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Join BCL for our AGM on Friday, June 21 at 7pm
at the BCL Hall, followed by a talk on Urban Coyotes from a City Park Ranger.

All BCL members and Belgravia residents welcome!

Connect with what's been going on in our community, meet your neighbours and community representatives, and vote* in the 2019-2020 Board of Directors.

Schedule:

7-8pm: AGM
8-9pm: Refreshments & presentation from a City Park Ranger on 'URBAN COYOTES': Do you know how to safely & confidently coexist with coyotes in your neighbourhood/the river valley?

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Interested in joining the Board of Directors? We are looking for BCL members interested in the following positions:

Secretary - Take minutes at monthly board meetings & prepare meeting agendas. Oversee BCL's electronic document archive.

Vice President - Assist the board of directors as needed. Prepare to become president in June 2021.

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(*Voting rights for BCL members - memberships available at the door!)

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President's Message

This is my last column in the belgravianas president of the BCL. My two-year term will expire at our annual general meeting on June 21. I have truly enjoyed my time as president. I've met many new friends and neighbours, worked with wonderful teams of volunteers, learned lots about the urban development process and the inner workings of our City government, and even had the chance to share all I know about sewage lines! I look forward to continuing to serve the community league as past president. I'm happy to say that our community league is in very good condition. Our finances are in order, our new community hall is functioning as hoped, and we have a record high number

of memberships (438). Most importantly, because all the above depend on it, we have a committed and harmonious board of directors and many additional volunteers. At this year's AGM, as in recent years, we will present a slate of nominees with a good balance of new and continuing directors.

I hope that you will be able to join us at the AGM to learn more about our activities during the past year and enjoy socializing with other Belgravians. Please note that we have a few vacant director and coordinator positions (see the display ad in this issue) and consider volunteering!

This year, the **BCL Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** was provided by Pho Boy Vietnamese Kitchen owned and managed by Anton Hoang & Christina Lau Hoang. The hot Pho Soup and Vermicelli were perfect for the cool, snowy day we all woke up to on April 27. While we predicted around 100 people with half of those being recognized as BCL volunteers, by the end of afternoon 150 people had lined up and been served the delicious Vietnamese dishes. Christina & Anton brought along their Pho Boy chef, Brian and enlisted Christina's mother & father, Peter & Irene Lau along with a couple of uncles and aunties to help with the serving. It was a big commitment on their part to help celebrate the BCL volunteers and support the Belgravia Playschool fund raising efforts. We thank them for their time, effort and generosity.



From left to right: Peter, Brian, Anton, Christina, Irene & Christina's Auntie.

Over a hundred volunteers helped make the 2018-19 a great year for the BCL. And half of those listed below attended the BCL 2018-19 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 27. Thanks to the Board and Committee members and everyone else who helped with BCL special events, the membership drive, the Belgravian Newsletter, planning & development matters in Belgravia, and programming at the hall to mention a few of the things the BCL does.

Hats off to:

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Each participant attending this session will hear Barry speak about this seemingly magical process with several examples to demonstrate what can be produced. Everyone is invited to bring a black & white negative of a favourite photograph to make their own cyanotype print to take home.

If you don't have a **black & white negative**, you can e-mail a photograph to Barry (bkelleredgar@gmail.com) and he will produce a negative image for you prior to the session. Barry will also have a number of negatives at the session for people to use if personal negatives are not available.



Adults and children welcome!

When: **June 13, 2019**

Time: **7 – 9 pm**

Where: **Upper BCL Hall**

Fee for materials: \$5 (BCL Members); \$10 (non-community league participants)

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Have you ever wondered if our community could be better for you and your family?

14 Belgravians met on Saturday, May 11 over tea and cookies to discuss our neighbourhood and what could be done to encourage kindness and connection here. Belgravia has many long term community members who enjoy dog-walking, the accessibility to the University, our location next to the river valley and our long term institutions like Belgravia School, our playschool, Community League and St. Paul's.

Carmel Montgomery, (pictured right, putting up the summaries), lead us in a lively and engaging discussion.

We think there is much we could do to be more inviting to newcomers, to be more active as a community and to improve our connections & security, particularly taking the time to know all of our neighbors.



Elisabeth Beaubien, (pictured left), spoke about the Abundant Communities initiative at Windsor Park and its focus on building connectedness by starting a block by block organization in the community. Many thought the initiative had application in Belgravia as well.

Our new hall is a great asset for building our sense of community. We have many program ideas that would make an excellent community a better place to live. Things like: building on our Made-in-Belgravia series; developing a Big Bin Event; working on gardens together; developing a more accessible transportation system within our community & many more!

Belgravia Community League board has agreed to develop an Abundant Communities program in our neighbourhood as a first step to making a great community better!



Belgravia School Page

Welcome to the Belgravia School! Catch up with our school news for the month of May.



Grade 2 students Mira Warkentin and Olivia Smereka-Cains present at the school's annual science fair.



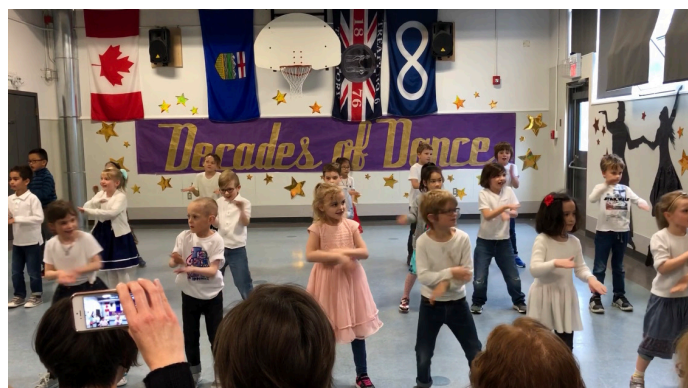
Grade 4 students perform during the school's annual Parent and Volunteer tea.



Grade 3 students during a field trip to Ortona gymnastics



Grade 1 students read a poem during the school's monthly assembly.



Grade 1 students perform their DanceEd routine for parents and fellow classmates.

The Belgravia Hustle & Volunteer Appreciation event was a success again this year! Runners hit the snowy pavement despite the weather. The delicious volunteer and post race Vietnamese lunch, as well as the popcorn, cupcakes and Blind Enthusiasm beer were enjoyed inside our wonderful hall. It was a great opportunity to connect with members of our community. We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make the day a success as well as our generous sponsors.



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BCL Hall Host Team Starting up ...

One of our goals for the new hall Community Living Room (CLR) is to open it up as a meeting place in the neighbourhood as one of the benefits of a BCL membership. We are slowly getting this started with a few people who have volunteered as a Hall Host to welcome people into the hall, answer the phone, show hall to prospective renters (which must be done through your BCL membership), sell BCL Memberships if you've missed out in our membership drives, help people contact the right people to answer questions about the community league & what it does, get the coffee made or a pot of tea going for people wanting to stay & visit, play a game of cards, check out the "Take a book, Leave a book" library shelves, help people mark their home on the map of Belgravia & their 'where in the world' origin story on a world map to mention a few of the possibilities the CLR offers.

Check the CLR out & say hello to the Hall Host on duty. The hours currently being tried out are:

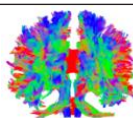
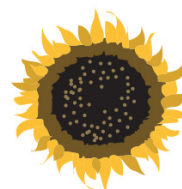
Mondays 6 – 9 pm
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Wednesdays 10 am – 2 pm
Thursdays 10 am – 2 pm
Fridays 10 am – 2 pm

If you are interested in volunteering and becoming part of the Hall Host Team, contact Jeannette (hallrental@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

Bee Hotel Update

We are pleased to announce that BCL won a Bee Hotel in the recent Community League competition! We will be installing our Bee Hotel in the Arts Park soon!

Many thanks to Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and Edmonton Area Land Trust!



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Meet Your Neighbours: Barry & Mari Edgar



Berry and Mari

When asked what brought them to Belgravia in 1989, Barry and Mari immediately said “for the trees!” When pressed a little further, Barry who grew up in Garneau said he always liked this corner of the city. With their first son, Jeff already born and plans to add to their family, Mari added their Queen Alexandra home was too small, especially with their pet dog in the mix. Their move to Belgravia happened rather suddenly though when driving around the neighbourhood one day they saw a For Sale sign on a home that had been on the market a long time. They put in an offer and by that evening, their offer had been accepted.

Before they knew it, they were on their way to becoming Belgravia residents and soon added their second son, Brett to their family. At the time, Barry, was teaching high school Physics, Grade 10 Science & a little Math at Ross Shep and continued there until 1997. Ross Shep’s loss was Scona High’s gain when Barry moved on to

Scona High School, teaching the same topics as well as many, many Belgravia kids who still to this day call him ‘Mr. Edgar’.

Mari, an accomplished seamstress who worked from home wondered what would happen when he retired in 2013. He was on the substitute teacher list in no time and began filling in for High School Math classes one or two times a week. It didn’t take long for members of the BCL Board to start looking his way when, in December 2014 Peter Hooper, a meticulous retired math professor left the BCL Treasurer position to move to Ottawa ... just when the plans for the new hall building project were slated for the summer of 2015.

With his physics, science & math background, who could be a better person to replace Peter? While Mari wasn’t so sure about the connection between his subject matter expertise and being able to balance a bank account, Barry said ‘Sure!’ He was soon up to his ears in BCL funds ... both coming in and going out as the new hall was built. His scientific mind did him well as he learned Quick Books while developing his own account keeping system. When the new hall opened in the fall of 2016, he kept track of everything and saw the BCL through a \$300,00 loan payment as well as keeping up with all the increased financial activity brought on by new programs and rentals at the hall.

Barry is retiring this June as BCL Treasurer. To him, the best thing about his last 3 ½ years on the Board has been meeting so many good people in Belgravia. While he is leaving the BCL accounts in good order, Mari smiles and says she’s still not adding his name to her chequing account though! They may have separate chequing accounts but Barry & Mari have been a team during their time with the BCL. Thank you ... how lucky we are to be able to call you neighbours!