

the belgravian

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Belgravia Community League

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Community League Day and AGM

Saturday, September 12th, 2-6pm

Welcome to Belgravia's Community Day this September! We plan to combine the day with our Annual General Meeting starting in the rink at 2.30pm. We are at the beginning of planning this event and will share the details soon – so stay tuned!

Instead of our usual BBQ, it will be a bring your own food and drink event! All the usual COVID-19 precautions apply (masks, 6' physical distance, etc).

Connect with what's been going on in our community, meet your neighbours and BCL representatives (from a safe distance!), and (BCL members) vote in the 2020-2021 Board of Directors.

We hope to see you there! We'll be ready to provide your membership, introduce you to our new Abundant Belgravia concept and plan to have fun activities for all.

**To reach the BCL COVID-19
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Board Update

2020/2021 BCL Membership Purchases

The COVID-19 situation will make BCL membership sales more challenging this year.

Here are options to safely purchase BCL memberships this year:

1. At the AGM and Community League Day event on September 12th.
2. We will have some volunteers going door to door, if you feel comfortable purchasing a membership on your front steps.
3. Please contact membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca and I will be happy to bring a card to your home and collect cash or a cheque.
4. And this may be the best year to purchase online at Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL). The website is www.efcl.org. Please note that the EFCL charges a \$5 administration fee.

During times like this, community leagues play an important role, connecting neighbours, offering support and as always, working on behalf of the community on issues such as traffic, infill and development. Please purchase your membership today! Thank you.

Susan Andrew
Membership Director

Facilities

With the hall being closed we felt it was a good time to do some updates. The hall has a fresh coat of paint inside (actually two coats). We're also upgrading the Internet connection from ADSL to a fibre optic connection. This will allow us to get the speed needed as the demand increases.

Ken Goble - Facilities Director

Programs

Programs start in October with Soapstone Carving on the evening of October 5 and

extending until Monday December 14, except Thanksgiving (October 12), for 10 classes. Interested in attending? Please email programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca. We will use the Alberta Biz Connect guidelines as the requirement for conducting the class.

Stay tuned for more classes! We intend to go forward with Strength and Stretch, Chair Yoga, perhaps a mild aerobic dance class as well as knitting. We will not be hosting Mat Yoga this fall. The Walking Club is still meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 am; we can also offer other times too if you are interested! We also plan to set up games in the Saville Centre in October if possible.

There is a real thirst for interaction in our community that our league would like to serve. If you have ideas; a book club, virtual or small coffee discussions – please contact the program director at programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Volunteer with BCL!

The BCL is run by volunteers... and we are currently in need of a few more! Please consider helping out in the following vacant (or soon to be vacant) positions:

- **Planning and Place Director** – Monitor development issues around the neighborhood, represent Belgravia at City workshops
- **Communication Director** – Oversee the communications portfolio. Create content, manage 'e-blasts', and distribute updates to a team of volunteers to maintain website, social media, bulletin boards and *the belgravian* newsletter

If you would like more information about these positions, please email president@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Getting neighbourly with Abundant Belgravia!

Belgravia is working towards having at least one person on every block who engages in intentional neighbourly to make their block a safer, healthier, happier place to live. To help create a more neighbourly vibe, block connectors might make and share a block map with names and contact info. They might go door to door to ask their neighbours about interests and skills that they would be willing to share with neighbours, and to hear about residents' visions for the neighbourhood. Or, they might organize a block social so that neighbours can meet in person.

Here are some photos of some of the socials held this summer!



Therese's Thursday evening "open front lawn" gathering.



Debbie and Shirley's Monday night rooftop party.



Valerie's backyard social on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon.



Neighbours get together in Crisia's front yard.

Zoning Bylaw Renewal

The City is conducting a complete review of Edmonton's Zoning Bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw is the rulebook for how development can occur on private property. More details and engagement opportunities can be found at:

<https://engaged.edmonton.ca/zoningbylawrenewalinitiative>

On Sunday, June 28, BCL held its inaugural Tour de Belgravia wheeled event. It was a great success, with 45 children and 38 adults participating, riding bikes and other wheeled vehicles (including roller blades, scooters & strollers). Many wore costumes and had decorated their vehicles. Themes included Canada Day, superheroes, space aliens, and a (pretend) food truck on a wagon!

There was a "pit stop" where participants chatted with volunteers, had their costumes and decorations judged, and had their photos taken (see collage below!). Gift certificates from nearby restaurants were awarded to the best costumed groups! Many thanks to our event sponsors!

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"In mid June, Audrey had the idea to organize a food drive for Edmonton's food bank as so many people have lost their jobs during the pandemic. With the help of a friend, she made and distributed fliers around 72 & 73 Avenues. Then, a few days later, she (and her dad) picked up roughly 50-75 pounds of food from her neighbours, all of whom were incredibly generous. All of this was later brought to the food bank and a staff member there was so impressed that he gave her a certificate. We were very proud of her." - Douglas H.
(Photo provided by Kathy G.)



Belgravia Cooperative Playschool Update

Playschool is gearing up to open again this fall! While class will look a bit different in response to COVID-19, licensing, and health and safety guidelines, the playschool is still pleased to offer a play-based program for 3 and 4-year-olds. We will welcome a single cohort of children to play-based explorations three mornings a week. Should your child be interested, please contact playschool@belgraviaedmonton.ca to secure one of the remaining spots/be placed on the waitlist.

The City of Edmonton Forestry Department has received a donation to plant 13 Linden trees along the walking path on Saskatchewan Drive. Linden trees are deciduous (leafy) trees that are native to Edmonton. They have fragrant yellow flowers in early summer and are excellent shade trees.

Planting is predicted to be around the end of August to the first couple weeks of September.



Heather McPherson
Member of Parliament
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Meet Your Neighbour: Lorrie and Rick Adams Block Connector Spotlight

Rick and Lorrie Adams have lived in Belgravia for 24 years. Originally from Fort McMurray, the couple eventually settled down in Belgravia and raised two children after completing their studies. Now, both of their kids attend university in Vancouver, and Rick recently retired from the provincial government, so they have become Block Connectors on their street.



Block Connectors volunteer to be the point person, party person, and listener in their neighbourhood. Lorrie and Rick were approached about being Block Connectors earlier this summer, and they thought it would be a great way to connect their block and contribute to the community. When their kids were younger, Lorrie and Rick were heavily involved in the community. They used to help organize various events, including the Chili competition and Oktoberfest, and Lorrie volunteered as the Hall Manager for many years. Life eventually got too busy with their kids' activities, and they gradually drifted away from helping with community events and activities.

Through the Abundant Belgravia initiative, the Adams' feel they have the chance to help build connections within the Belgravia they have grown to love over the years. After their first session of door knocking, and a meet-and-greet hosted on their driveway, they both felt a stronger sense of community on the street. They noticed changes since becoming Block Connectors: As Rick puts it, "The people that came to the meet and greet recognize each other . . . people say 'Hi' more, and a few people driving by will wave."

When they are not chatting with their neighbours, Lorrie and Rick enjoy exploring the arts, delving into the culinary arts with their competitive BBQ Team, "Smoke'm if You Got'em." They are working on mastering the delicate art of beekeeping ("Belgravia honey is the best!" says Rick). Lorrie enjoys pottery in her spare time, and Rick has taken up metalsmithing now that he has more time for fun! They built a studio/guest house in their back yard and enjoy collaborating together. Some Belgravians may recall seeing Rick and Lorrie's Made in Belgravia booth, featuring Rick's metalsmithing and Lorrie's pottery in 2019.

At the beginning of the pandemic, when everyone was filled with nervous energy and boredom, they hosted a neighbourhood pottery project to help build community and give people a chance to turn their feelings into personal art pieces. They supplied clay in a box outside their house for people to pick up. Completed projects were placed back in the box, then Lorrie glazed and fired the pieces. The Belgravia Covid Pottery Project was a great success. There were over 50 participants and almost 70 submissions with amazing pieces submitted by people of all ages (check all the cool community art on Instagram: @belgraviacovidpotteryproject). Each piece has a video – there are some amazingly talented people in the community!

When asked the importance of connecting with people on the block, Lorrie commented that "it enriches the quality of life . . . [people] care about their community and want it to be a great place" to live. Rick hopes that the Abundant Belgravia initiative will continue to "strengthen the sense of community" on the block. But they both agree that it all starts with a simple first step: saying 'Hi' to your neighbours!