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HELPED BY A SNOW ANGEL?

Want to say thanks and help them get their wings? If you have had snow shoveled by a good neighbour, nominate them for Mayor's recognition and a chance to win great prizes.

For more information, call 311 or visit:
www.edmonton.ca/snowangels

BE A SNOW ANGEL

Keeping sidewalks clear for all pedestrians is a challenge, even at the best of times!

Seniors in particular need extra help in the winter, keeping their sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe.

Anyone can be a Snow Angel! All you need to do is shovel snow for a person in need in your neighbourhood. By doing so, you will help create a safer community for everyone to enjoy. You will also help people in need meet their responsibility to remove ice and snow from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snowfall under the Community Standards Bylaw.

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!



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PURE COLOUR

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

January 28 to February 23, 2011

Reception February 9, 2011 6:30 – 8:30 PM

The accomplished artist Elizabeth Verhagen uses intense vibrant colour in her oil paintings and collages. The hues in the skies of her landscapes are exceptional and her innovative combinations of paint and materials used in her collages have an element of intrigue. Elizabeth's portraits are expressive and powerful and her photographs capture the intricacies and ruggedness of nature. This is artistry at its best. Everyone is Welcome.

**Best Viewing hours for general public are 11:30 AM –
1:00 PM and 3:00 – 3:45 PM**

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

Vice President's Message

As Belgravia residents know, our neighbourhood continues to be at the confluence of a striking (and often overwhelming) number of developments. We're adapting—mostly for the better, but not without some distress, to these developments.

For example, with southward expansion, the LRT continues to grow in ridership, as well as train car length and frequency. A neighbourhood amenity to be sure, but now often a challenge to board at peak hours and a significant factor in creating cut-through traffic and line-ups.

The stalling of the EXPO 2017 bid shifts sole attention back to the University of Alberta's plans for the development of South Campus and concerns about the consequences of these plans. Most Belgravians understand that South Campus should be developed, but drawing on the best standards in planning, consultation, building and site design. This development has and will continue to affect this neighbourhood.

The building of Alberta Health Services clinics on the north side of University Avenue affects coming and going from our neighbourhood at the 115th Street intersection, one of Belgravia's few access points by car. And all of these developments have a role in non-resident motorists using Belgravia's streets as a parking lot.

Along with these challenges, there are equally opportunities to shape the kind of neighbourhood most residents would like it to be. Our character has been suburban, although mingled with the distinct influences of river valley park, a central location and the moats of commuter arteries on three sides. New developments within and on the periphery are making parts of the neighbourhood more urban in character. In this respect, Belgravia is a living laboratory for a whole set of planning issues. But for residents, it's our home.

Important initiatives that you can get involved in are helping with this transition. One of the most important of these is the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC). The SCNC was recently founded through the support of MLA Kevin Taft and the Riverview constituency office. The aim of the SCNC is to influence and shape South Campus development. If you're interested, the SCNC requires one or two neighbourhood representatives, so please contact the BCL executive for more information or visit. Or if you're just interested, attend the next meeting on the evening of February 7th at the Belgravia Community Hall.

Another development: As part of the bicycle transportation plan to reduce dependency on motor vehicles, the City of Edmonton has contacted the BCL about plans to create a bike lane on 76th Avenue, from Gateway Boulevard to Saskatchewan Drive. More information and consultation to follow, but you can find out more about this by visiting www.edmonton.ca and searching "bicycle transportation plan". Again, the BCL executive would love to hear from you if you're interested in being more involved in this consultation.

Of course, your community league is a key part of recreational and educational programming in the neighbourhood, as well as facility and parks development. All of these need your participation and support. More than a volunteer organization, BCL is an important network to create and sustain a shared sense of place and community.

David Ridley
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Downhill Fun!

Bring your family or round up some friends to enjoy the thrill of tobogganing. These hills have been prepared by the City of Edmonton for safe sliding, are equipped with run outs, safety signage and reduced hazards.

Emily Murphy Park—11904 Emily Murphy Park Road

Government House Park—Groat Road & River Valley Road

Whitemud Park—13204—Fox Drive



Winter Fun

Hit the Trails!

Edmonton-home to some of the most scenic cross-country ski trails in Alberta-just minutes from your door.

Whitemud Park—Keillor Road Access
(Classical)

William Hawrelak Park—9330 Groat Rd
(Classical, Skate)

Victoria Park
116 St & River Valley Road
(Classical, Skate)

Snow Valley—One block South of Whitemud on 119 st
(Classical, Skate, Night Skiing)

Lessons available at Kinsmen Park and include equipment. Lessons offered at various times throughout the week. Register at <http://ereg@edmonton.ca>

Sliding and Gliding!

Enjoy these outdoor rinks for a quick game of hockey or just a peaceful glide around the rink.

Victoria Park Oval—116 St & River Valley Road

William Hawrelak Park—9330 Groat Road

City Hall—#1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Legislature Grounds—109 St & 97 Ave

And of course...our own **Belgravia Community League Rink**

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NEW SESSIONS STARTING APRIL 2011

BOOT CAMP

Boot Camp is back! Get in shape and join us for boot camp sessions with Susan Agrios, former International elite athlete and personal fitness trainer/strength and conditioning specialist for over 15 years. Susan will work with your individual needs and motivate you to push yourself to become fitter, faster, stronger. You won't want to miss her unique camp as she will also share training secrets. Open to all levels.

Susan is a fantastic fitness trainer and I would highly recommend her. Her wealth of knowledge coupled with her efficient workout regimes resulted in me losing over 40lbs. I feel healthy and fit.
Dr. Kabler (GP / Family Doctor)



Check website for 2 Day Promo Code (bring 3 friends, you come for free) and early bird registration
Location: Meet at Grandview Community League, dress appropriately as we will be outside

For more information and to register go to
www.trainingbyagrios.com

Join the Pleasantview Walking Group

**Meets every Tuesday at 5:45 pm at
Pleasantview Community Hall
10860- 57 Ave**

For more details check
www.centre4activeliving.ca

**Did you know?**

You can that an Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues Membership can get you a 20 percent discount off an annual pass to any City of Edmonton recreation facility.

To find out more about this great saving please check
www.efcl.org


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Full page	\$75.00	\$100.00

Green & Gold Community Garden

A local garden with global impact

At this time of year many of us can't wait for spring and the chance to get out in the garden again. The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden are already making plans for our third gardening season. The garden is located on the University of Alberta South Campus, bordered by the communities of Lendrum, Malmo, Grandview, Lansdowne, Belgravia, McKernan, Park Allen and Windsor Park. The garden is an initiative of the University's School of Public Health and Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. Volunteers operate the garden and all of their time, the seeds, plants and equipment used are donated.

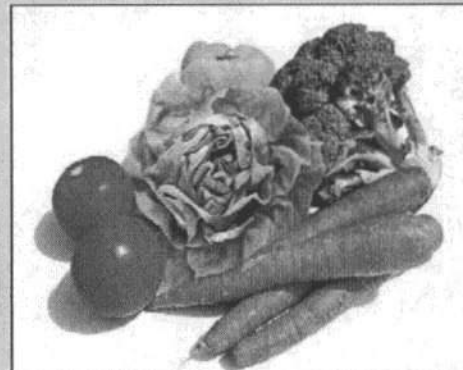
The vegetables, herbs and flowers are "spray-free" (no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used). Anyone is welcome to 'purchase' their vegetables at the garden and every penny of the money raised – that's 100% – goes to the **Tubahumurize Association**, a non-profit organization in Rwanda that provides socially and economically marginalized women with vocational training, counselling, life-skills coaching, health care education, and opportunities for sustainable income generating activities. Most individuals who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors and many are widows or orphans, HIV infected, and survivors of physical and sexual violence. Last year the garden raised over \$22,000 for the Tubahumurize project. We are now gearing up for the 2011 gardening season, and are looking for volunteers. Volunteers are always needed to help with the garden – both novice & experienced gardeners are always welcome. Or, if you aren't interested in gardening, but would like to help in other ways (distributing produce, promoting the garden, donating seeds or garden tools) please contact us at:

E-mail: green&gold@sph.ualberta.ca

If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list to receive notices when produce from the garden is available this summer please send us an e-mail at the above address with a request to be added to the newsletter list. For more information on the **Green & Gold garden** and the work of **Tubahumurize** please check our **web site** at:

http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden

Coming soon! We are planning an information session (in February or March) for those interested in supporting the garden, as volunteers or customers. The evening will include a report from a volunteer's recent visit to Tubahumurize, and sales of seeds and handicrafts. If you would like to attend the session please e-mail us and we'll let you know when and where the session will be held.





News from Our School

BELGRAVIA ELEMENTARY FUN AUCTION UPDATE

Thank you to all that contributed their time and donations to "Casino Royale" Fun Auction on Nov. 20th.

Our event was a huge success and we surpassed our goals. Highlights included: net proceeds in excess of \$27,000, 150 tickets sold, and over 160 auction items donated.

Much fun was had betting at our fun casino, bidding on quality silent auction items, and competing for unique live auction items. We again acknowledge and thank Lew Warke for making his 30th appearance as our talented auctioneer. Lew and Reg Norby helped initiate this event 30 years ago and we were honoured to have them in attendance at our 30th annual fundraiser.

Funds will be put towards educational enrichments for our elementary children and Belgravia Playschool. I hope to see you next year!

Kim Kelly, Chair, Fun Auction Committee 2010



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Babysitting Course

Learn what it takes to be a great babysitter! This well rounded course covers basic child care, first aid, safety, and introduces participants to the importance of play in a child's life.

Parkallen Community League
(6510 – 111 Street)

Teachers Convention
Thursday March 3, 2011
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

For ages 11 – 17 years

Cost: \$55

The course will be taught by a qualified instructor and will include role playing, brainstorming, and hands-on exercises. Certificates will be awarded upon **successful completion** of the program.

Participants are encouraged to provide their own lunches, pens & paper.

FOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

COURSE CODE: 390163

Phone: 311

In Person: Any City of Edmonton Leisure Centre

Web: <http://ereg.edmonton.ca>

In Partnership with the Parkallen & McKernan Community Leagues & The City of Edmonton

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FEBRUARY FUN

February 11th Sweetheart Stroll Muttart Conservatory

7:00 pm \$70 per couple

The Muttart Conservatory is transformed into a romantic haven where you and your sweetheart stroll along the paths underneath the stars. Musicians, dancing and sweets made by the Culina team. www.muttartconservatory.ca

February 12th Speed Dating at the Edmonton Valley Zoo

A unique and unforgettable evening awaits you. Experience the Valley Zoo at night. Desserts and informative sessions. Highlight of the evening will be the speed dating portion. www.valleyzoo.ca

FAMILY DAY FEB 21st

Muttart Conservatory Family Day Adventure 12—4 pm

Meet Mother Nature, enjoy balloon flowers, leaf painting and card making. An afternoon of fun and adventure with music, games, contest and activities for the whole family.

www.muttartconservatory.ca

Valley Zoo Family Day Fun 12—4 pm

Enjoy Get Closer talk on Furry Families. Create a paint spinning masterpiece. Visit the indoor petting zoo and get your face painted.

www.valleyzoo.ca

Downtown Family Festival 12—4pm

Free activities, games, crafts and entertainment. www.edmontondowntown.com

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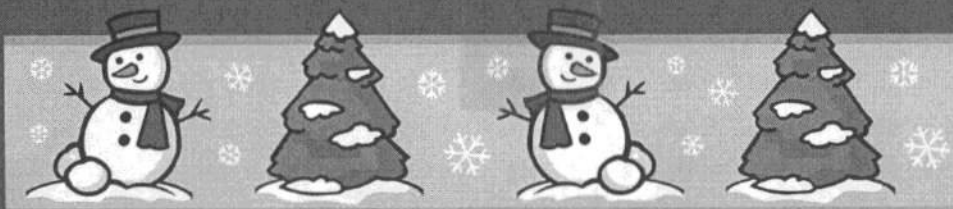
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Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit

Chinese New Year Carnival
Chinese Catholic Parish Hall
10140—119 st Downtown
January 29 –30th

Enjoy the lion dance, Chinese arts, crafts and calligraphy.

Free. Everyone Welcome!

Chinese New Year Celebration
Edmonton City Centre Mall
February 5th , 2011

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY ROUTE AVAILABLE

We have a route available. Walk for an hour once every two months to help out your community!

If you are interested please contact Barb Fjeldberg

780-641-4770

newsletter@belgraviaedmonton.ca

We have a new look!

Have a peek at our new web design at

www.belgraviaedmonton.ca

Please check it regularly as it will be updated with the most current information that our community needs to know.

Many thanks to Jim Yih for getting the updated website up and for keeping it updated.