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Fun Christmas trivia, word
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If you are new to the neighbourhood, memberships are complimentary for the first year. Need to renew? Please contact membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca. Memberships can also be purchased online (note, there is a \$5 surcharge):

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Thank you Belgravia!

...for all of your help with our Trick or TrEAT 2020 Food Drive this year. We received over 3700 pounds of food and over 1000 came from your neighbourhood (more than we got from Belgravia last year!).

With everything going on this year, this is a huge success for us!

Ethan Campus Food Bank

Programs Update

We will be having a special carol singers' Christmas performance on Friday, December 11 (7pm). To reduce COVID risk, the singers will be performing outside of MOOD Cafe.

To facilitate providing more events and programs virtually, BCL now has a ZOOM subscription. If you have ideas on how to enhance BCL programming availability, please email me programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca.

In December, we will be holding a Neighbour-to-Neighbour informative talk on **DEMEN-TIA by Dr. Dilini Vethanayagam** supporting the Campus Food Bank. Further information will be shared via e-blast.

The Walking Group continues to be a popular event and is held every WEDNESDAY morning at 10 am. It's always fantastic! Come join in. We are looking for a CROSS COUNTRY SKI EXPERT to teach a class, rent equipment or both! If you have other events or ideas, please contact me at programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca.

Debbie Smith Programs Director



Join in the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!
Live, Outdoor Carol Performance by
"The Christmas Presence"
Friday, December 11th 7-8pm
In front of Mood Cafe

Donations for musicians appreciated special holiday treats can be purchased at Mood Cafe

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed



Belgravia School Virtual Book Fair

Belgravia School Council is delighted to continue our book fair tradition through this year's Belgravia's Virtual Book Fair.

Between now and December 4th, visit Audreys Books online and shop to your heart's content. Then under special instructions indicate that you would like to participate in the Belgravia School Fair. Pick-up options include curbside pick-up at Audreys Books or have your orders delivered to your door (\$6 service charge).

Proceeds from this event (15% of associated sales) will be used to supplement charitable donations collected by Belgravia Students for their December Community Kindness Projects. The focus of these projects will be to support local charities and struggling communities.

Snow and freeze/thaw cycles can result in hazardous conditions on walkways and sidewalks. These
conditions are a safety concern for everyone — particularly for those with limited mobility, service providers and waste collectors. Property owners should
remove snow and ice to the asphalt as soon as possible, especially during days of continuous snowfall
and during freeze/thaw cycles. Free sand is available
at participating community leagues and Roadway
Maintenance Yards. Microwaving sand in a microwave-safe container and spreading it while still warm
can make it more effective; the sand will embed into
the ice, creating a gritty top layer. For more information, visit edmonton.ca/safesidewalks

Reminder: shovelling or pushing snow from sidewalks into roads or alleys violates minucipal bylaws and results in a fine of \$250!





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As hospitals resume procedures that were put on hold for COVID-19, Canadian Blood Services (CBS) is adding more blood donation appointments to meet patient needs and they need to fill every available appointment. While anyone can donate, there is a lack of youth donors in our community. CBS hopes to encourage the commitment of these youth to donate blood in hopes of saving lives, not just now, but in the future. As the need for blood donation grows, any and all donations are appreciated as are your contributions to saving a life!

#DonorsAreEssential #CanadasLifeline Book now at: blood.ca/nexgenEDM

Public Engagement Opportunity:

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Survey - deadline Dec 11

Do you value the public recreation and parks in your community? How important are recreation facilities and parks to your family and your community?

Take the ARPA's online survey by December 11, 2020 to gather Albertans' perceptions of the value of public recreation services & park areas.and inform our combined understanding and decision making.

The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete, All Albertans over age 16 are invited to complete the survey. All responses are anonymous.

More Information: https://arpaonline.ca

Belgravia Community League Wants to Hear from you!

A major development is being proposed for 11416, 11419, 11420, & 11423 -78 Ave NW. Key details of the proposal include:

- Two 6-storey apartment-style buildings
- 71 units per building
- Removal of turnaround + addition of new laneway access
- New public plaza between buildings
- Visitor and Handicap parking only; no resident parking
- 10 years of subsidized transit passes

The current McKernan/Belgravia Area Redevelopment Plan limits development to four storeys for the sites in question.

A broader public engagement and community survey process will be occurring in the near future. To help guide discussions, the League asks that any questions, comments, or concerns be addressed to Planning & Place Director Jerreck Connors at planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca







Abundant Belgravia Update

This is bound to be a different winter, one where we can make the most of our neighbourhood connections. The City of Edmonton writes on their website: "COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of strong neighbourhood connections. Neighbours are often the most able to respond quickly, to reach out to ask what is needed, and to come together to address any local needs."

Block connectors are important in helping to create a "connected" block, but in the environment, the end, the more people that are engaged in building and maintaining a safe, caring environment, the better our neighbourhood will be.

- Here are some ways to keep the neighbouring going in ways that won't increase the spread of COVID-19.
- Join a physically distanced ski, skate, walking group
- Host/join a finish-it session where everyone brings an unfinished projet to find inspiration to do it, on a virtual platform if it's too cold to gather.
- Consider signing up at NextDoor (ca.nextdoor.com), a "neighbourhood hub for trusted connections and the exchange of helpful information, goods, and services". Almost 200 Belgravians have joined so far.
- Share movie suggestions or have a watch party using Disney+, Netflix or Watch2Gether with a few neighbours or friends (at the same time, but each in their own house).
- Work on a winterscape in your front yard, to add beauty and interest to the streetscape.
- Host/join a virtual 'How to' night based on your skills/interest.
- invite a few neighbours to come sit around an outdoor fire, while maintaining physical distance.
- Shovel snow when your neighbours are out shovelling wave hello, and start a conversation.
- Sign up on your block's contact list.

WINTER ACTIVITY Belgravia's Secrets - North Edition

Get out of the house and explore the northern part of Belgravia with a digitally interactive scavenger hunt this winter! Launch is planned for December 5, and can be done anytime during the month. The ultimate goal is to solve a word scramble. That's why it's called Belgravia's Secret!

What you need:

- 1. A smartphone with the app Actionbound installed, no internet access is required.
- 2. Ideally someone to form a team with (up 6 in a team). Stay distanced and safe!
- 3. A parent or guardian's permission or company (recommended for under 13 years of age).

How to play:

- 1. Get the free app Actionbound for Android or iPhone.
- 2. On December 5 or after, scan the QR code located on the Belgravia community hall notice board.
- 3. Start exploring the four stages by finding spots and solving quizzes/puzzles.
- Figure out the secret word!

This adventure walk is created by community members and open for the whole Belgravia family! BCL will draw a winner among those who solve the world scramble and submit the answer in a creative way - by drawing for example. Please email the answer to director3@belgraviaedmonton.ca (BCL members are eligible for prize).



the belgravian

Published by Belgravia Community League, the belgravian newsletter reports on community news, programs and events in and around the Belgravia area.

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We publish 10 issues per year

Monthly Distribution

We deliver approximately 1000 copies to homes in Belgravia.

Online

https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/newsletters/

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Advertising for businesses located outside of Belgravia, McKernan, and Windsor Park are limited to business card size.

Editorial Submission

Submission are subject to editorial discretion and available space. To submit an article email newsletter@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Schedule

Issue	Content Deadline	Delivery
September	Aug 19	Aug 29/30
October	Sep 16	Sept 26/27
November	Oct 21	Oct 31/Nov 1
December	Nov 18	Nov 28/29
Jan/Feb	Jan 20	Jan 30/31
March	Feb 17	Feb 27/28
April	Mar 17	Mar 27/28
May	Apr 14	Apr 24/25
June	May 19	May 29/30
July/Aug	June 16	June 26/27

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Yes Belgravia ... there's still a Holiday Market this December!

Long-time Belgravia residents will know the BCL has always organized a local market at this time of the year; a way to bring those in the community who create together with others who appreciate the talents of others and the opportunity to buy local. At an earlier time, it was called the Holiday Gift Show and held at St. Paul's United Church as often as it was at the old BCL Hall.

Phyllis Schneider has been a key organizer of the event for the past 6 years, now known as the Belgravia Holiday Market. In the past few years, both levels of the BCL hall have been used to display the work of Belgravia artists as well the locally grown food, preserves, baking, honey, jewelry, knitted and felted items, paintings, sculptures, locally authored books, home-made cards, photography, stained glass ornaments, wooden carvings, chocolates, nuts and candy.

An important goal of the BCL has always been to promote neighbour relationships and a sense of community. Our past Belgravia Holiday Markets have been one of the ways for us to do this. Due to the pandemic, the BCL cannot host the event in the same way this year. However, we still want to help make those connections happen by showcasing some of the Made in Belgravia talent and creative efforts of previous & new Holiday Market participants.

We hope you will enjoy looking over the list of people who have agreed to be part of this endeavour. Our objective is to let those who have always appreciated supporting our local Holiday Market know there is still a way to do so. If something catches your eye, their contact information is provided so you can make the necessary buying and selling arrangements.

While the BCL would normally be wishing you the best of the season with our traditional short bread and fruitcake along with some hot apple cider and mulled wine at the Holiday Market, we'll just have to give you a 'snow cheque' this year.

Thanks for your ongoing support in all the BCL does and for helping make Belgravia the best it can be.

Jeanette Boman, Made in Belgravia Coordinator







Green & Gold Garden volunteers (many Belgravians) sell beautiful Rwandan handicrafts: cloth face masks, placemat sets, eco-trivets, oven mitts and aprons, and more. Handicrafts can be viewed at greengoldgarden.com or ordered by contacting garden volunteers at gggarden@ualberta.ca

This year's BCL Holiday Market Place participants

Ruby Swanson - My book, A Family Outing, is about the experiences I've had as a result of having a gay son. A Family Outing looks at many issues families and the LGBT community face everyday and most importantly it gives people hope. The price is \$24 cash or credit. It can be picked up at my home or I'd be happy to arrange delivery. Contact: swanson.ruby.m@gmail.com

phone 780-619-5804



Brenda Philp - Art Dog Studio I make warm and colourful fingerless gloves, cuffs, and mittens as well as adorable little felted hearts. The felted hearts are small, unique, tactile pieces of joy and are a perfect gift to give with a card or stuff in a stocking. Contact: 587-920-3385 or at artdog@shaw.ca Facebook: Brenda Philp - Art Dog Studio https://www.facebook.com/Brenda-Philp-Art-Dog-Studio-390363521154043



Sue Bates of Baetz Chocolates is the local chocolatier and has been honoured to be named "Top Chocolatier and Confectioner in America for 2020" by International Chocolate Salon! For the holidays she has boxes of truffles, bags of homemade honey sponge toffee, bars, and wine charm boxes. Contact: Baetzchocolates@gmail.com INSTAGRAM site: @baetzchocolates



Dawn MacDonald - I have Jam and Jelly: cherry, raspberry, saskatoon/rhubarb, lime coriander, apple mint, pumpkin butter, grape and rose petal (\$5.00 for 250 ml, \$8.00 for 500 ml).

I have a 1 litre jar of dill pickles for \$10.00.

Contact: dawnmacd@ualberta.ca

780-435-7003

Debbie Waldman - I have been making charcuterie boards and I also write kids books. The picture books are A Sack Full of Feathers, Clever Rachel, and Room Enough for Daisy. The chapter books are Addy's Race and Miriam's Secret.

Contact: debbyw4@gmail.com

Audrey Inouye - I recently published a cookbook for people with IBS: 28-Day Plan for IBS Relief: 100 low FODMAP recipes to soothe the symptoms of IBS \$20

Contact: audrey.inouye@gmail.com



The Sicilian Wife (\$15) by Caterina Edwards. Best Book of the year by The National Post: "Set in the contrasting climates of Sicily and Edmonton, this literary noir is a masterful tale of family, murder, and the unescapable pull of the past."

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BCL Holiday Market Place participants continued

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Juliet McMaster of BCL is the founder of the Juvenilia Press, which specialises in producing scholarly editions of early works by known authors, always with student participation in the editing process. Among the young authors are Jane Austen, the Brontes, George Eliot, Louisa May Alcott, Malcolm Lowry, Carol Shields, and many others. Juliet has edited and/or illustrated a number of the volumes, especially those by Jane Austen. The Press's most recent productions are Jane Austen's Edgar and Emma and Amelia Webster, written at eleven (hot off the press); and Early Writings by Margaret Atwood, including fiction ("Annie the Ant," written at seven) and two plays written when Atwood was a teenager. The Atwood writings are hitherto unpublished. Most volumes are priced at \$15.

Contact: jmcmaste@ualberta.ca

Phone 780-436-5284



Toni Wittenberg - I make Christmas stockings knitted with names and decorations. They are approx..15-18 inches tall, various color choices. Decorations are also varied, and I'm able to do special orders too. Names are double stitched onto stocking. They sell for \$35.00 each.

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Kerry Maguire

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Katherine Koller - I have three books for sale (below) that can be delivered autographed in the neighbourhood. Please contact me at katherine@katherinekoller.ca

Winning Chance: Stories \$22 Art Lessons: a novel \$20 Voices of the Land: plays \$20

Meet your neighbour - block connector spotlight: Therese Gaetz

1. Tell us a little about yourself and your family!
I moved to Belgravia in 1998 when I married Will Bauer. I grew up in Medicine Hat, moved to Edmonton in my early 20s, and lived in

many different neighbourhoods before marrying Will. He grew up on 77 Avenue and we bought a house a few blocks from his childhood home, technically in McKernan, but geographic Belgravia. We eventually bought a house in Belgravia proper and have lived there ever since. We have one 20 year old daughter who is studying engineering at U of A. We also have a senior dog named Magnum.

Will has a start-up engineering firm, and I started working with him in the family business a number of years ago. The focus of the research is human movement computing. The technology tracks the human body to control video, lights and sound.

In my spare time, I like to work out, read, and cook. In the summer,

I'm often on my bike; in winter, I prefer to snowshoe. I also love movies and try to watch as many as I can. COVID-19 has put an end to going to the theatres for me, but I'm constantly seeing what I can rent at home.



2. You were one of the first block connectors in Belgravia... Could you tell us a bit about your view on neighbouring?

When we first moved to our current house, the elderly couple who lived across the alley from us (Jerry and Lorna Heath) gave us a map of the surrounding houses with everyone's names and phone numbers. Of course, many people have come and gone (including the Heaths), but there are several families that

have been around for the 20 years we've lived in this house. When Cam McGregor approached me about being the block connector, I immediately liked the idea because it was something that our corner of the neighbourhood had already been doing for years. And we've always tried to help one another out.

3. What do you like best about living in Belgravia and what could be better?

Belgravia is a lovely neighbourhood with lots of mature trees and great access to the river valley. It's always nice to see people out walking their dogs or otherwise getting fresh air. I think, for me, the biggest frustration is the traffic that cuts through and ties up 76 Avenue and just generally, the lack of smart technology at the intersection of 114 Street and 76 Avenue. I hate waiting at that light!



Junior Belgravians! This page is just for you!

Trivia Questions

Question 1: In which country did the tradition of decorating an evergreen tree at Christmas begin?

Question 2: Name another religious celebration that occurs between December and January.

Question 3: In 1914, during the First World War, some German and English troops agreed an informal truce on Christmas Eve and played a game together in the space between enemy trenches. Which sport did they play?

Question 4: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is Santa's most famous of all Santa's reindeer.

Name the other reindeer:

Question 6: Who is 'Santa's Little Helper' on the Simpsons?

Question 7: What brings Frosty the Snowman to life?

Word (un)scramble: 'Feels Like Home

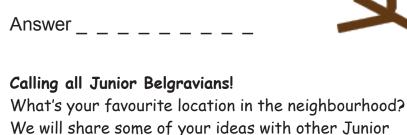
Unscramble the words below to find a secret word.

What are the favourite candies of Christmas trees?

Orna-mints!

Why do kids like Frosty the Snowman?

He's so cool!



Belgravians in the next edition of the newsletter.

Pictures are welcome.

Respond to: newsletter@belgraviaedmonton.ca

