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LOST YOUR CITY TRASH CART AFTER HEAVY RAIN?

Each year, especially during the Spring/Summer, if it is Belle Isle trash pick-up day and we experience heavy rains, blue City trash carts can be seen floating towards the only storm drains we have. Although it may seem humorous to see these beasts floating like little boats down the street, it is actually a considerable danger to the homes near the storm drains, which clog and prevent the drains from protecting our homes from flooding. The residents on NW 59th Street are particularly stressed when these runaway trash carts block the only drain on that street, at 2513/2516 NW 59th St.

If you are ever missing your trash cart after rains, please go look for it near Villa on NW 59th Street, around 2509/2513 NW 59th Street. If you have an elderly neighbor who is missing their cart after rains, please consider helping them retrieve it from down the street. When these carts are not reclaimed by their residents, the neighbors have to call the City to send special trucks to retrieve them. The City spends OUR resources delivering new carts to people. The City spends OUR resources on man hours every time we call about this problem.



These pictures were taken after a storm in April by Aimee Dial Parrish, Belle Isle West resident living on 59th St. Aimee is the Secretary of Belle Isle West and a very active member.

When rain storms occur and trash carts are washed down the street, residents need to report this to the City of Oklahoma City. Tell them the water does not properly drain and this is a legitimate issue that needs to be remedied. Every resident affected must report every single occurrence, otherwise it falls on deaf ears and there is no data to support that it is a problem.

Make sure to tell the operator or write in your email that you want a **written record** of your complaint in the system so the City Manager knows this is a constant issue that needs to be addressed.

- ✓ Call the City of OKC Water & Trash Dept. (405) 297-2833
- ✓ Report to City Action Line (online) <https://www.okc.gov/residents/action-center/report> or call (405) 297-2535.

Submitted by Aimee Dial Parrish

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Meet Your Neighbor

We welcome **Eunice Khoury** to Belle Isle West Neighborhood. She is originally from Arkansas, and is a known radio personality on KTOK's "Well Preserved Radio Show" every Saturday at 9 am. She has hosted this program every week for the past 17 years offering information to seniors on health and retirement options. This is the longest running radio show that is focused on seniors in the state of Oklahoma.

Eunice is a licensed independent insurance agent since 1989, specializing in long term care, Medicare, and retirement planning - for information, go to www.WellPreserved.info. She and her assistant, son Patrick, are involved in multiple community aging activities. She has hosted "Senior Day" at Crossings Community Church and Area Wide Aging Agency, RSVP, raising thousands of dollars for age-related organizations.

Eunice had her office at the nearby Oil Center Building for 12 years before moving to her present location, 4800 N. May, (405) 848-5790 the past 15 years. She is knowledgeable and available to assist in problem solving at the local, state, and federal level.

Her next big event is the returning patriotic themed "Longest Day" on Friday, June 21st, a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Disease. This will take place at 4800 N. May with a mini children's carnival and Coit's hot dog stand. We encourage our neighborhood to support this worthy cause. Eunice has already joined our Neighborhood Association and agreed to be a Street Director for Ross Ave. Thank You!

Submitted by Ann Warzyn

The Belle Isle Library is a part of the Metropolitan Library System

5501 N. Villa Ave., Tel. (405) 843-9601



On June 1st, the Metropolitan Library System launched its Summer Reading Program! Adult and children can participate in this program to earn free prizes. Prizes include books, a canvas tote bag, a key chain, and fine waivers! You can sign up by coming into the library or going to metrolibrary.org/summerschool. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep children reading over the summer.

Upcoming programs include:

- Neighborhood Arts: A weekly series of family-friendly musical performances. Every Wed. through July at 2:00 PM.
 - Lego Party: June 28th at 2:00 PM.
 - Wild About Science: A program for teens presented by the Okla. Science Museum, July 15th at 2:00 PM.
 - Snakes in the Library: A program presented by the Oklahoma Herpetological Society, July 30th at 2 PM.
- Check out metrolibrary.org/events to learn about other program at Belle Isle Library and throughout the library system.

Remodel: We anticipate moving to a temporary location in December. The location is to be determined at a future date.

Submitted by Earlene Parr

Mail dues to:

**Belle Isle West NA
5030 N. May, Box 118
Oklahoma City, OK 73112**



2019 Belle Isle West
Neighborhood Association Dues

Name _____
Address _____
Phones(s) _____
Email _____

Your canceled check is
your receipt.

◆ **Annual dues are \$35.00 per household.** ◆



(Make checks to BIW Neighborhood Assn.)

*Thank
You!*

I have enclosed \$ _____

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Several people add a little (or a lot) to their dues check each year to help fund projects in our voluntary neighborhood association. We'd like to send out a BIG thank you to the following generous neighbors who contributed a total of \$300 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

Christie Baker
Cherokee Clark
Cathy & Melvin Fitzhugh
James Hicks
Mary James
J.J. Jones

Brett Marchbanks
John McCormick
Lynn Quimby
Tommy & Linda Richardson
Pat & Joe Rom
Mary Lou Scheller

Debbie South
Carlene Steele
Cory Turner
Tanya Turner
Margaret Vallion

This time of year brings to mind another item that you might be wondering about. People ask us if our membership dues are tax deductible since Belle Isle West Neighborhood Association holds a 501(C)(3) designation with the IRS.

Because our organization is educational, social, intended to improve our neighborhood and because you receive no goods or actual services from the association, your dues and any amount you choose to donate are tax deductible.

Please consult your tax expert if you have further questions.

If we've failed to list anyone who donated an amount over your dues, please let us know and we'll recognize you in the next newsletter. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE!!

**21st Annual Belle Isle West Garage Sale Weekend
Friday & Saturday, October 4-5, 2019**

Neighbors, start cleaning out your closets, cabinets and garages. Just one drawer a day will do it if you start now! Simplify your lives and get rid of clutter. Don't all the self-improvement magazines tell you to do that? Arrange all that stuff you don't need in your nice clean garage and have a garage sale! You'll get more information in the next issue of *The Buzz*. Submitted by Lynn Garman

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Calendar of Events in 2019

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day Holiday
Street Directors and volunteers post flags at homes.
Let's strive to have every street decorated.

Tuesday, August 6 – Business Meeting
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58th Street

September TBD 2019 – Neighbors Night Out
Volunteers needed to plan this event!

October 4-5 – Neighborhood Garage Sale

Bi-Monthly Business Meetings in 2019:
August 6, October 1, and December 3.
Meetings are held at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58th Street

Storm Shelter Registry

Many Belle Isle West residents have storm shelters in their home, mostly in the garage. For your safety, storm shelters need to be registered by contacting the Action Center at (405) 297-2535 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for assistance.

The Storm Shelter Registry is a service for Oklahoma City residents to provide information about their storm shelters to help first responders in case of an emergency.

Registering your storm shelter is a simple process: Provide your Oklahoma City address, the type of shelter you have, where it is located and whether it is a residential or commercial shelter. You also may provide the name and phone number of an emergency contact person (this is optional and not required to register your shelter).

You can also check to see whether your storm shelter is already registered.

All information you provide will be used by first responders --- police, fire, and emergency medical service -- to help with emergency response, in the event your home or neighborhood are affected by a tornado or other disaster.

www.okc.gov/applications/stormshelter 06/12/2019