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**Banner Photo: 38th Annual Pumpkin Party**

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Stay tuned for the next  
Neighbour-to-Neighbour seminar  
in December!

Belgravia continues to see a lot of development activity and the BCL is always looking for eager individuals to contribute to our Committee. If you have an interest in development and would like to contribute, please email Jerreck at [planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

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### Wanted - Garage Space in Belgravia

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Please contact: Michael Stevenson  
780-434-8119

Thank you!

## Board Updates

### 2020/2021 BCL Membership

It's not too late to purchase your 2020/2021 BCL Membership. Please contact me at [membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca) and I am happy to bring your membership card to your home and collect cash or cheque. You can also purchase your membership online at Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL). The website is [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org). Please note that the EFCL charges a \$5 administrative 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!

Susan Andrew  
Membership Director

### BCL Hall Internet Access

On behalf of the Belgravia Community League, I'd like to thank three companies contracted to Telus for the physical installation of the fibre link to the hall. AECON Technical Solutions, RECON Groundworks Ltd and 5 KEY Communications installed the fibre recently. They were on time, professional and very easy to work with. Also, since they were aware that the BCL is a volunteer organization with limited funds, they kept the cost to a minimum. Thank you very much AECON, RECON and 5 KEY.

Ken Goble  
BCL Facilities Director

### University & Community Early Learning (UCELC) is OPEN for registrations!

Hours of Operation: 7:30AM to 5:15PM  
Located in the Windsor Park School Building  
Children Ages: 2.5 minimum to 6 years old  
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### Programs at the Hall

We have started to slowly move forward with programs at the BCL Hall. The Soapstone carving has started off very well with Covid precautions in effect. We hope to add more programs in January if all goes well. Please email [programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca) if you have a program to be considered so that we can make plans for everyone to stay safe with disinfecting and cleaning before and after every program. Each class will be limited to allow for social distancing as well. Dilini, from the U of A, recently hosted a Zoom webinar on Covid -19 with more to come as we go forward. Thanks to former Programs Director, Cam, for setting this up! Cam also is very consistent with the walking group that goes EVERY Wednesday morning at 10 am. This is a very well attended group and welcomes more to join in. Just come no appointment necessary. They meet beside the BCL Hall. Thank you Jane and Reg Norby for planning an amazing Pumpkin Party! We are lucky to have them planning this amazing event.

Debbie Smith  
Programs Director



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## BCL's 38th Annual Pumpkin Party

This year's Pumpkin Party was a Pumpkin Pickup Parade to keep the community safe. Belgravia families in costumes picked up free pumpkins to carve at home and treat bags. A huge thanks to Reg and Jane Norby for organizing!



Jane and Reg Norby are prepared for Halloween!



Belgravians lining up for pumpkins



Maevie dressed as a German resistance spy

Alberta Health Services has published guidelines for safe Halloween practices. More information: <https://www.alberta.ca/halloween-during-covid19.aspx>

### 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. The City is engaging discussion between October 19 to November 13, 2020 with a focus on Open Space & Civic Services Zones, Residential Zones, Notification & Variances, and Signs. More details and engagement opportunities can be found at:

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

## Abundant Belgravia

Have thoughts like these ever crossed your mind?

“I’m a handyperson but no one ever asks me for help.”

“It would be great if someone could show me how to play bridge online.”

“I cook Italian food and would love to learn about other cultural food.”

“I want to start a community garden with others.”

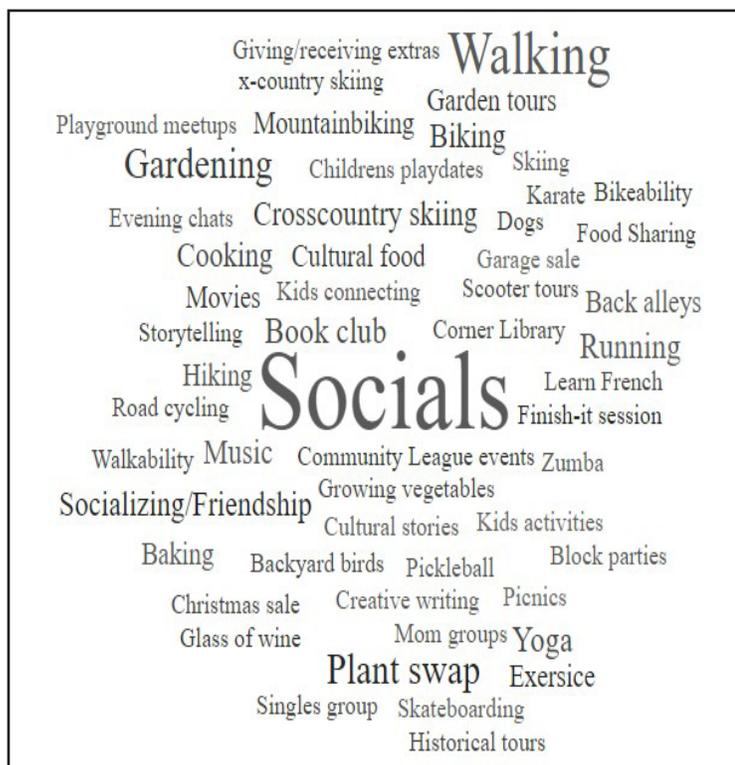
”Fat-biking seems fun but I don’t want to do it alone.”

“I spot typos everywhere - I could have proof-read this text easily.”

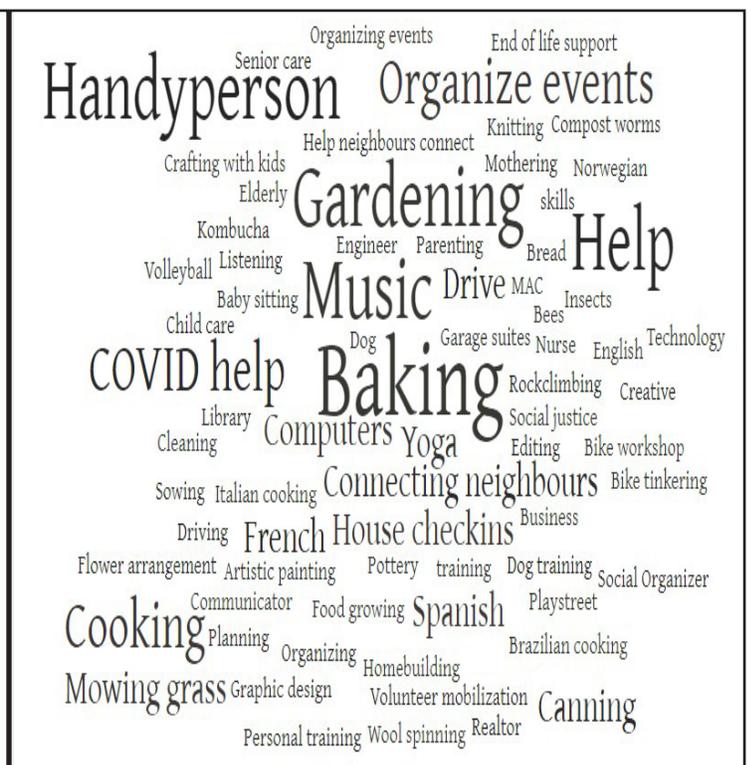
Well, chances are that there’s a match for your interest or skill - right here among your Belgravia neighbours! It is fun and important to discover hidden potential when building an abundant community, so we can draw on each others’ strengths.

So, the next time someone (like a block connector or a BCL membership drive person) asks you what you might enjoy doing with neighbours, or what skills you might want to share, don’t be shy! Whether it has to do with bats or bikes or anything in-between - share it with your neighbours! With time, we hope to compile lists of interests/skills on the BCL website for the common good. In the meantime, take a look at these word clouds. They show the answer from about 64 Belgravians.

Interests of Some Belgravians



Skills, abilities, and passions of some Belgravians



The larger the font, the more people have the skill/interest. Word clouds created with [woritout.com](http://woritout.com)

### Belgravia Watch update:

Remember to lock your bikes in your garage and register them at [bikeindex.org](http://bikeindex.org). Prowlers continue to scavenge the neighborhood. Be alert and on the lookout for squatters in abandoned homes. Ensure your doors and garages are secured. Harden your entrances and pay attention that no one else enters your garages as you enter or exit.

## Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) Talks – Finances and COVID

We are just delighted to say that we have been able to start up once again our N2N talks, albeit in a new forum - zoom!

**On January 31st we had Dr. Angela Juby** (a Geriatrician and Associate Professor from Windsor Park) and **Ms. Gwen Berdan** (Occupational Therapist in Geriatric Mental Health) give an excellent talk on **Falls in the Elderly**. A few tidbits from the talk:

- Sit and be Fit classes on PBS Mondays to Fridays - you don't have to leave your home
- Getting enough protein is important - if you aren't getting this in your diet, you can use 20g protein powder a day (vegan versions available)

More details available in March 2020 newsletter  
<https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/newsletters/>

**On February 28th we had Mr. Jonathan Sinnatamby** (CLU, HIAA, RHU) talk on **Living (Financially) Independently** with a focus on seniors. A few tidbits from then:

- 48% of Canadians have credit card debt
- Recent annual surveys note 94% of Canadians say their household has too much debt
- Spending incomes are trending negatively amongst seniors - 38% note that spending is increasing faster than their income, and 31% feel they will never get out of debt
- Albertan seniors have the second highest consumer debt load of any province in Canada
- After age 65, many banks offer a waiver on their banking fees (if you ask for this)
- Wills that are outdated, without appropriate beneficiaries and executors listed can be problematic

Given all the questions arising around **COVID** as kids and young adults (and some older adults) returned to school, and everyone (somewhat) re-emerging from their homes in early September, **Dr. Dilini Vethanayagam** spoke on the topic on **October 21st**. Apart from wearing masks, handwashing, and listening to the updates, a few further tidbits:

- All of us have specialized airway lining cells with fine projections called cilia. The viscous liquid released by cells in the airways creates a lovely "mucociliary elevator" which catches bacteria, fungi and viruses, amongst other things, and propels them up to your throat where you can cough out the bad stuff. There are a couple great short videos on YouTube if you are interested

- Smoking paralyzes these specialized cilia and therefore can increase your risk of getting an infection. Studies have shown that even a single puff of a cigarette can paralyze these
- Activities - some activities and sports are less of a risk for COVID than others (i.e. less contact, lower risk environment, etc). A nice simple website outlining these activities can be found through the Texas Medical Association – COVID Risks with different activities (see graph and website below).

**Campus Food Bank** - as good neighbours to the University of Alberta, the N2N sessions have arranged voluntary donations to the Campus Food Bank (CFB). The CFB has an enormous stress in usual times in the month of October – but even more this year.

Since the in-person sessions have converted to a virtual forum, the best way to donate to the CFB is through its website -

<https://campusfoodbank.com/donate>

**Next N2N Session** - stay tuned for the next session one wintery evening in December on **Dementia** - by zoom.

Stay well – and stay warm,

Cam McGregor, Debbie Smith and Dilini Vethanayagam



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**Meet Your Neighbor:  
Greg, Lena, Akira & Raiku Jones**

Since a Meet Your Neighbor article wasn't submitted this month, I have shamelessly written one about our family, The Jones. We (Greg, Lena, and Akira) moved to Edmonton in 2012 from North Carolina, US, and have lived in Belgravia most of time since then. Akira was three years old at the time and loved the sea lion show at West Edmonton Mall. We moved to Edmonton in pursuit of better job opportunities and a better public school system for Akira. We don't love the winters but we love living in Edmonton (the festivals and culture is amazing).

Since moving here, we've picked up summer biking and winter skiing in an attempt to embrace the Edmonton climate. While we're not avid or skillful at either sport, we continue to gain confidence every season. It helps that our friends and neighbors are always willing to give us tips and show us all the local trails!

Greg enjoys smoking meats, especially beef briskets, pork shoulders, and pork belly. While no competitions have been entered, we (his family and friends) are never shy to make requests. Akira and Greg recently picked up Airsoft as a hobby. Like a lot of boys his age, Akira is also an avid video gamer. Akira and I practice taekwondo together. In this sport, Akira gets to teach his mom since he is a higher belt rank than mom!

In 2017, Raiku, a bouncy yet lazy golden retriever, joined our family. Today, he is the type of dog that runs past other dogs to get to the humans for affection and food. If you stop petting him, he will nudge you for more attention. If you happen to run into Raiku at the Belgravia off-leash park, watch out!... he will surely be keen to greet you at eye-level. He is also quick to steal food from picnickers (so hide your food around him)! We're workin' on it..

We absolutely love the Belgravia neighborhood and community. When we moved from North Carolina, we had to make new friends and build up our go-to network. Akira starting elementary school at Belgravia School helped. In an attempt to meet more Belgravians and be more connected with the community, Greg and I volunteered with the BCL. I've been helping as the ads manager for a couple of years and recently started helping typeset the newsletter. Greg is the BCL treasurer. We look forward to continuing to serve the community! If you see us around the neighborhood, don't hesitate to say hi!



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