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The Belgravia News



MAY/JUNE 2011

Wine and Cheese Belgravia Community League Annual General Meeting

**Friday June 10th 7:00 pm
At the Community Hall**

30 minute reception to socialize
1 hour Annual General Meeting
(refreshments freely available at the side of
room)

followed by 45 minutes of decadent desserts and coffee/tea



Sharing the Road in Belgravia: Traffic, Parking & Bike Lanes

**Neighbourhood Meeting & Consultation
Monday, May 30th, 7 – 8:30 pm
Belgravia Elementary School Auditorium**

Belgravia Community League's board and transportation group has done some preliminary work looking at the realities and challenges of traffic in the neighbourhood, including the expected implementation of bike lanes along 76 Avenue this summer

Here's an opportunity to join a facilitated discussion and discuss concerns and potential solutions. The results of the meeting will be moved forward with City of Edmonton officials with the aim of improving neighbourhood access and reducing congestion.

For more background and a summary document on the work to date, visit www.belgraviaedmonton.ca



For more information, email
vicepresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca
or call Jeanette at 434-0379.

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!

Saturday September 17, 2011 Belgravia Rink Party and Membership Drive on Community Leagues' Day

We'd love to do this event again, but we need volunteers to step up and share the event with their support. It's similar to a huge community block party, a great opportunity to come out and meet your neighbours.

Please review the positions below and if you can contribute to this great community event, please email or call Sherry Connors at hallrental@belgraviaedmonton.ca (780-435-8761) by September 1.

Rink & garden volunteers (3-4): 4 weeks prior (early September) badger the city to mow the grass. We also need to clean up the Rink grass (rake & collect clippings) after the grass is cut.

Tent & Stage (5 people): The Tent Captain would organize and lead the setup and takedown of the canopy tent. Ideally we need someone with a vehicle with long cargo space (truck, SUV or Minivan) to transport the canopy tent either the Friday before or Saturday morning. We also require 4-5 volunteers to set up the tent and stage materials sometime Saturday. The stage has to be taken down Saturday night after the event and stored in the hall basement ready for pickup Sunday. The volunteers would also help take down the tent Sunday morning. The Tent Captain would be responsible for ensuring the rented items were returned on time.

Jumpy Thing Volunteers: The Jumpy Thing was a big hit last year but we need adults over the age of 21 to supervise the use. The apparatus is open for 4 hours (4-8 pm), so ideally 4 volunteers could split the shifts. We would also like a couple of teenagers to volunteer to help chase after the kids.

Band & Stage Captain: We require someone to coordinate the stage setup and ensure power requirements for the band. Any wanna be Roadies out there?

BBQ Master: We need a Chef to help organize the BBQ



volunteers for this event. The Chef might also secure/purchase the food. (we have the amounts and suppliers.)

Food Hosts: The volunteers in the kitchen helped to slice up vegetables, make hot beverages, warm up baked beans and keep the food tables replenished. Preparation begins an hour prior to the BBQ and if we got 6 volunteers, we would split the shifts (2-3 on each shift.)

Membership Table: The volunteers on the membership table sell community memberships from 4-7:30 pm. A membership is required to get the BBQ food at the event.

Fire Barrel Captains: Tends the fire barrel and ensure children are toasting marshmallows in a safe fashion. (2 hours)

Set Up and Clean Up crew: A handful of people are needed to set out the tables and chairs for the dining area, ensure the garbages are cleared when full, and help put away the tables and chairs when the event is over.

Please come out and engage in our vibrant community! This is a fun event that we hope to host yearly but we can't do it without you.



President's Message

Well this will be my final newsletter message as president of the Belgravia Community League. As indicated in previous messages it has been an enjoyable 4 years and a great way to get know the community and the city and how things work. The present board is urging all community people to get out to our Wine and Cheese Annual General Meeting on June 10th at 7 PM. There will be open positions as well as other volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions on the positions and their duties feel free to contact any current board member.

Another important meeting also noted on the front page is a traffic consultation meeting on Monday May 30th. If you have transportation concerns in Belgravia please plan to attend. Be prepared to come with ideas and an open mind as almost all of the plans and ideas will require some compromises and adjustments. The reality is that our community sits in one of the busiest traffic areas of the city and reducing traffic problems in our area will mean inconveniences to residents as well. More information is available on the website at www.belgraviaedmonton.ca.

One final note since this will most likely be the last newsletter until the fall. As noted in this newsletter we are planning the second annual rink party on Sept 17. This was hugely successful last year. If we want events like this to continue we need lots of volunteers. Please contact Sherry Connors at hallrental@belgraviaedmonton.ca or 780-435-8761 to volunteer.

Thanks Parker

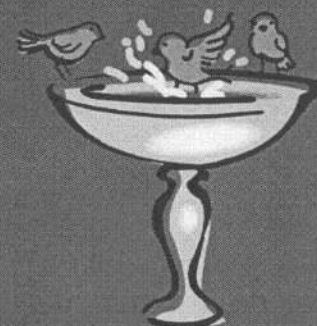
South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition

Belgravia Community League is a participating member of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC). The SCNC is comprised of representatives from neighbourhoods adjacent to the University of Alberta campus, particularly South Campus.

The aim of the coalition is to have a more influential and constructive role with the University of Alberta in terms of campus developments that affect the surrounding neighbourhoods. Initially, SCNC focussed on the possibilities connected with the abandoned EXPO 2017 bid (with south campus as a principal venue), and is now focussing on ensuring that the University's long range development plan is clear and transparent so meaningful consultation can take place with neighbouring communities,

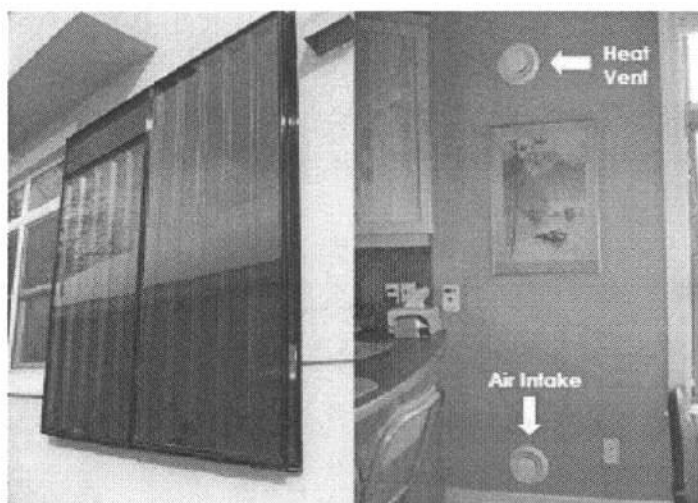
There are plans afoot for developing the former site of the Balmoral Curling Club. More details and notice will be posted, as available, in future newsletters and through www.belgraviaedmonton.ca

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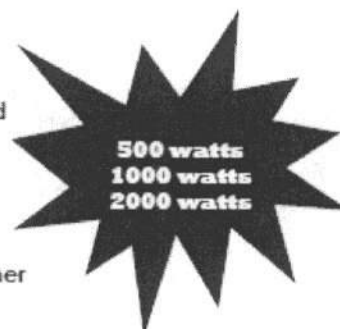
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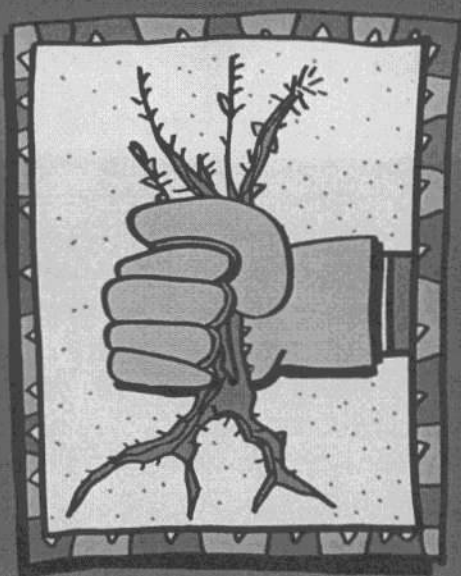


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Art Park Weeding

We got the season off to a great start with a clean up of the perennial bed on May 5. All the old growth from last year is gone and the crocus blooms show to advantage.

Next time we work we will be weeding, and also thinning out the Cleome. Cleome grows profusely from the seeds of last year's flowers. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm.

For more information contact Marie Walker at 438-2598 or wjwalker@telus.net

First Ward Gathering a Success:

How do we increase the number of families living in our mature neighbourhoods? This very important question was the trailhead into a wide-ranging discussion hosted April 7th by Edmonton Public School Trustee Michael Janz and City Councillor Don Iveson. Approximately 40 local community leaders gathered to discuss community revitalization, keeping schools open, family and seniors friendly housing and much more. A summary of the meeting and the discussion has been posted on Trustee Janz's website: www.michaeljanz.ca. Discussion was wide ranging and leaders present were given a homework assignment to continue the conversation at their school councils and community leagues.

As our city continues to sprawl, the pressure for providing new services, libraries, parks, roads, and schools for new developments continues to reduce the funding available for maintaining infrastructure in the core. The city has started to signal an intention to move towards a more compact, walkable, urban city, but last year only 7% of new developments were in the core. Low enrollment continues to put schools in mature neighbourhoods at risk of closure or consolidation. Leaders present stressed the need for complete communities with vibrancy, amenities, and the need for us as residents of mature neighbourhoods to tell the story about how our communities are safe, desirable, and worth investing in.

This was the first Ward Gathering hosted by Trustee Janz. The next will be focused on student health and wellness and will be taking place in Riverbend area in June.





Summer Camp Program 2011

Belgravia Out of School Care will be offering care for the summer months of July and August, 2011.

We are conveniently located in the Belgravia Community League Hall, 11540 - 73 Avenue, have access to a wonderful playground, within walking distance to a wading pool and several other great playgrounds. Field trips will be planned weekly, daily activities, sports, cooking and art, and science projects.

Our camps are available for ages K-Grade 6 (must have completed kindergarten and going into grade 1).

Cost: \$175.00 per week (7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday).

If you require care for the summer months and would like to explore the summer camps at BOSC, please contact:

Jennifer Tkachuk - 780-660-2672 for more information.

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Fortunately, Alberta has an international development organization that has saved the sight – and lives – of many children like these. Operation Eyesight Universal, the original Canadian response to global blindness, has been supported by Albertans since 1963. This organization is energized by the fact that most of the world's blindness doesn't have to happen – eyes can be healed or blindness can be avoided. It's just a matter of getting the resources to where they are needed most.

Take the example of Naa. This little girl from the village of Kumasi in Ghana was just a toddler when her eyes became chronically painful and itchy from an unknown cause. The whites of her eyes started to turn brown, and her vision became affected, making her shy and unwilling to look at others. Luckily, her parents brought her to one of Operation Eyesight's outreach clinics in Ghana, where she received treatment. Now six years old, Naa's eyes have returned to normal. With her vision improved, she is a good student, and she wants to be a nurse when she grows up to help other people with eye problems.

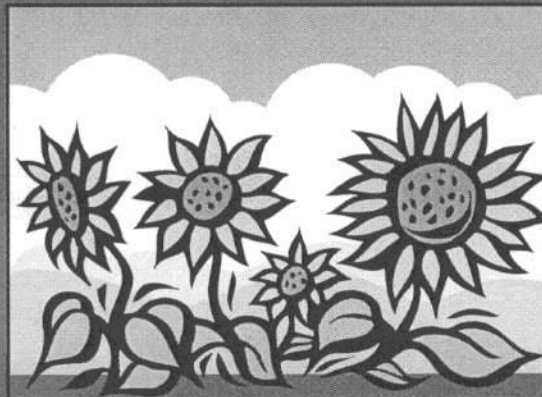
Would you like to read more success stories like these? Go to www.operationeyesight.com, find us on Facebook and Twitter, or call or email for more information. Together, with the support of thousands of Albertans, we are winning the fight against avoidable blindness – for all the world to see.

**Six-year-old Naa from Ghana has healthy eyesight
thanks to Operation Eyesight.**

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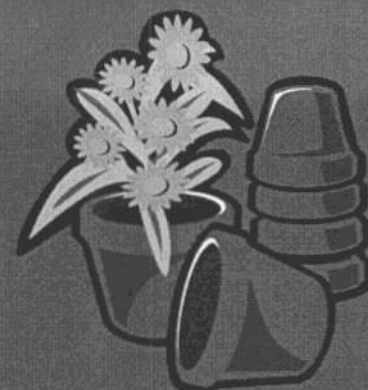
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On-Street Improvements for Cycling

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As part of this 2011 program, major on-street bike routes will be provided along 76 Avenue (Gateway Boulevard to Saskatchewan Drive) and 106 Street (51 Avenue to Saskatchewan Drive). The creation of these routes is the first step towards the implementation of the City's on-street bicycle network over future years.

Brochures providing further information regarding the on-street bike routes will be mailed to residents of the communities located within the area of the routes by early May 2011. The brochures will include an invitation for residents to participate in upcoming information sessions that will allow them the opportunity to review the routes in more detail and ask questions to City staff. For further information on the bike routes, please visit www.edmonton.ca/cycling or call 311.



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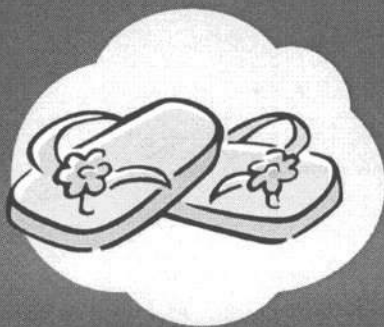


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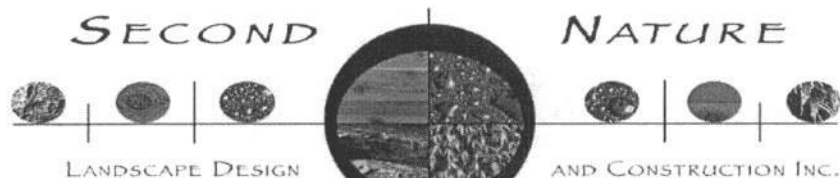
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April 29 to May 25, 2011

Reception night: Wednesday May 11, 2011: 6:30-8:30 PM

The exhibitors range in age from 7 years to mature adults. This exhibit is the result of concentrated effort on the part of the students and technique oriented instruction in a small class environment. Many of the students have several years of experience which is evidenced in this exceptional show of vibrant colours and expansive subject matter. Come and celebrate the 7th and final exhibit of Johanna's students as Johanna and her husband are retiring.

Best viewing hours, 11:30 – 1:00 PM and 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Centre is open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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WANTED HOUSE RENTAL

My name is Shelly Lobay. I grew up in Belgravia, where my parents still live.

I am looking to rent a 3 bedroom home, preferably longer term (as in years) in the Belgravia area. I want my kids, presently in grades 1 and 5, to attend Belgravia School and to live near their grandparents.

I am a responsible, educated, mature, professional person. I was just offered a job in Edmonton and so, I am returning to my hometown.

I hope to put roots down near Belgravia. Grandview would be ok too, and I am open to other south-side neighbourhoods if it is the right house and circumstance.

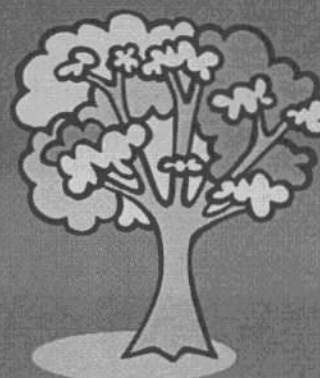
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What's new at Scona Pool?

We are pleased with our new spring swim schedule which runs April 2nd to June 30th, 2011. The current schedule includes extended lane swim hours on Monday (6:00-8:30pm), Wednesday (6:30-8:30pm), and Friday

(6:00-7:00pm) evenings, and continues to offer over 100 hours of public access time a week. Scona Pool is excited to offer new programming which includes \$11 drop-in yoga classes over the lunch hour from 11:30am-12:30pm on

Mondays and Fridays. However, don't forget about our drop-in aquasize classes offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm, and Sundays from 12:00-1:00pm & 1:00-2:00pm.

Just a reminder that Scona Pool also offers Public Swim times Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm, Saturday from 1:00-3:00pm & 7:00-8:30pm, and Sunday from 2:00-6:00pm.

For full schedule details please visit us online at: www.sconapool.com or call us at (780) 496-8756.

On March 26, 2011, Scona Pool was pleased to host a World Water Day Celebration! Scona Pool in cooperation with RainDance Rubber Boots and S.I.R.E.N.S. - Support to Individuals at Risk in Everyone's Neighborhood Society—Charity Edmonton participated in the 4th Annual Water For Life Festival by hosting a swim party for Water Fun Festival volunteers, performers, exhibitors, and supporters. The event included socially conscious live music, a water themed art exhibit, water science, and non-competitive water sports and recreation. The celebration was held in support of clean, free water for all people and creatures. The Water For Life festival strives to raise awareness and take action to save the estimated daily global average of 4000 + people who succumb to contaminated water and sanitation related conditions. (Please see www.waterforlifefestival.org for more information).

Scona Pool is looking forward to the next few weeks as we will be hosting numerous scout and girl guide groups as they brush up on their water safety and canoeing skills. Thanks to the Rundle Park River Valley Program, Scona Pool has been able to put 3 canoes to good use throughout the winter and spring season. We will be sad to see the canoes go on May 24th as they return to Rundle Park, but are already looking forward to their return next winter.

Scona Pool is overjoyed to welcome back our in-house celebrity Ben Hayward. Ben is an up and coming whitewater slalom and wild water kayaker. He began kayaking at Scona Pool during his Grade 11 year in high school. He has since moved on to bigger and better things - most recently winning a silver medal at the Pan-Ams competition this January. Ben is currently back in Edmonton after training around the world. He continues to train at Scona Pool in hopes of making the Canadian National Kayaking Team and in the future the Olympic Kayaking Team, which will be decided after the World Championship in Slovakia this coming September.

Scona Pool is looking forward to the remainder of the spring and the end of the school year. We are excited to be hosting so many year end parties. Looking toward the summer, we have a big announcement! Scona Pool will be closed for regularly scheduled maintenance from July 1st to August 31, 2011. Although, not much will change on the inside we are looking forward to a much needed tune-up. We will re-open September 1st, 2011 - READY TO SERVE YOU BETTER! Have a great spring and summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

BACK IN THE FALL

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