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Major Ice Storm 2020 Strikes a Blow to Belle Isle West

Just when you think 2020 could not get any worse due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mother Nature strikes a blow to Central Oklahoma dropping inches of ice on October 26 & 27. Belle Isle West (BIW) lost many, many beloved trees - some that were here in the 1950's. Neighbors helped their neighbors move tree limbs out of the street and saw up the broken limbs. Since the trees still had their leaves, the weight of the ice broke many limbs which fell on fences and caused roof damage. Some streets in BIW were still without electricity four days after the storm. No injuries have been reported to the editor.



Three roses encased in ice.

Debris on your property

From the City of Oklahoma City:

www.okc.gov/residents/prepare-okc/know-what-to-do/winter-weather/october-2020-ice-storm

OG&E or its contractors will remove tree branches interfering with power lines, and stack the limbs on the curb.

For other debris on residential property, cut tree limbs into sections no longer than 10 feet. Stack them at the curb away from obstructions like poles, mail boxes, overhead wires and trees. Do not place any debris over your water meter. Do not mix storm debris with items set out for regular bulky waste collection.

For major tree removal or trimming, like limbs and trunks leaning against property, consider hiring a licensed and bonded tree trimming and removal company. Go to the website listed above to get the latest updated list of contractors with City of OKC licenses.

Crews will be by to pick up the limbs. You will not be charged. It will take months, and multiple passes through each neighborhood, before all the debris is removed. Thank you in advance for your patience. No citations will be issued for tree debris properly stacked at the curb.

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59th Street – OPEN

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Please contact Dave Campbell,
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becoming a Street Director.

www.BIWOKC.com

YOU'LL BE MISSED

We've recently lost two neighbors who were active in our association.

LaVerne Beougher was our treasurer for several years, worked tirelessly on our decorative street lighting project, and served as the street director on 62nd St. She always did a thorough purging of her house before each neighborhood benefit garage sale. She was a sweet, generous, and quiet woman who dearly loved this neighborhood. LaVerne passed away in May.

Barbara Randlett moved to our neighborhood in 2010 and enthusiastically volunteered to be a street director. She worked very hard on both our *Pupnic in the Park* events in 2011 and 2012. Barbara battled Alzheimer's disease for several years before she recently died.

R.I.P. Dear Ladies.

Belle Isle Library

Since the Library is being renovated at its original site in our neighborhood, its temporary location is at 3621 NW Expressway between Gold's Gym and Buy for Less Grocery Store. Patrons now are welcome to come and browse, checkout books, and use self checkout or the librarian can assist you. Masks are required, and there is no seating except at the computers which are available for short time periods.

GRAB & GO CURBSIDE Hours:

- Monday-
Thursday: 1-7pm
- Friday: 1-6pm
- Saturday: 1-4pm
- Sunday: 1-5pm



All children's materials are [fine free](#).

Access free Wi-Fi from the library parking lots at any time.

During the COVID-19 time, the library system has worked to provide a variety of online programs ranging from story time to yoga. Go to the website, www.metrolibrary.org, click "Attend", and check events by the location of the various branches of the library system. You can participate in programs from the branches without leaving the comfort of your home.

Mail dues to:

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



2020 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

I have enclosed \$ _____

You!

APPEARANCES AREN'T EVERYTHING

We know that one compliment people always give our neighborhood is that we have lovely, well-maintained homes and yards. So many of our residents take great pride and spend lots of time, energy and money on their homes' exteriors.

Lately we've had some questions about what a neighbor can do when the yard next door gets to be a foot high or has trash piled up around it or the owner or tenant generally acts like it's no big deal. One neighbor called OKC's Action Center (actioncenter@okc.gov 405-297-2535) and complained about the neighboring property's tall grass and overgrown bushes. By the time the inspector got out to check it and issue a citation, the yard had been hacked down and there was no violation. Very frustrating! In this case, the neighbor spoke with the tenant several times about the lawn. No results. He spoke with the landlord and the property manager, both of whom blamed the other. So they are at an impasse. Luckily the grass is going dormant and maybe there will be a new tenant who cares by next spring.

Belle Isle West is not a neighborhood that's all about appearances, though. We truly watch out for our neighbors and figure that there may be a real problem that prevents the owner taking care of the lawn and other upkeep. Of course, talk first to the neighbor and ask if there is a health or financial problem he or she might be having. Let your Street Director or a neighborhood officer know about the problem. Look in this newsletter for contact information or go to our website (biwokc.com) and maybe the association can help. We know of neighbors who got together and took care of a lawn and a fallen tree for someone who couldn't get out to do it himself or a vacant house that no one was properly maintaining. Together, there's almost nothing we can't accomplish!

Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School News!

5904 N. Villa Ave.

Decal showing how each of us can do our part to help maintain a healthy environment during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

www.OKCPublicSchools/photos
10/25/2020



The Belle Isle School is still in the virtual mode but plans are for the students to return on Monday, November 9th in a hybrid model. The student body will be divided between two-day and three-day weeks at the site. One group will physically attend the school two days a week, and then the next week they will attend three days. The two groups will alternate weeks in this attendance design. On the week-days students are not in the school building, they will attend school virtually. All plans are dependent on the warning code for the community. If the code is Red for the COVID-19 virus, changes will be made accordingly.

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**Holiday Outdoor
Decorating Contest!**
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Calendar of Events in 2020

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day – VOTE!!

Tuesday, December 1
Business Meeting via Zoom
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All residents of BIW are invited to attend electronically. Contact Greg Hall, 55thpl@sbcglobal.net, by November 29 for instructions on how to join the meeting.

Sunday, December 20
Judging of the Holiday Outdoor
Decorating Contest

**Holiday Outdoor
Decorating Contest**

Join in the fun this year by getting outside and decorating your front/side yard. Everyone enjoys seeing homes decorated in colorful lights and decorations.

\$100 - 1st Place
\$75 - 2nd Place
\$50 - 3rd Place

Judging will be take place on Sunday evening, December 20 by the BIW Decorating Committee.

Each winner will receive a gift card from the Home Depot!! Pictures of the winning yards will be posted at www.BIWOKC.com.

Remember: Not only the people who drive by your home enjoy the decorations but your neighbors who look out at your yard enjoy them also. In a year where things are not normal due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, seeing holiday decorations should lift everyone’s spirits.