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Transit Oriented Development: Planning Development Course

Jeanette Boman, BCL President

The City of Edmonton's Planning Academy is a series of courses designed to provide a better understanding of the planning and development process in Edmonton.

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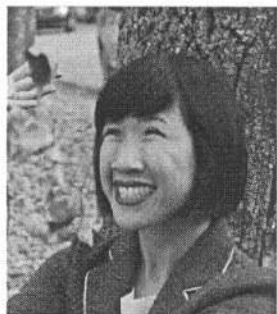
The Academy includes an interactive course on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) — including why it is happening and how it should be designed — facilitated by members of Edmonton's TOD Planning Unit. TOD is an important aspect of Edmonton's overall development plan and one that is of increasing relevance

to property owners, businesses and community groups as the City continues work on LRT expansion.

With the recently adopted McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Plan, transit oriented development is already a reality in Belgravia. For more info about Planning Academy or to register for the TOD course coming up on November 7, 2013 (6-9 pm), go to www.edmonton.ca/planningacademy.

from the editor's desk...

Sarah Chan, *The Belgravian* Editor



The holiday season is upon us again! With the snow we received around Halloween, I'm sure you have all noticed how slippery it can get out there. Please make sure you exercise caution and go forth slowly in your commutes and errands.

Also, if you happen to know of a neighbour who might need an extra

helping hand with shoveling their walk, please don't hesitate to offer your assistance. We have many seniors in Belgravia who I am sure would greatly appreciate it!

In this issue you will find our continued efforts with community league membership on page 3. It's easy to get one! You can fill out the form and drop it off in the 'hood or even go online and purchase it there. No excuse not to be part of the club.

My favourite article this issue is the one by Therese Gaetz on page 5, with news from a meeting the community had about The End of the World. What a beautiful photo we were also supplied by a new Belgravian, Nathan Lauer! The article provides much information about proposed solutions to this issue and what we can all do to help facilitate a gradual change.

You will find our Ever Active update on page 6 along with a little piece about community building. Oh, and the verdict is in on what we're going to do about our Community League Hall! Details on that can be found on page 7.

Now that we're getting snow, I look forward to seeing you out at the mini hill with kids and sleds, and also along Saskatchewan Drive cross country skies!

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Belgravia Community League Memberships Update

Leigh-Ann Topfer, BCL Memberships

The bar-b-que and pumpkin party membership sales were great, but we're still only hovering around the 200 member mark – a ways to go before we reach our 500 members goal.

This month we'll be starting our community league block membership drive. If you'd like to help by asking your neighbours to join the community league please let us know.

To purchase your membership now please complete the form below, put it in an envelope along with a **cheque made payable to Belgravia Community League**, and leave it in the mailbox at 11424-71st Ave. We'll drop off your new membership card in your mailbox. You can also get your membership:

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- or online payment by credit card through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues www.efcl.org

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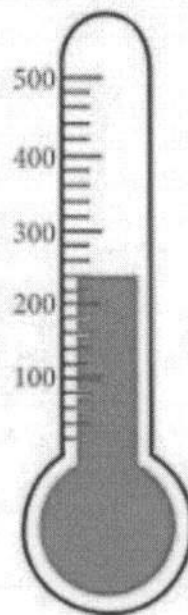
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free community league events (including the annual summer bar-b-que & the fall pumpkin party)

Membership Goal - 500



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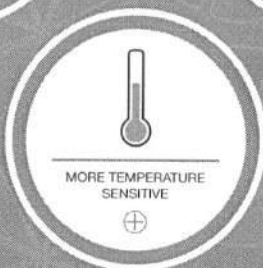
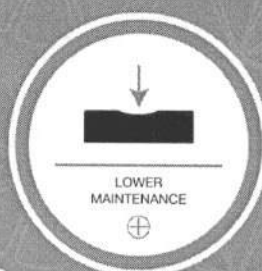
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The End of the World



Therese Gaetz, EOTW (End of the Word) Committee

On October 16, fifty-five people attended a meeting about the End of the World. For those of you who are unaware of this area, it is the stretch of city parkland between 74 & 76 Avenues, just along the west side of Saskatchewan Drive. A tabletop of land was created by the Keillor Road retaining wall propping up part of the bank of the North Saskatchewan River.

The view from this area is beautiful. There's a gorgeous deep bend in the river, and the sun going down over the river can be magnificent. Many people, including Belgravians, enjoy the sunsets and do no harm.

The area is completely screened by brush. Because it's difficult to see anything that is going on down there, EOTW has become popular with people who are engaging in activities that they don't want seen. Consumption of drugs and alcohol is common. So are parties that go on late into the night or early in the morning. Fires are started, and sometimes, bands set up and play music. Many leave their garbage lying there, or bring it up and leave it on the road or in the neighbouring yards.

The people who live directly across the street and nearby on the neighbouring streets are most adversely affected. They can't sleep at night because of the noise; they're nervous about the fires spreading, and often they wake up to find items in their yard lying in the streets, smashed into pieces.

The police are also concerned. They're worried about the mixture of drugs, alcohol, young people, and a drop of approximately 6 metres. They're also

concerned about the comfort and safety of the residents.

The meeting focused on solutions. Two different options kept being mentioned: either to make it into a park that everyone can use and open up the sight lines, or to get rid of the tabletop. Both solutions have problems, but also have merit and need to be explored.

To that end, a committee of 8 people was formed. Our first meeting will be November 6, and we will keep you informed. Our first priority will be to get this area on the Parks agenda. The problems won't be solved until the City takes our concerns seriously and decides to work to find a workable solution.

Is there anything that can be done immediately? Yes! If you have concerns or see illegal activity, please report them to the police. Over half the people who have said they've seen illegal activity have admitted they didn't phone the police because it takes too long to get through on the phone or they're frustrated because the dispatch police officer doesn't know where the End of the World is. If there are no complaints on the books, the City can't see that there's a problem. We need to take the time to improve our neighbourhood. Also, the police deal in concrete addresses. That's the most efficient way for them to address a complaint. Saying "the west side of Saskatchewan Drive at 75 Avenue" is much more effective than using a slang term.

The more complaints the police have, the higher priority they give to the neighbourhood. So, please, take some time to make your neighbourhood a safer place.

Belgravia Elementary School's Ever Active Update

Kim Kelly, Ever Active Parent Chair



Adventure Club

We are at maximum capacity of 30 students for our new outdoor activity club. Thus far, the students have enjoyed capture the flag in the ARTs park and in the river valley. We have also learned some basic orienteering skills. We look forward to exploring nature in our local surroundings and having fun!

Running Club

Belgravia students and staff were honoured to host the launch of the Alberta Medical Association Youth Run Club on October 25th! This is a provincial initiative, now in over 200 Alberta schools, that has resulted from the partnership between Ever Active Schools and the AMA. We know that only 1/10 Canadian kids are active enough. The goals of the AMA YRC are to get kids active and to establish long-term healthy lifestyle habits. It was exciting to have some media in attendance, including our emcee, Mark Connolly of CBC!

Walking School Bus

Our Walking School Bus students were squealing with glee when they passed our new mayor, Don Iveson, on our route to school two days after our municipal election! We have 8 families participating in our Belgravia WSB.

Building Community

Jeanette Boman, BCL President

Jean Bell called me a couple of weeks ago to say she had something that was perfect for hanging at the community hall. When I went over to pick it up, Jean unrolled a beautiful three foot long laminated poster titled: How To Build Community.

Originally written by the Syracuse Cultural Workers in 1997 with artwork by Karen Kerney, the poster lists 43 ways to build community. They start with 'Turn off your TV' and then 'Leave your house' and 'Know your neighbours'.

The remaining 40 include ones that are already happening in Belgravia like 'Take children to the park' and 'Garden together'. Others remind us of what more we can do to make Belgravia a great community like ... 'Start a tradition' and 'Share your skills' ... which takes me to an idea several of us have been talking about; a "Made in Belgravia" series at the hall.

Many Belgravians have skills and abilities to share with the rest of us. Did you know the best apple pie in the world-maker lives in this community? Or that we have a master

beer maker? Wood working, bees and honey production, knowledge about edible mushrooms, preserving berries are just a few more of the skills that exist in our community.

Let me know (president@belgraviaedmonton.ca) if you or someone you know would like to take part in helping others learn ... and we'll start organizing a Made in Belgravia series at the hall in the new year.

Oh yes ... and don't forget to check the poster out at the hall. Thanks Jean!

Hall Option is Settled: Renovate and Expand

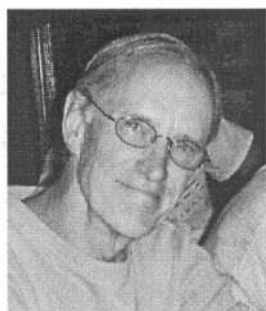
Kevin Taft, Hall Renewal Chairman

The Hall Renewal Committee keeps moving ahead. After the wonderful response from over 200 people at Community League Day on Sept. 26, the committee reviewed the three options for hall redevelopment. We've recommended to the BCL executive that we proceed with renovating and expanding the hall (rather than demolishing and rebuilding, or constructing a satellite building). This was by far the first choice on Community League Day, and it is the best fit with the neighbourhood needs and budget.

We've tested the building for asbestos and it comes out clean. An engineering report says it is structurally sound. Now we need to firm up the plans and tighten down the budget. The rough first estimate was \$1.3 million; we're aiming at \$1million. In the next month or two we'll be looking at all the options to keep the costs manageable.

Thanks to all the members of our committee, who make a great team: Kathy Brodeur-Robb, Michael Cohen, Kevin Klein, Dale Rowe, Kim Sanderson, and Jonathan Sharek.

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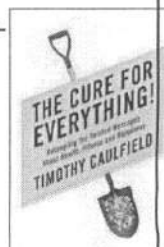
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The Cubbie Museum

Kim Kelly, BCL Resident

Jack and Alex Scrimger were delighted to host their first official "stranger" patron, Mr. Robert Baldwin of Millwoods, at their Cubbie Museum on October 20, 2013.

The boys' museum was founded in 2011 after their parents had some new cupboards installed in their office. The enterprising boys convincingly defended the need for six cubbies to display their various collections for others to enjoy.

The Belgravia Elementary students have visited the Cubbie Museum on 2 occasions: Mr. Irving's Grade 3 class in 2012 and Mrs. Bell's Kindergarten class in 2013.

Mr. Robert Baldwin learned about the Cubbie Museum upon visiting the Didsbury Museum in the summer and speaking with Mrs. Frankie Kelly, Didsbury Museum President and grandmother to Jack and Alex. Mr. Baldwin is a retired teacher with a keen interest in history and machinery including tractors, cars, trains and ships. A few days after visiting the Cubbie Museum, Mr. Baldwin was kind enough to

visit Belgravia Elementary and share his knowledge of ships with the student members of the TITANIC club!

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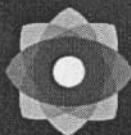
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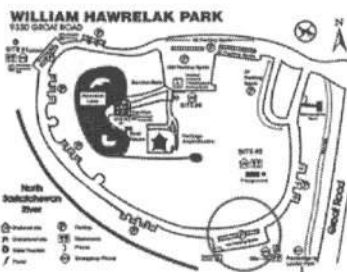
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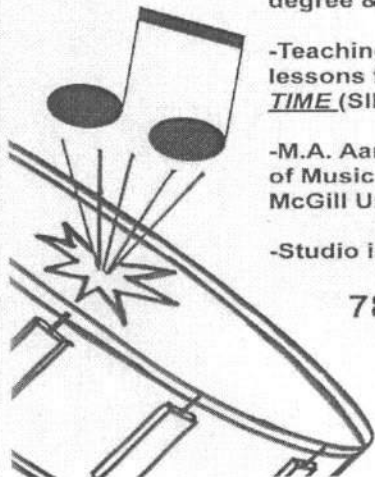
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