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## Belgravia Community Hall

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## President's List of Ways to Engage BCL

Ever curious about what you could do to get involved and help contribute to Belgravia's goings on? Our new community league president, David Ridley, provides us with a list of suggestions for ideas both big and small for you to try on for size. Get connected and be an active resident of Belgravia!

- Help out with a neighbourhood program or event (like the recent Rink Party—you could have been bonfire captain!)
- Have a coffee with a community league board member to find out what they're working on and how you might be able to help (Gracious Goods is BCL's official office)
- Write a short story or novel about Belgravia (or a joke, riddle or anecdote if you're pressed for time)
- See above. Submit to *The Belgravian*. Okay, maybe not the novel.
- Go to [www.belgraviaedmonton.ca](http://www.belgraviaedmonton.ca) and subscribe - you'll get occasional notices when new stuff is posted
- Join the Arts Park weeding bees and learn about native plants
- Think up a community project or program that you'd like to try—let us know how we can help
- Talk to your neighbours about organizing a block party—BCL has resources to help with this!
- If you're on Facebook, let us know if you'd like Belgravia to be on FB

# from the editor's desk...



*Sarah Chan - Belgravian Editor*

Happy October! Leaves are turning yellow, but there is still time left to enjoy our city without snow. I saw many of you bundled up Belgravians at the oh-so-fun rink party a few weeks ago, and was happy to see everybody enjoying the band, BBQ, games, and hot chocolate with their renewed community league memberships! You'll find more information on how to renew your membership and the benefits of doing so on page 6 of this issue.

I also hope you take the opportunity to carve some ghouls and ghosts into pumpkins at the community league on October 30th. You can find all the details (free pumpkins to families in costume) on the back page.

Some of you may have noticed a printing anomaly in last month's issue, and for that I offer my apologies. Something went awry in the electronic transmission from my computer to the printer's printer and the result was smudgy and illegible. I'll be taking extra precautions this time around to avoid another gaff, but you're welcome to visit [www.belgraviaedmonton.ca](http://www.belgraviaedmonton.ca) to view the unmarred pdf version online.

Until next month, Happy Halloween and stay safe and warm when trick or treating on the 31st!

Feedback welcome: [newsletter@belbraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:newsletter@belbraviaedmonton.ca).

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# Why You Should Join Belgravia Community League



*By Therese Gaetz - BCL Membership*

Being a Belgravia Community League member can enhance your life!

The benefits are numerous; here are a few of them:

- 20% discount on annual and continuous monthly memberships at places like Kinsmen Sport Centre, Terwillegar Recreation Centre, the city-owned outdoor pools, and Confederation Leisure Centre

- 15% discount on multi-admission passes (10+) at these same facilities
- Admission to the Community League Day event (next one is September 16, 2012)
- Getting to know your neighbours
- Building a sense of community
- Participating in local programs, such as the Learn to Skate program and soccer

Belgravia Community League needs your support! Besides the fun programs on offer, the league does vital work on urban planning and development issues, transportation issues, and planning ways to improve the quality of life in your neighbourhood.

Membership is easy and inexpensive! Just \$30.00 for a family membership, \$15.00 for a single or couple, or \$5.00 for a senior or student, it's a great deal.

Contact Therese Gaetz at 780-436-1918 or [membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca) and reap the benefits of belonging to Belgravia Community League immediately!



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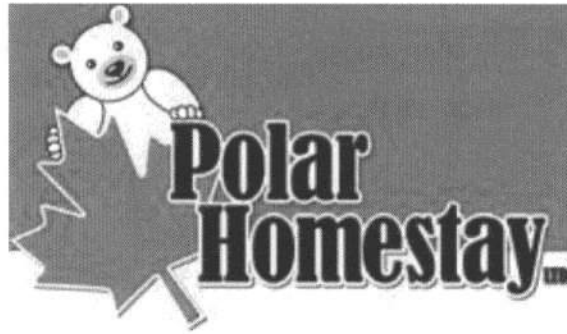
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What you can gain from the experience through hosting international students is exciting and unlimited. You can learn about different cultures and the cities that the students have grown up in. You can also show them all the things that you love about your own culture and Edmonton. If all of your children have grown up and moved out, having international students can be a way to bring young energy to your home.

### **Host Families Wanted!**

We are currently looking for more kind and friendly host families. What we ask for a host family is to have a fully furnished room for a student, breakfasts and lunch that the student can put together, and warm-prepared suppers, and to share some family time with them. Do you have an extra room? Would you like to make a difference in an international students' life and in your own life? You can be a host family!

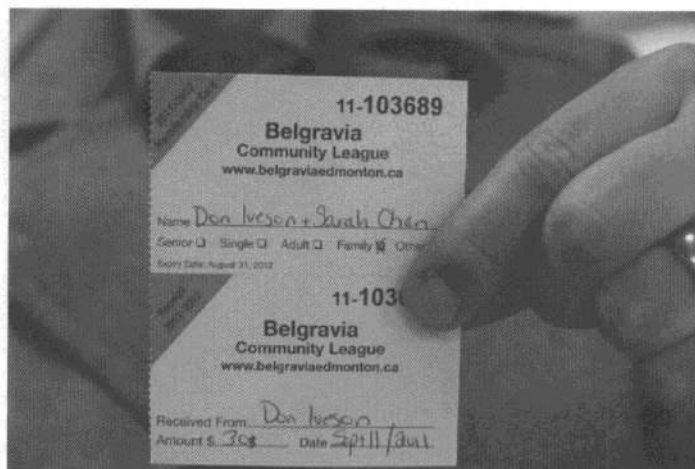
For more information, visit [www.polarhomestay.ca](http://www.polarhomestay.ca) or contact us at [miyako@polarhomestay.ca](mailto:miyako@polarhomestay.ca) or [mike@polarhomestay.ca](mailto:mike@polarhomestay.ca)!



# A Rink Party to Remember

by Sarah Chan - Belgravian Editor

Here are just a few images of all the fun from the Community League Day BBQ and Rink Party! See you again next year!



## Special Thanks Go Out To:

- Volunteers
- Membership Table Crew
- Kitchen & Food Team
- BBQ Grill Masters
- Tent/Stage/Rink Set Up Coordinators
- Jumpy Castle Supervisors
- Fire Pit Management
- Face Painter - Gigi & Friends
- Band - Mr.Suede

Final shout out to everyone who pitched in and grabbed a chair or table and helped us clean up in record time - You are all the very best.

Our new program, Barb Fjeldberg, also has lots of fresh ideas for more Belgravia events and parties. Stay tuned for outdoor movies; cocktail parties and art exhibitions in our arts park; perennial & seed swap, and local garden tours; a winter carnival with horse sleigh rides and skating; a bike day where kids can take safety courses, maintenance, and participate in a bike parade. Those are just a few ideas, and we'll be asking for your input too in the next issue!

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preaching at the Sunday morning service which begins at 10:00 am.

**Tickets?** Available at the door. Both Friday and Saturday, \$25.00; Friday only \$10.00.  
A wine and cheese reception will follow the Friday session. Lunch will be provided on Saturday.

**Parking?** There are a few places behind the church. Additional parking will be on 118 St. and in the  
parking lot of Windsor Elementary School. Parking attendants will assist you with parking.

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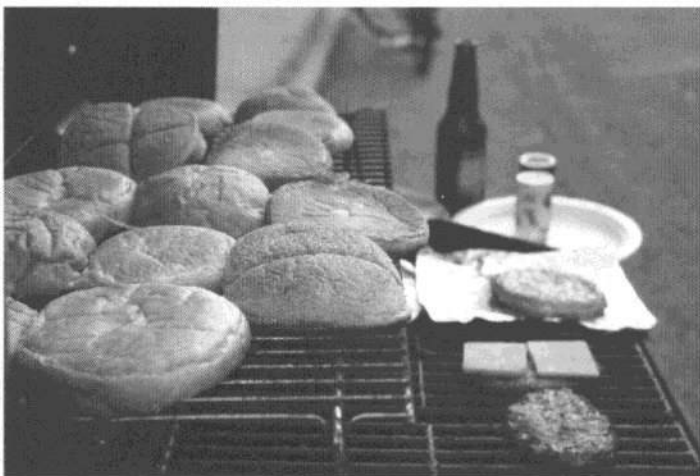
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# There's No Party Like A Block Party



by Sarah Chan - Belgravian Editor

The weekend that Don and I first moved to Belgravia, the lovely Anneliese Fris came to our door the next day with a loaf of homemade bread and an invitation to the annual block party. A few years later, we're still just as excited to receive our annual invitation to one of the funnest nights of the year!



This late-summer's block party has been the 6th one for the block, and my 4th one in attendance. I make no exaggeration when I say that it's an event I look forward to each year. It's where I first met my neighbours who are more than one house away.

Everybody was incredibly friendly and welcoming, and patient with constantly reminding me of which family lived in which house. Rain or shine, the block party thrives. The road is barricaded and everybody's kids run around the street to such an extent that it is not offensive to refer to them as "feral children."

We provide starters and desserts to share, and we each bring our BBQ of choice to be cooked on a few communal grills that get wheeled out from one house or another. A regular highlight has been the homemade ice cream of Margaret Ackman, which everybody devours in record time. It has all the laid back virtues of a BBQ, but it's especially low key because everybody contributes a little something, which adds up to a lot.

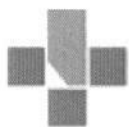


The sense of fun and community is overwhelming, and whether you stay for a little while or you're the last man standing out there with a travel mug in front of the fire, there's something fantastic about partying in your street with the people who live all around you.



Interested in taking back the streets and partying with your neighbours? Take the initiative and organize your own block party! Details and how-to can be found here: [www.edmonton.ca/for\\_residents/programs/block-parties.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/programs/block-parties.aspx)





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## Halloween Safety



Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some basic Halloween safety tips as October 31<sup>st</sup> approaches. As a member of the UNICEF *Partners for Safety*, ambulances, along with police, fire, bylaw, transit, and Shaw Cable vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

### Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked cross walks or well lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit and do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times and advise them if you will be late returning.

### Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups of three or more.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

### Costumes

- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods or wands, should be soft and flexible with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair vision or breathing.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing – but not so baggy or long they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

[www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)



# New Bikes Lanes Encourage Us All To Share the Road

by *The City of Edmonton*

As construction wraps up on 21 new kilometres of reserved bike lanes and shared-use lanes on Edmonton streets, the City of Edmonton is reminding motorists and cyclists to be aware of each other and share the road.

"These types of bicycle routes are relatively new in Edmonton," says Councillor Ben Henderson. "As motorists and cyclists, it is important that we learn to use them, so we can share the road safely and watch for each other."

A reserved bike lane designates a specific right-of-way for cyclists where motorists are not permitted to drive, stop or park. Motorists are permitted to cross bike lanes when turning into accesses or driveways. Motorists are also permitted to cross bike lanes when parking between the curb and the bike lane. When crossing a bike lane, motorists are always reminded to check for cyclists first, and yield if a cyclist is already occupying the bike lane.

Shared-use lanes are different from reserved bike lanes as they indicate motorists and cyclists should occupy the same lane of traffic. Shared-use lane markings guide cyclists on the road and remind drivers to expect cyclists in the same lane of traffic.

Cyclists are not restricted to travel within reserved bike lanes or shared-use lanes only. Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists on city streets. Cyclists and motorists are required to obey the rules of the road at all times.



"It is important that motorists don't drive or stop in the bike lanes and are courteous to cyclists," says Henderson. "We also want to remind cyclists to ride predictably and keep a distance from parked cars to avoid opening doors."

These 21 kilometres will bring Edmonton's on-street bicycle routes closer to the goal of reaching 500 kilometres within the next 10-20 years. This will help people choose cycling as a safe, healthy and efficient way to get around the city. Building on-street bicycle routes is also a step towards building a more integrated and sustainable transportation network, as directed by the City's Transportation Master Plan, *The Way We Move*.

Edmontonians are invited to visit **[oneroad.ca](http://oneroad.ca)** to find detailed information about the new on-street bike routes and learn how to use them safely.

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