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Submitted by Cam McGregor (see page 4)

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Summer Green Shack

July 5-Aug 27

2:30- 5:30 Mon - Fri

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BCL Board Updates: Upcoming Board Positions

Participating in the community league is a great way to contribute to our neighbourhood. Meet people who are passionate about Belgravia, while learning new skills. The following BCL board volunteer positions will be up for grabs at the June or September 2021 annual general meeting:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Director at Large

Position terms are for two years. We welcome co-director arrangements for many positions, and participation by students.

For additional information, please contact Cory at president@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Belgravia Arts Park Native Plant Planting Bed by Kathy Goble

A unique landscape within the Belgravia community, the Belgravia Arts Park (115th St and 74 Ave) is an eclectic mix of art and nature. Created by a great community effort, the park has been a multi-purpose space used for yoga, weddings, walking, games, and picnics, to name a few.

We are pleased to have re-created a bit of the “wild” here in the Belgravia Arts Park Native Plant Planting Bed.

Most of the species here are authentic Edmonton native species that were either saved or seed collected in the Edmonton area. With the assistance of the Edmonton Native Plant Group, Belgravia community members had created this planting in 2006 and have been caring for it since that time.

Some of the species that you will see here are: Prairie Crocus, Prairie Buttercup, Buffalo Bean, Blanket Flower, Showy Aster, Canada Anemone, Dotted Blazing Star, Giant Hyssop, Bearded Wheat Grass, Canada Wild Rye, and many, many more.

Two years ago three bee hotels were added and were well used very quickly.

A dedicated community volunteer team meets every second week from May to September to maintain the planting bed. Our schedule for this year is: May 11, 25; June 8, 22; July 6, 20; August 3, 17, 31; Sept 7.

All help is appreciated, whether it is once or every time. Each year presents new challenges and lovely surprises.



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We publish 10 issues per year

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We deliver approximately 1000 copies to homes in Belgravia.

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<https://belgraviaedmonton.ca/newsletter/>

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

Schedule

Issue	Content Deadline	Delivery
July/Aug 2021	June 16	June 26/27
September 2021	Aug 18	Aug 28/29
October 2021	Sep 15	Sep 25/26
November 2021	Oct 13	Oct 23/24
December 2021	Nov 17	Nov 27/28
Jan/Feb 2022	Jan 19	Jan 29/30
March 2022	Feb 16	Feb 26/27
April 2022	Mar 16	Mar 26/27
May 2022	Apr 13	Apr 23/24
June 2022	May 18	May 28/29

Belgravia Spring Flowers by Cam McGregor

1 & 2: Crabapple blossoms at 1st lookout in dog off-leash area

3: Saskatoon on the trail at the edge of dog off-leash area

4: Crabapple blossoms in the middle of dog off-leash area

5: Pink crabapple at the turn of bicycle path onto the bridge over Belgravia Rd.

6: Red crabapple at a house along 115 St.

7: Ornamental shrub at Belgravia Arts Park

8: Pin Cherry at the Arts Park

9: Yellow herbs (Golden Currant) at the Arts Park

10: May Day flowers near the Arts Park

11: Jeannette Boman and Kevin Taft's garden flower

12: Garden flower on 74 Ave.

Visit: <https://cameronmcgregor.smugmug.com/Belgravia-Spring-Flowers/n-BwvXmR>

Edmonton Cart Rollout - Belgravia



Each household can expect to receive their carts between **June 29th and July 27th**. A garbage cart (black), food scraps cart (green), food scraps pail for in-home use, and an information package will be delivered straight to your address at no cost to residents.

Cart collection service starts on **Thursday, August 5th**. Please do not set out your new carts before this date.

For more information including cart use, storage, placement and collection visit: edmonton.ca/waste

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History of Belgravia, McKernan's Lost Lake (excerpt) - Third Edition

by Katherine Koller

<https://citymuseumedmonton.ca/2016/10/25/mckernans-lost-lake/>

Although the lake is no longer visible, its “ghost” is discernable on early maps and in the form of flooding in wet years to the residents whose homes were built on top of the old lake bed. Once, McKernan's Lake and Lendrum Lake each spanned about thirty acres, connected by a waterway wide enough for a canoe. Located underneath ten city blocks between 110 and 114 Streets and south of 76 Avenue to 72 Avenue, McKernan's Lake was part of the parcel of land south of University Avenue bought by Robert and Sara McKernan, who came from Ontario in a covered wagon by way of Hay Lakes in 1878.



City of Edmonton Archives EA-257-12 McKernan Lake 1913

At that time, the Papaschase Cree were already at the lake, having been pushed south from Edmonton settlement, which then totalled 148 persons, after signing Treaty 6 the year before at Fort Edmonton. McKernan's Lake, “a haven of nesting ducks” (MacGregor 226), supplied the fort with fish and waterfowl. The southern, eastern and western shores of McKernan's Lake were “rarely without some Indian teepees” (MacGregor 100) and the sound of drums was a part of early Edmonton life. The presence of drums meant peace, but by 1885 the Papaschase band moved southward again, to what is now 51 Avenue and, by 1888, to Enoch: “It may have been McKernan's bid to claim land south of Ashen's and Garneau's riverlots that forced the issue of locating a reserve for the Papaschase band” (Lawrence 85).

Robert and Sara McKernan lived in a sod house before building a two-story log farmhouse, located where McKernan School is today. There, they raised a family of ten children. Robert also owned land in what is now Belgravia, and opened businesses, including the Dominion Hotel in 1903 and, with his son John, the Princess Theatre in 1914. He presided over the Strathcona Agriculture Society and, as master of the Lodge, organized Orangemen Glorious Twelfth parades and parties at McKernan's Lake as early as 1895.

In 1948, McKernan's Lake was completely drained to make way for 150 new homes. The water was diverted from the lake bed through a series of irrigation ditches to the University Farm. Today, a drop in elevation at 112 Street south of 76 Avenue is a reminder of the edge of the lakeshore. Evergreen Pond, a catchment basin and public park at the 63 Avenue entrance to University Farm, provides an inner-city lake experience that recalls the much larger McKernan's Lake.

Despite filling in the lakebed, only a few metres deep, with building materials, the "ghost of McKernan's Lake" emerged in a 1953 flood. Previously, in 1914 after heavy rains, the water rose twelve feet around the lake and flooded nearby houses, so the lake was partially drained but "left for people to skate next winter" by mayoral decree (Monto 345). To keep the water level of the lake stabilized, in the 1920s, a small wooden pump house was erected on 75 Avenue to pump water into the sewer system. Recent storm events in 2004 and 2012 also caused flooding in the area.

Kathryn Martell, co-author of *Lost Creeks and Wetlands of Edmonton*, describes the lasting effect of the district's past: "Many people feel a strong connection with water . . . Water enhances perception of a place. As the history of McKernan Lake has shown, these lakes and streams can act as anchor points for society. They also enhance property values. As we lose creeks and wetlands, we also lose some of the ties that bind us together." (Edmonton Journal, 5 May 2002)

Even though McKernan's Lake is now a memory, other reminders of former times remain in the area. The American elm trees, planted on the neighborhood boulevards during the postwar building boom after the lake was drained, are expected to live for another 200 years.

The most recent and maybe the greatest sign that the land was once lake or marshy lakeside was the visit of a female moose and her calf to the Belgravia Art Park in May 2016. McKernan's Lake may be lost, but its memory is alive.

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Mood Café

Belgravia is certainly a richer neighbourhood with the ongoing energy and delicious goodies of the Mood Café and The Belgravia Hub on 115 Street and 76 Avenue.

This week Cam McGregor and I had a delightful time at the Mood Café. We are both ongoing members of the Images Photo Club, and a recent challenge was to take a picture of "Fine Art." What could be better than Ed's gorgeous and truly artistic edible treasures at the Mood! Cam took several scrumptious photos, and this week Jan McGregor and three friends and myself had a delightful time presenting a large framed print of one of these photos to Ed and his staff. We were treated to a box of his yummy pastries and Ed has hung Cam's framed photo in the Café.

The next challenge for you all is to sample one of each of Ed's creations.

Wendy Davis
780-434-7338

Photo: Samuel Carter, Ali Dazud and Ed Dazud. Ed is the proprietor of the Mood Cafe. He has represented Canada internationally in pastry competitions and was a pastry instructor at SAIT.



2nd Annual Belgravia Easter Egg Hunt - Winners

Thank-you to our exceptional Easter Bunny Team who made this year's event special for our Junior Belgravians!
Our hunters did extremely well; we received 30 completed applications.

Draw Prize Winners:

1. Kali Bhatia
2. Kali & Malcom Batia
3. Adelyn, Gideon & Ezekiet Cheung
4. Audrey Hildebrand
5. Walter & Luke Janzen
6. Henry Magee
7. Jasper & Theodore Zeberoff
8. Emma & Christopher Scherer
9. Noah & Henry Wood
10. Mira Warkenten



Meet Your Neighbours: Brenda Philp & Jamie Philp

Written by Jeannette Boman

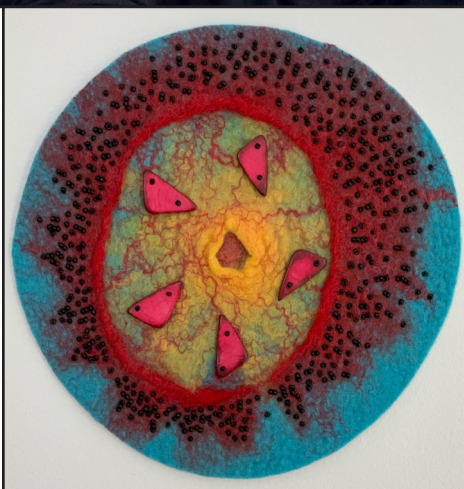
Brenda and Jamie have lived in their Belgravia home on the corner of 119 Street & 80 Avenue since July, 1998. One reason for moving here from McKernan was to be closer to the river valley; that and the sense that Belgravia felt more like a community to them as well. With the restrictions brought on by the pandemic, Brenda & Jamie have taken to walking to build their stamina ... and keep up with the dog they hope to get. While the river valley was a key attraction when they first moved here, making an effort to walk around all of Belgravia has brought them the joy of discovering the neighbourhood in ways they had not experienced before.

Brenda, originally from Fort Frances, Ontario and Jamie, born in Regina and growing up in Calgary each moved to Edmonton in the late 1970s to attend the MacEwan Music Program. There they met and have been a dynamic couple in the Edmonton arts and music scene ever since.

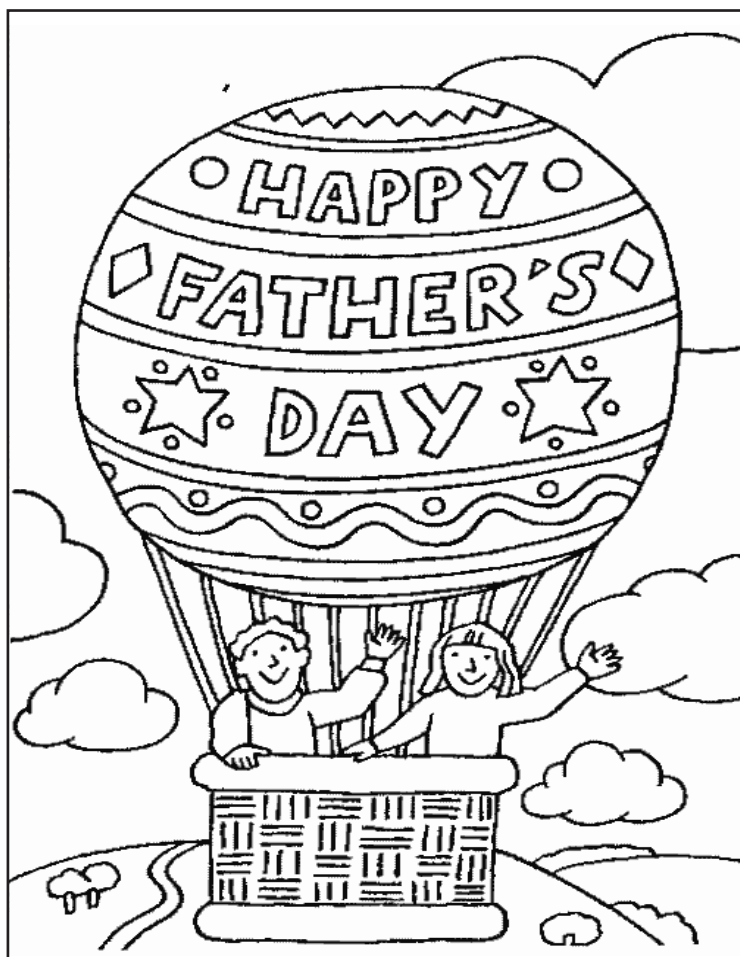
Jamie is currently a faculty member in the MacEwan Music Department where he has taught Guitar, Music Technology, General Ensemble and Contemporary Combos for the past three decades. He is well known in the Edmonton jazz scene as well as for his lifelong interest in multiple music genres like Pop, Folk, Bossa Nova, Hawaiian, and Early Music. The pandemic has put a temporary end to live performances, but it hasn't stopped Jamie from giving impromptu concerts on his front porch over the past year.

After graduating from her program, Brenda worked as an Arts Administrator at MacEwan. In 2015 her career took a complete turn when she decided to pursue a Fibre Art Studies certificate at the Haliburton School of Art & Design. Since then, she has developed as a fibre artist who creates visual and wearable art using natural materials and often recycled objects through felting, beading, and stitching. Brenda's work has been exhibited at the Alberta Craft Council, Paint Spot Gallery, and the Stanley Milner Library. In Belgravia we've had special access to Brenda's talents through her Made in Belgravia sessions she has conducted as well as her participation in the annual BCL Holiday Markets.

To Brenda, the free flowing, creative process of producing fibre art has become a way to express her lifelong love of the arts and music. She and Jamie are planning to demonstrate that connection more fully this summer when they will share their artistic work with a front yard exhibition of Brenda's most recent creations which include three-dimensional fibre sculptures along with live music performances by Jamie. Hoping to create a free flowing, evolving experience, they look forward to community members walking by their corner ... exploring Belgravia and looking for all there is to discover about the people who live here and call Belgravia 'home'. And who knows, maybe Brenda and Jamie will have their dog by then to introduce to us as well!



Junior Belgravians! This page is just for you!



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DAD JOKES!

Q: What did the Baby Corn say to the Mama Corn?

A: Where is Pop Corn?

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An investigator.

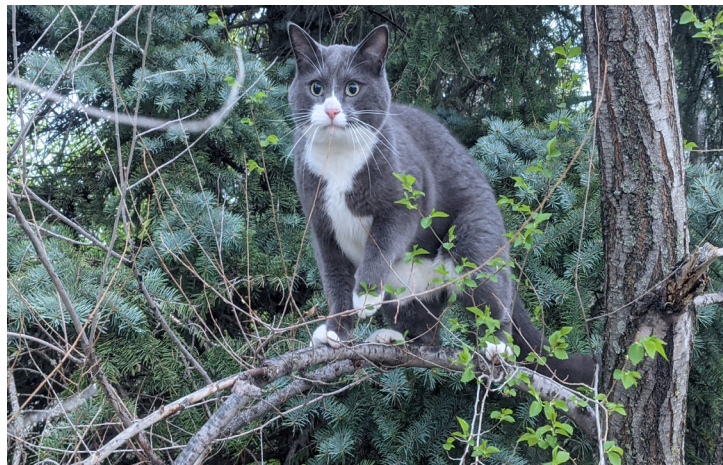
Teacher: Did you say that Christopher is sick and can't come to school today? Who am I talking to?

Caller: This is my dad talking

Daughter: For ten dollars I will be really good today.

Dad: When I was a kid, I was good for nothing.

Meet Your Animal Neighbour



This feline is one of the friendliest Belgravians, greeting walkers that come into his range. He is known for his escapades and interesting behaviours such as surprising people by darting out of the bushes and scurrying up trees.

Solve the following animal word scramble to find out his name:

PELTENHA

REBA

REGDAB

RUTLET

SHARINOSUUR

Solution:

Would you would like to profile a neighbourhood animal? We'd love to know!

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