

BELGRAVIA  
COMMUNITY HALL  
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# The Belgravia News



APRIL 2010

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## **South LRT Grand Opening**

**April 24, 2010**

**10 am—5 pm**

**Opening Ceremony 10 am**

- ♦ **Kids Activities**
- ♦ **Mini-Farmers Market**
- ♦ **Centennial Garage Tour/Shuttle**
- ♦ **Meet an Edmonton Eskimo**

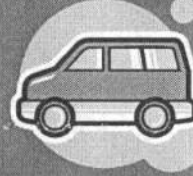
**Free rides will be offered on the entire LRT line  
from 11 am—6 pm.**

**\*\* Does not include ETS Bus service.**

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

Everyone is welcome to  
participate.

## Transportation



At the recent meeting of the Belgravia Transportation Committee with the City of Edmonton transportation engineer in charge of the traffic signals surrounding Belgravia, a number of concerns and constraints were discussed.

First and foremost, the overall corridor design has been set up for priority for LRT movement. This means that the LRT has priority over pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicle traffic. As we all know (as does the Transportation Department), this can mean tiresome waits at intersections such as 114<sup>th</sup>/76<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but the transportation engineers have no choice but to follow the rules set down for them.

In addition, the traffic signal system comes complete with sophisticated software designed elsewhere. Meaning it doesn't always do what would be best in our unique situation. But by working with the manufactures of this software, they have been able recently to make an upgrade that allows more north/south walk time along 114 Street when trains pre-empt traffic. They are also asking the manufacturer to modify the system so changes can be made in the direction that goes first each time after a train comes through. (That is, cars travelling west on 76<sup>th</sup> would sometimes get to go first after the gate goes up.)

We now better understand that city staff are already aware of the issues we raised, and they continue to monitor and adjust the signal timings to ensure that delays in all directions are minimized, given the above limitation. (And remember part of the equation, too, is the need to minimize the queues of vehicles as much as possible on 114 Street and University Avenue, in order to discourage traffic from using routes such as 76 Avenue as a shortcut.)

Sandy Guilbert



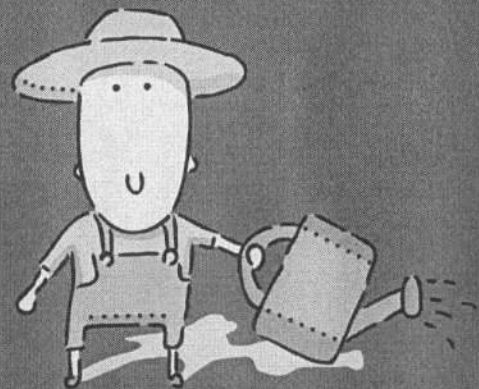
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## President's Message

As you can see from the front page Belgravia's backyard is about to get a lot bigger! The next link to Southgate and Century Park opens April 24th and brings with it new possibilities for living a "car-less" life. I am challenging all residents to pick a week in May and leave the vehicle in the garage. Take public transportation, ride a bike or lace up your sneakers to head to work, buy those groceries, or head out to dinner or a movie. If you do have to drive to work try your best to accomplish all your errands by the other modes of transportation mentioned above. Give it a try, I think you will like it!

The final plans for the Lombardi (St.Paul's) condominiums are set and can be seen at the website listed below. Construction will start soon and from the opinions I have heard come my way it seems like many people believe that it will be a positive addition to the neighbourhood. Have a look and see for yourself.

On a final note, a topic that sounds all too familiar these days. I have repeated this "ad- nauseum" in past newsletters but have to repeat it once again. June brings the Annual General Meeting and with it— executive elections. Several key members of the Belgravia executive will be leaving their positions this year. Please think about volunteering your time. The community league is the front line for maintaining the integrity of the neighbourhood by controlling new development ; organizing and obtaining grants and subsidies and participating in City- wide programs that will improve our community. Once again I make the plea for all residents to give serious consideration to giving your time and taking a position in next year's executive.

Parker Fjeldberg, President.

**Grand Scala Luxury condominiums**  
[www.nafdevelopments.com](http://www.nafdevelopments.com)





## St. Paul's Playgroup

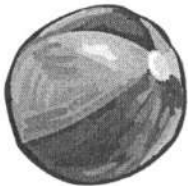
Infants to Preschoolers with their caregivers are welcome to join St. Paul's Playgroup.

We are an informal, non-denominational, co-operative group that runs from September through June.

We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in the basement of St. Paul's United Church, 11526 - 76 Ave.

There is a \$20 fee per family per 'year' which covers toy replacements and upkeep of the room.

Children have access to a toy filled playroom and a large open area that provides space for riding toys and room to run, chase, and make noise. All attendees provide a snack by taking turns via a sign-up sheet.

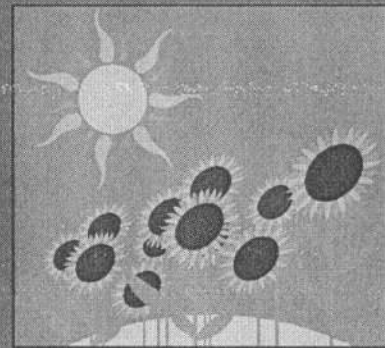
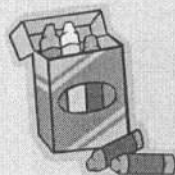


For further information call:  
**Susanne @ 780-432-6223 or email**  
[susanne.rowe@shaw.ca](mailto:susanne.rowe@shaw.ca)

### BELGRAVIA CO-OPERATIVE PLAYSCHOOL IS ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Space in 3-year-old class (Tue/Th mornings)  
 Limited space in 4-year-old class (MWF mornings)

Contact: Margaret Ackman,  
 registrar,  
[mackman@telus.net](mailto:mackman@telus.net)



## ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH SPRING BAZAAR

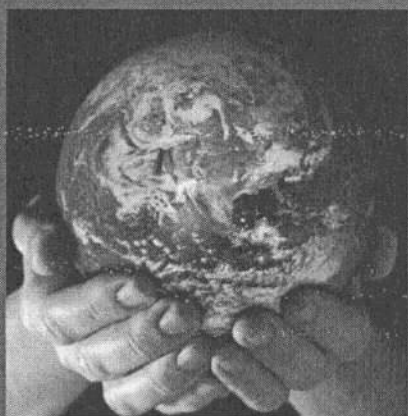
HERE COMES SPRING, AND IT'S  
 TIME FOR THE GREAT  
 ST. GEORGE'S BAZAAR.

THIS YEAR WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE THINGS YOU REALLY NEED-LIKE PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN, BAKING FOR YOUR TABLE, BOOKS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE (ST. GEORGE'S BOOK SELECTION IS WELL KNOWN!), AND A CHANCE TO REST AND RELAX WITH DESSERT AND COFFEE OR TEA, OR A DELUXE HOT DOG.

COME AND HAVE A GOOD  
 TIME WITH US!

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH-  
 11733 87TH AVE.

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**  
**9 AM-1 PM**

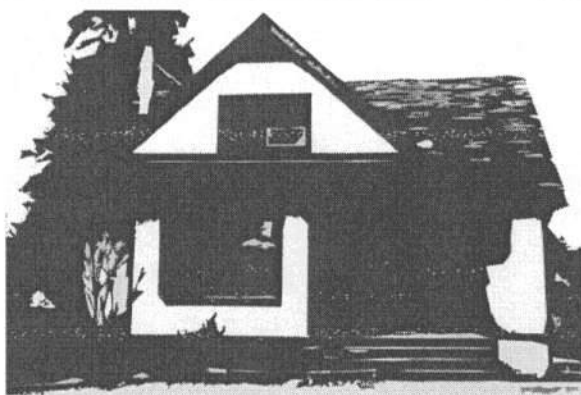


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Sunday April 18th  
12:00—6:00 pm

Blatchford Hangar  
Fort Edmonton Park

Free Park Admission



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**\$595,000**

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Lendrum Pottery Group

**Mother's Day Sale**

**Saturday May 1, 2010**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Lendrum Community**

**League Building**

**11335 – 57 Ave**

Pottery for all occasions  
and celebrations.

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## Block Parties

It's that time of year!

Pull out your lawn chairs,  
picnic tables and wiener sticks  
and meet new neighbours,  
re-establish old friendships,  
promote safety and learn about  
your community history!

If you are interested in organizing a block party contact your CRC to get a 2009 Neighbourhood Block Party Kit. This will contain all the tools you need to host your Block Party!

## Something for Everyone

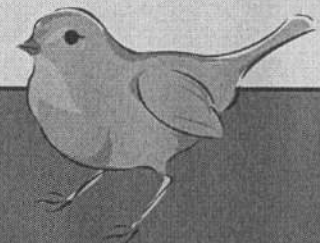
Jeff Allen Art Gallery  
Strathcona Place Senior Centre  
10831 University Ave

May 4, 2010 to May 26, 2010  
Reception May 12, 2010 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Talented Joyce Bjerke began painting in 1994. Her love of painting and the inspiration from many well known Edmonton artists is evident in the wide variety of subject matter ranging from florals to seascapes, covering all seasons and using different media. A watercolour of Chickadees sitting quietly on a branch brings a smile to your face and the rich colour of daffodils makes one yearn for Spring. Come and talk with the artist and enjoy the show that has something for everyone. Reception is open to all.

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

Centre is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Call 780-433- 5807



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## BIKES!

### 4 Wheel Drive Program

For riders on training wheels, this program will teach your 4 –6 year old basic cycling skills and safety through drills, games and a mini tour. All participants must bring their own bike, helmet and bell. All programs cost \$10.

For more information or to register in these programs please call 311.

Aspen Gardens, 6330-105A St, May 2, 10am - 12pm

Blue Quill, 11304-25 Ave, June 19, 9:30-11:30am

Duggan, 3728-106 St, 10-12pm

Erminskin, 10709-32 Av Ave, May 2, 10-12pm

George P Nicholson, (Twin Brooks), May 29, 10:30 – 12:30pm

Parkallen, 6510-111 St, June 3, 3-5pm

Brookside, 5504-143 St, May 30, 10-12pm

Yellowbird East, 10704-19 Ave, May 29, 9:30-11:30am

Capilano, 10810-54 St, May 29, 9-11am

Ritchie, 7727-98 St, May 29, 10-12pm

Southwood, 1880-37 St, May 8, 10-12pm

### Ride to Survive:

Your 6 – 10 year old will learn basic bicycling skills, rules of the road and safety while participated in bike-related games and obstacles.

All participants for this program must provide their own bicycle, helmet and bell. All programs cost \$10.00

For more information or to register in these programs please call 311.



Aspen Gardens, 6330-105A St, May 2, 1- 3pm

Blue Quill, 11304-25 Ave, June 19, 12:30-2:30pm

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# Spring Cleaning



**April 25—May 2**

Imagine the difference if every Edmontonian picked up one piece of litter.

Now turn that imagination into action!

Take a 15 minute break to pick up some litter or call 311 to report graffiti. Challenge yourself, your neighbours, co-workers or classmates to create beautiful, livable Edmonton.

[www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup](http://www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup)

## Capital City Clean Up Big Bin Events

The City of Edmonton is hosting Big Bin events for household items that can't be set out for regular waste collection. City residents are able to drop off items such as old couches, chairs, mattresses and appliances free of charge. Computers and other electronics will also be accepted for recycling.

Do NOT bring household hazardous waste like paint, varnish, cleaners or batteries. Please take those items to an ECO Station.

**All events will run from 9:00am-5:00 pm**

2010 Dates Include:

May 1 & 2 Callingwood, 17740 – 69 Ave  
May 8 & 9 Mill Woods Town Ctr, 23 Ave & 66 St  
May 15 & 16 Abbottsfield Shoppers Mall, 3210 – 118 Ave  
May 29 & 30 Blue Quill, 11304 – 25 Ave  
June 5 & 6 Woodcroft, 13915 – 115 Ave  
June 12 & 13 Castledowns, 11520 – 153 Ave  
June 19 & 20 Northlands, 11203 – 73 Street

Please check [www.edmontoca/capitalcitycleanup](http://www.edmontoca/capitalcitycleanup) for further locations throughout the summer.

## DOO IT!

- ♦ New Bio-degradable dog waste bags are available in off-leash parks
- ♦ Place waste bags in the Doo-it disposal containers for composting.
- ♦ Properly removing dog waste is a safe, organic practice that will improve the health of the soil and plants.
- ♦ Do not use plastic grocery bags-they cannot be composted.
- ♦ Failure to remove dog defecation can result in a \$100 fine.
- ♦ Be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your dog.





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for extra work? I'm a busy/new  
mom of 2 who needs to workout  
but classes don't fit my sched-  
ule. If you are female, with a  
sound yoga background, and would  
be interested in private/semi-  
private, in-home instruction, please  
call Chris at 887-5026 or

437-5026.

Thanks



## Your Community Contacts

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# Scona Pool

www.sconapool.com

One recent Saturday morning at the pool one of the parents I was sitting with pointed out how the 6 children all in the swimming lesson we were watching were all connected; 3 girls were classmates ; 2 others were brothers of one of the girls and the sixth was a cousin of one of the other girls in the class. We shortly realized that the majority of the children in all of the lessons were connected similarly and everyone knew everyone else. The true definition of a Community pool!

In addition to swimming lessons Scona Pool also offers amazing camps. For the recent Teachers Convention camp participants were kept busy with swimming lessons and water polo in the morning followed by kayaking and scuba lessons in the afternoon. Breaking up all of that activity was a healthy hot lunch provided by the camp.

Scona Pool is a treasure for our community members. It provides a quiet, clean and close venue for our children to learn to swim and participate in social activities like camps and birthday parties.

But it will close if we don't keep it busy. The new management is trying very hard to provide extra swim hours and new activities such as camps so please make sure we help them out by patronizing this fine facility.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	EARLY BIRD SWIM 6AM - 8:30AM	*LANE SWIM 7AM - 8:30AM	EARLY BIRD SWIM 6AM - 8:30AM	*LANE SWIM 7AM - 8:30AM	EARLY BIRD SWIM 6AM - 8:30AM	
		LANE SWIM/ PUBLIC SWIM 8:30-4:30pm	LANE SWIM/ PUBLIC SWIM 8:30-4:30pm	LANE SWIM/ PUBLIC SWIM 8:30-4:30pm		
RED CROSS LESSONS 10AM - 2PM	LANE SWIM/ PUBLIC SWIM 8:30-4:30pm	AQUASIZE 11:30AM -12:30 PM	MOMS & TOTS AQUASIZE 11:30AM -12:30 PM	AQUASIZE 11:30AM -12:30 PM	LANE SWIM/ PUBLIC SWIM 8:30-4:30pm	RED CROSS LESSONS 10AM - 1PM
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			RED CROSS LESSONS 4:30PM - 6:30PM			RENTAL TIME AVAILABLE 3PM - 7PM
	★ LANE SWIM 6:30-8:00PM		PUBLIC/ LANE SWIM 6:30-8:30PM		RENTAL TIME AVAILABLE 6:30PM - 9PM	FAMILY SWIM 7PM - 8:30PM

Schedule is subject to change.

## Public Information Open House

### GO Community Centre

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

4 – 8 p.m.

Saville Sports Centre, 6501-115 St.

University of Alberta South Campus



The GO Community Centre is a non-profit organization committed to building a unique, world-class recreation facility focused on serving individuals, families and league teams in the Capital Region. This community-based, multi-use recreation and sports complex will be built on the University of Alberta's South Campus, easily accessible from the new South Campus LRT station.

The GO Community Centre is a partnership among four established community sports organizations: the Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre, Ortona Gymnastics Club, Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society and the University of Alberta. The project harnesses the talents and energy of all partners to create a prime venue for growth and expansion of recreation and sports opportunities for all people in the Capital Region.

In addition to volleyball, basketball and gymnastics, the GO Community Centre will play host to many different sports like badminton, yoga, walking programs for seniors, dance and martial arts in the versatile spaces being created.

Please join us on April 20, 2010 at the Saville Centre to view plans for this exciting new facility and meet with the planning group.

**Your participation is important and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact Emily Ball by phone at 780-248-1056 or by e-mail at [eball1@shaw.ca](mailto:eball1@shaw.ca).**

**If you are unable to attend the Open House please refer to the following website on April 21, 2010: <http://www.gocentre.com>**



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Shift "A": 11am - 7pm, Thursday, June 24 / Shift "B": 7pm - 3 am, Thursday, June 24

Shift "C": 11am - 7pm, Friday, June 25 / Shift "D": 7pm - 3am, Friday, June 25

The Casino Shift Schedule will be set up in early June and you will be contacted as to your  
assigned job and (day or night) shift(s). Thanks for volunteering. Your effort is appreciated.

**For more information, contact Reg Norby, BCL Casino Coordinator (780-436-0590 /  
[norby@shaw.ca](mailto:norby@shaw.ca)).**