



# the belgravian

September 2019

## **Belgravia Community League**

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**Banner Photo:** Slacklining between two trees  
at the July Made in Belgravia session

## **Community League Day BBQ & Membership Drive**

**Saturday 21st September 2019, 4-7pm**

Join us for our community league day BBQ and membership drive on Saturday September 21, 2019 from 4-7pm at the BCL Hall and surrounding grounds.

Enjoy a tasty BBQ (complimentary for 2019/2020 BCL full & associate members) & bring a dessert (for 4 people) for our potluck dessert table.

Fun activities for all ages including slacklining, giant soccer & lawn games in the rink!

### **New sustainability initiative: bring your own plate to the event**

(we also have reusable dishes, cups & cutlery at the hall to use – a big thank you for the donations of these items!)

Volunteers are needed to help make this event the best yet! Opportunities include: set up, potluck table, sustainability team, and clean up. To volunteer, sign up at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/7KBJ8>

Purchase your 2019/2020 BCL membership, find out more about BCL, enjoy a fun-filled event, and connect with your neighbours!

More details coming soon – we will post them on our website & social media!

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## President's Message

Dear fellow Belgravians,

In June 2018, at our Community League AGM, I sat in the audience and listened to the plea of our Board for someone to volunteer and step into the role of Vice President. The complicating factor? Vice President would eventually become President and then Past President - so the commitment was not insignificant. Nevertheless, I was undaunted. Having already been a volunteer as the University of Alberta Community Consultation representative, and having a keen (albeit embarrassing) interest in City Bylaws and development, I was eager to volunteer in a more substantive role with the Community League.

At the time, my two children were both under the age of 4, either enrolled in the community playschool or about to be enrolled. My wife, Miranda, was already very involved with the Community's Playschool. I was nearing the end of my first year as a lawyer. We were busy, that's for sure, but we had strong connections with other families who had similar aged children and we were proud to be Belgravians. So, I did what most partners would do in this situation - I pulled out my cell phone and texted my wife, seeking permission to commit to the Board, and the Community for the foreseeable future. As she is want to do, she supported me, wholeheartedly, and 1 year later, I was elected President.

I am grateful for her support, but also grateful for the people I have already met. Wonderful people, who are passionate about such a wide array of topics. While I always say our community seems most concerned about traffic and development, I have come to learn that our community rallies around its diverse population and seeks to engage, through its fantastic programming, all members, whether aged 3 or 93.

I encourage you to be involved in our

community, in whatever way you are able. Attend programming - there is certainly something offered you would be interested in. If not? Suggest a program. Attend Board meetings, or better yet, volunteer for one of the vacant positions. Read the Belgravian. Talk with your neighbours. Swing by the Community League Hall when our Hall Hosts are there, and have a cup of coffee and some excellent conversation.

But most importantly, and mark your calendars, come out to the annual Community League Day BBQ on Saturday, September 21. I encourage you to seek me out, introduce yourself, and tell me your story. I am certain it will be a pleasure to meet you.

Cory Dawson

### Hall Host Hours - Come and Visit!

Did you know you can drop into the BCL Hall Community Living Room from Monday to Friday?

Join us for tea/coffee & a chat, buy your BCL membership, tour the rental space, play a game of cards, check out the 'take a book, leave a book' library, all ages welcome (we have kids colouring books too)!

#### Hall host hours:

Mondays 6 – 8:30 pm  
Tuesdays 7 – 10:30 am  
Wednesdays 10 am – 2 pm  
Thursdays 10 am – 2 pm  
Fridays 10 am – 1:30 pm





## Highlights from BCL Annual General Meeting, June 21 2019

On the evening of June 21<sup>st</sup> 2019, the upper hall was filled with our neighbours for the BCL AGM & Coyote Presentation! Outgoing president Michael Cohen chaired the meeting and began by summarizing the board reports.



After the AGM wrapped up, refreshments (including appetizers from Coriander Cuisine Indian Restaurant) were served and enjoyed whilst listening to an engaging talk on Urban Coyotes.

Some highlights from the reports include: the great achievement of paying off the debts from hall renewal, a higher than ever membership (which keeps growing!), and a generally healthy community league with an (almost) full board of directors!

We would like to thank outgoing president Michael Cohen and outgoing board members: Susan Kamp, Barry Edgar & Joanne Wynn for their time, and dedication to BCL.

Welcome to new Treasurer, Greg Jones, new Director of Facilities, Brendan Hemens & incoming President, Cory Dawson! We look forward to working with you!

After the president's report and voting was completed, there were updates on the new Abundant Communities Initiative, the hall host team, the Belgravia book project, and Keillor Point. The meeting was open for a community discussion with issues such as Air BnBs and boarding houses in the neighbourhood raised.



We gave our new sustainability initiative a try by using reusable plates, cups & cutlery and compostable cups & paper straws. This went really well! At the end of the event the dishwasher was filled and very little waste went into the trash!



## Time to purchase BCL Membership...

Fall is the season to renew your BCL membership – the new 2019/2020 membership cards are available and our membership drive is getting ready to go in September. Last year, we sold a record 450 memberships – thank you to everyone who helped us reach that number. And thank you to Samantha Graham, our 450<sup>th</sup> member!!!

This year we would like to reach 500 memberships – that would mean that approximately half of Belgravia households support the community league. The more support the league has in the community, the more events and programming we can offer! The revenue from membership sales helps us maintain our facilities such as the hall, rink & arts park. A larger membership also gives the community league more leverage with developers and government when representing the community on issues such as traffic, construction, etc.

Benefits include:

- Rent the BCL hall
- BCL member rate for programs and community league events including the Made in Belgravia series
- Access to the BCL hall Community Living Room & wifi at the BCL hall
- BCL membership advertising rates in the Belgravian newsletter
- Advertising on BCL bulletin boards (located at the doors of BCL hall)
- Access to the BCL skating rink and other community league rinks in the City with a skate tag (can be requested at the time of membership purchase)
- Optional inclusion on BCL e-mail list
- Participate in City soccer and hockey (S.W.A.T) programs for children
- 10% discount on annual and multi-admission passes, and monthly memberships at all City of Edmonton recreation facilities (e.g. the Kinsmen Sports Centre)

Memberships can be purchased in a number of ways:

- At the Community League Day BBQ at the Belgravia Community Hall on Saturday Sept 21, 2019.
- Our volunteers will be coming door to door selling memberships throughout the fall.
- Drop into the BCL community living room during hall host hours
- When registering for a program at the hall
- When arranging a hall rental.
- There is also a convenient way to purchase community league memberships on the EFCL webpage <https://efcl.org/membership> (note there is a \$5 surcharge for online purchases).
- Or contact me personally and I am happy to drop off a membership card or leave one in my mailbox for you.

Membership pricing: Adult \$15, Couple \$20, Family \$35, Senior (single or couple) \$15

Susan Andrew, Membership Director  
[membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca)



Samantha Graham with the Belgravia t-shirt she won for becoming our 450<sup>th</sup> member!

## Belgravia Community League Fall Programs

BCL is offering a number of classes for a variety of interests! We are offering craft (soapstone carving, techniques with watercolour) and exercise programs (yoga, fitness, dance) and a new discussion group (Neighbour to Neighbour).

- **Strength and Stretch** with Tara Mayne starts off our week! Tara is in her second year with Belgravia CL and this fun dance-based class is suitable for people who need to improve their flexibility for fall and winter.
- **Soapstone carving** 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 fulfillment from this class. Pat is a very engaging instructor as attested by her many students both in Belgravia and across the city.
- **Mat yoga** will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is an active class that will keep you supple and help improve your flexibility. 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. 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. We go rain or shine. We start from the community hall and generally end up for great conversation at Gracious Goods. Fall colours can be breathtaking in our neighbourhood. Get outside and be part of it.
- **Exploring Experimental Techniques With Watercolour** is a new addition this fall, the course is intended to build the participant's understanding and skill with Watercolour paint. Suitable for anyone who has a desire to learn about this medium - novice, beginner or advanced levels. We won't focus on painting "pretty pictures", but instead will discover how to better use and manipulate the paint so that those "masterpieces" are closer to becoming possible.
- **Zumba** is offered in the early evening on Thursdays. It is a rigorous dance course for all ages. We are currently looking for a new instructor.
- **Fit for Life** 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. She has a terrific pattern in this class guaranteed to keep you interested.
- **Neighbour to Neighbour** is a new program consisting of a half hour presentation on a health topic followed by a question period: 1. Self-Advocacy for Health (understanding importance of primary care continuity of care, importance of patient summary sheets, having a clear Power of Attorney) 2. Independent Community Living & Fall Prevention 3. Lung and Heart Disease 4. Mental Wellness 5. +/- Open session / Q & A

We hope to see you at one of our classes! See the next page for the Fall 2019 schedule. For BCL programs, registration is on the first day of each class (or, if you can't make it to the first class, please email [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca)).

**You can also give a class a try - drop in for \$15/20 a session!**

For registration details and information about other classes at the BCL hall (e.g. Boot Camp and Guides) please contact the program through the email address provided.

We are also exploring the potential of setting up tennis, curling and pickle ball through the Saville Community Sports Centre. If you have an interest would you let me know at [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

## Fall 2019 BCL Programs at the Hall

Program/ Location	Day/Dates	BCL Member/ Non-member Fee	Register With ...
<b>Strength &amp; Stretch</b> Leader: Tara Mayne Location: Lower Hall	<b>Mondays 11 am - 12 pm</b> Sept 16 – Dec 16 (No class Oct 14, Nov 11)	\$120/140 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Soapstone Carving</b> Leader: Pat Galbraith Location: Upper Hall	<b>Mondays 7 - 9 pm</b> Sept 16 – Dec 16 (No class Oct 14, Nov 11)	\$120/140 No drop ins	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Tuesday Mat Yoga</b> Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	<b>Tuesdays 10.20 – 11.20am</b> Sept. 17 to Dec. 3	\$120/\$140 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Tuesday Chair Yoga</b> Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	<b>Tuesdays 11.30 -12.30pm</b> Sept. 17 to Dec. 3	\$120/\$140 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>BCL Knitters</b> Location: Upper Hall Community Living Room	<b>Tuesdays 7 – 9 pm</b> Ongoing	BCL or Associate Membership	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Belgravia Walking Club</b> Location: Meet at Upper Hall	<b>Wednesdays 10 am</b> about 1 hr walks, ending at Gracious Goods	BCL or Associate Membership	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Exploring Experimental Techniques With Watercolour</b> Leader: Pat Galbraith Location: Upper Hall	<b>Wednesdays 1-3pm</b> Sept 18 - Dec 4	\$120/\$140 No drop ins	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Zumba</b> Leader: TBA Location: Lower Hall	<b>Thursdays 7 - 8 pm</b> Sept 19 – Dec 5	\$120/140 Drop ins \$15/20	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Friday Mat Yoga</b> Leader: Elise Ure Location: Upper Hall	<b>Fridays 10.20 – 11.20am</b> Sept. 20 - Dec. 6	\$120/\$140 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Fit for Life</b> Leader: Elise Ure Location: Lower Hall	<b>Fridays 11.30am – 12.30pm</b> Sept. 20 - Dec. 6	\$120/\$140 Drop ins: \$15/20	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca
<b>Neighbour to Neighbour:</b> A discussion of health topics Leader: Dr. Dilini Vethanayagam Location: Upper Hall	<b>Monthly starting Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm</b> Further dates to be announced	BCL or Associate Membership	programs@belgraviaed monton.ca

## Fall 2019 Other Programs at the Hall

<b>Guides</b> Leader: Tonya Wolfe Location: Lower Hall	<b>Mondays 6:15 – 8:15 pm</b> Starting September		tonya.wolfe@gmail.com
<b>Bootcamp</b> Leader: Caitlin Banks Location: Lower Hall	<b>Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:30 am</b> Sept 10 – Oct 15	\$90	caitlinvbanks@gmail.com

To stay up-to-date with programs at the hall, please see our website  
<https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/services-programs/>



## Abundant Communities in Belgravia Update

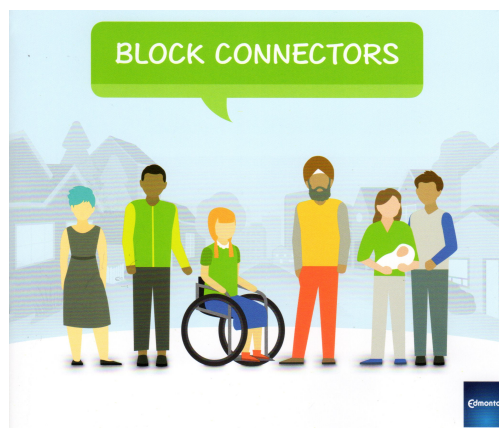


An Abundant Communities initiative has been promoted by the City of Edmonton as a way of strengthening citizenship and good neighbouring in the City's 157 community leagues.

The abundant community framework in Belgravia is off and running! We have a leadership committee, and we have found 10 block connectors so far. We would like to find about 40 more block connectors. These people will:

- be the "go-to" person for the block, keeping neighbours updated about block and Belgravia life
- initiate block social gatherings a few times a year
- listen to neighbours' ideas for Belgravia

Block connectors are a fundamental part of making Belgravia a stronger community. Blocks are about 20 units/houses. A good connector would introduce themselves and develop a social rapport with those that are interested on the block.



Why not take a stronger role in your community by becoming a block connector! Please contact Cam McGregor at [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

We will be at the Community League Day BBQ on September 21<sup>st</sup> - come and see us!

More information:

<https://www.edmonton.ca/AbundantCommunity>

### A Letter on Neighbourhood Appreciation...

The Belgravia newsletter is always a pleasure to read, and helps me from feeling isolated. I applaud Cam McGregor in what he is doing as director of programs. I would like to take this opportunity to mention the kind neighbourliness I have already received:

1. One neighbour brings me soup, she also helps me keep letters and documents filed.
2. Another neighbour buys my groceries (she says it is no trouble as she gets them when she is buying her own).
3. Another neighbour brings me my Saturday *Globe and Mail*
4. Another neighbour leaves surprise wonton soup at my front door!
5. In the winter, a neighbour was leaving in his car and I asked if I could have a ride to the LRT. "Hop in," he said. "Where are you going?" I said, "U of A Aquasize." - he redirected to drop me there (he was impressed I was out on such a cold day!).
6. Another neighbour has organized a block party barbecue for 11 years.
7. Another neighbour mows his front lawn and does mine at the same time.

What can I do to be a good neighbour? If a parcel comes, I can sign for my neighbour... In my younger days, I too could be more helpful.

Thank you all,  
Wendy Davis

## Made in Belgravia: “Everything I Wished I Had Known When I Started My Post-Secondary Studies ... “

Whether starting studies at a university like the U of A, McEwan, Concordia or King's or a technical program at NAIT or Norquest, everyone has questions about what to expect and, often in retrospect, knowledge they wished they had known if they started over again. This month's Made in Belgravia session is geared towards those who have graduated from high school and are now starting out on a new program of studies.

Belgravia resident and award winning university teacher, Olive Yonge, PhD and Belgravia resident, and first year university student, Naomi Caufield will provide their perspectives, questions and thoughts about what new students in any post secondary program should be thinking about as they begin this new phase of their life. Join in the insightful discussion with your own questions and ideas ... with a little pizza & pop on the side!

**When:** Wednesday, **September 11**, 2019 (6:30 – 8 pm)

**Where:** Upper BCL Hall

**Cost:** \$5 per person for pizza & pop

**RSVP:** [mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:mib@belgraviaedmonton.ca) by September 16, 2019

## Public Engagement Opportunities

### Proposed nordic spa near Fort Edmonton Park

Wednesday, Sep 4, 2019, 5:30 – 8pm

Location: Whitemud Equine Learning Centre Association, 12504 Fox Drive NW  
Edmontonians are invited to a drop-in engagement session to learn more about proposed zoning changes to allow for a nordic spa at 7000 - 143 Street NW.

### Zoning Bylaw Renewal Survey

(Online) Closes Friday, Sep 13, 2019

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or email our 2019/2020 registrar: [mirandaedawson@gmail.com](mailto:mirandaedawson@gmail.com)

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Keillor Point is now officially open!



Roger Laing, cutting the ribbon with two City employees involved in the project, to officially open Keillor Point.



Media presence at the official opening of Keillor Point in on 17th July 2019.  
Thank you Cam McGregor for the photos!

## July Made in Belgravia



Walking along the portable slackline at the July Made in Belgravia: Balance and Focus class led by Anthony Zeberoff

## Bottle Drive

To benefit  
**Belgravia School**  
and  
**Belgravia Cooperative  
Playschool**

**Saturday, Sept 28**

**Please mark your calendar  
and save your  
recyclable beverage containers  
for us!**

Place containers in front of your house  
by 9:00 AM



*Thank-you for supporting  
our community school!*

## St. Paul's United Church

### Legacy Project Celebrations

**OPENING DAY SEPTEMBER 8**  
worship at 10 am, open house to follow

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## Meet Your Neighbours: Ken & Kathy Goble

Ken & Kathy Goble moved to Belgravia from Riverbend 25 years ago to be closer to Ken's three sons already living here with their mom Arlene & her husband, Roger Laing. From playschool in the old hall and throughout their years at Belgravia Elementary School, the boys had two sets of parents rooting for them all the way. Now, with eight grandchildren ranging from 6 to 12 years old, it's not unusual to see Ken & Kathy (aka Papa & Grandma Toots ... you'll have to ask them about the reason why!) still hanging out at the playground.

Fortunately for Belgravia, the playground isn't the only place you'll find them. They say it really started when they volunteered at a BCL BBQ one year and then further developed meeting all their neighbours when they agreed to take on a BCL Membership Drive route. It was the beginning of Belgravia taking on a small-town community feel to it for them, much like the Alberta towns where each of them grew up.



Ken & Kathy are used to working with others and helping make things happen. For example, in 2006, Kathy, a Landscape Architectural Technologist, worked with neighbours & family to design and construct the Belgravia Arts Park labyrinth. As a member of the BCL Hall Renewal Committee, Kathy's landscape expertise influenced what was planted around the new hall. Since then, she has headed up the Arts Park Weeding Team paying particular attention to keeping the native wildflower bed in shape.

As a telecommunications expert, Ken operated his own IT business from home; a background that was very important when he became the BCL Facilities Director in the final year of the old hall when the locks stopped working and the first year of the new hall when a computer based security system had to be learned. He's also one of the BCL team who makes sure the snow gets cleared and the grass gets cut around the hall. And now, Ken is one of the BCL Hall Hosts. You'll find him there on Tuesday mornings (7 – 10:30 am). Stop in & he'll make you coffee.

Ken and Kathy have recently expanded their care and love of community when Bert, a 'working' cat from St. Paul's United Church needed a new home due to all the construction & renovation underway. They put their names in to be considered as Bert's new home and they won! As the first pet they've shared as a couple, Bert has them wrapped around his little paw, training them to understand when he wants to be let out and when he's had enough petting and being carried about. According to Kathy though, Bert does listen to them when it's time to come home.

Ken and Kathy have not only proven to be good 'minders' of our community, they are happily 'in training' for becoming good 'cat stewards' too. Bert's one lucky cat ... and Belgravia's one lucky community to have people like Ken & Kathy living here.