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Community League Membership Drive

Leigh-ann Topfer, BCL Memberships

Miss getting your new Belgravia
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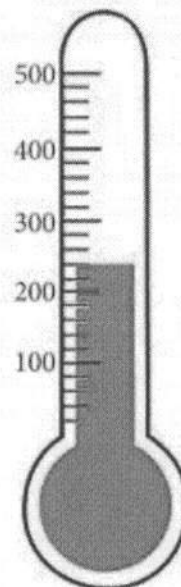
- At the community Pumpkin Party
on October 27

- During the block membership
drive (we need people to help canvas
their block for memberships too)

- By e-mailing us at
membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca or
online through the Edmonton
Federation of Community Leagues
<http://www.efcl.org/>

Last year we had over 200 members.
This year we're aiming for 500!

Membership Goal - 500



from the editor's desk...

Sarah Chan, the Belgravian Editor

In this issue we are pleased to bring you a review of our community league BBQ, which had us grooving to the band, Catalyst, and also chomping down on Reg Norby burgers. I think that was the best large-production BBQ burger I have ever had! Cheese, mushrooms, and onions made it truly gourmet. We also sold a couple hundred memberships, but we still have several hundred to go before

we reach our goal of *at least* 500. Check out our cover story and get your membership today!

Memberships will also be available at our annual pumpkin carving party on Sunday October 27th, at the community league hall. Don't miss it!

Speaking about things not to miss: The municipal election is just around the corner on **Monday October 21st**. Please research your candidates and remember to cast your vote! Our polling station is at Belgravia School.

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Belgravia Elementary School's Ever Active Update

Kim Kelly, Ever Active Committee Chair

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BELGRAVIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We had beautiful weather for our 2nd annual Elk Island Hike on September 22nd. Thank you to our 35 participants for coming out and to our 2 friendly neighbourhood dogs. The kids were impressed to see grasshoppers, frogs and HUGE patties of buffalo dung!

Our next community event will be our skating party held at the Belgravia rink over Christmas break.

Our students had a special Fall treat of harvest soup made from vegetables right out of the school's garden! Thank you to Dawn MacDonald who has been our gardener and soup preparer for the last several years. Belgravia students have been very fortunate to learn gardening skills from Dawn and to enjoy the vegetables that she has helped them grow.

Running club has already participated in several meets and will continue into October. Adventure club will follow and include orienteering and snowshoeing. We're already looking forward to the snow! Enjoy the rest of your Fall.



Friends and Family enjoy a beautiful day on Ever Active the Elk Island Hike!

Belgravia - University Connection in Action

Marie Walker, Belgravia Resident

Seven students from the U of A Lister Hall Base Camp Community Service chose Belgravia's Art Park for the community volunteer experience that was part of their week of orientation to residence living. Katelyn Bohn, Alex Brice, Holly Clayton, Luke Stretch, Calvin Jensen, Tian Zheng, and Rohan Gowda came to the Arts Park for three hours on August 30 and spent most of that time digging weeds out of our shale paths. It was hard work, particularly hard on knees and fingernails, and we appreciate the effort they put into the job. With guidance from Kathy Goble, they also dug out



the heavy clay soil in the center of the labyrinth and replaced it with good quality black earth.

Denise Radford, Ruth Craig and Sylvia Forrow, some of the regular Belgravia volunteer weeders, came at the same time to share the experience with the students. Jeanette Boman and Marie Walker outlined the work that needed to be done and made sure that the workers had the tools they needed. Also, Marie supplied the black dirt and Jeanette brought juice and cookies—hardly comparable but both were appreciated.

Mulch Excitement

Marie Walker, Belgravia Resident

The Arts Park is a Partners and Parks project. That means that the city does the usual maintenance but the Belgravia Community League is responsible for any care needed by the special features of the Arts Park.

The beds of native flowers and shrubs need care beyond the usual which is why we ask for volunteers to help with these areas. The city does help whenever possible with special needs.

This year we're grateful to Travis Kennedy, Principal of Horticulture for the City, for making arrangements for city crews to supply and deliver a load of mulch for our park.

The mulch was delivered before the final weeding bee of the year. As we prepared to wrap up our weeding, we noticed that the city had provided an extra treat for us. The mulch had begun to compost and was about to break into a celebratory bonfire.

The weeding volunteers sprang into action to break down the smoking pile of mulch and spread it out so it wouldn't overheat. Just as everyone was getting tired from handling the extra and unexpected task David Mueller, who lives nearby, came along and saved the day. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Hall Renewal Gains Momentum!

Kevin Taft, Hall Renewal Committee

This is getting exciting!

We had HUGE interest in the three concept designs for Belgravia Hall when we introduced them at Community League Day, September 21, at (where else?) Belgravia Hall. Thank you everyone.

The three options were based on the community workshops held this spring. They were developed by the architecture firm of Newstudio, who worked with various users and the Hall Renewal Committee. The options were 1) demolish and rebuild; 2) construct a satellite building and renovate the existing hall; or 3) add onto and renovate the existing hall. Many people asked about potential costs, so here are the rough figures: option 1: \$1.8 million; option 2: \$1 million; option 3: \$1.3 million.

A few people wondered about leaving the hall as is, but our hall is heavily used from 7 am to 9 pm most days of the week. With 100-150 users per day it is wearing out. It is

unusable for people with mobility problems, leaks energy, and presents other problems. The hall is the heart of our community and we need our heart to be in good shape.

The Hall Renewal Committee will settle on one of the three options for further study, including in-depth engineering assessments to guard against unpleasant surprises such as asbestos or foundation weaknesses.

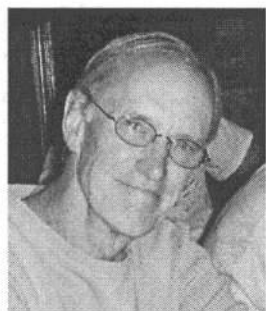
Then we have to raise the money to pay for it. When this hall was first built in 1955, 250 Belgravia families contributed most of the money to pay for it. This winter, we'll channel the spirit of those initial Belgravia families as we build on their legacy.

Watch for more news soon, and check the BCL website.

Thanks to you all,

Kevin Taft and the Belgravia Hall Renewal Committee: Kathy Brodeur-Robb, Michael Cohen, Kevin Klein, Dale Rowe, Kim Sanderson, and Jonathan Sharek.

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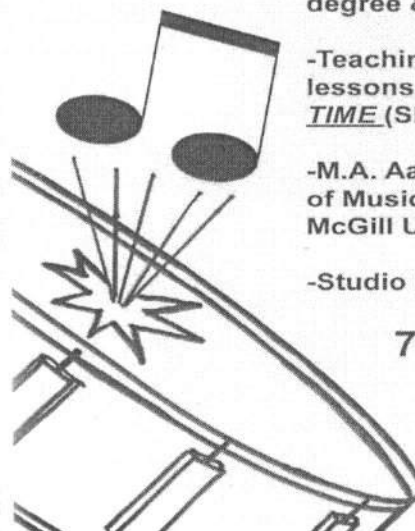
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Community Meeting on October 30th

Jeanette Boman, BCL President

What For? For residents in Belgravia who want to discuss the development implications of the Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) approved by City Council, July 2, 2013. With no resources designated to ensure the plan will or can be implemented, opportunities for urban densification in Belgravia is left to private development hopefully guided by the quality of development outlined in the ARP.

How? Come out and ask your questions, explore with a resource panel what we can still do as a community to help make future development in Belgravia the kind you want.

Where: BCL Hall

When: October 30, 7-9 pm

Thank you to our BCL BBQ Volunteers!

Kim Kelly, BCL Programs

a hugely successful event.



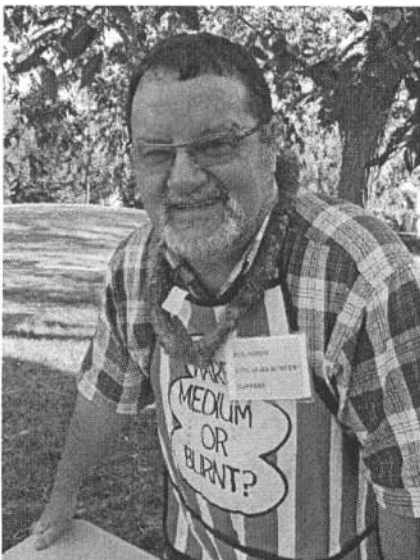
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photo), Councillor Ben Henderson (ceramic bowl), Belgravia Hub (gift cert), Gracious Goods (gift cert), The Balloon Store (2 balloon trees), Earth Water (water). 321 BBQ tickets counted!



Over 40 volunteers who were elated and appreciative of our 6 prizes for volunteer participants. Not sure if you want the winners names but they were: Kevin Klein, Rob Gray, Lily Staples, Therese Gaetz, Dale Rowe, and Darlene Williams. LA Topfer was the lucky community member who won the 1896 Edmonton Photo donated by Steve Young.



Thanks also to our team leaders - Karla Barron (food manager), Reg Norby (grill manager), and Sheila O'Brien (membership manager). Thanks to our hall renewal committee headed by Kevin Taft. Thanks to our President for her help in orchestrating



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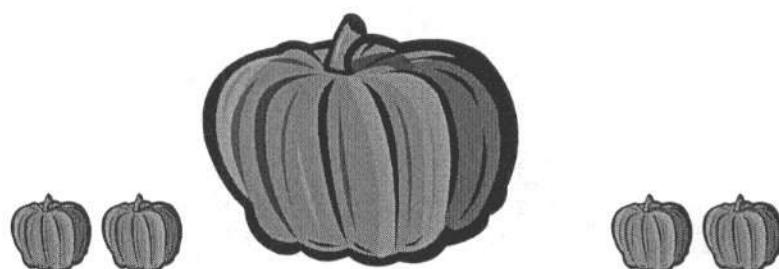
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End of the World Community Meeting

October 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Belgravia Community Hall

Please plan to attend to an important community meeting about the End of the World site and help put the “**Act**” back in “Community **Activism**”!

This meeting may be our one chance to come together and take action with regard to this extremely problematic area of our neighbourhood.

This is the **End of the World** as we know it:

- Garbage strewn around our parkland and streets
- Open consumption of drugs and alcohol in our streets
- Open fires started across the street from our homes
- Fireworks set off in our parks
- Vandalism
- “Golfers” targeting our children on the river valley trails
- Firearms used on our streets

We don’t have to put up with these realities. Together, we can get the City of Edmonton to take action.

The Belgravia Community League is sponsoring a meeting of the **End of the World Action Committee**. Please plan to attend.

Date: October 16, 2013

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Place: Belgravia Community League

Please Tell Your Neighbours!

