

BELGRAVIA
COMMUNITY HALL
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The Belgravia News



JUNE 2010

www.belgraviaedmonton.ca

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

Everyone is welcome to
participate.

BCL CASINO
Volunteers Needed!
2010 CASINO

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 25

BACCARAT CASINO (10128 - 104 AVENUE)

PLEASE "SIGN-UP" ASAP BY CONTACTING REG
NORBY, CASINO COORDINATOR BY EMAIL:
NORBY@SHAW.CA OR BY PHONE: 780-436-0590

President's Message

It seems that Belgravia residents have gone from one conflict to another the past few years. Between LRT, Busway and Zoning issues there has been lots of controversy and with many arguments and negotiations there is rarely a winner, just two sides that get half of what they wanted. And while we all certainly appreciate and have benefited from all of these committee members hard work I am hoping that for now at least we can relax and concentrate on more positive matters.

It is my belief that the continuous battles have caused burn out in our volunteer base. This would explain why other Community Leagues have such an active membership (as previously mentioned in other newsletters) and ours is found lacking. Perhaps because of past experience residents have come to view the Community League simply as a venue for battling City Hall and fighting new developments. And although urban planning issues are an important part of the league we cannot overlook the important function of bringing residents together and fostering healthy and positive neighbourhoods.

To achieve this we need participation in the league. I realize and certainly experience personally just how busy life can be trying to balance family and work. But involvement in the community doesn't have to be a time consuming venture. Simply by coming out, attending our monthly meetings and offering an opinion or two would be a great start.

We also will need some fresh faces on your community league board. I personally would prefer to step down as president this year and take on some reduced duties on the board, however I will stay one more year if required. I will make it clear however that if I stay on I will be focusing my efforts on keeping our hall open and programs running and not on dealing with Zoning and Traffic issues.

I know there is so much positive energy and valuable ideas out there that we can all benefit from. Please come to a meeting and share these with all of us. You may even find yourself having a few laughs and enjoying it.

The Annual General Meeting is June 6th. See you there.

Parker Fjeldberg , President



Volunteers Unite for South Side Market

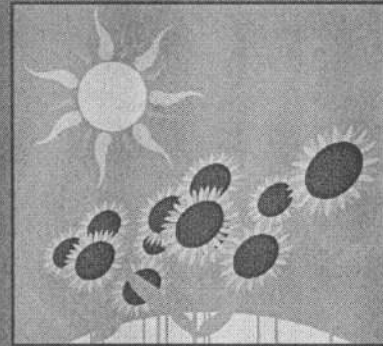
Volunteers from Aspen Gardens, Riverbend, and nearby communities have united in an effort to establish a new Farmers Market in South Edmonton. The group has inspired an impressive response. In an on-line survey posted by Co-Chair Corrina Chetley-Irwin, over 900 people expressed support for the idea. More impressively, over 30 volunteers, representing 15 different South side neighbourhoods, participated in the first organizational meeting.

Through just that first meeting, the organization managed to establish and staff seven portfolio teams focused on key issues: Community Engagement & Communication, Market Manager Recruitment, Location Selection, Market Structure, Vendor Selection, Promotion & Marketing, and Fundraising. The second meeting, scheduled in Aspen Gardens for June 2, will focus on a detailed strategic plan. Meanwhile those portfolio teams have hit the ground running.

Though enthusiasm is strong for the idea, there are many obstacles to overcome if a new market is to be established. The first of these arose even before the group was founded. In his research on possible locations for the market, Co-Chair Greg Meimar identified what seemed to be an ideal market location: the abandoned site of a former IGA on 119 Street in Lansdowne. The owners of this property seemed open to the possibility of a market, but a restrictive covenant (RC) placed on the deed by former owner Safeway Inc., prohibits any competitive business activity there -- even a farmer's market. Cathy Raftis, Director of Edmonton's City Wide Planning Section, confirmed that Safeway has similar RCs imposed on several properties in Edmonton. According to Raftis, Provincial law provides very little authority for the City to override these RCs.

Safeway's restrictions over this, and other possible market locations, clearly frustrates many of the volunteers involved in this project. Nonetheless, the group is moving on and gaining momentum. With all that they have accomplished already, it is easy to imagine that by next year South Edmonton will have its own Farmer's Market.

More volunteers and financial support are still needed. In particular the group is looking for more volunteers for the fundraising, location selection, and market manager recruitment teams. Those interested in receiving updates or helping out are encouraged to e-mail cchetley@boldlogic.ca or gmeimar@cia.com.



Suzuki Cello Lessons

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- ♦ Unique
- ♦ Hip
- ♦ Modern
- ♦ Original

Get it all at Make It—A
Handmade Revolution
Craft Sale

Saturday May 29th
11 am—7 pm

Sunday May 30th
11am—6 pm

Alberta Aviation Museum
11410- Kingsway Ave

Tickets \$5 at the door

It's Market Season!

The City Market on 104 Street is open for the season. Open every Saturday rain or shine from 9am—3pm, May 15th to Oct 9th.

Check out the website at www.city-market.ca

An easy bike ride from Belgravia or hop on the LRT to Bay Station and you are right there!

There is a Belgravia connection this year at this market. Kelly is selling her bags there every weekend until June 5th. For those of you who are unfamiliar with these great bags please have a look at her website:

www.kierenbellisdesigns.com and shop *really* local!

****Please note that this is not an endorsement from the BCL but as an owner of one her bags...the editor can attest to the superior quality of Kelly's product.**

Old Strathcona Farmer's Market is open every Saturday from 8am—3pm at 10310-83 Ave.

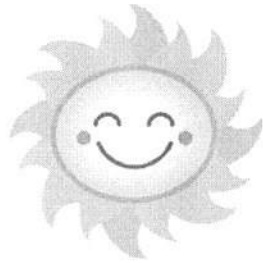
Check out the website at
www.osfm.ca

Another easy bike ride from Belgravia or catch the Route 327. Please remember that ridership on this route helps keep it going.



The Organic Box delivers a weekly box of healthy organic fruit and veggies directly from the farm to your doorstep.

Check out the website at www.organicbox.ca



Infusion Group

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

**June 1, 2010 – June 23, 2010
Reception June 9, 2010 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Lynda McAmmond, Anne McCormick, Margaret Klapstein and Joanne Rasmussen form the Infusion Group. Their work is often done "en plein air", ranging from vibrant to peaceful, covering large subject matter using collage, oils, pastels and watercolours. Their paintings are featured in homes in the United States, the United Kingdom and across Canada. Come and view the excellent paintings of this experienced and skilled group of artists.

Everyone is welcome.

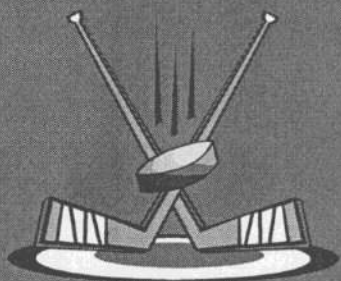
**Best viewing hours for general public are 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 3:00 – 3:30 PM
Centre is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Call 780-433- 5807**

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Hockey
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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO HOCKEY and MEMBERSHIP SALES PROCESS

Confusion Clearing Around Hockey Registration & League Memberships

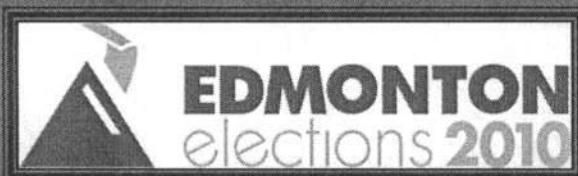
As with all new processes communication and details need sorting out. This update addresses concerns we have heard from leagues to date. [Complete information can be read online](#)

- The Corporate Rate for Memberships of \$25 was set as an average rate for community league memberships
- League fees vary and each organization will set its own policy on how to administer the Corporate Rates and how it will work for the circumstances of their league
- Hockey Edmonton jointly with the EFCL has determined that as part of the streamlined process it is unnecessary for leagues to be present at registrations and that they will charge the \$25 Corporate Rate Membership Fee to all families that register for hockey as approved by Community League Members at EFCL's annual AGM
- Leagues will receive lists of members for their league after August 15, 2010.
- Leagues will remit cards commencing after receipt of their lists and hopefully in time for August 31. For memberships purchased through hockey after August 15, families that want their cards may contact info@efcl.org We will verify the purchase with their registrar and organize the remittance of their card.
- We understand there may be some duplication, again it will be up to the league to manage discrepancies and duplications. Educate, educate, educate, and hockey parent mistakes will diminish with time. It might be a good idea when selling a membership to ask if the family has registered for hockey by any chance.
- EFCL recommends that the leagues hold a meet and greet to invite their new members to get involved and to distribute their cards & skate tags. How this is handled will be a league decision.

Please thank your Hockey Registrars for doing this service for so many years and for the continuing volunteer hours they spend supporting community.

If we cannot improve the process for Hockey Registrars we stand to lose this valuable connection to the sports community.

Please direct your concerns to communications@efcl.org and not to EMHA or your registrar.



Workers needed for the 2010 Edmonton Election

Do you want to be at the center of the action, make some extra money and participate in an important election – all in one day?

The 2010 Edmonton Election for Mayor, 12 Councillors, 9 Public School Trustees and 7 Catholic Separate School Trustees is taking place on Monday, October 18, 2010 and workers are needed to staff the voting stations to ensure this important election is effective and efficiently run.

A fair and accurate election is a keystone of our community – but it takes a lot of dedicated people to ensure voters can cast their ballots. This year we need 2,800 workers in 223 voting stations across the city.

Remuneration for positions ranges from \$190 to \$335.

You must be 18 or older to work the Edmonton Election.

Voting stations are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. All workers must remain in the voting station.

All positions require mandatory training that will be held in the weeks before the election. Some positions will also require the use of a vehicle.

Application involves a two-part process – if you apply in person, you will fill out an application and an evaluation document. If you apply and submit your application on line, you will be contacted and asked to complete the evaluation in-person.

The easiest way to apply is in-person at either:

The Election & Census Office

16304-114 Avenue or

Office of the City Clerk

3rd Floor, City Hall

1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Both are open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.

For more information, visit www.edmonton.ca/election or call 442-VOTE.



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SWEATER SALE OPEN HOUSE

Windsor Park Community Hall
11840 – 87 Ave.

Saturday, June 12th, 2010
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

You are invited to view the quality & artistry of the sweater samples
from the Minkha Women's Knitting Cooperative in Bolivia.

If you choose, you can order a sweater to be custom knit for you or as a gift.

Samples will also be available for direct sale.

Scarves, Hats, Vests, Cardigans, Pullovers, Long Vests & Coats

PRICED FROM: \$25.00 - \$300.00

What is Minkha?

In 1989, in Bolivia, staff and volunteers of Save the Children Canada brought together a group of expert knitters and founded the micro industry Minkha. Through their skill and hard work, the women of Minkha have made their cooperatively owned enterprise self-sufficient and continue to provide for themselves and their children.

Save the Children – Canada volunteers continue to assist the knitters, marketing the sweaters on a non-profit basis.

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City of Edmonton Good Neighbour Award

At a recent party I struck up a conversation with a former Belgravia resident who had moved out of the neighbourhood after building his dream house in an exclusive area of the city. Although he loved his new house he said he would move back to Belgravia in a heartbeat. His family missed the small town feel where everyone knew everyone else and looked out for one another. Being an avid "Belgravia Booster" it was music to my ears but not a big surprise.

A few days later I received a letter from one of our seniors, Wendy Davis, who is a local author and one of Belgravia's gems. Unfortunately Wendy has become quite ill and was recently hospitalized. Several neighbours helped her out during her recovery and she nominated them all for the Good Neighbour Awards through the City of Edmonton. She was thrilled to hear that Jean Lawson had been awarded one. Here is the excerpt from the award website:

Quick Recovery Thanks to Kindness

A thankful Edmontonian has nominated an unstinting caregiver for the Good Neighbour Award, because of all the care and assistance that this Edmonton woman provided when she was first a patient in the Misericordia Hospital, then in the Glenrose Hospital, and especially after a surgery at the University Hospital. This praiseworthy woman not only took her to the 8:30am surgeon's appointment, she offered her a place to stay to recuperate after surgery so that she would not have to wait for an auxiliary hospital bed. That stay lasted 10 days, and in this grateful Edmontonian's words "She helped me be less of a burden to the health care system and greatly added to the success of my surgery."

Many other neighbours stepped in to also help and Wendy asked me to acknowledge them here.

- ♦ Irene Lau— Takes Wendy to Doctors appointments and gives her delicious wonton soup
- ♦ Rita Murray with Jan McGregor who cared for her canaries.
- ♦ Richard Law who provides invaluable help .
- ♦ Not coincidentally these names are familiar as all contribute to the community league. Thank you for all you have done to make life easier for this wonderful lady.

I also know that this is just an example of our residents are helping one another and that there are many other unsung heroes out there. Hats off to all of you!

Park(ed) - Car-Free Day

Promoting healthy active lifestyles and the environment

Saturday, June 19

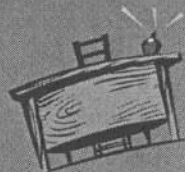
noon-4pm

102 Ave between 104 St (Farmer's Market) and 100 St



Cost: Free. Food Bank donations gratefully accepted.

Join Active Edmonton, Walkable Edmonton, and Mountain Equipment Co-op's Bike Fest 2010 for family activities that support a healthy, active, and environmentally-friendly way of life. On Car-Free Day, a portion of 102 Ave will be open to people and closed to motor vehicles.



News from Our School

Edmonton Public School Board Sector Planning Review

Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) is engaging in a Sector Planning review. We heard the term in March 2010, when school closure discussions were held regarding the Hardisty area and Central (downtown) area schools. The process for the review was announced on May 7. The stated goal, "Sector Planning is about making the best possible use of available resources so that all students have access to vibrant schools and a range of quality programs."

Edmonton Public is divided into 9 Sectors and 3 Sectors are being looked at in this review. Belgravia is in the South Central Sector which contains 28 elementary and junior high schools that are south and west of the river as far as Southgate area in the south and Gold Bar/Capilano area in the east. This is a fairly large sector. EPSB states there are many unused spaces in schools in this sector and the number of 0-4 year olds in mature neighbourhoods is shrinking while growth continues in less central areas. The opening of new schools in the newer areas of the city will result in more unused spaces overall.

90.8% of Belgravia property owners direct the school portion of property taxes to Edmonton public. Across the City 75% of population directs their taxes to the public system (2008 Edmonton census).

Public Engagement is part of this review and EPSB has hired an Ontario firm to handle the consultation. They have done work in Edmonton before. One of the steps happening right now is a Workshop for School Parent Councils, Community Leagues and Community organizations. Belgravia has representatives from the league and the school attending this workshop.

Please participate in the next step of the process by attending a Community Forum and completing a workbook either at the forum, online or in print. Turnaround is very tight. Forum is scheduled for May 29 and completed Workbooks must be submitted for June 18th.

Workbooks—Starting May 11 an online fillable pdf version of the workbook is available on the www.sectorreview2010.com website and a small number of hard copies have been distributed in schools. The workbook provides important information and facts and asks lots of questions. Tell us what is important to you about your community and use of school space. Share ideas, issues and concerns that you think should be included in sector review.

For the online fillable version you will need Adobe version 5 or higher, which you can download free (the link is on the website)

Community Forum May 29th Strathcona School

9 am—12:30 pm. 10450 -72 Ave

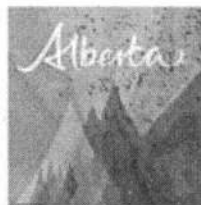
Website for survey: www.sectorreview2010.com

Deadline June 18th

June is Bike Month



BIKE 2 SCHOOL DAY



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Get on your helmet, dust off your bike and join us on June 3rd for the first Alberta Bike to School Day.

Schools or individuals can participate! Come on Alberta bike to school!

Register online at www.shapesa.com and ideas and suggestions to organize your day will be sent to you.

More bicycle websites to check out:

www.edmontonbikes.ca

Edmonton Bicycle Commuters

www.bikeclub.ca

Edmonton Bicycle and Touring Club

www.girlsandbicycles.blogspot.com

Belgravia's own Sarah Chan blogs about her own cycling adventures around Edmonton (all while looking effortlessly chic and stylish!)

CRITICAL MASS

A monthly celebration of the bike, held on the last Friday of each and every month. We leave from City Hall at 5:30 and it rocks.



BIKEOLOGY FESTIVAL DAY

Beaver Hill Park
105 Street and Jasper Ave
Saturday June 19th
12—4 pm

Come and enjoy children's entertainment, scavenger hunts, craft table for all-ages bike bling, local store info booths and in general...all things "bicycle".

www.bikeology.ca

Have a Safe and Happy Summer Everyone! See you in September.