contact me.

We also have a new bus route running between the Old Strathcona area and our neighborhood. I have noticed that the bus driver looks pretty lonely at times. Why not head up to Whyte for dinner one evening and take advantage of the ride there and back? We need to make sure to use this service or it may get changed or terminated.

There is considerable concern in our area around the closing of Scona pool. If you would like to help out please have a look at the www.savesconapool.org website or email info@savesconapool.org. Please sign the petition that will be at Belgravia Books and Treasures (10:30 AM to 5 PM) 7 days a week.

The Belgravia Community League Annual General meeting will be held on Sunday June 7th. Please get out and help support our community. We have asked councilors Don Iveson and Bryan Anderson to come address our community on issues that affect us and our city. We also will have some board positions that require filling some volunteers have stepped forward but we need some more help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM and BBQ next month

Thanks Parker

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Don Iveson and Parker Fjeldberg off to work the first Monday of the LRT expansion. Look at those smiles!



Spring Fun!

So Long Drive-In-Hello Movies on the Square

Movies on the Square returns to Sir Winston Churchill Square May 22 and 23. Bring your friends and family out to experience movies on a 3 storey high inflatable screen- for FREE! It's the ultimate outdoor movie experience complete with pre-movie entertainment, giveaways and prizes, concession services and closed captioning.

May 22-Hotel for Dogs May 23 -The Tale of Despereaux

The fun starts with pre-movie entertainment at 8pm and the movie will begin at 9pm each night. Admission is free and don't forget to BYOC (bring your own chair)!

Future dates include July 31, August 1 and September 4 & 5.

**Fort Edmonton Park Spring Carnival
Sunday May 17 & Monday May 18th
10 am-6 pm**

Fort Edmonton's Summer season is kicking off with the Spring Carnival. Try out the free penny carnival games; check out clown school; watch stilt walkers and jugglers. Learn how to make lemonade the old-fashioned way. Games of skill and rides on the Ferris wheel and carousel will round out the fun.

**Seniors Tour and A Tea-Seniors Week
Alberta Legislature Ground
Monday, June 1st- Friday, June 5, 2009**

The Legislature invites seniors to join them for their annual Tour and a Tea event during Senior's Week. Enjoy a group tour, followed by a complimentary fancy tea in the lower rotunda. Participating senior also receive coupons for the gift shop and enter their names for prize draws.

Pre-book at 780-427-7362

**Rutherford House
Founders Day Tea
Sunday, June 7, 2009**

Alexander Rutherford celebrated each years graduates by hosting a Founder's Day Tea. Help us renew this tradition and come help plant a tree and enjoy some graduation cake!



BCL Meeting Notes

April 2009 BCL Motions

Motion: Rob moves and Sandy seconds that BCL hire a bookkeeper at a charge out rate at approximately \$40 / hr. Carried.

May 2009 BCL Motions

Motion: Rob moves and Terry seconds that we change membership fees from \$25 family to \$30 family, single rate unchanged, and add a post secondary student/senior category for \$5, to be implemented September 1, 2009.

Carried.

Motion: Sandy moves and Rob seconds that we replace 4 windows on the south side of building with sealed windows with solar shielding purchased from Gienow at a cost not to exceed \$1200. Carried.

Motion: Sandy moves and Rob seconds that we continue with exchanging the 12 Exit lights with LEDs (as per audit report), replace electronic motion switches, replace rink and exterior bulbs at a cost not to exceed \$ 1500. Carried.

Notes and News

University of Alberta Director of Community Relations shared information and addressed questions about planned development on South Campus.

Parkallen is offering a Spring Green Shack Program starting now! Wednesday and Thursday evenings Leaders will be on site 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Looking for a local summer program? Try Pirates Life August 10 – 14 at Belgravia Hall. www.eReg.edmonton.ca

The June 7 AGM (1:00 p.m.) features a guest speaker and a chance to hear about and become involved in local issues. There are board and committee positions available. The ever popular BBQ starting at noon will showcase the musical talents of some of our local youth. Parks and Rec staff will engage your children in activities during the meeting itself.

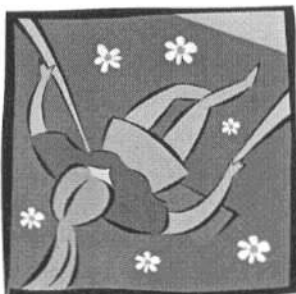


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News from Our School

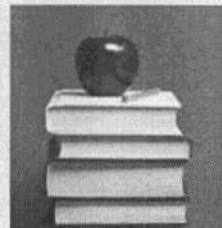
Thank you all for your volunteer efforts and donations for the Belgravia School Bottle Drive this past Saturday. The rain held off, the donuts held out and the volunteers hung in! The number of children working with their parents on the day and with delivering flyers earlier this week really demonstrates how families and schools work well inside and outside school hours. Together we raised \$2,800 for some gym equipment and other school enhancements not covered by public education money. We will be back in October to do it again.

In other news the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) for the grade 3 and 6 students begin this month.

A Volunteer Breakfast was held on Thursday, May 7th to thank all of the hard working parents, grandparents and friends of the school for all of their help in making Belgravia the wonderful place it is to learn.

Students participated once again in the Jump Rope for Heart to raise funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

To end the month students will celebrate with a Swim Party and Hot Dog Lunch for the whole school at Millwoods Recreation Centre on May 28th. Money was raised from the Fun Auction in November to fund this event and students have been looking forward to it all winter!





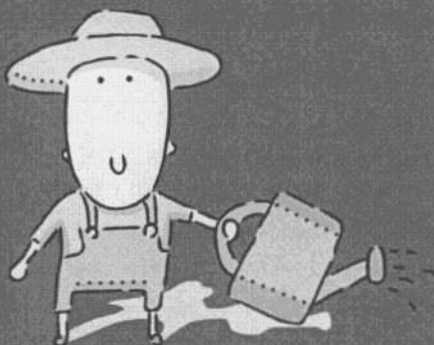
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CRIME WATCH



Armed with cameras, Richard Law and his neighbours are winning the war against crime in Belgravia. This was the headline on the article by Andrew Hanon in the front page of the Edmonton Sun, May 8, 2009 featuring Richard Law and his dog, Willow. Richard has begun collecting neighbours' e-mail addresses and has been sending photos and warnings about thefts, acts of vandalism and even people camping out in the parks for the night. This has been so successful that the city police are looking to Richard and his "neighbor watchdogs" to teach their tricks to other communities in the city. Living in a community such as ours where neighbours know and look out for one another it is easy to become complacent about the crime around us and not notice what is actually going on. Now we have a lock on our shed and are more careful about putting bikes away. Is this sad? In a sense I suppose it is, however, the fact is that we all need to pay attention in order to keep Belgravia safe. To this end Richard and our webmaster, Chris Martyniuk are looking at putting together a forum on our BCL website where all of the latest news will be posted. In the meantime please contact Richard at **belgravia_watch@yahoo.ca** to report anything new. Richard is to be commended for his efforts to make the community of Belgravia a safer place for all of us. Thank you Richard!



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This Old House

Ever wonder about the tall white house at 11511 75th Avenue? For one thing, it is Belgravia's first designated historical house. And one that is about to undergo an extensive restoration intended to return it to "health".

This house is known as the William Fraser Residence after the farmer thought to have had it built and who lived in it from 1913-1918. From 1920-1922 Professor Clyde Jackson of the U of A lived there. In 1922 he changed his job to Alberta College and moved residence to 11630 74 Avenue. Then Walter S. Rose, a claims adjuster for the Workmen's compensation board, bought it and lived in it until 1946. At that time Professor Brian Hocking of the U of A Faculty of Agriculture bought the house and lived in it with his family. On Professor Hocking's death in 1974, the house passed to his son, Dr. Drake Hocking, a forester and ecologist. Drake has continued to own his family home, but has not lived in it due to his career in forest restoration in many developing countries of Asian and Africa where he has provided technical and policy advice to bilateral and international aid projects. For the period Dr. Hocking was abroad (1978-2008), the house was rented.

The William Fraser Residence is a simple, wood-framed family house, characteristic of its period. It was built as a four-square, two-storey house with plain white painted cedar siding, and a pyramidal, cedar-shingled roof terminating in a brick chimney. It is not fancy-but truly a farm house of its time. With some nice features, including the original double-hung sash windows framed inside with simple broad molding, tapered at the ends. As well the original claw-foot, roll-top bath remains, as do pocket-doors and a stained glass panel above the living main room window.

Interestingly, while it was originally quite isolated (a real farm house set among fields), as late as 1949 it was one of very few houses in a mosaic of fields, willow bush and the swamp of Mckernan Lakes. Look how we've changed in the last century!

Sandy Guilbert

Pretty Petals

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

June 2, 2009 to June 25, 2009

Reception Wednesday June 10, 2009 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

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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

Universiade 2015 for Edmonton?

The University of Alberta's bid to host the 2015 Universiade games is supported by the municipal, provincial and federal governments. The announcement of the host city will be made on May 23.

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