



# *the belgravian*

October 2020

## **Belgravia Community League**

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**Looking for a babysitter to help with early afternoon childcare for a day or two a week. We need care from about 14:15/15:15 to 17:30. We have two young children, a 3 year-old girl and a 20 month-old boy. Anyone who is interested or can help out in any capacity would be greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you,  
Shawna Kunyk 780-995-3523**

## President's Message

On Saturday, September 12th, we were finally able to hold our 2019/2020 AGM. Clouds hung over the event, both literally and figuratively in this COVID era, but it was well attended and my confidence in our community's engagement remains high.

While we said goodbye to a number of Board Members, we also replaced a majority of them. This year we thank the following outgoing Board Members for their time and dedication to our Belgravia Community: Susan Andrew (Memberships Director), Brendan Hemens (Facilities Director), Marcel Huculak (Planning & Place Director), Cam McGregor (Programs Director), and Imogen Sellman (Communications Director). We are still looking to fill the position of Communications Director - if you are interested, please let me know.

We also elected the following community members to Board positions - some of whom were appointed to the Board since last year's AGM and some of whom were elected on the 12th: Jerreck Connors (Planning & Place Director), Barry Edgar (Director at Large), Sean Gerke (Director at Large), Samantha Graham (Secretary), Eleanor Olszewski (Vice President), Debbie Smith (Programs Director) and Kevin Taft (Director at Large). We welcome these individuals to the Board and are excited for their enthusiasm and engagement!

Finally, I would like to ask our community members a favour: We share our playground space with the students of Belgravia Elementary and those young people, their families, and their educators are currently doing all they can to navigate a complicated COVID/educational landscape. If you could, I ask that you try and be aware of when our elementary students are looking to use the upper playground space - they are members of classroom cohorts that are doing their best to limit their exposure. Ceding the upper playground to the students would be quite neighbourly and while we don't always know when they will be looking to access the upper playground we do know that grades 4, 5, and 6 have their lunchtime recess from 11:34 to 11:55 daily and these children are unable to play on the upper playground

if others are using it. I know this space is shared and communal, but I also know that we are all in this Community together. I ask that you consider alternate play space during this time, specifically, but also when the students are looking for an active outlet - the lower playground, the hill, and the other play space around the school and Community League Hall are excellent alternate play spaces.

Our next BCL Board Meeting will be virtual on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. Email [secretary@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:secretary@belgraviaedmonton.ca) if you would like to attend and, as always, email [president@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:president@belgraviaedmonton.ca) with any of your comments, questions, concerns, or otherwise.

Continue, as always, to be good, healthy, and compassionate neighbours!

## Programs Update

- The Soapstone Carving Class led by Pat Galbraith is planned for October 5 to December 14. The class is full with 13 students. Pat and class members were thoughtful in their approach to protecting themselves with guidelines for Covid-19. If the Province continues to let our facility stay open, the class will go ahead.
- It is not likely that other programs will be operated in the hall this fall. All instructors from our classes last spring are willing to instruct us again.
- The Walking Club meets every Wednesday at 10 in the front of the hall. That is the time that school recess occurs. It is great to see all of the Belgravia students with their masks on running around the playground. The walks are good too! They generally last about an hour and a half. All of the problems in the world get solved by the end of the walk.
- Dilini Vethagayagam is planning a Neighbour to Neighbour session on the evening of Wednesday, October 21st. She is a respirologist in the Faculty of Medicine at the U of A. She will talk about her experiences with Covid-19. A fascinating topic from superb speaker. We'll send out an email to remind Belgravians closer to the time. We plan to make use of Zoom for the talk. If you would be interested in attending please email [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca). Please mention if you would like help using Zoom.

# Community Day and Annual General Meeting



Irene Andersson at the Abundant Belgravia display.



Barry and Christina at the Scavenger Hunt table



Cory starts the meeting



Christina talks with the kids involved in our one community day event, the Scavenger Hunt.



Start of Belgravia's AGM



Christina helps 2 scavenger hunt participants while Barry and Debbie look on.

## Notes from Neighbours!

Thank you!!

We had a bottle drive in the summer to help save endangered animals. Thanks to everyone who gave us bottles. We have now donated the money to Team Trees (US\$75=CAD\$100) and to Rainforest trust (CAD\$100). The Rainforest trust money will go to a project to help save the bamboo lemurs. That project matches donations so the \$100 is worth \$200! We choose Team Trees because trees are so important to fight climate change and climate change is a big threat to animals of all kinds.

Love,

Hazel, Eddie, Alma, Arthur and Natalie on 72Ave



## MASSIVE ESTATE SALE

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**MARIA KRIEG**

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## HELPING FAMILIES WALK OR WHEEL TO SCHOOL

Join EPSB Trustee Michael Janz, Brian Torrance (Ever Active Schools), Stephanie Kovach (Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues), Julie Kusiek (Tomorrow Foundation) and other guests for a community conversation sharing resources and ideas on how to safely walk and wheel to school September 23rd. Visit [www.michaeljanz.ca/walkorwheel](http://www.michaeljanz.ca/walkorwheel) for more info.

## Belgravia Watch update

Here are some things to watch for:

- If you spot prowlers in the neighbourhood, please call 911 and keep your distance. A report has been filed against two individuals that recently attacked a resident around 76 Ave and 115th St.
- Broken glass strewn along the gravelled pathways. There are multiple incidents of broken glass been left along the pathways on the south end of Sask drive. In some cases it appears that the glass reappears after been picked up, and sometimes is lightly covered with grass. Keep your eyes open, and mind your dogs, kids and bike tires.
- In the past thirty days, there have been four Break and Enter events in Belgravia. In McKernan, there have been six B&E, two thefts from vehicles, and one assault.
- Vacant yard cleanups - Bylaw as been active getting various constructors to clean up their building sites. However it does take time in some cases - ie two Greentown properties (who is notorious) on 119th required an order and took 2 months before something was done. So if you see weeds/debris and no effort to clean up, call 311 or use the 311 app. The abandoned construction site on 114th and university ave was reported, and some effort was made to clean up the weeds. As was the EPCOR site on Sask Drive.

## Abundant Belgravia: A somewhat philosophical update

Abundant Belgravia has grown to have over 40 block connectors. That means that most of Belgravia's 49 blocks have someone to help create a neighbourly vibe. But what is an abundant community in a deeper sense?

Well, one way to think about it is this: we all have innate capabilities that have nothing to do with background, education or income. For example, we are all capable of being kind, accepting, welcoming, generous and forgiving. We can think of these capabilities as gifts that are freely available in limitless amounts. Everyone has them and we can all give them. These gifts are part of the deeper meaning of "abundance" in a community context. People will, whether they are aware of it or not, tap into some of those qualities in order to create a neighbourly vibe. It does take time and some effort to develop an abundant community, but luckily we already have in us what we need to do it. And to make it easier, practically speaking, block connectors get equipped with tools and are given chances to learn from others. Let's get neighbourly!

Right: Gillian and Richard invited their neighbours over for a bonfire in September. They lent a listening ear, neighbours shared some laughs and some sorrows regarding the ongoing Covid-19 situation. I think everyone left feeling a little more lighthearted and warm thanks to the shared generosity, kindness and acceptance. And not least from the roaring fire!



Below: Sam and Irene held a physically distancing block connector and support team catch-up on August 16th in the Arts park. It was a casual chance to meet other connectors and share some stories. And to eat an ice cream sandwich or two!

Above: Polyana and Daniel knocked on every block neighbour's door over the summer, to introduce themselves and to offer to make a contact map. Some neighbours opened, some talked to them, some were a bit cautious. It can feel quite harsh to be met with suspicion of one's intentions. But Polyana and Daniel did not give up, they tapped into their kindness and invited everyone for a social on September 10th. Such a welcoming act! A few neighbours got to know a little bit more about each other that evening, and that is worth a lot. Read more about Polyana and Daniel in the Meet your Neighbour section.



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## Meet your Neighbour: Daniel and Polyana

Daniel and Polyana moved to Edmonton from Brazil in the late summer of 2019 for a 1 year sabbatical. Daniel is a professor in Physiology, now doing research at the University of Alberta. Polyana has a background in pharmacy and sales of biomedical equipment. She did not speak much English when they first arrived in Edmonton, so she started to take classes. Their three, then-also-mostly Portuguese-speaking, boys Henrique, Gustavo and Vini got enrolled in Belgravia and McKernan school and quickly adapted to life in Canada. A neighbour across the street from where they live recalls seeing the boys out playing in the snow a cold winter day. She was so impressed that these children, never before exposed to temperatures below 0°C, were embracing winter more than Canadian kids do. Polyana and Daniel also tried a few winter activities but like most of us were happy when summer came.

The family attended community events, such as the community league day and Jiggs dinner, right from the start and people were generally welcoming. Even so, they felt lonely and disconnected at times. Polyana in particular was struggling with the language barrier and the isolation got worse with the Covid-19 pandemic. When everything slowed or even shut down at the University, Daniel decided to apply for an extension of his work permit to make up for time lost. In June 2020, the community league held Tour de Belgravia which this sporty, active family participated in. There they heard about Abundant Belgravia and thought it was a good initiative. Daniel and Polyana volunteered right away to become block connectors. They appreciate that Belgravia is friendly and safe, but are welcoming the opportunity to get to know more neighbours, and to help create an even safer neighbourhood to raise their children in.

They have now talked to most of their block neighbours and have several on a contact map. They recently held a block social in their front yard. Through their openness and friendliness, they have broken down some barriers and continue to offer to be the point persons for their lucky neighbours.



# Heather McPherson


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### Trick or TrEAT 2020 Food Drive

Hey Belgravians – mark your calendars! The Campus Food Bank is hosting it's annual Trick-or-TrEAT Halloween Food Drive. Food bank volunteers will be coming door to door for non-perishable food donations one evening between October 26th and October 30th. Updated dates, event details, and the precautions the Campus Food Bank is taking to stay safe during COVID-19 will be posted on <https://campusfoodbank.com/trick-or-treat>. Campus Food Bank volunteers will also be dropping off a flyer later in October with more information on when they will be coming to Belgravia and how you can donate! If you have any questions, you can contact the Campus Food Bank at [events@campusfoodbank.com](mailto:events@campusfoodbank.com), or [vicepresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:vicepresident@belgraviaedmonton.ca).