

Belvedere Bulletin

...working together to build a better community

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MOBILE COMMUNITY BIN EVENT Saturday, June 12th

This year the Belvedere Community Bin Event is coming to you!!

We'll pick up furniture, appliances, household and yard renovation materials, mattresses, tires and yard debris (not sod or dirt)

- Pick up is limited to single family dwellings
- ❖ Each household is limited to the disposal of 2 large items; ie: sofa, major appliances, mattress, kitchen table, wall unit and 8 smaller items; ie: end tables, lamps, small appliances, chairs,
- Items must be tagged "BCL PICKUP" and placed on your driveway where they will be easily accessible for our crew by 7:00am Saturday.
- ❖ Each alley will be cleared once only, the crew will not circle back
- ❖ The crew **WILL NOT** remove items from inside your yard, garage or house.
- Gas & oil must be removed from items (lawn mowers, snowblowers, weed wackers, etc) or they will not be picked up.
- Environmental products such as chemicals, oil, paint, gas, batteries, propane cylinders, etc WILL NOT be accepted.

This is a FREE community event sponsored in collaboration with:

Belvedere Community League and
the City of Edmonton Balwin and Belvedere Revitalization Program





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COMMUNITY DROP-IN SUSPENDED:



Check our Facebook page and website for updates and rescheduling of this activity when permitted.

Zumba has been suspended



Check our Facebook page and website for updates and rescheduling of this activity when permitted indoors. Thank you to all the participants, who have enjoyed this activity and hope to be back soon.

Handy Guide to Call or Research online

211 - Information and referrals to community and government supports or crisis support. https://www.ab.211.ca/

If you have trouble searching the website, you can dial 2-1-1, text INFO to 211, or live chat with 211 online anytime 24/7.

311 - City of Edmonton - plenty of information from transit, to bylaw complaints, roads, potholes.

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/311-city-services.aspx

411 - Directory assistance

511 – Alberta Road conditions

811 – Health Link to speak with a registered nurse 24/7 https://myhealth.alberta.ca

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Business Card* \$20 ½ page \$30 ½ page \$50 Full page \$100

Leave message at 780-476-1224

*Members receive 1 free business card size ad per year

Hello Belvedere Residents -

Please note that the garbage dumpster at the Belvedere Community hall is <u>not</u> a communal dumpster bin.

We ask that you please stop bringing your garbage and furniture and piling it against the dumpster (the drivers do not get out of their truck to pick up your garbage) or prying the lid open and filling the dumpster.

The community league organizes a yearly bin event that we encourage you to participate in to get rid of unwanted items. The league is not in a position to be paying to have your garbage hauled away on a monthly basis.

Thank you.



SUMMER GREEN SHACK



Belvedere 13223-62 Street

July 5th – August 27th

Monday-Friday 10:30am – 5:30pm

Each day of the week you will get active and experience a variety of crafts, games, sports, and free play!

Children, 6 years & younger are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

The City of Edmonton is following Alberta Health Services guidelines and start dates may be subject to change.

Community Patrol and Safety

Hello

Thank you for the help in watching out for one another and for the businesses in your area. Remember to report suspicious activity or vandalism including public property such as schools, halls and EPCOR boxes to name a few.

Here are the crime occurrences until May 16, 2021.

Occurrences of selected crimes in BELVEDERE														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
2021	22	24	13	11	10								80	
2020	39	39	17	21	24	19	22	17	25	28	29	23	303	
2019	39	24	30	35	28	32	31	32	37	29	31	20	368	

We had seen a decline perhaps due to the pandemic or lack of reporting. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of reporting of incidents as our EPS has analysts that review data and report on problem areas.

It's up to you to do your part as well to help make a safer community. Our beat constables have been patrolling the area by vehicle, foot, or bicycle.

We really need to do our part in lighting our property and perhaps even putting warning signage about security cameras in use. With warmer weather more people are out and about so why not ensure that at least you have done what you can to ensure a safer place.

We notice that there are many walkers, joggers, and dog walkers in Belvedere. Please keep an eye out as well, carry a cell phone and a flashlight in the evening when out and if you walk alone check in with someone from time to time.

Thank you,

Brenda

Unity in Community,

I can be reached through communitypatrol@belvederecl.com or info@belvederecl.com

Become part of the **Nextdoor app** to stay connected with what is happening in our and other neighbourhoods. https://ca.nextdoor.com/

Backyard Security

When spring arrives, it's time to give some thought to crime proofing your backyard.

Be aware: backyard living spaces, and the barbeques, patio furniture and bikes they house are prime targets for thieves.

Review these tips to burglar-proof your yard.

Install motion sensor lighting

Light areas that are in darkness near the home, such as around windows and doors and exterior buildings such as unattached garages and sheds.

Motion sensor lighting is a cost effective way to accomplish this as it is activated when movement occurs in a given area and turns off after a set period of time.

Tips:

- o Position sensor lights to cover sidewalks leading to any door, deck, patio area, or stairways.
- o For additional security, put sensor lights at any entry way to the house or backyard.
- o Place your motion sensor lights approximately 10 feet above the ground so the lights cannot be easily tampered with.

Protect outdoor belongings

The following outdoor belongings are often targeted by thieves:

- o **Ladders:** If you keep ladders out, be sure to chain or padlock them. A ladder can be used to gain entry to second story windows. If at all possible, store the ladders in a shed or garage.
- o **Tools:** Put tools away after a day of yard work. Lock them in a shed or in an enclosed garage area. Screwdrivers, hammers and pry bars can be used to break into your home, garage, or vehicle.
- o **Tables and chairs:** Use a chain or a cable to lock your patio furniture.
- o Bicycles and other ride-on toys: Always put them in a garage or shed. If you do not have either, lock them to something that can't be moved.

Record and identify outdoor property

Recording serial numbers or distinctive features of your valuable outdoor property in an inventory description list is recommended. Taking pictures of these items is also useful and can assist the police in recovering any property that is stolen.

Lay claim to your property

Engrave your name, address or other unique identifier on your belongings and place them in discrete locations so they won't be noticed. Recording where you place these identifying marks in the inventory description list is recommended.

Fencing

Strong fencing is important for a number of reasons, including the reinforcement it provides for property owners. A strong, high fence not only keeps out most burglars, it keeps stray animals out as well.

If you have a fence:

- o Check for holes and damage that may need repair.
- o Ensure locking mechanisms are working properly. A lock or latch that self closes and can be padlocked when you are away is recommended. Don't make access to the latch too obvious.

EPS Non-Emergency Line

780-423-4567 / #377 from an Edmonton mobile

Interactive Voice Response (IVR)

IVR automates the non-emergency (780-423-4567) phone line so that callers will be able to select from a menu that will provide two general call paths:

1 - for "Questions or Information" calls and 2 - for "Complaint" calls.

Callers will be able to obtain information directly from IVR including:

- Police Station locations, phone numbers and hours
- Switchboard information and hours
- Information on how to report a crime online
- Vehicle Collisions Reporting

IVR will also automatically transfer callers, based on the reason for their call. This includes transfers to:

- Police Information Check Section
- Switchboard
- Detainee Management Unit (Arrest/Person-in-Custody enquiries)
- Landlord Tenant and Advisory Board
- Tow Lot
- Bylaw Enforcement
- City of Edmonton 311 * Due to the hourly changes for the City of Edmonton 311 call centre, please note that our 911 service is for emergencies only and a reminder that our complaint line is for non-emergent policing matters. For all City of Edmonton questions/concerns, please continue to call 311.*

The IVR system will facilitate many common call types, reducing the need for call taker intervention. Callers can still be transferred to a call taker if the nature of their call requires it.

911 is for emergencies where life, safety, or property is in immediate danger or there is a crime in progress

<u>Parkland Care 2021 - Turf Maintenance and Naturalization -</u> The City of Edmonton takes pride in caring for our parkland responsibly. We work for Edmontonians each day to maintain more than 1,000 parks--or 4,100 hectares of turf--that's equivalent to approximately 8,000 CFL football fields!

Turf Maintenance for 2021

- Our approach to this season will be improved compared to early summer 2020 when the City faced sudden financial impacts of the pandemic.
- Turf maintenance throughout our parks will be completed on a 10-14 day schedule, except for premier and high profile parks and sports fields which will continue to be maintained on their 7-10 day cycle.
- From weed control and grass mowing to shrub and flower beds, our service levels are available online in more detail at edmonton.ca/ParkCare.

Naturalization

- This summer, the City will begin the process of naturalizing 150 hectares of land around stormwater management facilities throughout the city.
- In these areas, you may see longer grass, but if you look closer, we're growing new homes for bees and birds, for new trees and local vegetation and flowers.
- Naturalization helps protect the banks of stormwater management facilities, like wet ponds, from erosion and captures rainwater. It also reduces stormwater runoff and reduces the risk of flooding.

More information about naturalization including the stages and the benefits of naturalizing green space is available at edmonton.ca/Naturalization.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Front Yards in Bloom last year!

2020 was a successful year with over 5500 yard nominations and over 600 volunteer hours.

Thank you - To everyone who spent time beautifying their yards - To those committed to volunteering to deliver signs - To our partners for short listing the finalists and To everyone who voted for our finalists.

Looking forward to another successful year of many beautiful yards for 2021



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Front Yards in Bloom-Front Yards in Bloom Sign Delivery &
Judging Volunteer Opportunity

You can find out more at frontyardsinbloom.ca or email front.yards@edmonton.ca.

Need a Tool...Go to the Library What is a tool library?

Tool libraries are like book libraries, but for hand and power tools. They ensure affordable access to tools, provide a space to share skills and knowledge, and maximize the use of tools by lending them to members.

Belvedere Community League is a member of the Tool Library - this is a bonus benefit to all who have a Belvedere Community membership. With your BCL Membership (must be current) you can borrow tools for free!

For more information on this program, check out the website: www.edmontontoollibrary.ca

BELVEDERE COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Meet at Belvedere Hall Parking Lot

Saturday, June 12th at 9:45am

Time to get rid of the winter debris that is an eyesore on our community green spaces. From 10:00 am to 12 noon we appreciate you coming out to help in the cleaning up of the boulevards and parks in Belvedere.

We will provide you with a garbage picker, bag(s) and a cleanup area.

To meet with AHS covid restrictions, you will not be partnered with anyone outside your family and please wear a mask.

Lunch will be provided to cleanup volunteers.



Spring Time Is Clean Up Time as we Work Together to Build a Better (& Cleaner) Community

LET'S GET NEIGHBOURING!



submitted by Wendy Mitchell & family



submitted by Eve age 7



The community received two emails regarding the Christmas decorations in Braids Park .

- Wendy M. and her husband wanted to send a huge thank you to the group led by Noreen who made the effort to decorate the park. What a great idea and show of community spirit.
- Sydney H. was disappointed that at the end of February he had to take down the tattered decorations that remained on the benches and in the trees and littering the ground.

So in the end, thanks everyone who participated putting up and taking down decorations, a great idea that just needs a little tweaking.

Send us a picture of your sidewalk chalk art, summer yard decorations and it could get into our next newsletter.

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