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Belgravia Community Hall

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New Location and a Fresh Spin for Belgravia School's Annual Fun Auction

Lily Staples, Belgravia Gala Raffle Chair, Belgravia Parent Council

The school's premier fundraiser, re-titled the Belgravia Gala, takes place at the Art Gallery of Alberta on April 21, 2012. The event features a live auction, dance and raffle, catered by the AGA's Zinc. Guests can bid on unique experiences, dance to today's hottest tunes (and a few from the past), and buy raffle tickets to enter raffles for the prizes of their choice, such as golf and travel packages, fine wine, restaurant certificates, and much, much more.

All proceeds go to fund learning opportunities at Belgravia Elementary School. This year, the focus is on making a major investment in the school's technology, to upgrade the school's few - and ageing - desktop computers, expand SmartBoards to every classroom, and purchase wireless computers to make full use of the Wi-Fi installation paid for by previous fundraisers.

The goal is to put the school on solid ground for today and the future, by offering a well-rounded education fit for the modern world. Demographics and strong community support has enabled Belgravia School to flourish after being put on the list for possible school closure in 2007, but continued investment in our neighbourhood school is needed. Matching provincial grants are expected to double available funds.

Previous events have been major successes, thanks to hard-working volunteers, extremely generous donors and amazing school spirit from current and alumni families. Funds have paid for artists in residence; drama [Continued on Page 4...]

from the editor's desk...



Sarah Chan, Belgravian Editor

Wow, what a snowfall we were all treated to recently! Be sure to keep your eyes and ears peeled for the city's seasonal parking ban announcements, and avoid parking on the streets so the plows can get in and clear things out.

There have been many sightings of coyotes in our neighbourhood over the last little while, and I encourage you to report your sightings to the contacts listed on page five. The City and University of Alberta have an urban coyote project to collect information about coyote movement, habitat, and diet. They use GPS collars to track the coyotes and analyze their movement. Please be sure to report your sightings.

This issue also features a wonderful profile on Belgravia's long-time resident, Jack Francis. He is the brains behind the Heritage Stable Museum (housed in the old dairy barn on South Campus) and you all have the chance to check the place out on Saturday March 31st when they have their open house! Details can be found on pages 6-7.

Another outing that may be of interest to you Belgravians is the Belgravia Green Net Zero house grand opening on March 10th and 11th. Go and see how that solar-powered house is coming along and see the innovation behind the houses of the future.

I also need to make make further correction from the previous issue's correction. It has been brought to my attention that the artist for our Arts Park's Pumpkins and Moons sculpture is **Ken Macklin**. The correction in the spelling for **Luciana Erregue-Sacchi** is in reference to the art educator who was on the selection committee for the work.

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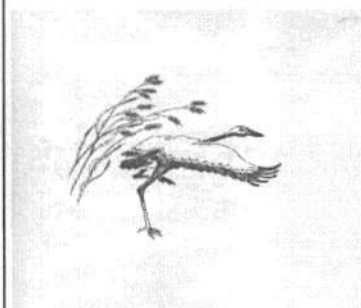
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Neighbourhood Engagement Workshop

March 10, 2012

10 am- 3 pm (incl. lunch)

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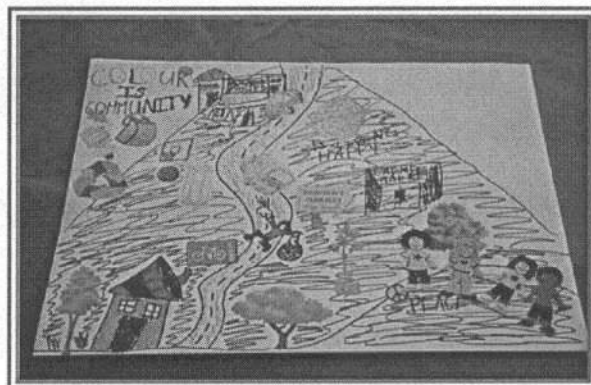
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- Neighbour?
- Parent?
- Member of a cultural community?
- Non-profit agency?
- Business owner?
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- Community league member?



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On March 10th, the City of Edmonton is hosting a workshop for Edmonton neighbours and communities interested in making their community the place they want it to be.

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Come with your friends to work on your idea to create connections in your neighbourhood.

Come to hear a group from Riverdale talk about their last year's project.

Come and learn how to apply for funding of up to \$2500.00.

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South - phone: 780-442-4847 or NESsouthevening@edmonton.ca

West - phone: 780-442-4848 or westsvp@edmonton.ca

Check out our website and 2012 application form at:

www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/neighbourhoods/neighbourhood-engagement



See you on March 10th!

Belgravia School's Fun Auction... [cont. from cover]

programs; music, library and physical education materials; online learning tools; outdoor learning and more.

We hope Belgravians will join us for the fun and fundraising on April 21, or consider supporting the event ahead of time with a donation of Live Auction or raffle prizes. Donations can be dropped off at the school during regular hours until April 7. Event and raffle tickets can be pre-ordered at the school beginning March 7 or purchased at the door. Guest tickets are \$50 a person and include admission, catering and up to \$20 in free raffle tickets for earlybirds.

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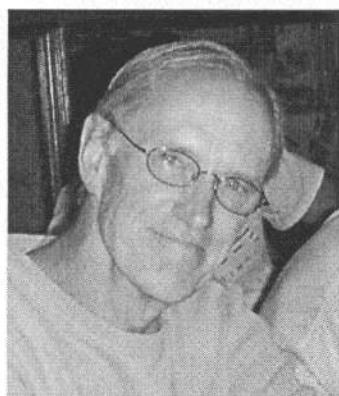
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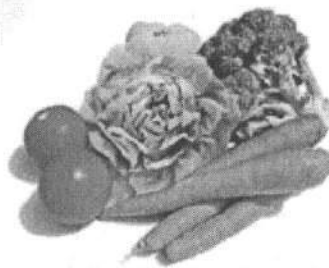
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South Campus Green & Gold Community Garden

The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our fourth gardening season.

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, and most of 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 2012 gardening season, and are looking for new volunteers to help with the garden. Both novice & experienced gardeners are welcome. 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 / **Phone:** (780) 492-9079

Web site: http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden

If you would like to receive garden e-mails 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 e-mail list.

Information sessions: We are planning information sessions for those interested in volunteering at the garden. These will also include a sale of flower, vegetable & herb seeds and Rwandan handicrafts. The information sessions will be held on: **Saturday, April 7, from 2pm – 4:30pm** at the Strathcona branch of the Edmonton Public Library (8331-104 St) & **Wednesday, April 11, from 7pm-8:30pm** at the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy building, University of Alberta (11405 87 Ave) L1-150.

Prairie Gold Flax

is now called:

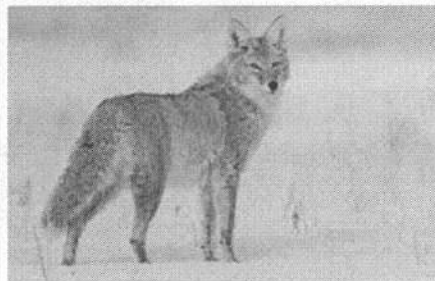
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Crafty Coyotes Alert!

Park rangers put up a sign on Sask drive alluding to one coyote suspected in the area. We have accounts of numbers from 1 to 7 coyotes

If you spot them during the day or if they are in the neighbourhood, please report to 311 or parkrangers@edmonton.ca

Copy Richard Law on your sightings:
belgraviawatch@gmail.com

You can also help a University survey project by going on line to <http://www.edmontonurbancoyotes.ca/> and report your sighting.

Belgravia Stories: The Museum That Jack Francis Built

Barb Krahn, BCL Director-At-Large

"I couldn't just let it go to the junk yard!" That's one of Jack Francis's favourite phrases. What's neat is that he's managed to turn a personal fascination with artifacts into a cool little museum on our doorsteps.

Jack is bursting with stories. He moved into the area in 1945, when just a few houses on the north side of 74th Avenue bordered what was then called the "Chinaman's Garden". There was no Belgravia Road, no Fox Drive – only the tracks of the Toonerville Trolley on 76th Avenue bisecting the rich pasture land that topped the banks of the North Saskatchewan River and rolled gently to the University Farm. And the farm is where Jack lived, briefly in 1945 then for more than 40 years after returning in 1949.

So why did a farm boy from Tofield move to a city farm? The second of five boys, Jack knew there wasn't room for all of them to stay on the family homestead. So when someone from the Agriculture faculty, after meeting Jack at bull sales, asked if he'd like to work with cattle here, Jack jumped at the chance.

"After moving here in 1949, I lived in the Pavilion for four years, until I got married," Jack recalls. "There were three rooms upstairs. Single men would stay there and eat at the homes of other employees." The Pavilion – then used for classroom work – is still there, set back from the road just west of the new GO Centre.

After marrying in 1953, Jack and his bride Joyce moved to House #3 on the [Continued on next page...]

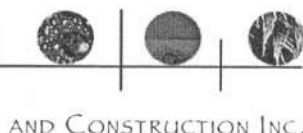


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[...continued from previous] farm. There they raised a son and daughter, not moving again until 1986. They lived in House #5 until 1991, then relocated to their 73rd Avenue bungalow in Belgravia when Jack "retired".

Where Jack's concerned, retirement is a relative thing. With a front row seat to the development in this area and a passion for preserving history, Jack has amassed a remarkable collection of items from the farm and personal donations. In 2001, the Agriculture faculty gave Jack the use of part of the original 1921 Horse Barn to display his artifacts. When construction necessitated relocating the Horse Barn in 2010, the collection was moved to the old Dairy Barn, across the road from the Pavilion.

On a recent Saturday morning, dressed in a black Stetson and Western-style blue denim jacket, Jack proudly showed off items as fascinating and diverse as a set of elk antlers in full velvet, a foot operated seed sorter, antique veterinary equipment, photos of prize-winning livestock from the earliest days of the Agriculture faculty, a very early Compaq portable computer, a 1960s-era x-ray machine, a beautifully restored wood stove and a World War II practice bomb. Each has a story, and Jack knows them all.

OPEN HOUSE with Jack at the Heritage Stable Museum (old Dairy Barn, north of the GO Centre at South Campus) on Sat., March 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a **FREE** event. Limited parking available. Need a ride? Call Barb at 780-430-1220. Other tours available on request.

Come to a FREE Open House at the Heritage Stable Museum

**Old Dairy Barn, South Campus
(across from the Pavilion, just north of the Go Centre)**

**Saturday, March 31, 2012
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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are urgently needed to help coordinate several upcoming events:

- Wine and cheese evening with local talent (March)
- Perennial and seed exchange (May)
- Belgravia Garden Tour (early June)
- Champagne in the Park/Arts Park Launch (June)
- Movie Night in the Park (August)

* Dates are tentative *

If you can help, please contact Barb at 780-430-1220 or email bkrahn@belgraviaedmonton.ca as soon as possible. Events without adequate volunteer support will regretfully be cancelled.

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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

The Casino Shift Schedule will be set up in early April and you will be contacted as to your assigned job and (day or night) shift.

Councillor Ben Henderson: Our Winter City Strategy



Ben Henderson, City of Edmonton Ward 8 Councillor

How can we be a better winter city? The City of Edmonton wants your input to help develop a WinterCity Strategy and make Edmonton a leading northern city.

When we look at vibrant winter cities around the world, they encourage thriving public life through well-designed public spaces for all seasons; they brand and market themselves as places you want to be, especially in winter; and they creatively use light and snow to highlight the beauty of winter.

Edmonton is already doing a lot of things well with its great winter activities and festivals, but we can build on our strengths, learn from other cities' best practices, and create the Edmonton we all want: one that is welcoming, enjoyable, and vibrant all year round.

The WinterCity Strategy will guide City Council's policies so that everyone enjoys the best the season has to offer. The strategy also aims to change attitudes towards winter, helping us to see its positives: bright, sunny blue skies; great opportunities to play and exercise outdoors; and a chance to celebrate our shared winter culture together.

We want to hear from you because it takes residents' invaluable input to create a city where we truly celebrate, not just endure, winter.

I encourage you to join the discussion at edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy. It's a great place to share ideas and get excited about winter in Edmonton. Submit and vote on ideas and enter to win prizes for the best winter city idea. Ideas so far include year-round patios and snow playgrounds. Let's keep the excitement going!

E-mail me at ben.henderson@edmonton.ca or call 780.496.8146

"Belgravia Green" Net Zero Project Grand Opening

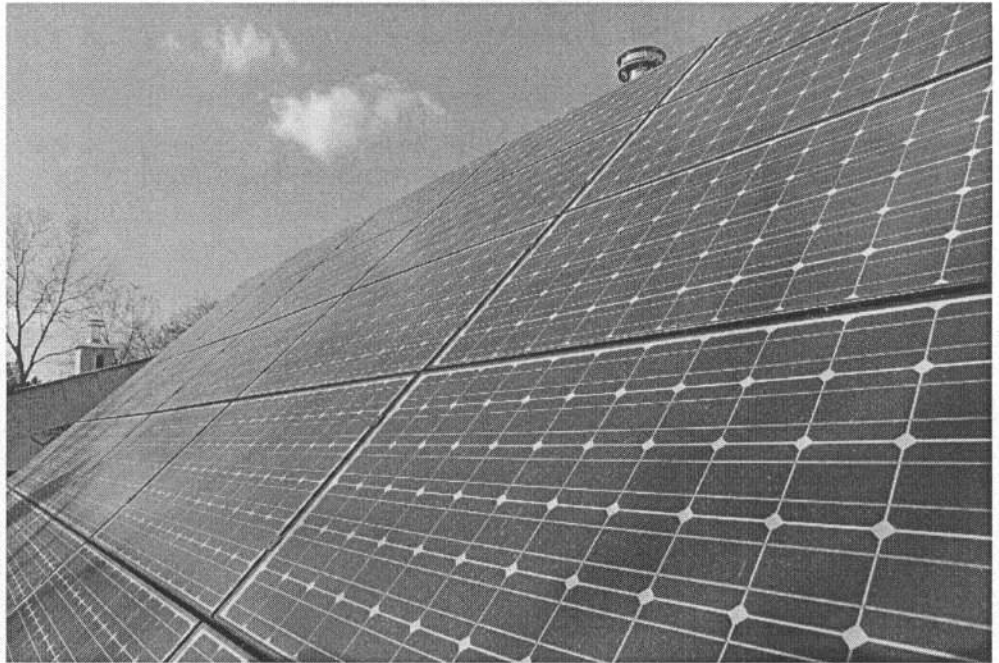
Effect Home Builders

An innovative project under construction in Edmonton's Belgravia district is proving there is more than one path to sustainability when it comes to housing design.

The development, known as Belgravia Green, consists of three homes built side-by-side along a quiet, tree-lined street in the University-area neighbourhood. The 1500-square-foot middle house, at 11536-74 Avenue, is a show home for Effect Home Builders, an Edmonton company known for its energy efficient houses. Flanking it on either side are two privately owned custom homes. All three are designed to approach or achieve net-zero energy status, where a house produces as much energy throughout the year as it consumes.

"Over the years we've been continually pushing the envelope, building homes that are more and more energy efficient. Belgravia Green brings together a lot of the experience we've gathered over the years into one project," says Les Wold, the company's managing partner.

"One of the big things we've learned is that there are multiple ways to approach building energy efficient homes. That is what we really like about this project. There are three different homes and they are all reaching towards the same goal, but approaching it with different considerations and different technologies."



Collaboration was key to pulling together the many disparate elements into a cohesive whole, says Wold. Homeowners, local experts and Effect's team met regularly to hammer out the best way to balance energy efficiency goals with the characteristics of the building sites, the needs of the owners, and the budgets they were working with. "Everybody had their laptops and we were bouncing ideas back and forth and really honing in on what was going to be best for the project," explains Wold.

Central to the discussion was the building envelope, which is the foundation of any energy efficient design. All three houses are built to be airtight, with highly efficient heat-recovery ventilation systems used to exchange stale indoor air with fresh outdoor air.

The houses each have 10 [Continued on next page...]



FRENCH TUTOR

My name is Maud Thouverez and I come from France. I have a Master's degree in Business School and I am available to teach French in the evenings or on weekends. I live in Saskatchewan Drive South.

Contact me: maudthouverez@hotmail.com

[...continued from previous] centimetres of polystyrene under the basement slab to reduce heat loss, as well as three-paned windows filled with high R-value argon gas and 3 coats of Low Emissivity film. Two of the houses feature a 30 cm Nascor wall system that uses engineered wood and expanded polystyrene to achieve an insulation value of R-42, while the third uses 41 cm double stud wood frame to get to R-56.

The houses all have different heating systems, utilizing electric baseboard, geothermal, and air-source heat pump technologies. They are also designed to take advantage of sunlight to passively warm the house. The show home, for example, has a whole bank of windows on the south-facing wall and a concrete main floor that absorbs the sun's heat and then slowly radiates it to supply 32% of yearly heating for the home.

Sunlight also supplies the electricity the show home needs to run its heating system, lights and appliances and to heat its hot water tanks via a 12 kW solar electric system installed this summer. The modules are tied into Edmonton's electricity distribution system, allowing the house to feed any excess output onto the grid and draw from it when the solar panels aren't producing enough to meet the home's demand.

The other two homes at Belgravia Green are also set up to install solar systems, although the decision about when has yet to be made. Flexibility is deliberately built into the

design using "the simple tweak of having a conduit run from the mechanical room up to the roof" to make it easy for homeowners to add the modules when their budgets allow, says Wold.

Solar generation is only one part of the additional cost incurred when building net-zero. Wold estimates the cost is about 7-8% more than a standard house to get these homes to net-zero ready, which includes everything but the solar component. "It's manageable, and we're constantly working to keep the cost down."

There is little doubt that interest in the kind of homes being built at Belgravia Green is growing, says Wold. Effect is expecting large crowds at the grand opening on March 10th and 11th, from noon-4 p.m. The owners of the Belgravia Green's easternmost house, currently live next to the site and see that interest every day as passersby stop to check out the project. "It's very clear to us that there is an appetite for this that's just on the brink of exploding."

**Grand Opening:
March 10th and 11th
11536-74 Avenue
Noon to 4 pm**

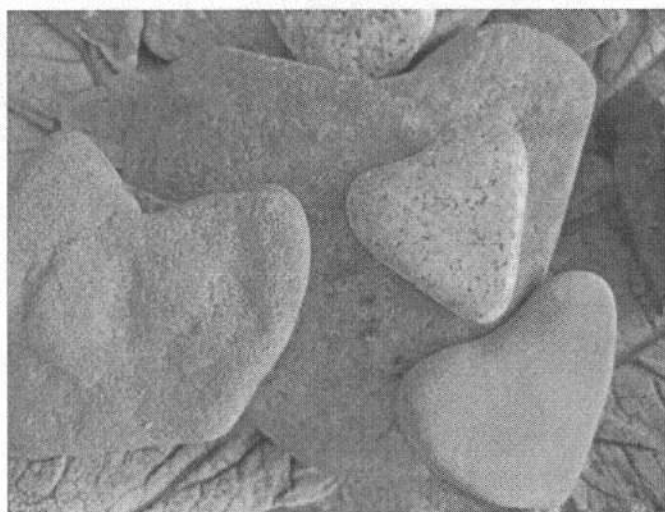
For more information on Belgravia Green, visit Effect's website at www.effecthomes.ca

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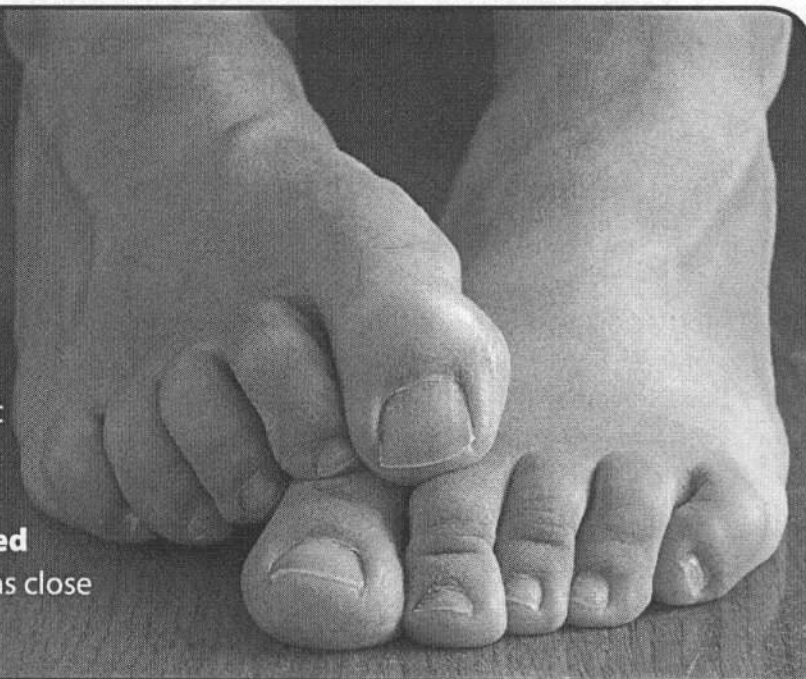
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