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## Community League Day: Outdoor Movie!

Saturday, September 15, 2012

4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Belgravia Community Hall and Arts Park

Have fun and renew your Community League membership at this  
annual event which is FREE for Community League members!

- Fun & games start at 4 p.m.
- Enjoy the new sculptures in the Arts Park and learn all about them
- Barbecue starts at 5:45 p.m. (vegetarian options available)
- Family movie (**The Adventures of Tin Tin**) at 8 p.m. (bring a blanket or lawn chairs)

We are looking for local musicians and event volunteers to entertain at, and help out with the BBQ

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from the editor's desk...



I'm not sure about the rest of you, but September is always bittersweet for me. I mourn the end of summer with its long sunny days on the bike, and the awesome prairie thunder storms. On the other hand, I welcome seeing my students again (teacher, here) and setting up for another school year.

The crisp evenings certainly signal change!

There is a great opportunity for you Belgravians to reconnect after the summer, by attending the Community League BBQ on September 15th. There is going to be an outdoor movie (The Adventures of Tin Tin) so make sure to pack chairs and some warm things for after the sun sets. This is also your time to shine by renewing your community league membership!

With a three-month-old infant around the house, I have made an executive decision to only publish *the belgravian* five times a year, which means you will need to save the date for October's pumpkin party now. It's scheduled for Sunday October 28th. It will mark the 30th anniversary for this event! Details can be found on page 7.

I am also eager to hear more from our Ever Active Committee as the year progresses, about their activities and programs to promote our health and happiness by being... ever active! Many families enjoyed the summer program of yoga in the Arts Park and learning how to skip double dutch at the playground. Read more about your opportunities to participate in fall activities on page 6.

As always, I will reflect on how lucky we are to live in Belgravia: enjoy the changing leaves in our patch of the river valley; drive/walk/train/bike safely during this back to school season; and embrace another fall of new beginnings.

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## A Fond Farewell to Belgravia Books & Treasures



*Jeanette Boman, BCL Vice-President*

Have you ever found yourself coming to the final page of a really good book, wishing it wasn't the end? For many of us, that's what it feels like as Belgravia Books & Treasures closes its doors this coming October 31. On their web page (<http://belgraviabooks.ca/home.html>),

Lorie White and Robert Wuetherick say they have operated Belgravia Books as a team: Lorie as the captain and Robert as the guy who drives the Zamboni!

For 15 years, Belgravia Books has offered friends and customers an exceptional range of books, antiques, knick-knacks, jewelry, pictures, CDs and sheet music. Walking into the store has been likened to entering a haven, an escape from the stresses of everyday life.

When asked what they most liked about their time in Belgravia, Lorie says "being connected" to people in a community that is a "little bit special." For Robert, it has been the opportunity to help people: "Knowing what people needed or liked enabled us to look for those things." Their service over the years has been very personal ... not only by learning the names of their customers but about their lives as well.

For Lorie and Robert the future is open and flexible. They worked very hard at finding a suitable space to relocate but nothing has yet worked to get to that final stage. Good news though ... they will maintain their on-line presence at their current website. While we are grateful for that, their joie de vivre, good humour, and interest in the community will surely be missed.



The produce market at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, will be open through the fall. The garden will have root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, parsnips, beets, onions), as well as lettuce, spinach, chard, kale, and squash, many varieties of herbs and flowers (all weather permitting).

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).

All money raised from the "sale" of garden produce 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.

**Garden market hours are:**

**Tuesday evenings (from 7:00pm to 8:30pm), and**

**Saturdays (from 11:00 am to 1:00pm).**

**For more information (including directions on how to find the garden) please check our web site at:**

**[http://bit.ly/greenandgold\\_garden](http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden)**

**To receive our weekly e-news during the growing season please sign up at:**

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# Green & Gold Community Garden

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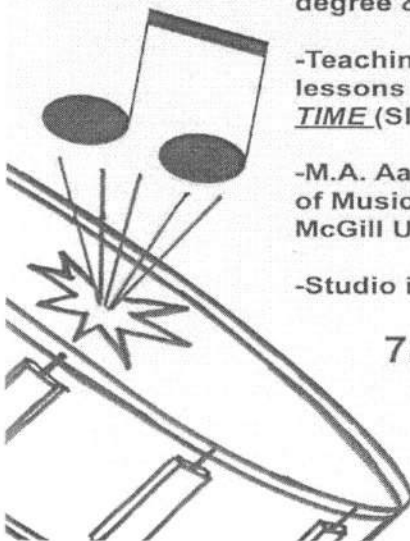
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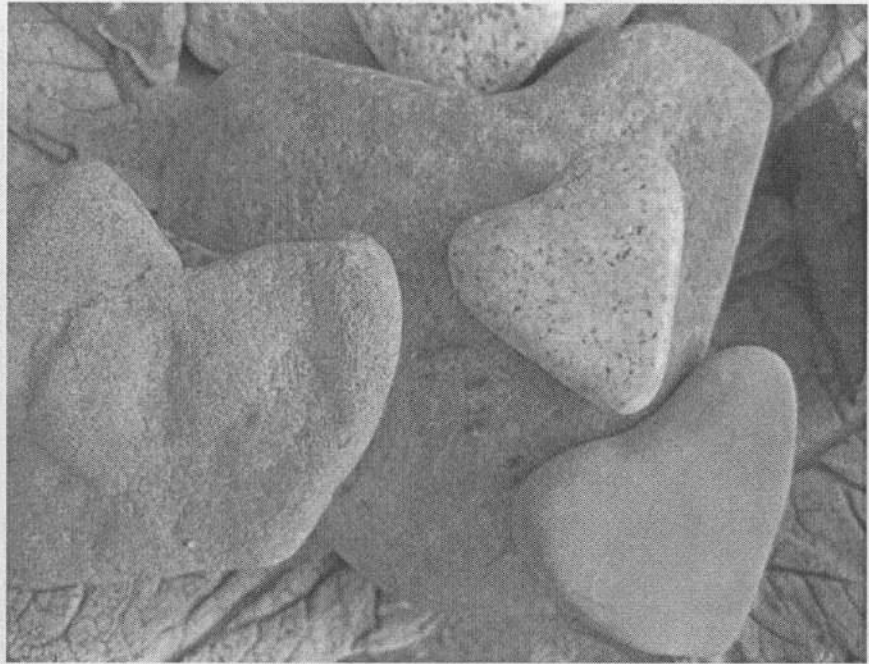
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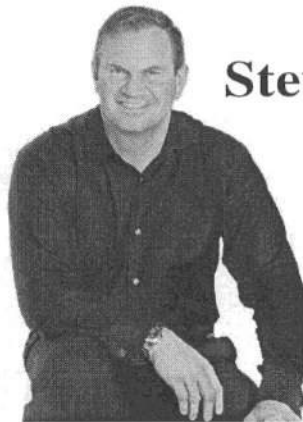
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# Ever Active Committee – Community Activities For The Fall

*Kim Kelly, Ever Active Committee Chair*

Belgravia Elementary has a new wellness team and we hope that you can join us for our first family community activity on Sunday, September 30 at Elk Island!

Our Ever Active Committee, comprised of parents, school staff, and community members has set goals and created initiatives for the 2012-13 school year. Our hope is that these actions will positively influence behaviours related to active living, healthy eating and mental well-being for our community. For more information on the Ever Active program please see [www.everactive.org](http://www.everactive.org)

We would like to thank Carleen Ellis, Ken Bond and Billy the infamous skipper for partnering with us over the summer.

Our local yogi, Carleen, offered three free morning sessions of yoga in our beautiful Arts Park. We had an impressive turn out with over 20 participants!

Next, we had Ken and Billy teaching an apprehensive but energetic group of men and women to skip Double Dutch. All attendees were successfully

skipping by the end of a sweaty (in a good way) hour. Quite the feat for the feet!

We are excited about several upcoming initiatives including a neighbourhood walking school bus, the school running club using the River Valley trails weekly, boot camp for community members (more details to follow), and a monthly family community activity featured the last Sunday of each month, running September through June.

The **ELK ISLAND HIKE** will take place on Sunday, September 30. Pack a picnic lunch for a hot dog roast after our hike. Meet in the parking lot at Tawayik (first left after the Bison Loop Road) at 10:00 a.m.

October's family community activity will be **GEOCACHING** in the River Valley. Please meet at the deck on Saskatchewan Drive and 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28. This will be approximately 2 1/2 hours. There will be an adult leader but childcare will not be provided.

We look forward to meeting you and your families, collaborating with the Belgravia Community League and community members, and increasing community engagement!







Belgravia Community League's 30th Annual

# PUMPKIN PARTY



Sunday October 28th

2-4 pm

Belgravia Community Hall (11605-74 Avenue)

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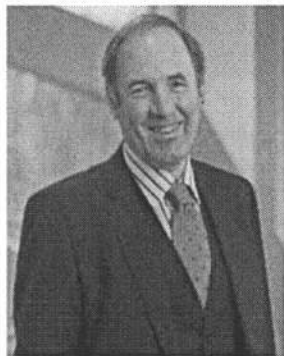
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# Renewable Energy Possibilities for the City of Edmonton



*Ben Henderson, City of Edmonton  
Ward 8 Councillor*

We are increasingly more energy efficient as a city. However, the new Renewable Energy Taskforce Report suggests we can do more. Supporting renewable energy development will not only reduce our operations costs and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the long run, but will also help to diversify our local economy, creating jobs in the green energy sector.

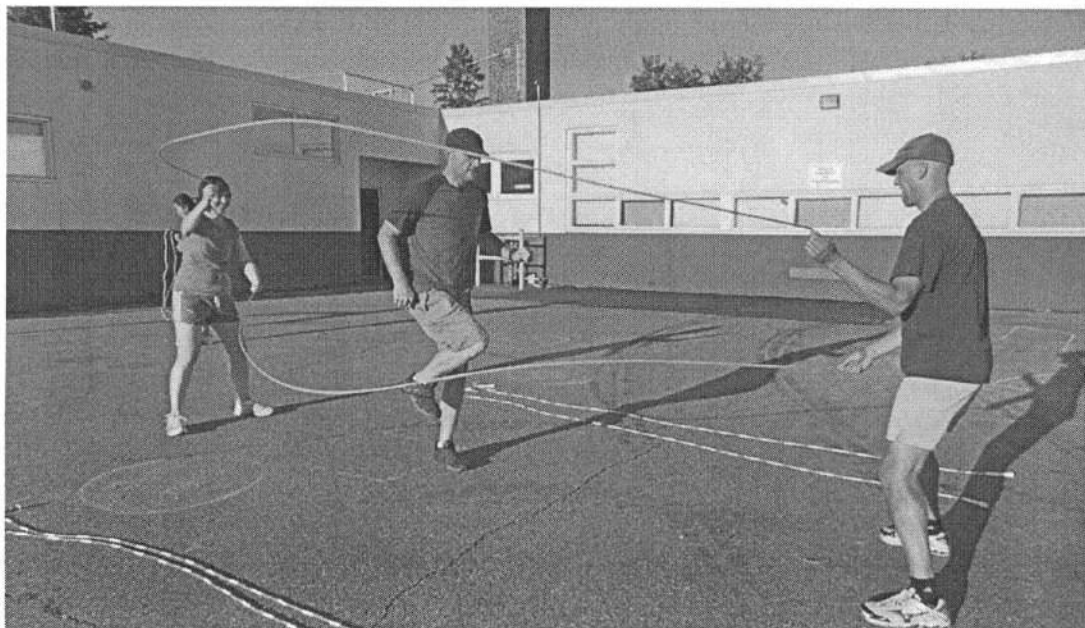
Council asked the Taskforce to look at opportunities and barriers for incorporating renewable energy technology into the City of Edmonton. The panel of experts recently delivered their first report, and it outlines some recommended initiatives:

- Removing barriers from our policies and codes to be more favourable to renewable energy
- Coordinating financial incentives to level the playing field in the energy market
- Leading by example with community projects that demonstrate and promote renewable energy
- Partnering with neighbouring communities and other orders of government on programs

These findings also support the recommendations of the City's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management Plan, which aims at achieving a 50% reduction in GHG emissions from City operations by 2020 (from 2008 levels) and being a carbon neutral city by 2050. The plan proposes a number of cost-efficient initiatives:

- Doubling the City's trees
- Upgrading our Waste Management Composting Facility for energy efficiency
- Constructing new City buildings (and retrofitting older ones) to an even higher energy efficiency standard
- Upgrading streetlights to efficient LED lights (already begun)
- Buying green power
- Improving upon existing GHG emission practices for City vehicles

We know from economic analyses and lessons from other cities that taking bold action now to minimize our contributions to climate change can outweigh the financial costs to do so and help us become leaders in the green energy industry. I believe we must push forward not only to save money in the long run, but also for the long-term quality of life for the generations of Edmontonians to come. For them, we must invest in a sustainable city today.



*Kim Kelly, David Mueller, and  
Ken Bond skipping double dutch at  
the school playground, as part of  
the Ever Active summer program  
for Belgravians*



## New Sculptures for Belgravia Arts Park Installed

*Jeanette Boman, BCL Vice-President*

Check out the new sculptures in the Arts Park!

As part of the successful NPDP funds awarded in 2010, we have acquired these more sculptures located along the 'Walk of Sculptures' on the west side of the park.

The two shown below are by Edmonton based sculptors, Royden Mills (Almost Whole) and Bianca Khan (Caesura). Still Life by Andrew French will be installed shortly.

The sculptures will be featured at our upcoming Belgravia Community League party on September 15 where there will be an opportunity to learn about each of them.

Signs will eventually be made through the City signage program. Until then, you can read about each sculpture in the park on the BCL webpage (<http://belgraviaedmonton.ca/>)



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