

Belgravia Community Hall

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Banner Photo: Belgravia Hustle—Lemonade stand and finding shade in the playgund

Save the Date!

Belgravia Hustle is back: April 27th

Be at the BCL at 11:30am for a day of fitness and fun, with walks and runs for everyone. In addition, there will be games, food and beer.

The event is organized by the Playschool committee and Multisportscanada. This event will help raise funds for the Belgravia Co-operative Playschool.

To register/volunteer/sponsor go to: www.belgraviahustle.com







Saturday April 27th

Belgravia Hustle & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

A fundraiser for the **Belgravia Cooperative Playschool**, a program of Belgravia Community League

Run & Walk Events

Run/Walk: 2 km, 5 km or 10 km or join the 3 km dog walk!

When: Races start at 12 pm, late registration from 11 am

Where: Meet at the Belgravia Community Hall / Belgravia Arts park

Registration Fee: 2K Family Fun Run and 3K Dog Walk - \$15

5K and 10K run/walk - \$30

*register by March 25th to save \$5

Visit www.belgraviahustle.com to register!

The race brought to you by Trevor Soll, Multisportscanada

Great food and drinks—games and fun!



2017 Belgravia Hustle and Volunteer Appreciation Event servers: Marcel Huculak, Jeanette Boman and Christina Lau Hoang

A Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for this past year's BCL volunteers will be served at noon from the locally owned Pho Boy Vietnamese Kitchen. If you are one of those volunteers, keep an eye out for your e-mail RSVP invitation.

Everyone else attending the Belgravia Hustle fundraising event will be invited to purchase meal tickets (Adults \$12; Elementary School Aged children \$6; and playschool aged children, Free) for such specialty items as Pho Soup, Vermicelli bowl, green onion cakes, salad rolls and crispy fried spring rolls (including vegetarian and gluten sensitive options)

With a Vietnamese theme this year, you can look forward to mango & cocoanut ice cream for dessert, Vietnamese coffee and green tea and, maybe, we're working on it ... some Vietnamese beer in the upper hall Beer Garden.

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President's Message

Our new community hall, going on three

It's now approaching three years since the official opening of our renovated and expanded community league hall in September 2016. So it seems like a good time to provide an update on the hall's finances, operations, and future plans. In brief I can say that the hall has been a great success and will serve our community well for decades to come.

Those who are new to Belgravia would find it hard to picture Belgravia Park as it looked before the reconstruction. Part of the old hall's foundation and internal structure remain, but its footprint was increased by one third and a beautiful new exterior and sweeping roof were added. The total cost of the project was \$1.8 million, of which \$900,000 was raised from seven grants from the municipal, provincial and federal governments, \$300,000 from casinos, and \$300,000 from donations from Belgravia residents. The next time you are in the upper hall, please take a moment to view the beautiful Donor Tree, designed and produced by Belgravia resident Wei Yew, on the wall beside the fireplace. The hall renewal project was led fearlessly throughout by Kevin Taft, with dedicated support from many volunteers on various committees.

The hall was completed on time and on budget, is fully paid for, and continues to be financially stable. The operations and maintenance costs for 2018, including insurance, cleaning, heating, etc. were \$23,300. Revenues from rentals and programs were \$13,000 and \$10,700, respectively. The solar panels generated \$650 in electricity cost savings. Mechanically and structurally, the hall is performing well. Several deficiencies were addressed during the post-construction warranty phase. The security system is now functioning reliably after several tweaks and repairs. We are working to fix an ice damming issue on one corner of the roof and to optimize the calibration and maintenance of the hall's three furnaces. Many thanks to Kevin Taft and our Facilities Director, Marcel Huculak, for staying on top of the issues that have come up.

A major change to the anticipated operation of the hall is that Belgravia Out of School Care (BOSC) did not return after the reopening. BOSC was extensively consulted on the new hall's design but ultimately chose to remain in its interim location in the Vietnamese Alliance Church because of greater available space. In 2018 operation of the out of school care program was transferred to the Greenfield School Age Day Care Association, which also chose to remain at the church. The absence of the out of school care program has resulted in reduced revenue but opened up a large amount of time and space for other programs in the lower hall.

A list of the programs operating at the hall can be found on our website and in most issues of *The Belgravian*. I encourage everyone to participate in these programs and/or to suggest new ones. There are still lots of available time slots in the upper and lower halls and so much more that can be offered to build our community.

The BCL board is working to expand use of the community living room in the upper hall. The area features comfortable seating, a fireplace, and books and magazines. We hope to have a volunteer Hall Host Team working soon so BCL members can come to the living room, buy memberships, learn about rentals and programs, enjoy a hot drink, and plot themselves on our Where in the World interactive map. Eventually we look forward to hiring a part-time manager to work out of the upstairs office and assist with rentals, hosting, and other duties. A big thanks to our Programs Director, Cam MacGregor, and Hall Rental Coordinator, Jeanette Boman, for their very hard work in managing programs and rentals.

The Belgravia Abundant Community

At the last community league board meeting, we agreed to develop an abundant community framework in our neighbourhood based on improving our connections as neighbours and by harnessing the vast array of skills here.

An Abundant Communities initiative has been promoted by the City of Edmonton as a way of strengthening citizenship and good neighbouring in the City's 157 community leagues. About 12% of communities in Edmonton are currently involved. How many of your neighbours do you know? How many can you depend on when you need help? If you would like to improve your own ability to be a good neighbour, this is the initiative for you.

We plan to start by developing a Support Team, about 6 to 8 Belgravians. They will start by talking with city staff and other communities currently pursuing their own abundant community. The team will manage the process of connecting our community at the block level and establish the base on which to build a stronger, more resilient community.

Interested? Please give Cam McGregor, Programs a note at: programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Bottle Drive

To benefit

Belgravia School

and

Belgravia Cooperative Playschool

Sunday, April 28

Please mark your calendar and save your recyclable beverage containers

Place containers in front of your house



by 9:00 AM

Thank-you for supporting our community school!

Neighbourhood Watch

Spring is here and along with the warmth there is an uptick in people wandering our alleys and streets looking for opportunities to help themselves to bikes, cars, and in some cases enteri garages/houses/apartments.

The biggest effect on reducing events is having neighbours talk to each other.

To reduce the opportunists reason to be here, there are some simple steps:

Do not leave bottles in your back alley at any time.

Report to the police if you see people in the alley or on the street. If you are comfortable speaking to them, advise them they are being watched and reports and pictures are sent weekly to the police on all activities in the neighbourhood. In the past people i have encountered and "educated" generally do not return.

Alert your neighbours to be aware, and of course empty/lock your cars, lock your home, and garage. Choose bike locks that are almost indestructible, and use them even if your garage is locked.

A current breakin this month at a construction site had framing tools and a compressor stolen, it was cabled to the side of the house. The cable was easily cut. They came back two nights later and stole the generator inside the house.

Talk to your neighbours, Take different routes in and out of the area.

Installing internet cameras has helped in identifying when and where they are prowling. It gives you an indication if people are around, being alerted you can now take action.

There are 6 communities sharing information. Currently our combined efforts have seen a reduction in events over the last three months. Shared awareness works!

Contact info: Current events Police 911, other complaints Police 780-423-4567

Parks 311, and copy any information about events to belgraviawatch@gmail.com

Spring 2019 BCL Programs at the Hall

Program/ Location	Day/Dates	BCL Member Fee	Register With
Soapstone Carving Leader: Pat Galbraith Location: Upper Hall	Mondays 7 – 9 pm April 1 to June 17 (no class Apr. 22 or May 20)	\$120 No drop ins	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Tuesday AM Mat Yoga (Minimum 7) Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	Tuesdays 10:20 – 11:20 am April 9 to May 28 (8 Sessions)	\$80 Drop ins: \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Tuesday AM Chair Yoga (Minimum 7) Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	Tuesdays 11:30 – 12:30 pm April 9 to May 28 (8 Sessions)	\$80 Drop ins: \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
BCL Knitters Location: Upper Hall Community Living Room	Tuesdays 7 – 9 pm Ongoing	BCL Membership	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Belgravia Walking Club Leader: Cam McGregor Location: Meet at Upper Hall	Wednesdays 10 – 12 pm Ongoing	Free	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Zumba Leader: Genelle Routhier Location: Lower Hall	Thursdays 6 – 7 pm April 11 to May 30 (8 Sessions)	\$80 Drop ins \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca
Friday AM Mat Yoga (Minimum 7) Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	Fridays 10 – 11 am April 12 to June 7 (8 sessions - no class Apr. 19)	\$80 Drop ins \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton. ca
Sit & Be Fit (Minimum 7) Leader: Elise Ure Location: Lower Hall	Fridays 11:05 am – 12:05 pm April 12 to June 7 (8 Sessions - no class Apr. 19)	\$80 Drop ins \$15	programs@belgraviaedmonton. ca
	Other Spring 2019 Progr	ams at the Hal	I
Guides Location: Lower Hall	Mondays 6:15 – 8:15 pm	For Information, contact Tonya Wolfe	tonya.wolfe@gmail.com
Tuesday AM Boot Camp Leader: Caitlin Banks Lower Hall	Tuesdays 8:30 – 9:30 am March 12 – May 14 (10 sessions)	For Information, contact Caitlin Banks	caitlinvbanks@gmail.com
Wednesday PM Boot Camp (Minimum 6) Leader: Caitlin Banks Lower Hall	Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm April 3 – May 22 (8 sessions)	For Information, contact Caitlin Banks	caitlinvbanks@gmail.com
Sportball	Sundays April 7 to June 23 (No classes April 21 and May 19)	For information, contact Miranda Dawson	information: mirandaedawson@ gmail.com register: https://goo.gl/forms/ FikX0EAOE5tfZ5Gf2

Spring Programs in Belgravia

BCL is offering a number of classes to interest you this spring – please see the schedule on the previous page. Here are some more details about what is on offer!

We are offering an exceptional craft program in soapstone carving. The classes are lead by Pat Galbraith, a celebrated sculptor in Alberta, and a member of our community. No experience is necessary to enjoy and get fulfilment from the class. Pat is a very engaging instructor as attested by her many students both in Belgravia and across the city.

We will be offering several fitness programs including yoga, dance and flexibility improvement:

- Mat yoga will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is a active class and will keep you supple and ready for the challenges of summer. Elise Ure, your instructor, is a key part of our fitness programs and has worked in our community for the last two years.
- Chair yoga will be offered on Tuesdays. It is an excellent strength and flexibility program but is less demanding than mat yoga. Chairs and other supports are used as aids to balance and to support movement. Elise is a master at helping you reach your optimal stretch and pose.
- The Belgravia Walking Club is a joyous group of neighbours who like to walk together rain or shine. We start at the community hall and generally end up for great conversation at Gracious Goods. Spring is the best time to walk around our neighbourhood the flowers can be breathtaking! Get outside and be part of it!
- Zumba is offered in the early evening on Thursdays. It is a rigorous dance course for all ages. Genelle Routhier, our instructor, will get your toes taping and your spirit flowing. Genelle has instructed our last two classes so she knows us
- Sit and Be Fit is offered on Fridays. Elise uses various fitness support materials to gently get you to reach just a bit further and to strengthen core, arms and legs. There is terrific chatter in this class guaranteed to keep you interested.

If you would like two times a week, why not take Chair Yoga with Sit and Be Fit or the two mat yoga classes? You won't regret it!

We will not be offering Strength and Stretch on Mondays because Tara Mayne, our instructor, is unavailable. We plan to offer this popular class again next fall.

Those courses listed as Community League classes need about 7 people each to make them fun. If we can't get that number we will cancel the class and try again in the fall. Registration is on the first day of each class so please mark it in your calendars (or, if you can't make it to the first class, please email programs@belgraviaedmotnon.ca). You can also give a class a try with a drop in at \$15/session.

For information on Boot Camp, Sportball and Guides, please contact the program through the email address provided.

Hope to see you at the hall!

City of Edmonton Summer Day Camps

Make new friends, learn new skills and have a blast at a City of Edmonton day camp! We offer a wide range of day camps for children and youth at a number of city-wide locations, including the River Valley, City Recreation Centres, the Edmonton Valley Zoo, the Muttart and more. Registration now open!

More details: https://movelearnplay.edmonton.ca/COE/public/category/browse/PROGCAMX905

Cooking Up a Story @ Belgravia Community League

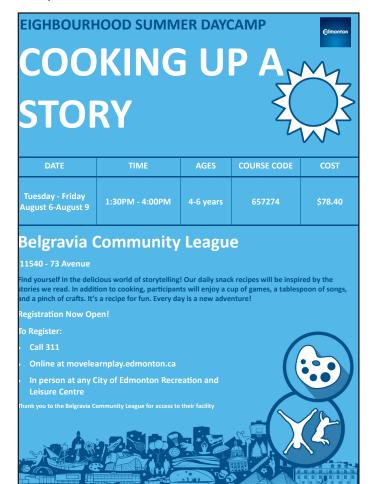
Find yourself in the delicious world of storytelling! Our daily snack recipes will be inspired by the stories we read. In addition to cooking, participants will enjoy a cup of games, a tablespoon of songs, and a pinch of crafts. It's a recipe for fun. Every day is a new adventure!

Ages: 4 - 6

Dates: 6th Aug - 9th Aug

Price: \$78.40

See poster below for more details!





Interested in having your **brain** scanned for research?

We are looking for **healthy volunteers** (ages 5-95) to undergo an **MRI of their brain** for research

If you would like to learn more, please contact us by

e-mail: brainmri@ualberta.ca or phone: (780)983-7232

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- Beautiful, intimate setting with seating capacity of 150
- Good acoustics
- Proximity to U of A Campus
- Intermission/reception space available

For more information, please contact David Cass (d.cass@ualberta.ca)



Made in Belgravia: Hatching and Raising Your own Canaries

Many of you may already know that Wendy Davis, an avid bird lover has hatched and cared for canaries in her Belgravia home for many years. This spring her baby canaries have begun to hatch and she looks forward to sharing all she knows about canaries with us. She'll bring some of her newly hatched babies to the session and talk about how and why she started raising canaries. Adults and children alike are welcome to come and share their own bird stories in this session. Following the presentation there will be tea, Devonshire Crème and scones for all.

When: April 6, 2018 (2 – 4 pm)

Where: Upper BCL Hall

Admission is Free; however, to help us prepare for the session we would appreciate an RSVP to: mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Belgravia School Page

Belgravia students and staff had an exciting month with lots of in and out-of-school field-trips, including making glass art, a Ukrainian Shumka Dancers performance at the Jubilee, skating, and more. Here are photos from some of those activities.



Grades 1–6 students watching *Matilda The Musical* at the Citadel Theatre.



Reading buddy field trip at Victoria Oval: George, William, and Matt skate together.





Grade 1 students Selen and Madeline during a field trip to the Belgravia skating rink.



Belgravia Grade 6 student Alex (back center) and some of his Matilda castmates.



MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca is live!

MoveLearnPlay.edmonton.ca replaces 'e-reg'. It's a new City of Edmonton recreation, attractions and community portal that makes it even easier for you to find drop-in activities, register for programs and book spaces online.



Volunteer extrodinaire: Eric Tebby digging out one of a number of blocked drains in Belgravia this past week.

Many thanks to Eric and all our Belgravia neighbours who clear ice from drains at this time of year!





Register Now! Spring and Summer Registered Programs/DayCamps

Summer Day Camps registration: Move.Learn. Play Members: March 12@ 8:30am; Non-Members: March 13

Summer Registered Programs: Move.Learn.Play Members: April 30 @ 8:30am; Non-Members: May 1

The City of Edmonton is committed to involving the people affected by the decisions it makes. There are a variety of methods by which Edmontonians can engage with the city on various issues and initiatives impacting citizens.

Let the City know what you think about:

- Let's Keep Talking: Future of Waste provide your input: edmonton.ca/futureofwaste (February 10 – April 15)
- Residential Winter Road Maintenance: Share Your Thoughts: https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/residential-winter-road-clearing.aspx (March 31)



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March 2019	Feb 15	Feb 23-24
April 2019	Mar 15	Mar 23-24
May 2019	Apr 19	Apr 27-28
June 2019	May 17	May 25-26
July/Aug 2019	June 14	June 22-23
September 2019	Aug 16	Aug 24-25

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¼ page	\$50	\$75
½ page	\$75	\$100

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Meet Your Neighbour: Jack Francis

According to the 2016 Municipal Census, Jack Francis is one sixty Belgravia residents who are eighty-five years and older. When asked how he came to live in Belgravia, Jack told a story about a neighbour to his parent's Tofield farm who came home from a Calgary bull sale and told twenty year-old Jack that the University Live Stock Farm (most commonly known as the University Farm) needed a "man in beef." With three brothers all wanting to farm, Jack decided this was his chance to still do what he knew how to do and make it easier for his parents to divide up the family farm.



By August 1949, Jack was living in one of the four rooms in the Livestock Pavillion reserved for single men working at the University Farm. His marriage to Joyce Hill in 1953, allowed them to move into House #3, one of the University Farm houses built for married couples and their families. Jack and Joyce soon welcomed their son Dale in 1955 and daughter Ila, in 1957.

Jack filled important positions at the University farm initially as Swine Herdsman and then Beef Herdsman until the beef cattle were dispersed in 1960. With research in sheep developing at that time, Jack moved to Sheep Barn. He worked there for the next nine years until the sheep too were dispersed. Jack continued to live and work at the University Farm until he retired in 1991.

He witnessed changes to the land just north of the University Farm. Jack has a photo of that land when

Fox Drive was just a gulley of trees and a creek with most of present day Belgravia, a pasture where cattle from University Live Stock Farm went to graze. Jack and Joyce watched as houses were gradually being built in Belgravia and bought the one they wanted to move to when Jack retired. Built in 1952, it is the same house Jack still lives in today.

Since Joyce passed away last August 26, 2018 ten years after the signs of dementia had begun, Jack has continued his work on the ALES Museum he started in 2000 (for a review of this work, see the *Edmonton Journal*, May 6, 2015) and he has maintained his deep Belgravia connections particularly with St. Paul's United Church. He and Joyce were married for sisty-six years and the patterns they established in Belgravia have kept him going. Luckily for the BCL, he's one our most dependable hamburger flippers for the annual BBQ and Membership Drive, turning out even this past September. Born in spring 1927, Jack is one of Belgravia's treasures with a long view of how we have grown and developed. And we know there are more people to meet and interview to capture the history of Belgravia through their stories.

If you know of someone we should interview, please let us know by contacting Catherine (editor@belgraviaedmonton.ca). We appreciate your help!