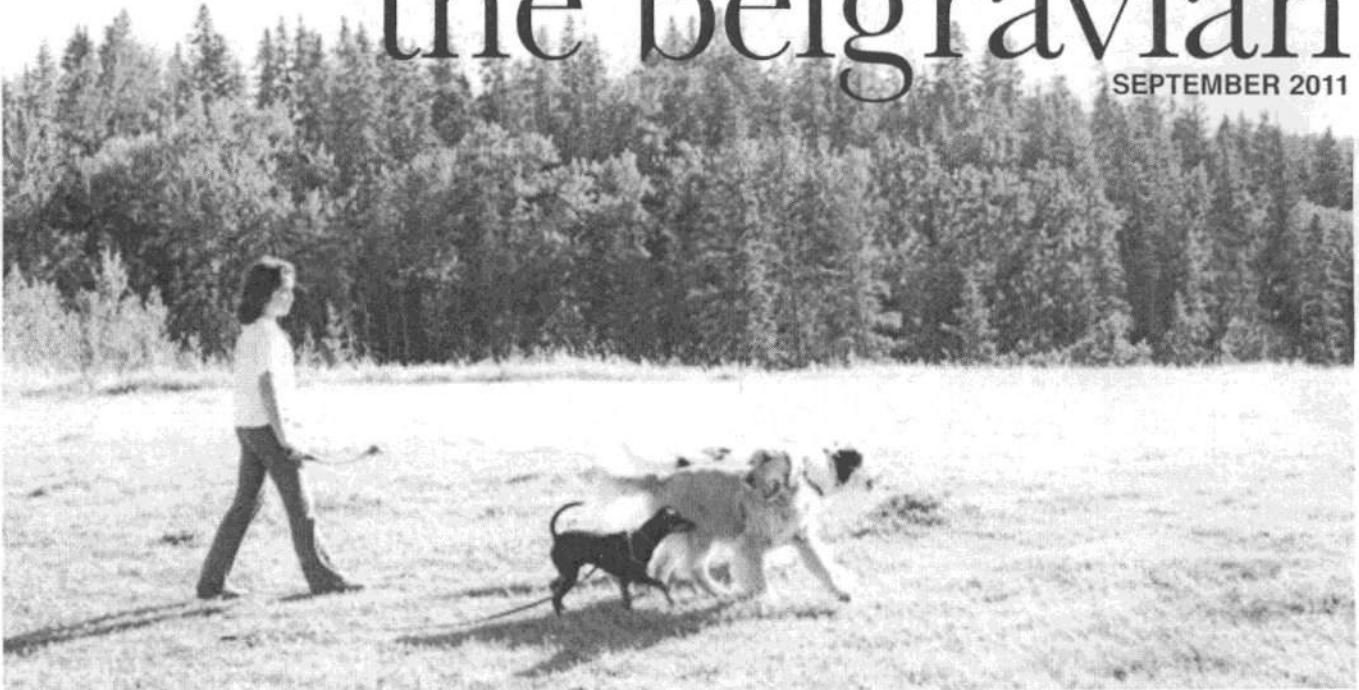


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Belgravia Community Hall
11540—73 Avenue

Community League Meetings
are held monthly, date and
time for 2011/2012 is TBA.
Everyone is welcome to
participate. Please come and
help us to continue to make
Belgravia a wonderful place
to live!

Please remember to recycle
this newsletter.

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Community BBQ: party & membership drive

Saturday September 17th, 2011
4 to 8:30 pm, Belgravia Community Hall

Activities for kids and live band

BYO Lawn Chairs for lounging & relaxing

Volunteer Opportunities! Including your
potential role as a Fire Barrel Captain

See back page for Program and Details

from the [new] editor's desk...



Sarah Chan, Belgravia Editor

Greetings, fellow Belgravians! It's with much enthusiasm that I offer this introduction as the new girl behind our community's newsletter.

Countless thanks go to Barb Fjeldberg, who has been the brains behind this operation for several years - she has done a wonderful job. Since moving into the neighbourhood three years ago we have always looked forward to the arrival of the next newsletter.

We can all now look forward to Barb turning her considerable talents and energy towards our community's

programs. That means the potential for lots of fun events in Belgravia, and more opportunities to meet and play with your neighbours!

You will all have to bear with me as I wet my feet with this new volunteer opportunity. Over the next few issues I may experiment with content, layout, and design, so don't be surprised to see something different. I also welcome your suggestions and submissions for content! If you want to share a story about anything Belgravia-related, drop me a line at newsletter@belgraviaedmonton.ca and I will welcome the chance to collaborate.

Belgravia is bursting with warm personalities and friendly neighbours - come meet some of them at the community BBQ this September 17th! BBQ details and volunteer information can be found on the back page.

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Thursday, Sept 22 is world car free day and you are invited to get **Parked!** Join us on

Learn about economical, healthy, eco-friendly ways to get around. Enjoy free fun family activities. Take a ride on the BIG Bike for Heart & Stroke, shake it up with Urban Zumba, face painting for the kids, spin the Wheel of Motion for prizes, and more! To find out more about **Parked Car Free Day** call: Dot Laing 780.944.0252 or email: dot.laing@edmonton.ca





Matters of Heart Yoga

Fall classes for community
in community

Morning Movement

Move into your day creating clarity and focus. Connecting breath, body and mind these traditional poses will build foundation, strength and flexibility.

8:45-10:00 M,T,Th,F,Sat September 26-Dec 19, 2011

Afternoon Lift

Move from Siesta to vitality. Create space for your life to lift after lunch. Asana's will repeat and flow with Sun Salutations enlivening the body, lifting mood and spirit.

2:30-3:30 M,W,F. September 26-Dec 21, 2011

Evening Return

Reintegrate body using breath and flow. Calm your nervous system and increase mobility with gentle flow and restoration.

7:00-8:15pm T,Th September 27-Dec 22, 2011

You can expect small class sizes and a personal approach. Classes are suitable for all levels with some mats and props available.

1 day/wk commitment- 156 2 day/wk commitment-300
3 day/wk commitment- 432

Drop-in available with space

For more information and/or to register mheartyyoga@shaw.ca

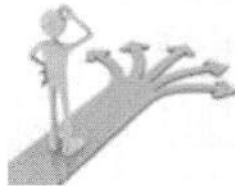
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I am in Grade 8 and raising funds for a school eco-trip to Costa Rica next Spring. I have volunteer experience and training with the Edmonton Humane Society and have two large dogs of my own.

Contact Autumn
780-641-4770

Belgravia Community League Seeks Your Input on Community Parking and Transportation Plans

By Jeanette Boman - BCL Vice President

The Belgravia Community League (BCL) Board is seeking your input on a proposed Transportation and Parking Plan, or simply **Implementation Plan**, to make us a safer and more livable community. The full plan is available at the BCL website: (www.belgraviaedmonton.ca) and is the result of four months of consultations in the community.

We earlier prepared a discussion document and summary (see BCL website), in which we examined problems and identified options. These served as the base for discussion at a meeting on May 30, 2011. A report, based on those documents, discussions at the meeting, and later comments and e-mails to us, resulted in a recommendations document submitted and unanimously approved at the June 10, 2011 AGM (see BCL website).

We wish to ensure full opportunity for community input and response to the proposed changes. We want your input on the proposed Implementation Plan if you have not yet had the opportunity to read or respond to it. We have been expanding our contact e-mail list to inform as many people as possible. Please ask your friends and neighbors if they are on the list. Membership in the community league is not required to participate. Contact vicepresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca to be added to the list.

The President, VP, and Transportation Representative on the BCL Board are slated to meet with Councilor Ben Henderson and City Transportation Department representatives on August 30, 2011 to discuss how we will proceed with the Implementation Plan. Your feedback will be reflected in our discussions at that meeting. It is important that we have the maximum input from community members to ensure that the final set of policies has strong community support, something that is key to Councilor Henderson and his subsequent support.

After the August 30, 2011 meeting we will report back to you at another community meeting in late September or early October, in the Belgravia Community Newsletter and via the BCL website.

For more information or comment, please contact the Belgravia Community League Transportation Committee at: transportation@belgraviaedmonton.ca

The following is a very brief topical outline of the proposed **Implementation Plan** which is found at the BCL website.

Phase 1

- (1) Introduce comprehensive parking regulations for the entire community;
- (2) Place four way stop systems at selected intersections, primarily on 115th St;
- (3) Place clearly marked pedestrian crossings near Belgravia school;
- (4) Install speed bump systems on 73rd and 74th Avenues by the school;
- (4) Reduce some posted speed limits;
- (5) Provide signage and enforcement of existing regulations for traffic from the UAH complex;
- (6) Enforce intersection blockage prohibitions in the community;
- (7) Place permanent yellow median lane markings on 76 Ave. from 114 St. to Sask. Dr.

Phase 2

- (1) Design and install signage systems to prohibit right turns by east bound drivers on 76 Ave. onto 114 St. during afternoon rush hours weekdays;
- (2) Design and install signage systems to prohibit right turns by eastbound drivers on Univ. Ave. turning south on to 115 St. during afternoon rush hours weekdays;
- (3) Close the one lane road south from University Ave. onto the service road west of 119 St.

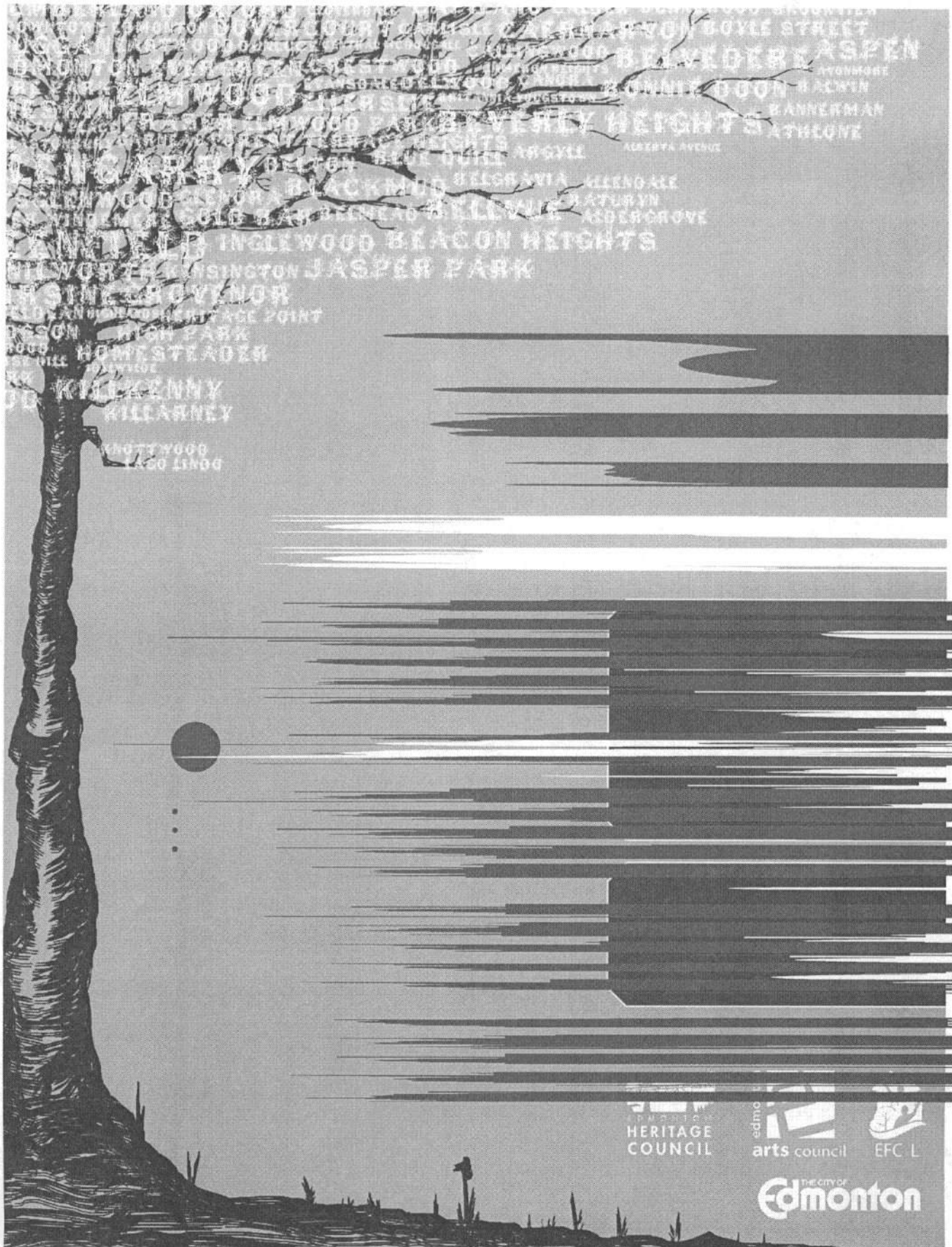
Phase 3

- (1) Install a motion sensor activated traffic signal system at Saskatchewan Dr. and University Ave.
- (2) Conduct a study to improve signage for south turning lanes and the sequencing of the signals systems on University Ave. from 115 St. to 114 St.

Phase 4

- (1) Design and construct a single lane turn-about or traffic circle at Saskatchewan Dr. and 76 Ave. modeled on similar installations in Crestwood and Sherwood Park;
- (2) Adopt a single annual parking zone permit system for the entire Belgravia community.

See the full Implementation Plan at:
www.belgraviaedmonton.ca



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Belgravia Arts Park, Then and Now.

By Jeanette Boman - BCL Vice President

History of Park Development

The Edmonton South West Cultural Centre on the site was demolished in 2000. An assessment was done by Belgravia Community League (BCL) in 2003 to determine what the space could be used for. Survey results included:

- Making it a destination space versus what was becoming merely a way to traverse through to and from work or school
- Developing art themes related to the historical focus of the ESWCC that could include sculptures and other works by local artists.
- Keeping the centre of the area open for unstructured play given the availability of focused recreational space in other near-by playgrounds and sports fields
- Having an entry feature to mark the entry into the park and connection to pathways inviting people to walk around the park as a whole
- Dedicating a perennial bed to indigenous plants of Alberta and a fruit bearing tree and shrub bed to maximize survival and minimize care requirements
- Reserving a space for a labyrinth to serve as a meditative space and a creative play area.

Funds and volunteers from the BCL and matching grants and Partners-in-Park expertise from the City of Edmonton lead to the first phase of the park's development:

- Initial park drawings and a design was passed on to and refined by City Park consultants and ultimately approved by the City.
- A call for entry archway proposals lead to Peter Duncan's design of wood, stone and metal being built in the south east corner of the park.
- Packed rundle stone paths were built to circle the large central free, grassed-in play space.
- 'Functional Art' benches and trash bins designed and created by Edmonton sculptors, Ken Macklin



and Susan Owen Kagan. These are made of concrete and embossed with indigenous plant and tree leaves and flowers that can be found growing in the park

- A welded steel sculpture, 'From The Model' by Susan Owen Kagan was donated to the park, serving as a spark to keep the arts theme of the park going.
- The indigenous perennial bed was prepared and planted by a group of community volunteers and continues to be diligently tended to by an ongoing group, led by Marie Walker.
- The fruit tree and shrub bed was established on the west side of the arch way and now is producing saskatoons, apples, crabapples, Evans cherries, low and high bush cranberries, gooseberries and rose hips.
- A labyrinth of stone-in-grass was designed and installed by a group of volunteers under the guidance of Kathy Goble

The Belgravia Arts Park officially opened on June 18, 2006; ribbon cutting duties by Mayor Stephen Mandel, Councilor Bryan Anderson and our local MLA, Kevin Taft.

Since then, the park has been used for a variety of events in the community: informal games, cross-country skiing, picnics, dog walking, a wedding, fruit picking, weeding bees, mulch laying and conversational space.

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In 2009, Belgravia Arts Park awarded first place for Volunteer Maintained Gardens by the Edmonton Horticulture Society.

Following the original Program Statement goals for the Belgravia Arts Park to add artwork in the future, a second metal sculpture by Ryan McCourt, 'The Abduction of Liberty' was donated to and installed in the park in the fall of 2009.

Update: What's Happening Now

'Borealis', an interactive media art project conceived, designed and proposed by community resident Will Bauer is another art work for the park. The project has both a physical LED-based lighting presence amongst the trees in the SW corner as well as an online website one to drive the LEDs that visualize information of interest to the community.

Initial funds for the project were obtained by the BCL from the Edmonton Arts Council in 2009/2010. Further funding from the Neighbourhood Parks Development Program was obtained this summer (thanks to Luciana Sacchi and Will Bauer's grant writing skills). These funds will make it possible to

install 'Borealis' as well as acquire four more sculptures to complete the park's permanent collection of public art.

Information and photos of the new sculptures will be displayed at the upcoming September 17, 2011 Community League Day celebrations. We are hoping to invite the artists to the event to talk about their work. We welcome your interest in learning about these pieces and look forward to conversations about the Arts Park as a feature in Belgravia.

Until then, if you have ideas about your experience with and sense of how the Arts Park can meet the needs of people who live in Belgravia in particular and perhaps, Edmontonians in general, we would appreciate hearing from you.

BCL would specifically like to hear from you on:

- 1) What you like about the Belgravia Arts Park;
- 2) How you use the Belgravia Arts Park now; and,
- 3) What future developments you would like to see happen with the park.

E-mail vicepresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca or call Jeanette at 780 434 0379.

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.

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Dolly @ 780-433-7308 or email

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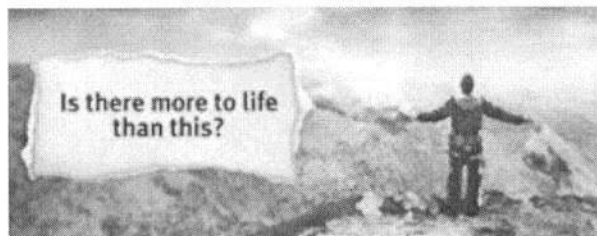
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Green & Gold Community Garden Market Now Open

If you haven't yet visited the Green & Gold community garden market on the University of Alberta's south campus there is still time. The garden is a thriving example of urban agriculture in the heart of southwest Edmonton. The market is now open for the summer and into early fall.

Garden market hours are:

Tuesday evenings (from 7:00pm-8:30pm)

Saturdays (from 11:00am-1:00pm)

The garden is located on the University of Alberta South Campus. For a map & directions to the garden please check under the FAQs section of the garden web site at: http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden

It is a joint project of the University's School of Public Health & the Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences. Volunteers maintain the garden & all of their time, the seeds, plants & equipment used are donated. The vegetables, herbs & flowers are "spray-free" (no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used).

Anyone is welcome to 'purchase' their vegetables at the garden during market hours. We ask that donations for produce be based on what you would pay for similar

produce at a farmers' market or in the supermarket. All of the money raised from the garden produce donations is sent to the **Tubahumurize Association**, a non-profit organization in Rwanda that provides socially & economically marginalized women with vocational training, counselling, health care education, & micro-credit loans. Most of the women who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors & many are widows or orphans, HIV infected, or victims of domestic abuse. Last year the garden raised over \$22,000 for Tubahumurize. We are hoping to exceed that amount this summer.

This summer, the garden has bumper crops of various types of lettuce, Swiss chard, kale, onions, herbs (basil, dill, parsley, oregano, thyme, mint, sage & cilantro). Beets & carrots are just starting to be ready for harvest, & peas, beans & potatoes should be available in August. Flowers, including sunflowers, are also available.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive e-mail notices of what produce is available each week please e-mail us at: green&gold@sph.ualberta.ca

For more information on the **Green & Gold garden** & the work of **Tubahumurize** please check our **web site** at: http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden

Belgravia Community BBQ *Party & Membership Drive*

It's Edmonton Community League Day,
Come out and meet your neighbors!



Belgravia Community League Hall
Saturday September 17, 2011



Featuring the band

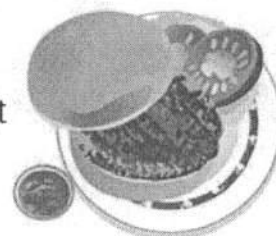
in the Rink 6:30-8:30 pm

Kids activities 4-6 pm

Facepainter, Bouncy Castle, Playground activities

BBQ 6-8 pm

Free BBQ coupons for each current
Belgravia Membership (2011-12)



Doorprizes to be won!

Memberships will be sold on site 4-8 pm
Cash or cheque only please.

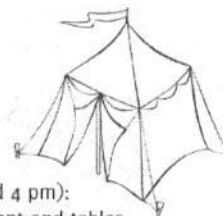


We need your help to make this a success!

Volunteers urgently needed, only 1-2 hours per shift
Filled positions on the Belgravia Edmonton website:
Sept 17, Hall rental Calendar (right menu)

Kids Activities 4-6 pm:
(4 teenagers would be ideal):
Bouncy castle supervisors, facepainter helpers

BBQ assistants 5-8 pm:
6 people - Kitchen help and servers (replenish food)



Tent and table setup (noon and 4 pm):
4-8 volunteers to help set up tent and tables
Tent at noon, tables and chairs at 4 pm

Clean up crew (8:30-9:30 pm):
6 people to help dismantle band platform,
clean up food area, bring tables/chairs back into hall.

To Help Us Contact
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