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### Look For Exciting New BCL Programs

Barb Fjeldberg, BCL Programs Director

Following the recent success of our Rink Party the Programming Committee was faced with the daunting task of coming up with other events that our members would enjoy as much. A tough task but one we have managed to accomplish.

Before I get into any details I must thank those of you who took the time to sign up to volunteer for future events. We would like to establish a "volunteer bank" to help out with community activities. I realize that Belgravians are a busy bunch and am not asking for huge time commitments. Even if you have only an hour to spare it would be appreciated. If you can help please send me an email at programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca Let me know what events you are interested in; what you would prefer to help out with and the hours you are available (weekends or weekdays, etc.)

Now to the exciting news! We have two programs coming up in January- the Babysitting Course on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and Learn to Skate which starts January 11<sup>th</sup>. You can find further details in this newsletter. Many thanks go to Dawn Hartfield for arranging the babysitting course for us.

Also coming this winter is our first Wine and Cheese night featuring the Talent of Belgravia. What we need from the community is the talent! This is your shot at the big times... well, maybe not but it is your opportunity to show off any musical ability you possess. Please save us from a karaoke night and step up to perform for us. Details on tickets will follow in future newsletters.

Get ready to experience our first Winter Carnival in late February or early March (date TBA). Try snowshoeing, building snow forts; ....continued on page 13...

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### from the editor's desk...



Sarah Chan, Belgravian Editor

I hope this month's newsletter finds you all full of cheer and goodwill, in preparation for the most festive time of the year!

We were lucky enough to have a pretty mild November, but we should all prepare for the possibility

of more snow and cold in the future.

Be careful out there while navigating icy roads and shoveling your walks! Speaking of which, some of our fellow Belgravians may not be as nimble with the snow removal as they used to be, which is why there is a new volunteer opportunity to help some of our less-nimble neighbours in the snow department (details on page 12). If you're looking for a little extra cardio, sign up and a neighbour will be forever grateful for your assistance.

Because of holidays, the next issue of the Belgravian will be out in mid-January. Until then, stay safe and warm, and have an amazing holiday celebrating with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

### EDMONTON

# **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.

### **Belgravia Community League**

11540-73 Ave

Sunday January 22, 2012 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For ages 11 - 17

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.

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### Belgravia Stories: Betty Dunn is in a League of Her Own

Barb Krahn, BCL Director-at-Large

Do you know we have a genuine baseball hall-of-famer in Belgravia?

In the mid-1940s, 19-year-old Betty Carveth was living in Edmonton and pitching for the top-rated Walk-Rite women's baseball team, after being recruited from Grande Prairie while still in high school.

Before long, the talented pitcher caught the eye of scouts for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). With most of the young men overseas fighting the war, women's baseball was taking over the diamond – and the league needed talent.

So on V-E Day in 1945, Betty climbed aboard a train in Edmonton and three days later disembarked in Chicago, headed for Spring Camp. Betty played for the Rockford Peaches, the very same team depicted in the 1992 movie A League of Their Own, starring Geena Davis and Tom Hanks.

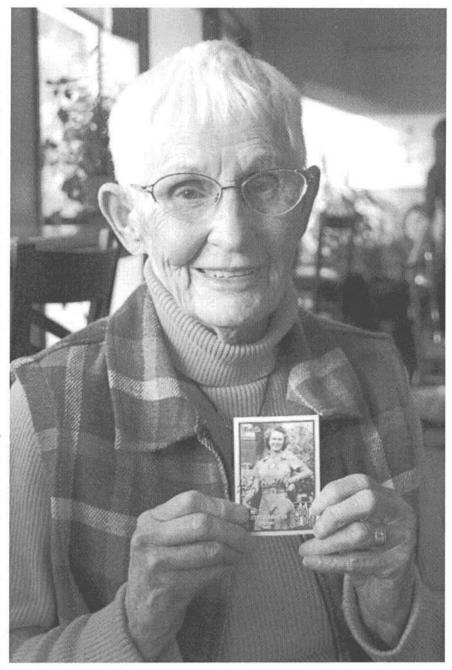
She returned to Edmonton at the end of the season, entered Alberta College in the Business program and soon married Jim Dunn, "the world's best plumber," says Betty. Together, they raised three boys in Belgravia – Jerry, Bill and Patrick.

Through those busy years, Betty never lost her love of sports. She became Edmonton's first female little league coach – after wearing down the male naysayers – and coached a lot of young boys in the area, including her own. To those in Cub Scouts, she was also Akela the pack leader, though "we sometimes played ball instead of doing program work!" she admits

with a sparkle in her eye. Somehow, Betty found time to curl three times a week too, alongside Jim in a mixed league on weekends.

Still very active in the community today, Betty has been treasurer for the Paulettes – the women of St. Paul's United Church – for 20 years.

Next January, Betty will have lived 60 years in the house on 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue she and Jim bought in 1952. Each year, she travels to the U.S. to reunite and reminisce with her former teammates and other AAGPBL players. In 1988, the league was inducted into the Baseball Hall of



Betty Dunn with a vintage baseball card of ... Betty Dunn.

Fame in Cooperstown N.Y. Betty is also listed in the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in St. Marys, Ontario, as one of 64 Canadians to play in the league.

In recognition of her contribution to the sport, Betty has been appointed ambassador to the Women's Baseball World Cup, to be held in Edmonton August 10-19, 2012. She still gets fan mail from all over the world, and recently spent hours signing her stats card for fans lined up at a AAGPBL reunion in San Diego.

So don't be shy – next time you see Betty, ask her about baseball, and maybe she'll sign one for you too.

### South Campus and Balmoral Development Update

David Ridley, BCL President

As you may know, the University of Alberta is repurposing the former Balmoral Curling Club site (located across Belgravia Road) as a medical research and production facility, including the installation of a cyclotron to create medical isotopes for radiological cancer treatments. Construction activity on the site has begun.

An Open House on this project was held Wednesday, October 26th at the Saville Community Sports Centre (Go Centre). The Belgravia Community League has concerns about the University's process. We believe it has not been meeting its consultation obligations and commitments with neighbourhoods before deciding upon and proceeding with projects.

Here's what we would like you to know about this particular project, about development on South Campus (the former U of A Farm):

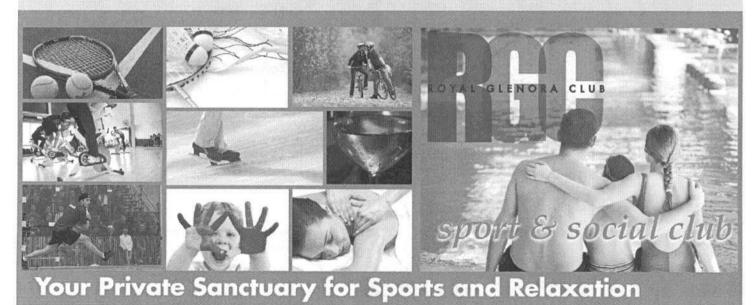
### On the Balmoral site project:

- 1. In November 2010, U of A administrators prepared detailed drawings and ordered equipment for radioisotope production.
- 2. January 2011- Neighbourhood representatives on the University's community committee (including Belgravia

representation) were told that the future of the site was undecided.

- 3. May 2011- BCL was contacted by the University and told that the U of A was considering two options for Balmoral site: one a vehicle pool, the other the radioisotope facility
- 4. May 26th, 2011- Representatives of BCL and other neighbourhood leagues attended an information meeting, asking for a response as to the suitability of the Balmoral site options and suitability of these options for further public discussion and engagement.
- 5. June 2011- Email from BCL chair to U of A indicates that either of the options presented at May 26th meeting could be suitable, subject to further public discussion and information. Email also indicates that facility purpose is not consistent with the U of A's long range development plan for the site developed in 2002, which was produced after substantial consultation with neighbouring communities and approved by the Minister of Advanced Education.
- 6. September 2011- without further public discussion, U of A awards a contract for construction of the radioisotope facility, begins ...continued on next page...

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...continued from previous page... construction activity and notifies residents of open house on October 26th. (Same situation as the GO Centre--consultation after construction begins)

### On South Campus development:

- 1. U of A has massive development plans for South Campus that will affect those of us in adjacent neighbourhoods, including Belgravia. Plans include residences for 7000 students, twin arenas, a fieldhouse, aquatics centre, 3 new parkades and a number of new roads and intersections to provide access. The most recent Long Range Development Plan for South Campus was approved back in 2002 and involved significant neighbourhood consultation. That plan made a commitment to public transportation, cycling and walking in South Campus development.
- 2. Belgravia Community League is responding to the U of A's approach to South Campus as a member of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC), which is comprised of nine community leagues around South Campus, which are home to 20,000 residents.
- 3. In July 2011, the Minister of Advanced Education (Province of Alberta) wrote U of A administration to request it work with SCNC on a collaborative process for

long-range development for South Campus. One meeting is held between SCNC and UA administrators (Aug 31st). U of A refuses a follow-up meeting to continue discussion.

Given the inconsistency of public consultation and the U of A's advancement on construction, the BCL board has retracted its statement indicating the general suitability of the options presented at the May 26th information meeting.

As a member of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition, BCL is seeking meaningful neighbourhood consultation and a long range development plan with a formal commitment from the U of A to adhere to that plan and to ensure that it is followed.

### How to register your feedback:

The U of A needs to hear this message from residents, repeatedly. For more information and background, visit <a href="https://www.belgraviaedmonton.ca">www.belgraviaedmonton.ca</a> for related posts.

You can make comments directly to Emily Ball (emily.ball@ualberta.ca), the University's contact for this consultation. Although the University has closed comments via its website as of November 9<sup>th</sup>, you can find or more information on the specific Balmoral proposals at: www.communityrelations.ualberta.ca

Please also forward you comments to: planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca

### **EDMONTON**

### Beginner Learn to Skate Lessons



Belgravia Community League 11540- 73 Ave.

Wednesdays, January 11 to February 15, 2012

Make-up classes Feb 22 & 29 \*

\*In the event there are no cancellations due to inclement weather, the 2 extra sessions will still run!

### Preschool Learn to Skate

This program is geared towards children 4 to 6 years old who have limited or no skating experience. Children will learn basic skating skills at their own pace.

Time: 3:15 to 3:45 pm

Cost: \$30 (Code: 442992)

### Children Learn to Skate

This program is geared towards children 6 to 12 years old that have limited skating skills and are still learning the basics. They will learn to glide and skate using proper technique and balance in a safe and fun environment.

Time: 4:00 to 4:45 pm Cost: \$40 (Code: 442995)

CSA approved skating helmets are mandatory.

Lessons take place outside and will be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions (below -20 Celsius).

Parents will be notified in case of a cancellation (see make-up dates above).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

By Phone: Call 311

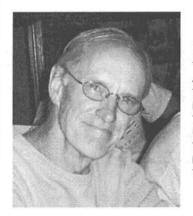
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# MCKERNAN/BELGRAVIA STATION AREA PLAN

### Background

The City of Edmonton is planning for a more sustainable future by encouraging Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around existing and future LRT stations. Plans for a city-wide LRT network have been prepared based on LRT's potential to influence development patterns, and now planning for areas around some of the stations in that network is beginning. In July 2011 the City initiated planning for the areas around the existing McKernan/Belgravia LRT station (see attached map) and the future Mill Woods station.

The City's overriding direction regarding TOD is contained in *The Way Ahead*, Edmonton's Strategic Plan, which envisions a more sustainable and livable city where more people walk, cycle and use transit. Policies supporting this direction are contained in the Transportation Master Plan *The Way We Move* and the Municipal Development Plan *The Way We Grow*, which direct higher density residential, employment and retail development to station and transit centre areas. Policy 3.3.1.5 of *The Way We Grow* specifically directs the City to "prepare transit oriented development (TOD) plans around existing LRT nodes, and in association with expansion of the LRT system."

### What is Transit Oriented Development (TOD)?

TOD refers to development that is planned around LRT stations and transit centres. The goal is to create attractive, livable and compact neighbourhoods with a mix of land uses within walking distance of a transit station. Each TOD is guided by its own unique context. In the established McKernan/Belgravia residential neighbourhood for example, TOD may take the form of incremental small-site development.

### What is a station area plan?

A station area plan determines the location and design of new transit-oriented land uses such as housing, employment and retail as well as supportive infrastructure such as streets and parks. It establishes a clear vision for a station area's future based on its particular history, physical form and development needs. A station area plan is a type of Area Redevelopment Plan that is adopted by City Council following public consultation and technical review.

### Who is preparing the station area plan?

The City has retained a multi-disciplinary consulting team led by ParioPlan Inc. to assist with development of the McKernan/Belgravia Station Area Plan in consultation with property owners and stakeholders, as well as another plan around the future Mill Woods LRT Station. Other consulting team members include Urban Strategies Inc., Bunt & Associates Engineering Ltd., Associated Engineering (Alberta) Ltd. and Colliers International.

### What services will the consulting team provide?

Working closely with the City's project team, the consultants will undertake the following:

- Document Review
- Consultation with Community and Stakeholders
- Mobility and Parking Study
- Infrastructure Assessment

- Residential and Commercial Market Demand Study
- Zoning Schedule and Plan Amendments
- Implementation Strategy
- Draft and Final Station Area Plan



### What is the planning process and timelines for the project?

The work plan for the McKernan/Belgravia Station Area Plan is organized into four phases over a 15 month period.

Phase I Reconnaissance and Exploring Opportunities and

August - November 2011

Phase II

Exploration, Development and Evaluation of

December 2011 - March 2012

Alternatives

Constraints

Phase III Draft Station Area Plans

April - August 2012

Phase IV Final Plans and Approvals

September – October 2012

### What opportunities for public and stakeholder input will be provided?

Consulting with stakeholders and the community is an important aspect of the station area planning process. Consultation opportunities are provided in each phase of work beginning with a first workshop on November 22, 2011.

### Workshop #1

Date and Time:

Tuesday November 22, 2011 from 6:00 - 9:15 pm

Location:

McKernan School in the North Gym at 11330 - 76 Avenue NW

Purpose:

Introduce the project, provide background information and seek input from the community and stakeholders. City representatives and the consultant team will present information on transit oriented development and features of the McKernan/Belgravia plan area. Participants will be invited to discuss opportunities,

constraints and development potential.

The planning process also includes the following consultation opportunities:

- Stakeholder Interviews (Phase I)
- Workshop #2 Design Charrette with Stakeholders and Public Open House (Phase II)
- Workshop #3 Presentation of Draft Plans to Public (Phase III)
- Public Hearing on Station Area Plans (Phase IV)

The City will provide details on dates and locations as the project progresses.

For more information on the McKernan/Belgravia Station Area Plan contact:

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Emergency Medical Services

# Cold weather safety



Alberta Health Services EMS responds to many cold weather related emergencies every winter. Simple actions such as dressing appropriately and anticipating sudden weather changes can help keep you both warm and safe this season.

### Frostnip

- Frostnip occurs when skin is extremely cold, but not frozen. It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes.
- The skin appears red but also turns to white when pressed. It may feel numb to the touch.
- When treated promptly, frostnipped skin will heal without complication.
- Gently re-warming the affected area in a warm environment is advised.

### **Frostbite**

- Frostbite is when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissue freeze completely.
- It may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch.
- Treatment begins with removal from the cold environment and placing the affected area in warm, not hot, water (about 41°C) until re-warmed.
- Seek further medical attention as required.

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature (less than 34°C as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C).
- People suffering hypothermia may act inappropriately with uncharacteristic stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to lower.
- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is crucial. Left untreated, hypothermia may progress to coma and death.
- Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation.
- Gentle re-warming should start as quickly as possible including: removal of wet or constrictive clothing, covering with blankets or sleeping bags, and protecting the patient from further heat loss (wind, moisture and contact with cold surfaces).

www.albertahealthservices.ca

### New to the Arts Park, Pumpkins and Moons!



There is a new sculpture in the Belgravia Arts Park! Look for "Pumpkins and Moons" in the north west corner of the park next time you are there. Designed and created by Edmonton-based sculptor, Ken Macklin, "Pumpkins and Moons" has been acquired as a result of a successful Neighbourhood Development Park Development (NPDP) proposal. Thanks to our very own community members, Will Bauer and Lucia Sacchi, for writing the application. We'll keep you posted when further art installations resulting from this grant occur. Jeannette Bowman, BCL Vice-President

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Emergency Medical Services

# Snow Shovelling Safety



### Before you start:

- Dress properly for the weather before heading outdoors. Unprotected exposure to low temperatures and wind chill can result in hypothermia or frostbite.
- Dress in layers starting with a warm insulating inner layer; ending with wind and water proof outer layers. If you become too warm as you shovel, you can always remove outer layers as required.
- Wear proper footwear with a solid tread and adequate ankle support. Don't forget to wear a toque or hat to prevent heat loss from your head.
- Stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water before and after you shovel. Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcoholic beverages as well as smoking. These all act as stimulants that can put a strain on your heart by constricting blood vessels and increasing heart rate. Caffeine can also promote dehydration another important reason to avoid it. Alcoholic beverages do not act as a stimulant, but they also promote dehydration, impair your judgment, and make you more susceptible to the effects of the cold weather.
- Reduce the chance of injury by warming up your muscles with light exercise and stretching before you shovel. Warm muscles use energy more efficiently.

### How to shovel:

- Choose the correct size of shovel for you. A smaller shovel will require you to lift less snow at a time and reduce the strain on your body.
- Protect your back by lifting properly: keep the shovel close to the body, stay balanced by standing with feet about hip-width apart, bend your knees, squatting with a straight back. As you lift the snow use your legs to provide the lift, tighten your stomach muscles to support your back, keep your back straight. Do not bend your back.
- When possible, push snow, don't lift it. Always orient your body in the same direction you are pushing the snow. If you need to move the snow to one side, reposition your entire body to continue facing the direction you are pushing.
- Do not throw snow over your shoulder or to the side. Most back injuries occur when you are in a twisted position. The injury can be made worse when you are bearing the weight of heavy snow as you twist.
- Don't extend your arms when maneuvering a full shovel of heavy snow as this puts excess strain on your back muscles and too much weight on your spine. Attempt to keep the weight of the shovel close to your body.
- Pace yourself and take a break, especially if there's been a heavy snowfall; don't try to clear it away all at once.

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### What to Expect on Edmonton Streets This Winter

City of Edmonton Transportation Services

The City of Edmonton is committed to keeping streets in good winter driving condition throughout the snow season, and crews work around the clock to achieve that goal. There are a number of changes that have been implemented this winter:

A seasonal parking ban has been created that will impact residential bus routes. The City of Edmonton will call a ban with a minimum of **eight hours notice**. At that time, vehicles must be moved from those routes with the 'Seasonal Parking Ban' signs; those not moved after the eight hours will be tagged and towed.

Once priority routes are plowed, crews will move into residential areas to blade to a 5 cm snow pack. Even if there is another snow event that requires additional work on priority routes, crews will NOT be removed from residential areas until the blading cycle has been finished.

If the snow pack on residential streets cannot be maintained at 5 cm, crews will plow down to bare pavement where required.

Windrows will be kept to a minimum on residential streets and will not be removed; every effort will be made to keep them at a maximum height of 30 cm in front of driveways. If crews have to plow down to bare pavement, windrows will be higher and there may be some delay before skid steers are able to clear driveways.

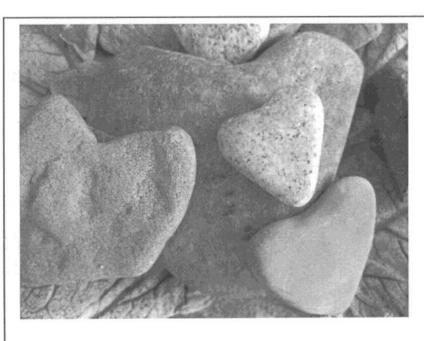
Windrows will be removed on a regular basis from school drop off zones, seniors centres and Edmonton Transit bus stops.

### Stay in the Know About Snow!

You can find out when the City calls a bus route parking ban in several ways. Media announcements will be made, information will be on the City of Edmonton website, and postings will be made via the City of Edmonton's **Facebook** page and **Twitter** account.

You can also sign up for **free**, **confidential email notification** by visiting <u>www.edmonton.ca/winterroads</u> and clicking on 'Subscribe to Roadway Alerts.'

Information on **residential street clearing** will be available through the City of Edmonton's website via our new **interactive map**. By visiting <u>www.edmonton.ca/</u> <u>winterroads</u> and clicking on 'Residential Snow Plowing Schedule,' you can select the Snow Clearing Map tool and enter your address. The system will then give you an exact date that work will start on in your area.



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### Belgravia Community Hall Renewal Volunteer Request

Dale Rowe, BCL Director-at-Large

The Belgravia Community League (BCL) Hall has served the neighbourhood since the mid-1950s. Its original construction was a sparkling example of community commitment, with several of Belgravia's first families contributing \$1000 (think of that in 1950s dollars!) to launch the project.

The original hall was renovated in 1995 and continues to be a busy and well-used facility, home to Belgravia's cooperative playschool, the out of school care program and nearly full booking on weeknights and weekends for meetings, exercise classes and social events. While the hall is basically sound, it is showing it age and has limitations that reduce its function and access. It is time to look at its present use as well as anticipated future use in renewing this valuable neighbourhood facility.

BCL began initial planning and committee work on renovation began in 2006 and by 2008 resulted in preliminary plans for a modest expansion of floor size on the lower and upper levels, plus interior changes. At that time initial estimates of the costs were prepared and plans were made for funding the estimated \$350,000 needed for the work. As you can imagine, this is a demanding project for community volunteers and the project stalled in 2009. There have also been initial discussions on the possibility of building a new hall versus extensive renovation and expansion of the existing hall.

As the hall sits on City of Edmonton land, City staff is there to support and monitor the work. BCL board members Dale Rowe and Jeanette Boman recently met with City staff to look at the hall site towards getting the renewal process back into gear.

It's time to get rolling again, starting with further community consultation to ensure hall renewal will meet neighbourhood needs.

There are 3 areas of activity in this kind of project:

- · design and construction
- · grants and fundraising
- · volunteer coordination

If you are interested and have specific talents (or even super powers) in these areas, BCL would like to hear from you and discuss how you might be involved.

Run (don't walk!) to your telephone or computer and let one of us know if you're interested in serving on Belgravia Hall Renewal Committee.

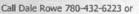
Dale Rowe, email: dale.rowe@belgraviaedmonton.ca or phone: 780 432-6233; or David Ridley, email: president@belgraviaedmonton.ca or phone: 780 439-7561

### Belgravia Hall Renewal/Rebuild

WANTED 2 OR 3 PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER ON THE COMMITTEE

Belgravia is in the process of wanting to update the hall.

If you have fundraising, architecture, building and renovating experience or some other talent you could add to the committee we are looking for input from you, the community.



Email dale.rowe@belgraviaedmonton.ca



Snow shovelers wanted!

Got a shovel or a snow blower? Help a neighbour this winter!

Spread the good-neighbour feeling this winter by volunteering to help our community's seniors and others with reduced mobility keep their sidewalks and driveways clear of snow.

Interested? Contact Barb (780-430-1220) or write to <a href="mailto:barb.krahn@belgraviaedmonton.ca">barb.krahn@belgraviaedmonton.ca</a>

\*Please Note: Shovelling is a strenuous activity. Check your fitness level with doctor before signing up. Volunteers shovel at their own risk.



### Councillor Ben Henderson on Late Night Transit Potential

Ben Henderson, City of Edmonton Ward 8 Councillor

As Edmonton continues to grow, the need for public transit service in the late-night hours also grows.

This type of service benefits shift workers, the hospitality industry, and many others who need a reliable alternative to travelling by car in order to go to work and get home safely.

While it might not be practical or affordable to operate our full transit service 24 hours a day, there may be an opportunity for a basic service along major transit routes.

Together with Councillor Iveson I have requested the administration provide recommendations of existing routes along key corridors for late-night transit service in order to meet these needs.

Also, I am inquiring about the costs and practical frequency of such a service and the other supports and changes required to implement basic late night-transit service.

Cities worldwide are grappling with how best to accommodate late-night transit needs. Edmonton is increasingly a 24-hour city. Our vibrant city is alive with many great festivals, sporting events, concerts, and other community events that run well into the evening. Whether leaving work or a wedding reception, Edmontonians deserve safe, reliable options to get home.

Since 2002, our studies have identified the need for transportation services running later than they currently do, not only in the Jasper and Whyte Avenue entertainment districts, but city-wide.

In the Whyte Avenue entertainment zone alone, there are about 10,000 patrons and also employees who need a way home across the city after 1:30 a.m. when transit stops running.

Some of you may be familiar with the City's Night Ride pilot project which sought to reduce incidents as well as vehicular and pedestrian congestion in the area after the bars close.

That pilot project, which was set to operate from September to November on a new designated weekend route from 1:30 to 3:30 a.m., has been delayed for further public consultations. While this pilot project targeted one specific area, I would like us to think bigger for our city.

I believe safe, affordable late-night transit service citywide on major arteries will benefit a wide range of Edmontonians.

### New Community Programs Coming to BCL (cont.)

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sledding races and old fashioned curling on the rink. You can experience bannock-making over a fire and warm up with a steaming cup of hot chocolate.

The popular Community Cruiser teen program will return in March and April. Don't miss out on this program as it fills up every time. Past activities have included laser tag, kayaking, bowling and sledding.

Warmer weather in the spring will bring a Perennial Exchange and Seed Swap and our first Annual Belgravia Garden Tour. This will be your chance to show off your gardening skills. With 52 Front Bloom Award winners in our community this should be a fantastic event.

These are just a few of the opportunities we hope to provide in the coming months. There are more in store and there will be something for everyone. Come out and have fun and enjoy getting to know your fellow Belgravians.

Any questions; comments or program ideas please contact me at: programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca



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# BCL CASINO

# Volunteers Needed!

Calling on Belgravia Community League Adult Members (18+)

40+ Volunteers Needed

For the upcoming 2012 Casino: Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17

at the Baccarat Casino (10128 - 104 Avenue)

in support of BCL Programs and Capital Improvements

no experience necessary / "on the job" training
day shift 11-7 or night shift 7-3 / only one shift expected
positions include: banker / cashier / chip runner / count room
meet your neighbors / bring - a - neighbor / meal provided
it's a fun, fascinating, facilitating, and funding experience

Please "Sign-up" ASAP by contacting Reg Norby, Casino Coordinator by email: norby@shaw.ca or by phone: 780-436-0590 and indicate your contact phone number and email and the shift or shifts you are able to volunteer for:

Shift "A": 11am - 7pm, Monday, April 16 Shift "B": 7pm - 3am, Monday, April 16 Shift "C": 11am - 7pm, Tuesday, April 17 Shift "D": 7pm - 3am, Tuesday, April 17