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Belgravia & McKernan Annual Bike Fair and DIY Bike Swap!

Sarah Chan, The Belgravian Editor

Belgravia Community League is delighted to be organizing our first ever bicycle fair, complete with a partnership with our neighbours in McKernan.

Since our two neighbourhoods are some of the few in the city of Edmonton where you can actually use your bicycle as a viable mode of transportation (particularly in the warmer months), it makes since that we would want to get all eager Belgravians and McKernites of varying ages ready for the road, on two wheels.

For the little ones, consider registering them for one of the City of Edmonton's bike safety programs (details on page 2). Programs coordinator, Barb Fjeldberg, is providing free bike bells for "graduating" participants of those programs!

The Edmonton Bicycle Commuters are also going to be hosting a free bicycle tune up tent along with community league volunteers. They can teach you how to do regular maintenance on your ride, or if you just want somebody to lube your chain and pump up the tires, they will be happy to accommodate. The tune up tent would also be the ideal place to tweak the angles on your handlebars and saddles so you can ride with utmost comfort and performance.

Got kids bikes that need training wheels on or off? Bring that bike to us and let the mechanics work their magic. Whatever your bicycle needs, come on by and we'll see what we can do about it.

Finally, I am coordinating a DIY bike swap & sale in the rink area! If you have or are looking for any of the following, come by and swap or buy second hand from a *Continued on page 3...*

from the editor's desk...



I can't believe another season of the Belgravian is now wrapping up. It has been my ongoing pleasure to keep you up to speed with things such as stories about our neighbours; news of our community hall renewal project; and, updates from our city councillor, Ben Henderson, just to

name a few.

We live in a complicated neighbourhood, flanked by the river valley, LRT, and the University. Our residents are made up of students, seniors, and all sorts of families of different sizes with varying needs. We are diverse, and I am proud to count myself amongst you all.

We must give thanks to the distribution crew who gets this newsletter to your house! Irene Ngui is continually making sure the newsletters get to the delivery crew, and that crew subsequently pounds the pavement to put this publication into your mailbox. It's about an hour or two commitment every time we run - so thank you! I also have a new team member who is now in charge of email correspondence and ad design. Join me in welcoming Jessica Jackson to the Belgravian team! Her assistance is making it possible for me to continuing being your editor. If you write to newsletter@belgraviaedmonton.ca, Jessica can help you out, or do any necessary forwarding to me.

Last thanks goes to our BCL exec. You probably don't want to know the degree of time and care they put into their volunteer positions, lest it scare you off from ever getting involved. Suffice to say we are lucky to have a dedicated cadre of talented individuals on our executive. Thanks!

I hereby bid you a delightful summer, and see you again in person on May 26th (bike fair) and in print in September.

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Never Too Late!

Buy your BCL membership by contacting membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca or call Therese @ 780-436-1918. ["Belgravia Bike Fair" Continued from page 1...] neighbour: A bike you're no longer using; kid's bikes; non-compromised helmets; mounted child seats; Chariots and trailers; bike lights; bike locks; tag alongs; baskets, panniers. Bring it. Tag it with your asking price or indicate whether it's free to anybody who needs it, and include your phone number. You can mill around and hang out with yours truly at the bicycle commuter info tent or just relax on a blanket. If you're just donating, then great! If you're selling, interested parties can approach you directly or call you on site. All abandoned bike wares will be donated to the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters.

The philosophy behind the swap & sale are that things in working condition should be put to use - why not start with your neighbours and friends?

Finally, volunteers and myself will be manning a bicycle commuting info booth, where we would love to shoot the breeze about how to use your bike as real transportation. Kids, groceries, work... we can help get you going! And, I'll bring some of my bikes (cargo bucket bike, folding bike, lady bike) for you all to test ride too. See you on May 26th!

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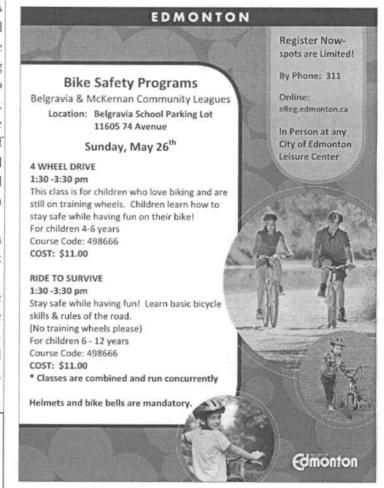


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Belgravia Elementary School's Ever Active Update

Kim Kelly, Ever Active Committee Chair



BELGRAVIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy Spring! Join us for more fun on Sunday, April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. when Belgravia Ever Active hosts "Old School Outdoor Games" on the school tarmac.

March was an eventful month with 55 adults and children dancing away their cabin fever while DJ Jack spun some tunes at our March 17 Kids' Dance Party.

All of our students enjoyed the opportunity to snowshoe or cross-country ski and sample some bannock in mid-March. Our regular activities continue namely:

- boot camp for adults (Tuesday mornings 10:10);
- · adult walking club (Mondays and Thurs. 8:45 am);
- · weekly Ever Active challenges; and,
- · apple Fridays once per month.

Our children will soon get a chance to get their hands dirty and learn how vegetables grow through our outdoor garden.

And on a related note, there is still time to register for Ever Active's fundraiser, weekly delivery of healthy and delicious Fruits & Vegetables over the summer. To date, we have raised \$325 with our goal of \$500 within reach. Please see attached order form if you are able to support our fundraising efforts. Feel free to contact myself at kpkelly@ualberta.ca or Edie Biel of Billyco Junction at csa@billycojunction.com for further information, or see below.

I hope you enjoy the Spring season by getting outdoors, meeting some neighbours and being active!

Healthy Fundraising: Fresh Fruits & Veggies

Kim Kelly, Ever Active Committee Chair



Belgravia Ever Active is proud to partner with Billyco Junction Gardens in Lacombe, AB to offer your family weekly fresh vegetables (15 weeks) and fruit (10 weeks). Bill and Edie Biel have three grandchildren who attend our school and would like to support our health promoting school program.

Billyco Junction's produce is grown naturally without the use of harmful chemicals or sprays. Their fruits and vegetables are harvested shortly before delivery to our neighbourhood. Delivery begins in the early summer. Last year's drop-off location was 119 St. and 71A Ave. See www.billycojunction.com for more information.

This will be the third year that my family of four purchases a half vegetable share and one fruit share. This typically lasts us 5 to 6 days.

The cost for us is \$33.33/week for vegetables and \$20/week for fruit. We feel this is a great value for high quality, delicious, healthy and fresh produce that is locally grown and delivered only a few blocks away!

For every share you purchase, Billyco Junction will donate a portion to help fund our Ever Active initiatives. For example, the above order would result in an \$84 donation. This would fund our apple initiative, where every student and staff member is provided with an apple to reinforce healthy snacks, for one month.

Please fax, email Edie Biel at <u>csa@billycojunction.com</u> or mail your order forms directly to Billyco Junction Gardens. Feel free to direct your questions to myself, Parent Chair, Kim Kelly at <u>kpkelly@ualberta.ca</u> We appreciate your support!

Billyco Junction Gardens RR#4, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N4

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History of Belgravia Out of School Care

Jennifer Tkachuck and Hilary Mussell

The Belgravia Out-of-School Centre (BOSC) is a vibrant, active child care centre located adjacent to Belgravia School. BOSC provides high quality before school, kindercare and an after school care program during the school year. During July and August BOSC runs a summer program in order to provide year round care for families.

The life story of Belgravia Out-of-School Centre has a humble beginning. Twenty-five years ago, there was no official out-of-school care in Belgravia. BOSC was not even a twinkle in the community's eye. In 1988, the Vietnamese church hosted a daycare that provided care for younger children. But, that same year, they announced that they were closing the daycare because they were growing and required the room for their own use. This was the only known child care in Belgravia.

With the closing of the initial daycare, community members began thinking about the issue of childcare in the community, and specifically about the lack of out-of-school care. A group of women who lived in Belgravia met to discuss the possibility of having an out-of-school care in the neighbourhood. Among these women was Sandy Guilbert, who had a young child at the time. They sent a survey through the school to find out how many families would be interested in care and how many future Belgravia School children would be attending. The results of the survey showed that the time was right for BOSC to come into the world.

This group of motivated (and brave) women took it upon themselves to learn about the regulations required to run an out-of-school care (then overseen by the City of Edmonton), and decided that it would be manageable. At this time, the group approached the Belgravia Community League and were granted \$300.00 to set up and start the program. Thus, the Belgravia Community League Out-of-School Care (BOSC) was born and BCL generously donated the use the hall to operate the out of school care program.

Since its modest start, BOSC has continued to improve and grow, and has employed many people who lived in Belgravia. Carolyn (Norby) Jones was the director from 1997 – 2002. Under Carolyn, a morning care program was implemented to provide before school care.

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Piano Lessons in Queen Alexandra

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Bottle drive

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Belgravia School

and

Belgravia Cooperative Playschool

Saturday, May 11

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Thank you for supporting our community school!

["History of BOSC" continued from page 7...] In 2003 the school met with the out-of-school care program to discuss a new addition to the program; Kindercare.

The school needed to provide some type of care for the kindergarten students in order to continue growing, so, in September 2003, the licensed Kindercare program began.

Until 2010, BOSC provided a lunch program for the children of Belgravia school. The hall would safely sit 65 children at lunch, but as the school continued to grow, the lunch program outgrew the hall, and it was moved to the school gymnasium.

This move helped the morning Belgravia Community playschool

program with which BOSC shares the hall during the week.

Initially BOSC needed to take down all the equipment from the morning program to allow the playschool to use the main hall area and conversely the playschool needed to finish early allowing BOSC to start the lunch program.

With the relocation of the lunch program the playschool was able to offer a full morning program.

The current director, Jennifer Tkachuk, another community member, has been the director since 2008. In 2012, BOSC had grown considerably in size and maturity.

Like a teenager leaving home for the first time, Belgravia-Out-of-School Care made the move to become an independent not-for-profit organization, Belgravia-Out-

of-School Center. Still remaining in the hall, still the same fantastic program but now an i n dependent organization.

Since 2008, BOSC has grown from 18 children to full capacity at 51 licensed spaces. We provide care to 33% of the school's population.

We employ four full time staff, and ten part time

staff year round. Our program is always striving to improve and is presently in the pre-accreditation process.

We offer a summer program for all community and surrounding area children, extending the care to the entire year.

Further information can be obtained on our website www.ebosc.ca or by calling the director at 780-660-2672.





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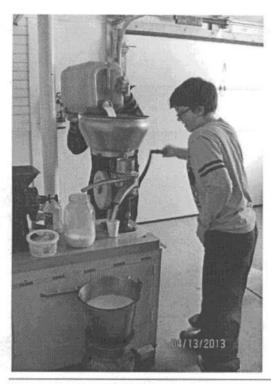


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Heritage Stable Museum's 2nd Annual OpenHouse



Jack Francis and Reg Norby

In spite of the unseasonal weather - snow & a "nor'easter" wind - on Saturday, April 13, some 60-plus Belgravia-ites and friends toured the museum. We wish to thank the volunteers and the visitors for making the open house a success.

A big "thank you" to Bob McClemont for coordinating the guest parking; Barney and Dorothy Sigurdson for assisting set-up and the demonstrations of the separation of cow's milk into cream and skim milk; Ian Gorrie, University Farm Dairy jar. Herdsman, for supplying the raw milk; Garry Francis of Tofield for looking into your past!

providing musical entertainment throughout the day and Barb Krahn for her interest and dedication in promoting the event and acting as welcoming greeter and host. Thanks also to Reg Norby for assisting set-up and coordinating the Ag video presentation; Betty Dunn, Joyce Francis and Barb Krahn for the baking/refreshments; and Jack Francis for "riding herd" on all of us!

Congratulations to April Banigan, who won a box of chocolates for the nearest estimate of the number of "sheep pellets" in the

Thanks again for coming and

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Roadways in Mature Neighbourhoods



Ben Henderson, Ward 8 Councillor

As the weather warms up and we all flock outside, we are greeted not just by signs of spring greenery. It is also pothole season. My office is getting numerous calls about potholes and other roadway issues.

City Transportation Services

management has assured me that crews are working round the clock to address the potholes. They are responding to these on a triage basis where the worst holes are filled first. Although the City does seek out and repair potholes, please do report potholes or other road repair issues to 311. Once the roads are completely dry then street sweeping will begin, which removes excess sand and gravel.

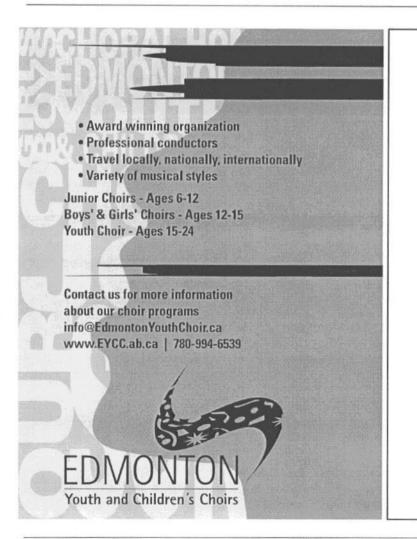
The City has approved a supplementary program to mill and pave about 20 km of some of the poorer arterial roads around the City this summer. This will not solve all the problems, but it is a step in the right direction.

Milling and paving will resurface some of the worst roads in Ward 8, including 98 Avenue and Terrace Road between 50 and 75 Street.

Our central, mature neighbourhoods do bear a disproportionate share of the city's traffic burden. If we really want to have walkable neighbourhoods that encourage pedestrian and bike travel, we cannot keep allowing the central neighbourhoods to pay the price for commuter traffic.

I continue to support the Bicycle Transportation Plan and the LRT expansion. Neither of these projects reduces the need to repair roadways, but continuing to build an interconnected, multi-modal transportation system gives citizens a chance to choose to walk, bicycle or ride transit as an alternative to driving.

You can always contact me at 780-496-8146 or ben.henderson@edmonton.ca.



Belgravia Out of School Centre



Summer Camp Program 2013

Belgravia Out of School Centre is excited to offer summer camps for your children this summer!

We are conveniently located in the Belgravia Community League Hall, 11540 - 73 Avenue, have access to a wonderful playground, and within walking distance to several great parks and playgrounds.

Field trips will be planned weekly, (Telus World of Science, Jurassic Park, Queen River Boat and many more - 3 to 4 Field Trips every week!) daily activities, sports, cooking, art and science projects.

Our camps are available for elementary school aged children (your child must have completed kindergarten and be going into grade 1). Our staff are Government certified, have first aid and lots of enthusiasm!

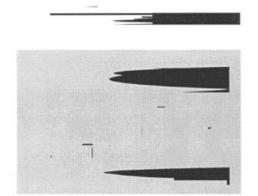
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If you require care for the summer months and would like to explore the summer camps at BOSC, please contact:

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