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Neighbour-to-Neighbour

Topic: SOLAR PANELS

Speaker: Mr. Gordon Howell, renowned solar

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BCL Board Updates

BCL Rink

Initially the weather cooperated so that Simon and his rink team could get the ice in and ready by early December to allow for some good skating. But then a mid-month cold spell hit which lasted through the holidays and into January. There are benches outside the main entrance gate to the rink for skate changing – the inside skate-change room remains closed due to Covid restrictions. Here are some things to consider if skating:

- No garbage can by the rink but some on other side of the hall – please clean up after yourself
- The surface will be cleared and flooded as weather permits. A couple of large blue shovels are available to touch things up as you see fit
- The rink schedule is posted outside the main entrance but it is generally open daily 8:00 am to 9:45 pm (lights go out at that time and outside access to the washroom ends at 8:30 pm)
- No dogs allowed on the rink
- Accommodate others nets can be moved as needed
- A small "learner's" pond is just outside the main rink
- Observe all AHS restrictions
- You need to show a skate tag and be a member of the BCL (or be an associate member through another City Community League). See the BCL website for info or contact:

membership@belgraviaedmonton.ca

 Remember, we're all volunteers and working hard to provide this excellent facility. Please do your part

Renewal update

As you may recall, last summer (at the other extreme end of the temperature spectrum) we formed a team to do repairs to the rink to keep it going until we have something more formal in place. Tom Hinch leads a committee whose mandate it is to take down the old rink and replace it with a sustainable, year-round activity area for the community. They have completed the first stage of the renewal with an initial proposal that has been approved by the City.

Any questions/comments can be sent to me at facilities@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Ken Goble BCL Facilities Director

Planning in Place: What to Expect in 2022

Happy New Years to all! 2022 will be a very eventful year for Belgravia, so expect to hear more about the following:

- Metro 78 anticipated for a Council Hearing with date TBD in 2022
- Charles Simmonds Park & Belgravia Rink renewal projects – upcoming long-term infrastructure projects were given the recent go ahead to start planning & concept development
- Zoning Bylaw Renewal Edmonton is overhauling the rules permitting what people can do with their land. This has major implications for how Belgravia develops into the future. A draft of the changes are expected around Q2 2022.
- Westrich Development Proposal Land owned near the LRT station is expected to be submitted for a multi-unit rezoning proposal. Community notices and feedback will be sought throughout 2022 as the application progresses.

This year, you will be seeing and hearing more from the wonderful volunteers on the Belgravia Community Planning Committee (BCPC) as they assist in the various community projects. If you have any questions on the upcoming items, or are looking to help volunteer, please reach out to Jerreck Connors at planning@belgraviaedmonton.ca

the belgravian

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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
September 2021	Aug 18	Aug 28/29
October 2021	Sep 15	Sep 25/26
December 2021	Nov 17	Nov 27/28
February 2022	Jan 19	Jan 29/30
April 2022	Mar 16	Mar 26/27
June 2022	May 18	May 28/29
August 2022	July 14	July 24/25
October 2022	Sep 15	Sep 25/26
December 2022	Nov 17	Nov 27/28

Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal

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 as soon as possible, especially during days of continuous snowfall and during freeze/thaw cycles. As residents of a winter city, we need to be considerate of the impact snow-covered and icy sidewalks have on our neighbours and fellow citizens.

Failure to maintain your sidewalks could result in a \$100 fine plus potentially any cleanup costs.

Free sand is available at the following locations in Belgravia:

- 115 street 73 Avenue (by access to playground)
- Saskatchewan Drive 78 Avenue (at top of stairs to river valley)
- Saskatchewan Drive 74 Avenue (at top of stairs to river valley)
- LRT Station (2 by rail at bottom of ramp)

If boxes need refilling call 311.

Strategic Review of Belgravia Playschool

One of the priorities in the renewed BCL strategic plan is to "review and potentially modify the playschool program to meet the needs of the community." This priority was prompted by lower enrollment in the playschool over the past few years. The aim is to determine if there are adjustments to the model or approach to the playschool that best suits families in Belgravia who are prospective participants in the upcoming years. For example, the hours of operation, volunteer commitment and the curriculum, may be addressed in the review, among other elements.

The BCL is now forming a committee to conduct the review and is seeking one or two additional members with an interest in the future of the playschool. The terms of reference for the Committee and a plan to conduct the review are in early draft. Wider participation in the review and its elements (but anticipated to draw on surveys, focus groups, key respondents and relevant research) will be promoted through BCL newsletter and media. If you are interested in staying in touch, or serving on the Committee, please contact us at info@belgraviaedmonton.ca

Programs at the BCL

Email programs@belgraviaedmonton.ca to register for classes!

PILAGA is a Combination of Yoga and Pilates. Suitable for all fitness levels with variations to make poses easier or more challenging are offered in every class. The focus is on mindful movement.

Cost: \$150/10 weeks (or drop in for \$20/class)

Mondays 9:30 am - 10:30 am Jan 10 - Mar 14, 2022

ART/ACRYLIC PAINT CLASS:

Learn new techniques, tips, and styles of acrylic painting while working toward an end goal. All art supplies and materials are provided, including tablecloth and aprons. Classes are usually divided by age (kids/adults). Vaccination restriction exemption protocols will be followed.

Cost: \$264/12 weeks or drop in for \$25/person/class

Spring start if enough interest is registered (minimum 6 attendees per class to run the program)

NIA DANCE:

Nia is a holistic fusion of dance, martial arts, and the healing arts that creates a transformational work-out for body, mind, and spirit. Take off your shoes and get moving for health and wellness! No previous experience necessary and all fitness levels welcome. While following along to choreography based on 'the body's way', participants are invited to sense how movement can feel good and do good for the whole body. Nia is a non-impact movement practice and, typically, done in bare feet but if participants need shoe support, please wear inside-only non-marking footwear that is easy to move in. Comfortable clothing, a yoga mat, and a water bottle is also suggested. For more information about Kirsten Bartel and Nia, please email fleurishmovement@gmail.com or go to fleurishmovement.com

Cost: \$150/10 weeks (drop in is also welcome at \$20/class)

Thursdays 7-8pm from Jan 13- Mar 17, 2022 BCL Hall upper level

SOAPSTONE CARVING:

This very popular class is returning with Pat Galbraith as the instructor to help you carve ART from soapstone! Pat will guide you through all the steps for 2 hours each Monday evening. For more information about the class email Pat at patgal@shaw.ca

Cost is \$150/10 weeks

Mondays 7-9 pm from Jan 10 - Mar 28, 2022 BCL Hall upper level

Walking Group:

Meets every Wednesday morning at 10 am. This isn't a class but neighbors getting together at no cost to enjoy the trails and enjoy nature. We have regulars that rarely miss a walk but all are welcome to join in. It's very good exercise at a pace dependent on the walkers and varies from 1 to 2 hours depending on the weather etc. Usually, walkers will end at MOOD CAFE for a cappuccino.

Winterscapes Contest: Jan 10 - Feb 28, 2022

The Winterscapes Photo Contest gives Edmontonians an opportunity to be creative and imaginative, showcasing their winter gardens, art projects and playful designs. A winterscape is a way of decorating a yard or landscape using snow, ice, natural objects, colour, decorations, and lights.

You can create a winterscape in your front yard or next to a community hall, office/business building or school. Spread winter cheer starting January 10th and beautify your neighbourhood! Submit your nominations for yourself or neighbours by February 28th at city of Edmonton website: https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/winterscapes

The 2021 BCL Holiday Market

The Holiday Market occurred on December 11th. All in all, it was indeed a success. Over 150 people came to the market and the 19 vendors who participated claimed they sold more this year than in previous years!

Thanks to Barry Edgar for doing all of the QR checks, Jane Taylor for helping sell more memberships (some came just for that reason alone), Shirley Perry for hosting the outdoor hot apple cider, gingersnap cookie and Christmas cake station, Jane and Greg Taylor for getting the fire bowl over to the hall, Ken Goble for getting the wood to the hall, and Kevin Taft for starting and minding the fire all afternoon. Bryan Taylor (owner of The Grammaphone) brought speakers for the upper and lower hall along and we can thank him for selecting a list of songs of the season to help set the tone of the afternoon.



And a big thanks to our communication team Sharlene, Mark,

Tim & Jonathan for getting the word out via the newsletter, our web page, Facebook & e-blasts as well as Irene Anderssen who posted the information on Nextdoor ... all these avenues brought in people from outside of Belgravia as well as our own residents ... in spite of the icy conditions. Thanks to Ruth Bryne & Jim Kennedy, our ice and snow clearing team who were at the hall bright and early clearing the walks around the hall down to the concrete.

Wendy Davis arranged for a beautiful cake to be raffled off from Mood Cafe which Ed delivered in person. Wendy and her team handled the raffle tickets at her table and in the end, raised \$32 as a donation to the BCL. The winner of the cake was Brigette Lesko (Twin Brooks) who was visiting her son who lives in Belgravia.

Next year we hope we'll be finished with the pandemic ... but in spite of the Exemption Restrictions protocol we followed, everyone was ready to enjoy this year's market!

Thanks again to the many hands that helped make this happen, Jeanette & Phyllis



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Photos from The BCL's 2021 Holiday Market







Family Day 2022

Come out and celebrate Family Day 2022 in the Arts Park*!

> Monday February 21th 2022 1 - 4 pm

- Snow building fun with Winter Town theme for adults and kids alike
- Everyone is FAMILY and ALL are welcome!
- ❖ Treats/prizes to all participants!
- ❖ Mood Cafe hot for everyone -
- chocolate, cookies Marshmallows too!
- Craft activities and winter games on the rink and Mt Belgravia
- ➤ Stay tuned for further details on the BCL webpage (belgraviaedmonton.ca), Facebook and eblast

This event will follow all public health protocols

*Corner of 73 Ave and 115 Street

Belgravia School Thanks Healthcare Workers

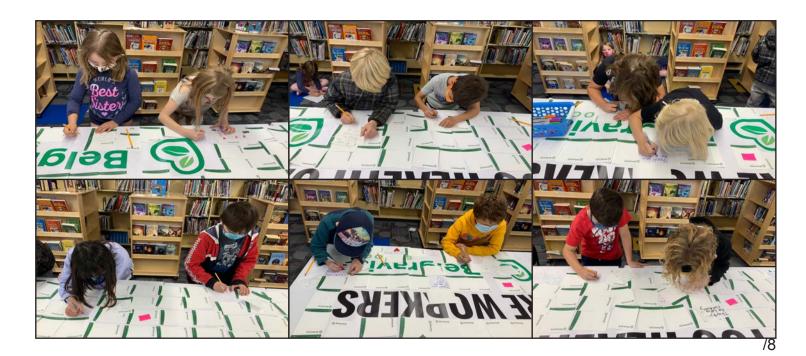


Many students, staff and parents in Belgravia School wanted to thank the health care workers who have been working so hard to protect our community during this pandemic. The question was how to do this.

With the help of parents who ordered a banner that said "Thank you Health Care Workers", staff and students, who took time out of their day to organize and write on the banner, the students of the school created a beautiful display with thoughtful notes of thanks written on it.

The Grade 3 class decided to share the banner with the community. They walked the banner to University Avenue, right across from the Kaye Clinic. They were joined by two wonderful Grade 3 parents, who brought zip ties to attach the banner to the metal walkthrough frame that protects people walking on the sidewalk. The class hung the banner for the entire Belgravia Community to see.

We hope that as our Belgravia community and school family members walk or drive past the banner, they are reminded of all the love and support that our amazing health care workers have given us. So, thank you from all of us at Belgravia school. We hope that all of our health care workers have many great days coming up! We truly appreciate all that you have and continue to do for us!!



Snow Keepers Program

A SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA CAMPUS
UNICEF CLUB



About Campus Unicef

Campus Unicef is a student-run club hosted by the University of Alberta. We organize events and fundraisers in accordance with the views and goals of Unicef Canada. We strive to make a positive change in our community!



Snow Keepers is our club fundraiser for Unicef
Canada while helping others! Many seniors find it difficult to shovel during winter, so Campus Unicef has gathered some volunteers to tackle this problem!

Since we are a volunteerdriven nonprofit organization, there is no contract or waiver needed to be signed between volunteer and senior client. This makes it even easier to get started!

How It Works

WIN - WIN: Seniors get to enjoy our service (free, donation-based) - and we get to fundraise for Unicef Canada!

Getting Started:

- 1. Contact us with an interested senior.
- 2. We will pair every senior with a volunteer who lives within the same area code.
- 3. Whenever the senior client needs their driveway cleared, they'll call their assigned volunteer and set up a time & date.



Contact Us

Questions or interested?

snowkeepers.ualberta@gmail.com

OR

call one of our executives, Phoenix: 780-862-7360

Learn more about our club:



https://caunicef.org/



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Things to Note

- We would greatly
 appreciate it if the senior
 client could provide a
 monetary donation to our
 club, caunief@ualberta.ca,
 each time snow is
 shovelled. This helps us
 meet our fundraising goal
 for Unicef Canada, and
 make a difference!
- This is a flexible program and can be long or shortterm depending on the senior clients desires.



'What We Heard' from Charles Simmonds Park Community Survey

The Charles Simmonds Park Renewal Project has completed a Needs Assessment Survey to determine park-related needs and desires of the local community. The findings of the survey will help drive the design of the renewal of the park and playground. The community surveyed included local residents in McKernan and Belgravia, and surrounding communities. A total of 161 responses were received, with respondents from households aged 2 to >65 years. The survey identified qualities of Charles Simmonds Park that are valued the most by the community. The quiet open green space that allows multiple types of activities by local residents was the most valued feature of the park. Of the respondents, 60% supported upgrades and/or additions to the park and 21% supported upgrades



Charles Simmonds Park Renewal Project

only to existing amenities. Preserving the open green space for free play, picnics and social gatherings was considered most important. Over 30% of respondents used the park daily all year round and 30% weekly all year round. Major uses were ball/frisbee games, picnics and playground play, walking through, while other uses included cross country skiing, walking dogs, working out, playing in the trees and flying kites.

Comments on what qualities were valued included:

- Open natural green space (78%) and mature trees (14%)
- Large open space for children to run free, play ball games and other activities (35%)
- Playground (7%) and park is away from busy road
- Convenient for local users (16%) and is shortcut through neighborhood (12%)
- Quiet (12%), tranquil, not too busy
- Dog walkthrough-walking (6%)

The feature of the park that was the most important to preserve was the open green space (69%), followed by upgrades to the playground, split between amenities for preschool children and school-age children. Most important features for the playground included swinging, nature play, climbing, sliding, adventure play and hanging/reaching. Amenities that rated highly for adding to the park included picnic tables, benches, walking paths, a shade structure and a designated off-leash area.

The results of the survey were shared at the Belgravia Community League Annual General Meeting on September 18th, 2021 and feedback and ideas were received from community members.

We have completed the Strategy phase of the project which included a proposal submitted and assessed by the City's Park & Facility Development Team for general viability of the project. The project has been classified as an Intermediate (Playground Replacement) project and can be supported by funding through the Neighborhood Park Development Program and other community fundraising. The next part of the project is the Concept phase in which a City project manager and landscape architect are assigned to work with the community on a concept plan for the design of the park-playground. We will be seeking feedback and input from the community on the proposed concept design of the park and playground.

For the full survey report and updates on the project visit



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https://www.mckernancommunity.org/charles-simmonds-park

Meet Your Neighbour - Block Connector Spotlight: Debbie Smith

Hi, my name is Debbie Smith, I'm the Programs Director for the Belgravia Community League. I raised 3 children who are now in their mid to late 30's and while they were growing up I worked as a medical lab technologist. Once the children became quite independent I began my real estate career and have now been a REALTOR for 23 years, presently with REMAX. I lived at our home in St. Albert for 22 years. I decided to move to Belgravia since I was now on my own in a big home and it was time to downsize. I chose Belgravia because I love nature and wanted to live close to trails with beautiful views all of which one can find in Belgravia in spades! I also thought the LRT was very important to have so close by as well. I now visit my 9 grandchildren and 6 children (including spouses) almost daily as they are still easy to visit in St. Albert and Sturgeon County. I moved to Belgravia at the beginning of Covid on April 1, 2020.



I am a Block connector in Belgravia Square. Covid definitely makes it challenging to connect, however I do get the BELGRAVIAN newsletters out to as many people as I can and have also joined the condo board to be as helpful as possible. Being a Block connector has helped me to know Belgravia more and allows me to help our block to know about upcoming events and programs that make Belgravia so special. Belgravia Square is very new and not yet fully sold so it is definitely an ongoing experience to get to know people as they move in but in 2022 we should see more normalization as we go forward.

I love spending time with my family and grandchildren. I would easily consider this to be my favourite pastime because they are all a total joy! My pandemic hobby is learning the stock market which is totally fun and keeps me thinking. I love the Belgravia programs as well, participating with the walking group, Nia's exercise class and Pilaga, and of course serving in the Belgravia Community League as program director and President of Belgravia Condo Assoc. I am addicted to the business channel and have to pull myself away as too much time goes by before I realize it. I do computer work for clients in my real estate business, Zoom calls for the BCL meetings and Condo assoc board. I regularly play golf at courses throughout Edmonton and surrounding areas with various women's leagues. I also enjoy walking through our trails mostly with the Belgravia residents and making trips to MOOD cafe!

The best part of Belgravia is, it is the friendliest and most beautiful neighborhood in Edmonton! The easy walk to the river valley is precious. Things will be better once covid rules are gone but the friendly and welcoming residents of Belgravia make things less stressful. We are working on getting regular outdoor entertainment to the Arts Park which will be great!

BCL Survey on Cell Phone Reception

Have you experienced dropped calls or other cell phone reception problems within Belgravia? If so, the BCL would like to hear about it. Please send a description of the problems you've encountered, including the wireless carrier involved (Rogers, Telus, etc.) to president@belgraviaedmonton.ca. The BCL will compile the information received, which will enable us to follow up in a more informed way with any companies that are the subject of numerous complaints.

Happy Valentine's Day Junior Belgravians!

I LOVE YOU: AROUND THE WORLD Match each language with the correct translation of 'I love you'

1 Korean ___ te amo 2 French ___ kisâkihitin

3 Spanish ___ watashi wa, anata o aishiteimasu

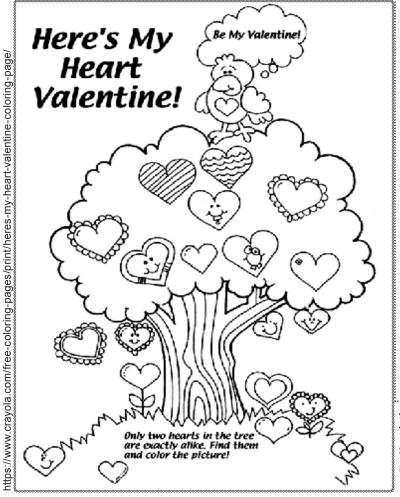
4 Thai ___ salanghae
5 Tagalog ___ je t'aime
6 Dutch ___ ti amo

7 Cree ___ P̄ hm rạk khuṇ
8 Pig Latin ___ kocham Cię
9 English ___ ya tebe lyublyu
10 Ukrainian ___ Iniibig kita
11 Somali ___ ik hou van je
12 Danish ___ Waan ku jeclahay

13 Zulu __ Se agapó
14 Polish __ Ngiyakuthanda
15 Japanese __ I love you

16 Greek ___ Jeg elsker dig 17 Italian ___ lyay ovelay ouyay

Key: 3, 7, 15, 1, 2, 17, 4, 14, 10, 5, 6, 11, 16, 13, 9, 12, 8 (The numbers refer to the correct language from top to bottom)



What did the chef give to his wife on Valentine's day?

A hug and a quiche

What kind of Valentine's Day candy is never on time?

ChocoLATE.

What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Pay?

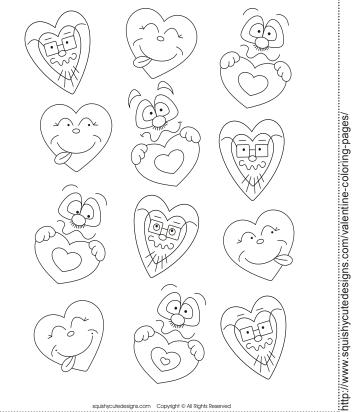
"You can always count on me."

And what did the tweenager give his mom?

Ughs and kisses!

9MJy 9Funny Walentine

Can you find the 2 matching hearts?



Junior belgravians, do you have an interesting idea for the Junior belgravians page? Would you like to share your art, writing, or talents on this page? Let us know: newsletter@belgraviaedmonton.ca