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### Upcoming Board Treasurer Position

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A key position, that the BCL Board is seeking to fill over the next few months, is the Treasurer position. This position is responsible to manage an annual budget of approximately \$75,000; issue payments as needed; provide monthly financial reports to the Board; and Coordinate an annual audit of BCL finances. Training and mentorship is available.

For additional information, please contact Cory at [president@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:president@belgraviaedmonton.ca)

### The BCL Spring Community Clean Up event has been rescheduled for Fall 2021!

Let's keep Belgravia GREEN! Clean up your home, your block and alleyways, and our beautiful boulevards and parks!

Stay tuned for more information in the next edition of the Belgravian newsletter, as well as via e-blast, website and Facebook announcements.

Please contact Christina ([director2@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:director2@belgraviaedmonton.ca)) if you are interested in helping with planning or volunteering for this event. Thank you!

### Planning and Place

A rezoning is proposed for 11414 -11428 76 Avenue NW (directly west of the LRT station) from RF3 (small-scale residential) to RA8 (approx. 6 storeys). Part of the application is a plan amendment to the McKernan Belgravia Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), which calls for RA7 (approx. 4 storeys) or CB2 (commercial) at this location. The change in zoning would allow for multi-unit, apartment-style housing and potential neighbourhood commercial venues.

The alley behind Belgravia Square (11503 - 76 Ave NW) is scheduled for alley paving in August. Please be aware some roads may be temporarily obstructed.

On June 8th, City Council repealed approximately 75 ARPs affecting communities. ARPs provide rough guidelines for the expected buildout of neighbourhoods. These plans were repealed, as Council saw them to have run their course and anticipates new district plans to be developed in the future. The McKernan/Belgravia ARP governing this community was NOT one of the plans repealed. Our ARP is relatively new (adopted 2013), and is expected to remain in effect for a while. Once the City migrates to District Plans, this is likely to change but is not expected within 2021.

After concerns were raised regarding mountain bikers in the area, Belgravia has been approached by representatives from the Edmonton Mountain Bike Association interested in working with the community to improve the area. If you are interested in attending a meeting on trail design or have comments or questions about any of the above, please contact Jerreck Connors at [planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca](mailto:planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca)



# the belgravian

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

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April 2022	Mar 16	Mar 26/27
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## Edmonton Speed Limit Reductions



Starting this August, the city-wide default speed limit will be **40 km/h**. If you don't see a speed limit sign on a residential road, the speed limit will be 40 km/h.

In Belgravia, the school zone and roads adjacent Belgravia Park and Charles Simmonds Park will remain at 30 km/h, University Avenue and 114 Street will remain at 50 km/h, and Belgravia Road will remain at 60 km/h. All other roads will be 40 km/h.

Reducing the speed limits on residential roads will make our streets safer, calmer, and quieter for everyone.

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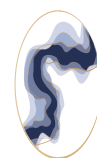
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# Belgravia School Community Garden

Written by the Grade 2 class

The Belgravia School garden is a fantastic and marvelous place. It is special to all of the students and staff.

All of the classes grow a different themed garden. This year, there is a pizza garden with tomatoes, basil, oregano and peppers. There is also a four sisters garden which includes sunflowers, beans, corn and squash. There is a butterfly garden and a watermelon garden as well.

Students help with watering, weeding, planting and harvesting in the fall.

This fall, we will be donating half of our harvest to the Edmonton Food Bank. We will be using the rest of the vegetables to have a Soup Day for the school.

If you are walking by the school, be sure to check out the beautiful scenery our garden has to offer. You could sit on one of the benches and relax or read or you can look for ducks in the pond! Look for it on the east side of the school between the school and community hall.



## Reminder about pesticide safety

With the arrival of spring, the City of Edmonton and many private landowners have begun outdoor applications of pesticides to manage plant pests (insects, weeds, and fungal pathogens) as well as mosquitoes. The City and the contractors it hires adhere to stringent guidelines for pesticide safety to protect human health and the environment, which can be found on its Integrated Pest Management website ([https://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/environmental\\_stewardship/pest-management.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/environmental_stewardship/pest-management.aspx)). Further regulation of pesticide registration and use occurs at the federal and provincial levels. Homeowners in Belgravia who choose to apply pesticides are encouraged to carefully follow product instructions and to ensure that the contractors they hire do the same. Because pesticides can drift across property lines, it is a courtesy to inform neighbours of any large-scale applications. There was a sad incident in Belgravia last year in which application of a mosquito control product by a contractor appears to have resulted in the death of pet birds on a neighbour's porch.

## McKernan Hip

By Michael Cohen

The BCL is often asked why a large area to the west of the LRT tracks between University Ave and 76 Ave is officially part of McKernan rather than Belgravia. This article reviews the history of the area, known as the McKernan Hip, and the implications of its status.

The Hip has always been part of McKernan. This appears odd today because of the presence of the LRT tracks and 114 St, a busy arterial road. However, in the early days of the McKernan and Belgravia neighbourhoods 114 St was just another two-lane road with parking on either side and would not have been considered a distinctive barrier. The tracks, completed with the LRT in 2008-2009, are a prominent physical feature that separates the Hip from the rest of McKernan. It could have been worse, however; transportation plans in the early 1990s called for a significant upgrade to 114 St. to 6-8 lanes along its length along with other features that would have increased vehicle traffic along the route. A determined coalition of residents from Belgravia and McKernan fought for years to reduce through traffic and increase public transit access, while minimizing impact on the communities. One of their arguments was that the increased buildup along 114 St. would split the McKernan community — which did end up being the case.

The 114 St. barrier results in the residents of the Hip having more shared interests with Belgravians on issues such as traffic and development. Residents of the Hip occasionally remark to the BCL that they consider themselves to be Belgravians. (Many have volunteered with the BCL over the years, including several who have served on the board.) They are unhappy that they cannot be full members of the BCL with voting privileges, and, if they wish to participate in BCL programs, must purchase a BCL associate membership after purchasing a McKernan Community League (MCL) membership. Some are also concerned that, when it comes time to sell their property, it must be listed as being in McKernan rather than Belgravia. This can result in buyers overlooking the property if they are searching only for Belgravia listings.

To address the concerns of some Hip residents, the BCL has (most recently in 2018) explored options for change with the MCL, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, and City of Edmonton. The City distinguishes between neighbourhood boundaries and community league boundaries. Neighbourhood boundaries cannot be changed, in part to maintain the integrity of neighbourhood census data over time. However, in response to a BCL request, the City implemented a policy of sending development notices for properties in the Hip to both the MCL and BCL. This has enabled the BCL to better represent the interests of Belgravians in discussions with developers.

Community league boundaries can be changed if both leagues involved agree to it. A transfer of the Hip is, understandably, not appealing to the MCL. The Hip forms about one quarter of the land area of McKernan. Redrawing the boundaries would result in a reduction in potential memberships and the league operating grant from the City.

The Hip is an active area for development, with many houses being replaced by condo buildings. This transition is expected to continue for years to come, as the land along both University Ave and 114 St is zoned for higher density. The Hip also contains Charles Simmonds Park, which a group of Belgravia and McKernan residents are hoping to upgrade, although funding and grants to do the work will come via McKernan. The BCL and MCL work together on a frequent basis to engage developers and the City on these important issues.

*“Thank you to Roberta Franchuk and the Belgravia Community Planning Committee for providing comments and additional information.”*



## Belgravia Seniors List: A Story of Co-creating Care on the Block

In 2020, a group of Belgravia residents established a COVID-19 committee in order to be prepared to help neighbours who might be isolated during the pandemic. Using their knowledge of the community, a long term Belgravian and past president of the community league created a list of approximately 60 seniors in the neighbourhood. The data became essential in 2021, when the COVID-19 vaccine became available to those 75 years of age and older. Residents asked if the committee could utilize the extensive network of Block Connectors in the neighbourhood to reach out to the seniors on their block offering assistance with booking vaccine appointments and assisting with transportation. The idea was simple: Block Connectors were asked to call the seniors that live on their block and offer assistance with vaccine booking or transportation. They also added other seniors to the list, and shared the information with the Neighborhood Connector.

According to Belgravia's Neighbourhood Connector, Irene, residents appreciated the outreach: "As the Neighborhood Connector, it is my responsibility to keep the committee informed of seniors who have connected with their Block Connectors. Together, we reached everyone on the list. The calls were very well received and our support was appreciated. We might not have reached every single Belgravian over 75 years of age, but we tried our best!"

## Abundant Belgravia Update: Third Spaces

During the BCL Egghunt this year, my family and I were passing by Kerry's house. Strewn under their big spruce tree were dozens of brightly coloured eggs. But what caught my eye was that the space under that tree was furnished with a small table, chairs and an activity box with toys.

As we stood there admiring the space, Kerry came out of her house, so I just had to ask her. She told us that a neighbour's young child often stopped by to pet Kerry's pretty cat Alley Cat and play in the shade of the big tree. That inspired Kerry and her wife Eugena to create "Ella's fun fort". What a great way to incorporate "a third space" between the public sidewalk and the private yard. What it does, in my opinion, is to convey a sense of caring, connection and openness, which makes it so much more than just a neat spot for Ella (and other kids, Kerry says!) to stop by to play and pet Alley. What other "third spaces" can we come up with as a community? Read more about Kerry and her family in Meet your Neighbour-Block connector spotlight!

Regards, Irene





## Meet your neighbour - Block connector spotlight Kerry Maguire

I moved to Belgravia with my family when I was 16 years old from an acreage east of North Cooking Lake. Although I left Edmonton for a few years in my early 20s, I returned to Belgravia and bought a house in 2011. When I completed my organic master gardening certificate in 2015 I envisioned a food forest in our yard and have planted many edible shrubs, vines, trees, and plants since. I also built a garage suite here on our property in 2017/18. My parents still live in Belgravia too. My dad, Jack, is the bee guy, and my mom, Gerry, is an incredible gardener.



Now I live here with my wife, Eugena, our two cats (Alley Cat and Flash), and one adorable small wobbly old dog (Cynthia). You may have met Alley, a friendly Orange Tabby who loves children, or even had her sneak into your home. Eugena is a community social worker, and I am a teacher-consultant in Diversity Education, for Edmonton Public Schools. Eugena and I are also a support home through the YWCA and as such we support our housemate to be as independent as possible. She is an artist and attends the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts each week.

We love living in Belgravia for lots of reasons! We know many of our neighbours, and love how centrally located we are. I typically have to drive around the city for work and can get anywhere within 25 minutes. We also love the wildlife that comes from living near the river valley. In addition, I feel it's a safe neighbourhood for our cat to be outside...I also love connecting with neighbours over bees and honey. Folks will show up for a visit and buy some jars of honey while they tell me about their next baking project. I appreciate how many people in Belgravia are earth conscious and will return their empty honey jars for next season's crop, or even the paper bags or boxes that we deliver honey in! Working from home this year has been a great way to interact more with our neighbours as we take most of our breaks outside in the sunshine.

I am also an Abundant Belgravia block connector and although I'm off to a slow start due to COVID-19, I make a point of chatting with neighbours and saying hello when being outside in the front yard and the back alley. Our back alley has become quite the little social gathering place now that people are living in the new condo building Belgravia Square! I love knowing my neighbours because we share ideas, stories, and trade all kinds of homemade goods!

Things I like to:

Read: *Sitting in the Fire*, by Arnold Mindel and I am currently reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Listen to: Nahko Bear and *Medicine for the People*

Do outside: Gardening, beekeeping, walking in the river valley, relaxing on the deck

**Meet your animal neighbour** by Wendy Davis



I have many pets. I thought you would like to be introduced to my pileated woodpecker. He feels at home in my heritage weeping birch tree. I hang a ball of suet containing insects and nuts bought from Meika's Bird House at Sherwood Park. I also have a bowl of fresh clean water which he shares with the other birds. When he drinks, he savours each sip of water as drinking champagne. My pileated woodpecker is becoming braver and with his distinctive red crest, he is admired by Belgravians walking past my weeping birch tree.

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4. How many time zones are there in Canada?
5. Which two countries share the longest international land border at 8,893 km?
6. In which province/ territory is Canada's highest mountain (5959 M) located?
7. In which year were women finally declared "persons" under Canadian law?
8. Which of the following is not a Canadian invention: insulin, peanut butter, garbage bags, walkie-talkie, electric wheel-chair, hockey, basketball
9. Which province is bilingual?
10. What is the capital city - originally and now?