

### **Belgravia Community League**

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### Belgravia Community League Memberships

If you are new to the neighbourhood, memberships are complimentary for the first year. Need to renew? Please contact membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca.

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https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/bcl-membership/

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- Beautiful, intimate setting with seating capacity of 150
- Good acoustics
- Proximity to U of A Campus
- Intermission/reception space available

For more information, please contact David Cass (d.cass@ualberta.ca)

# Upcoming Neighbour to Neighbour Lecture Sleep and Your Health

**Dr. Cheryl Laratta** 

7pm Wed Feb 3, 2021

Further information and ZOOM link to be distributed through BCL e-blast

### **BCL Board Updates**

#### Belgravia Planning - New Year Update

Greetings to all for what is expected to be a busy year! While 2020 started heating up with buzzing of a development proposal for the 'McKernan Hip', 2021 is going to be hectic right out of the gate!

Already planned for this year are advancements to the 6-storey proposal along 78 Ave NW. A survey was recently circulated online; a physical version is included in this newsletter for those who missed it. This edition also includes a separate submission on this topic from a neighborhood group (BelMac neighbors).

Beyond the development proposal, plans around upgrading Charles Simmonds Park are starting up, garbage collection and neighborhood bus routes are going to change, and the City of Edmonton will be looking at overhauling the Zoning Bylaw to better align with the new City Plan.

Recently, the Belgravia Community Planning Committee (BCPC) was reinstated to help with the ongoing/upcoming planning related items in the community. The BCPC will also work on being more proactive in facilitating future projects, events, and activities the community wants to see. Warmest of welcomes to Don Grimble and Larry Krushelnitzky who have joined to help on the committee!

The BCPC is also looking to expand with new and diverse voices! If you are interested in getting involved with community planning related matters, please contact Jerreck Connors at planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Jerreck Connors
Director – Planning & Place

### **Green & Gold Community Garden West Coast Seeds Fundraiser**

Support the **Green & Gold Community Garden** 2021 fundraiser\* by ordering only the best this spring: Canadian No. 1, untreated & non-GMO vegetable, flower & herb seeds from *West Coast Seeds*.

Orders must be in by February 8, 2021. Seeds are shipped to Edmonton & the Garden volunteers will notify you when order is available for pick up.

To order:

- Go to the West Coast Seeds fundraising program website.
- Browse through 4 pages of available seeds.
- Select the seeds you want to order.
- Click on "Cart"
- At the bottom of the Check Out screen, you will see "Select your organization". Choose Green & Gold Community Garden in the dropdown menu.
- Under "Participant name" put your name, phone number, address & email so we can contact you.
- Pay for your order online by credit card or other payment options as
- If questions about fundraiser or problems in placing your order, contact gggarden@ualberta.ca or 780-492-4087.

<sup>\*</sup> Green & Gold Community Garden receives 40% of the funds raised for the purchase of 2021 season garden equipment & supplies.



### **Community Updates**

The City of Edmonton is changing it's waste collection system. Single-unit and some multi-unit homes will be provided with a 240L garbage cart, a food scraps cart and a food scraps pail between March 2021 and August 2021. A smaller, 120L cart can be requested by *February 12, 2021* for a decreased monthly rate. More information regarding the new system can be found at: https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\_services/garbage\_waste/edmonton-cart-rollout.aspx



240L cart fits approximately 4-6 regular garbage bags



120L cart fits approximately 2-3 regular garbage bags

Prefer a small garbage cart?
Request your 120L cart here:
https://edmonton.rehrigvision1.com

#### Four collection services:

**Garbage:** Collected every 2 weeks year-round, using cart provided by the City.

**Food Scraps:** Collected weekly from spring to fall, and bi-weekly in the winter, using cart provided by the City.

**Recycling:** Collected in blue bags year-round.

**Yard Waste:** Collected twice in spring and twice in fall.

Welcome to the adventure walk Belgravia's Secret -

# Belgravia's Secret - North Edition Winner & Extension!

Our first winner is Mira Warkentin. **Congratulations Mira and team Fun Pickles!** Mira's solution (a drawing!) will be published in the next next issue as to not reveal the secret just yet.

In the meantime we will be keeping the **hunt open until Feb 14** and do a draw for two more winners at that time. To join, download the free app, Actionbound, on a smart phone. Scan the QR code below with the app and get started!

Solve the secret and submit to director3@belgraviaedmonton.ca for a chance to win! Happy hunting!

(BCL members eligible for prize)



#### Dear Belgravians,

It is time once again for me to say a big THANK YOU to all my Belgravia friends and neighbours for making my Christmas and 92nd birthday a happy occasion. While all of us were respecting the protocol due to the corona virus, I loved the ringing of my doorbell, outside visits, many phone calls, cards, and gifts of soup and delicious food. I really appreciated the postman bringing my mail and the cheerful assistance of the garbage collectors. I find great pleasure in watching the blue jays, chickadees, woodpeckers and other birds enjoying the bird feeders on my weeping birch tree.

I wish you all a Happy New Year! -Wendy Davis

### Selfless Students in Belgravia

Students of Belgravia School spent the holiday season helping others within the Edmonton area. We students at Belgravia have been learning about Acts of Kindness and how we can help others around us and those who are less fortunate. We found and researched charities and foundations to support like Toy Mountain, the Stollery Children's Hospital, the Mustard Seed and the Edmonton Humane Society. It was a huge success! We were able to help many people and animals in our city over this past winter holiday season. I hope that everyone will continue to support those in need in any way possible. A huge thank you to the Parent Council Committee and Belgravia families who supported our causes. None of this would have been possible without your generous donations to each of our elementary school classrooms. Stay healthy and stay safe.

By Catherine Fjeldheim (Grade 5)





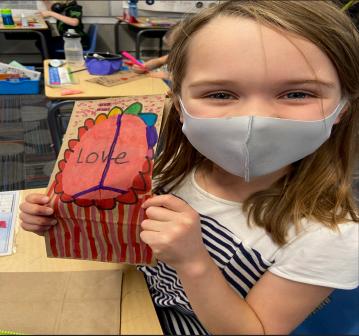
Dear Belgravia parent counci

Hi my hame is Russell I am ih grade 3 at Belgravia elementary!

our class is callecting donations to give to the Edmonton Toy Mountain is a mauntain made out of toys.

This year more than ever people are losing than gobs, I am asking for a donation from Belgravia parent council to help us make children happy, would you please consider donating some money to help us?

Sincerely, Russell



### **Outdoor Winter Opportunities**

In addition to exploring the City of Edmonton's vast network of Parks, River Valley Trails, Dog Off-leash Sites, Outdoor Skating Rinks, and Tobogganing/Sledding Hills, here are some unique activities to get outdoors safely this winter, provided by Edmonton Neighbourhood Services:

**Cross Country Skiing**: Edmonton is home to some of the most scenic (and FREE) cross-country ski trails in Alberta. The City of Edmonton and its community partners groom over 40 kilometres of trails for skate and classic skiing and you can ski your own ungroomed tracks into ravines, open areas and parks. Trail info: https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\_parks\_recreation/cross-country-skiing.aspx

**Snowshoeing**: Most City trails are packed down, so snowshoes perform best in areas that are open, after a good snowfall and off the beaten track.

**Stargaze**: Aurora Watch - get email notifications from the U of A on the nights when the conditions for northern lights (aurora borealis) are most likely.

https://www.ualberta.ca/institute-for-space-science-exploration-and-technology/outreach/aurorawatch.html

**Outdoor Public Art**: The City of Edmonton Public Art Collection contains more than 200 art works, many of which are located outdoors. Explore the interactive public art map in Edmonton to find out where these gems are (including Belgravia's Arts Park)! Link: http://edmontonpublicart.ca/%23!/map/

**Winterscape Your Yard**: Winter in Edmonton can be fun and beautiful at the same time! The Winterscapes photo contest is a great place to showcase gardens, art and play in the winter. A winterscape is a way of decorating your wintry yards and landscapes using things like snow, ice, natural objects, and lights. You can create a winterscape in your front yard, community hall, office/business building or school. Here is your chance to spread the winter cheer to your neighbors by participating in the Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes contest in 2021: January 18 - February 28.

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\_services/landscaping\_gardening/winterscapes.aspx

**Maze**: Set up an obstacle course or maze in your backyard made of snow and other objects. Have members of your household go through the course or maze.

**Snow Painting**: Use spray bottles or squirt bottles, fill them with water and food colouring. Build snow sculptures and then use the coloured water to paint them.

**Ice Bowling**: Bowling with frozen water balloons - Fill balloons with water (option to colour the water), let them freeze, option to use with balloon still on or pop pull the balloon off, use frozen balls for outdoor bowling.

**Snow Lantern**: To build a snow lantern, you pile snowballs into the shape of a hollow cone and place a light inside. This is a holiday tradition in Sweden, Finland and Norway.

**Skating**: Edmonton has various outdoor skating rinks across the city; some rinks are City-operated while others are community-operated. Please check current COVID-19 restrictions before visiting and follow all posted signs while on-site.

Need skate tags to use the BCL's skating rink? Contact membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca to purchase your membership and receive this year's skate tags!

# Meet Your Neighbour Block Connector Spotlight: Jonathan Sharek

I have lived in Belgravia for 8 years with my wife Toscha and son McKinley. It's a great community and I was very proud to be a member of the Hall Renewal Committee Project!

More recently I have decided to become a block connector in an effort to help grow connections in our immediate area as well as Belgravia as a whole. With so many of us at home, it felt like the ideal time to try! Because the neighbourhood borders on the river valley and major thoroughfares, I find that it actually has a small town feel.

Since becoming a block connector I've found more chances to talk to my neighbours and review some of the local problems that have come up. This has also led to more occasions (safely socially distance) for some great walks, drinks, and music! Over this slower pandemic time, I started a daily walk goal of 10,000 steps, exploring a lot of Belgravia, Windsor Park, McKernan, Garneau, and Downtown.



I am a big fan of podcasts and spent much of this time listening to shows on politics and music. Aside from my regular job as a high school social and music teacher, I am a doctoral student in Educational Policy studies at the U of A. In 2020 I passed the candidacy exam, and I'm currently preparing to conduct research for the final study and dissertation!

# Riding out COVID-19 with Edmonton Public Libraries!

EPL has an extensive collection of online resources.

Learn! Listen! Read! Watch!

For more information visit epl.ca

Popular digital resources from 2020 **OverDrive**: Borrow & enjoy free eBooks, audiobooks, & more!

**PressReader**: Read newspapers & magazines from around the world and in various languages!

**Kanopy**: Kanopy is home to documentaries, Canadian cinema, independent film, world cinema and classic movies.

**Lynda.com**: Thousands of courses available! Tackle new software, improve business skills and digital competencies, & more!

**Solaro**: Easily access Alberta-specific curriculum (grades 3-12) course lessons and quick quizzes.



# Heather McPherson

Member of Parliament Edmonton Strathcona

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- Employment Insurance
- Old Age Pensions
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Citizenship & Immigration
- Canada Student Loans
- Celebratory Messages

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# the belgravian

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

#### Frequency

We publish 10 issues per year

#### **Monthly Distribution**

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https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/newsletters/

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#### **Editorial Submission**

Submission are subject to editorial discretion and available space. To submit an article email <a href="mailto:editor@belgraviaedmonton.ca">editor@belgraviaedmonton.ca</a>

#### Schedule

Issue	Content Deadline	Delivery
September 2020	Aug 19	Aug 29/30
October 2020	Sep 16	Sept 26/27
November 2020	Oct 21	Oct 31/Nov 1
December 2020	Nov 18	Nov 28/29
Jan/Feb 2021	Jan 20	Jan 30/31
March 2021	Feb 17	Feb 27/28
April 2021	Mar 17	Mar 27/28
May 2021	Apr 14	Apr 24/25
June 2021	May 19	May 29/30
July/Aug 2021	June 16	June 26/27

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1/4 Page Ad 9.5 cm x 12.7 cm

(Not available to businesses outside of Belgravia, McKernan and Windsor Park)

1/2 Page Ad 19 cm x 12.7 cm

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### **Belmac Neighbours Submission: Metro 78**

Brought to you by BelMac Neighbours, a group of people who have been working with the community leagues, city planners, and city councillor Ben Henderson for the past 1+ years to find solutions that work for all of us.

# ARP Area Redevelopment Plan

Belgravia McKernan ARP passed in 2013 to:
"enhance and strengthen the local character of these neighbourhoods, while capitalizing on the presence of the Belgravia McKernan LRT Station through Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and encouraging infill"

tinyurl.com/BelMacARP



# Our Neighbourhood

"Densities in areas should not exceed 4 storeys, excepting the gateway location at University Avenue where 6 storeys will be allowed"

"The interior of the community is not appropriate for significant change... will be limited to small scale forms of infill

tinyurl.com/ARP-Guiding-Principle



# The Proposal

#### Two 6-Storey buildings on the 78th Ave cul-de-sac

- 142 units
- a new North-South lane to connect 78th Avenue to the back alleys once the turnaround is removed
- a Mid-Block Access way between the buildings ("plaza") to access the LRT station and the 114 St crosswalk
- justifying 6 storeys as the crosswalk is a community "gateway"

tinyurl.com/Metro78-YEG



# Community Amenity Contribution (CAC)

To rezone from RA7 to DC2 (6 storeys and Floor Area Ratio 4.0)

In return, the developer is required to provide \$820.000 in amenities to benefit area residents. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/YEG-CAC">https://tinyurl.com/YEG-CAC</a>
CAC's include: public art, upgrades to parks and community leagues, contributions to child care services, etc

The developer has proposed:

- landscaping on public areas and Mid-Block Access ("plaza")
- new access to back alley (North-South)
- 8 family units (3-bedrooms)



# **Our Concerns**

**6-Storey Height** - beyond what would "respect the existing scale, form, massing, and style of the neighbourhood through height limits and building design" (ARP page 42)

- the cul de sac on 78th Avenue is not a "gateway" to the neighbourhood. It is small-scale residential and difficult to access, with no parking
- Insufficient number of 2-3 bedroom family units the only CAC
- Mid-Block Access ("plaza") is already required, NOT an amenity



# Have Your Say!

#### If you would rather see:

- improvements to Charles Simmonds Park
- more family units
- 4 storeys
- A bike Park-n-Ride

Fill out the survey below, and contact:

the City Planner: Marty.Vasquez@edmonton.ca our City Councillor: Ben.Henderson@edmonton.ca

BelMac Neighbours

### PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO COMPLETE THE BCL POLL:

https://tinyurl.com/BCL-Poll

For ALL Belgravia and McKernan residents

Public consultation expected to be coming soon in 2021

## Junior Belgravians! This page is just for you!

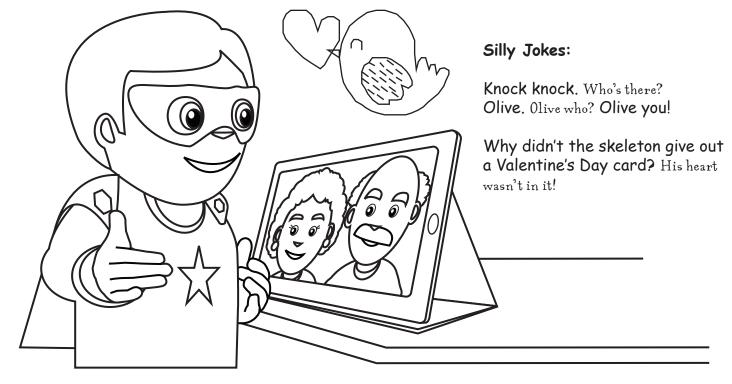
### Valentine's Day Word (un)Scramble

Unscramble the words below to find the secret message.

uaeB | \_ L \_ \_ coCotaleh \_\_\_\_\_ namecoR \_ \_ ssiK dynaC \_ \_ | relowF\_\_\_\_\_ Answer \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Funny Fill-in: Ask someone for words to fill in the paragraph below. Then read together for a laugh!

To celebrate Valentine's Day, my class and I went to a candy shop by  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{mode of transportation}}$ . When we arrived, we were greeted by a(an) \_\_\_\_\_named \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_same name said, "Today, I will teach you how to make something messy to make. We were ecstatic! \_\_\_\_used her \_\_\_\_\_ to dip \_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ messy candy then gently placed them on a drying tray. Finally, it was our turn to make our own \_\_\_\_\_something messy to make At the end of the field trip, everyone was covered in \_\_\_\_\_\_. It was the best field trip ever!



# Spend time with your family.

Tip: Enjoy activities at home with your family. If you can't be with them, call, text or video chat to stay in touch



# Metro 78 Survey (11416 - 11423 78 Ave NW)

**Belgravia Community League** is conducting a survey on the proposed Metro 78 Development. Feedback will help form the Community League's stance and negotiation priorities. For questions, please contact Planning & Place Director at planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca







#### **Project Summary**

A developer is proposing two 6-storey developments with approx. 71 units each on 4 lots along 78 Ave NW & the LRT (11416 – 11423) The development is intended to consist of rental units, and also proposes the following:

- Removal of the turnaround + new laneway access
- New public plaza between buildings
- Limited visitor & Handicap parking only; no resident parking
- 10 years of subsidized transit passes

Additional details are available at edmonton.ca/metro78

Surveys can be dropped off in the mailbox at the Belgravia Community League (11540 - 73 Ave NW). Feel free to secure additional page(s) to share more feedback, questions or concerns.

Are there eleme	nts of the buildi	ng you like?	Are there	e elements you dislike?
developer is pro	posing 6-story b	uildings while	the Mckernan/Be	a max 2-1/2 storey height (8.9m). The Elgravia Area Redevelopment Plan num height for this site be:
◯1 – 3 Storeys	◯4 Storeys	◯5 Storeys	○6 Storeys	○7+ Storeys
Currently the procommercial uses	•		ial use only. Wou	ld you be interested in seeing any
○NO – Keep It R	Residential		YES – Commu	nity-focused Services (e.g. Daycare)
YES – Small Sc	ale Commercial	(e.g. Café)	Other, Addition	nal details for your choosing:

Overall, how would you rate vehicle traffic and co particular times worse than others?	ngestion for getting in and out of Belgravia? Are
The current proposal provides no regular parking are expected. Residents will NOT meet parking pathe developer is expected to provide 10 years of stenants will be car-less and shouldn't impact area	ss program requirements for on-street parking, ar ubsidized transit passes. The developer expects
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