

Belle Isle Buzz



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Town Hall Meeting: Meet the Candidates for City Council Ward 2 Representative

On Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 2:00 PM your Belle Isle West Neighborhood Association will host a Town Hall Meeting. Bad weather date is February 3. Residents will be able to meet and question all three candidates for our Ward 2 council seat: James Cooper, Mike Dover, and David Glover. Our Councilman for the last eight years, Dr. Ed Shadid, will not be running for another term. The primary election for City Council will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

The meeting will be held at Christ Central Church at 2715 NW 50th Street. This was formerly Mayfair Baptist Church, where residents of our neighborhood regularly vote. Park on the north side of the building and enter the door on that side that faces east and leads directly to the sanctuary. Look for the "Belle Isle West Town Hall Meeting" sign on the door.

All the candidates agreed to attend and participate in this discussion with interested citizens. Feel free to bring your written questions for candidates to answer. Be prepared to update your email information at the Welcome table so your neighborhood association can keep you informed about upcoming events.

A postcard reminder will be mailed to everyone in January. You can write your question on it and bring it to the meeting. We hope to see you there!

From the President's Pen

Hello Neighbors!

Exciting things are happening in Belle Isle West! Our bi-monthly newsletter is back with a new name, the *Belle Isle Buzz*, and Shelli Wasson is returning as Editor. Shelli was our editor for 12 years before she took a break to do other activities. Now there is a Newsletter Staff to help gather the neighborhood news and share duties. Remember that everyone is volunteering their time.

Our regular Neighborhood Association business meetings will be the first Tuesday of every other month, beginning in February 2019. These meetings are open to all neighborhood residents. This is a great way to get acquainted whether you are a new resident or have lived here for many years.

The position of Treasurer is now open since Lynne Womble is retiring from that position, see page 2 for information. Any questions, comments, or ideas that you would like to see in the next edition, please contact me or Shelli Wasson. Happy Holidays!

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Treasurer Needed

Belle Isle West will need a new treasurer January 1, 2019. The person who fills this position should have bookkeeping or accounting experience but not necessarily be a CPA. Lynne Womble has served in this position for the last four years. She is willing to give the new treasurer a training session and answer questions. Everything is already setup in Excel.

Treasurer's Duties as Reported by the Neighborhood Alliance Website:

- The treasurer is the chief financial officer of the association and as such must understand their fiduciary duty to the association.
- The treasurer collects dues, writes checks, and oversees the association accounts.
- The treasurer is responsible for making financial reports at association meetings, reconciling the accounts, and preparing the financial statements and association books for fiscal year auditing.

<http://nacok.org/association-tools/officer-roles/>
11/20/18

Absolutely Do Not Run Sprinklers When the Temperature is Below Freezing.

Probably the people running their sprinklers when we have record low temps are doing it because they don't know how to turn off the sprinkler. Contact the company that installed the irrigation equipment (look for their sticker in your garage on the equipment). If you are a tenant, please contact the property owner or the property management company and tell them the system needs to be turned off.

Remember, if someone falls on your icy driveway that could result in a lot of legal problems for you whether you own the property or not.

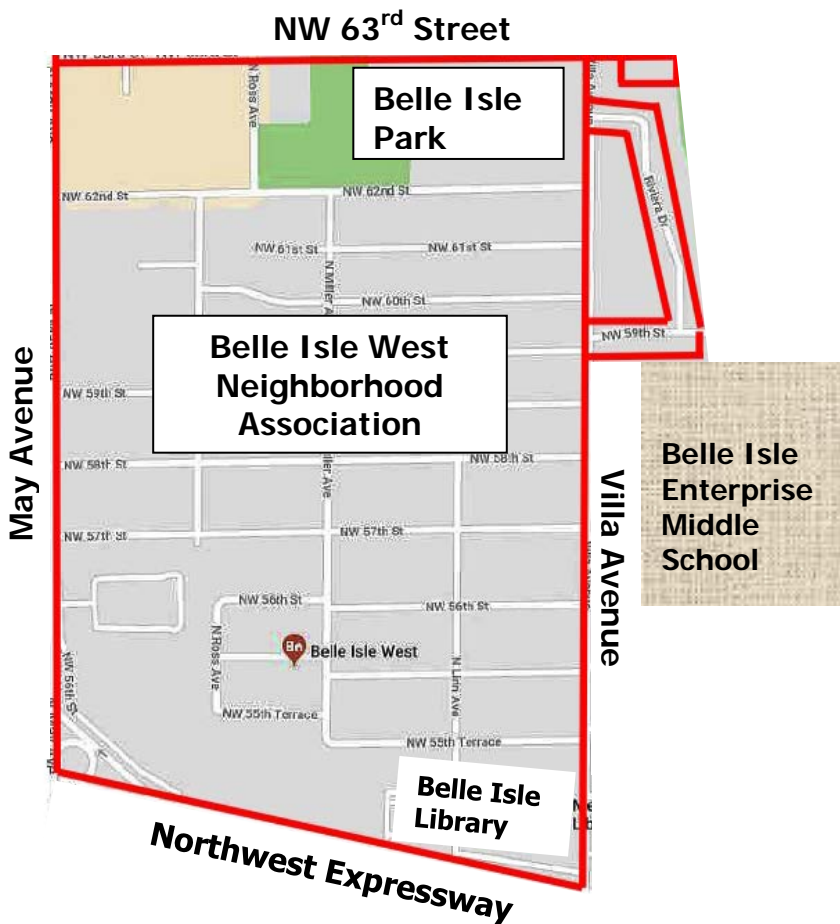
Love the Dogs! Hate the Poop!

Chances are if you want a dog, you already have one. If you have a dog, you deal with its poop. Newsflash: People who don't want to have a dog also don't want to deal with poop! If you walk your dog in Belle Isle Park, your neighborhood association pays for poop bags and stocks four dispensers throughout the park. We encourage you to use them!

If you walk your dog around the neighborhood, you don't need to buy special poop bags. Bread sacks, Sunday newspaper bag, or any plastic bag can be used for picking up your dog's poop for disposal.

Before you let your dog poop in someone's yard and just leave it there, please try to imagine how many flies will be attracted to this fertile nursery for breeding more flies. Imagine that you are an avid gardener and love to stroll around your yard to enjoy the trees and flower beds. Imagine finding piles of poop, having to go get a bag and then pick up the poop. Maybe you'll start carrying bags and cleaning up after your dog.

Everyone should know there is a \$200 fine from the City of Oklahoma City for violating Section 8-48-c of the Municipal Code for not picking up your dog's poop in a city park or on private property. This fine has been in effect since 2005.



BELLE ISLE WEST New Physical Boundaries

Your Board of Directors voted to expand our physical boundaries on October 16, 2018. Those new boundaries are the following:

North boundary:

South side of NW 63rd Street

South boundary:

North side of NW Expressway

East boundary:

West side of N. Villa Avenue

West boundary:

East side of N. May Avenue

Plus:

--Both sides of the 2300-2400 blocks of NW 59th Street

--Both sides of Riviera Avenue. from NW 59th around to Villa Avenue

--2 homes at

2400 and 2412 NW 63rd Street

Belle Isle Library Book Notes

The Belle Isle Library, located at 5501 N. Villa Ave., is a jewel for the Belle Isle West Neighborhood. Programs offered there range from a weekly early childhood program on Thursdays at 10:00 AM to offering online Oklahoma driving permit practice tests.

Your library card also offers a "Books by Mail" program where books can be mailed to your home if you are over 65 years old or home bound. The phone number for that service is (405) 606-3295.

Check out the monthly calendar available at the library or go to metro.library.org/events to discover programs that might interest you. You might want to attend the "Book Discussion" group each month.

Get your library card today so that you can download movies or help your children with homework. Call (405) 843-9601 for more information. The library is filled with terrific surprises and ready to expand the world for all of us.

2018 Garage Sale Weekend

This was the 20th year for the Garage Sale weekend! We extended an invitation to Wileman's Belle Isle Neighborhood (east of us between Villa and Penn) to join us in holding sales and sharing expenses (advertising, printing) on October 12-13. Our neighborhoods have so much in common and it was great to do this together.

I know of 22 sales that were held. There was the chilly rain, of course, but most of the sales were open and traffic was steady both Friday and Saturday. Let's do this again next year, hopefully without the rain!

Lynn Garman
Garage Sale Chair



Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School

5904 N Villa Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Grades served: 6th through 8th Grade

School Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:40 PM

Home of the Bulls!

To: Belle Isle West Residents

From: Karen Waddell

We are happy to be a part of this neighborhood and have enjoyed a long and productive relationship with this community over the years. All the participation with our tree and grounds beautification, as well as assistance in keeping our track maintained, has been greatly appreciated.

After the first of the year, we will be in need of test monitors for the upcoming testing period in April 2019 – we hope we will be able to count on some of you to be a part of that process. More information will be available through our counselor, Ms. Gatrost, after January 1st.

Again, thank you for being such great neighbors to us!

Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School

Email correspondence with Earlene Parr, newsletter staff, November 15, 2018.

Fifth Grade Students

are invited to attend a

Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School

Information Program

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

January 9, January 16, or January 23

Learn about Belle Isle programs, sports, and activities.

Student performances Slide show Prizes

Please call 405-587-6600 to let us know when you plan to attend.

Belle Isle Admissions

Applications will be available on December 3, 2018.

- Applications will be accepted through February 22.
- Online <https://www.okcps.org/Domain/51> under the Families and Community tab.
- Hard copies will be available in the Belle Isle office and at your elementary school site.

Required Documents:

- 4th Grade OSTP State ELA and Math test scores
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade report cards
- A copy of a utility bill to establish residency

Letters will be mailed to all applicants the week of March 18-22, 2019.

Meet Your Neighbors

Linda and Cleve Warren, 55th Place

The Warrens have lived on 55th Place since 1989. Here are some fun tidbits of information they shared with their neighbor and newsletter staff member, Ann Warzyn.

Cleve grew up in our neighborhood, and later moved back into his mother's home on 55th Place. Cleve and Linda met at OU and after college, Cleve pursued his music career. He crossed the country playing over eight thousand (yes 8,000) performances. He has been honored in the Kansas and South Dakota Hall of Fame. Cleve writes for *The Modern Drummer* magazine.

Linda is an accomplished artist whose art is housed in many public and private collections. She has been awarded two national grants, and shown her work over 37 years in the U.S., Canada, and Portugal. Linda chose to share her love of art with children over the past 34 years. Recently, Linda's clay dolls adorn the walls of the new *Stella Nova* coffee houses on Western Ave., downtown OKC, and Norman.

Cleve and his band offer nostalgic music of all genres with a fun crowd at the *Grand House* on Classen every Thursday evening. Cleve and Linda have a son and 2 granddaughters.

What a Great Neighborhood!

What is a Neighborhood Special Interest Group?

Any neighbors who want to get together and share a common interest. These interests might be gardening, gourmet cooking, going to movies or special events, book club, knitting, playing cards or bridge, computers, golfing. You can let residents know about your group by writing a short article for our *Belle Isle Buzz* and/or contact newsletter staff member, Aimee Dial Parrish, at aimeedialparrish@coxinet.net.

New Masthead

The masthead for our *Belle Isle Buzz* was made by Emily Garman.

Thanks so much, Emily, for helping our neighborhood newsletter look vibrant and up-to-date!

Gray Cat Needs to Go Home

Ona Johnson reported that on 58th Street a great big gray, short haired cat is trying to adopt Ona and her husband, Bud. They already have their own cat so they do not want to take care of this cat. The cat is wearing a brown collar but there are no tags. If this is your cat, please call Ona Johnson, 842-4261, to pick up your cat.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Emergency

Ambulance / [Fire](#) /
[Police](#)
911

Arson Hotline
(405) 232-7766

Burn Center
(405) 949-3345

[OK County Sheriff](#)
(405) 713-1000

Drug and Gang Hotline
(405) 232-6272

[HeartLine 211](#)
Social help for Oklahomans
in need
211 or (405) 286-4057

[Highway Patrol](#)
(405) 425-2323

Poison Control Center
(405) 271-5454

[Public Works](#) (Streets,
Traffic, Drainage)
(405) 297-3451

Water/Sewer Dispatch
(405) 297-3334

Public Utilities

[AT&T](#)
(800) 616-1171

[Cox Communications](#)
(405) 600-8282

[Oklahoma Gas & Electric
\(OG&E\)](#)
(405) 272-9741

[Oklahoma Natural Gas
\(ONG\)](#)
(405) 551-4000

[Water/Sewer/Trash](#)
(405) 297-2833

[Utility Line Locator
\(OKIE\)](#)
(405) 840-5032

State Agencies

**State of Oklahoma
website**
[ok.gov](#)

Bar Association
(405) 416-7000

Consumer Protection
(405) 521-3653

Corporation Commission
(405) 521-2307

**Department of
Environmental Quality**
(405) 702-6222

**Department of Human
Services**
(405) 521-3646

**Department of Public
Safety**
(405) 425-2424

**Department of
Transportation**
(405) 522-8000

Election Board
(405) 521-2391

Other numbers

Better Business Bureau
(405) 239-6081

**Oklahoma City Public
Schools**
(405) 587-0000

**Oklahoma City-County
Health Department**
(405) 427-8651

Homeless Alliance
(405) 601-9677

**Social Security
Administration (SSA)**
(405) 605-3000

www.okc.gov/residents/action-center/helpful-phone-numbers

11/25/2018

Time to Start Thinking about MAPS4

Ideas 4 MAPS

We are asking for your ideas to help write the next chapter of the [MAPS story](#) – Oklahoma City's story. What is important to you? How do we continue our City's renaissance and ensure it is felt by all our residents? It is time to talk about MAPS 4. It is time to dream big again. – [Mayor David Holt](#)

Oklahoma City invites 'Ideas 4 MAPS'

<https://www.okc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2821/18>

Post Date:10/11/2018 10:31 AM,

How to Submit Ideas

Choose one of three ways to have your say:

- Fill out the survey [here on ideas4maps.com](#).
- Share your idea on social media using the hashtag **#ideas4maps**.
- Mail a letter with your idea to Mayor David Holt,
Attn: MAPS 4, 200 N Walker Ave. 3rd floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

As you develop your thoughts, think about transformational ideas that will propel our City forward. Be as specific as possible.

"MAPS has changed our city forever, and we have the opportunity, perhaps even the obligation, to continue building a city that our kids will want to call home," said Mayor Holt. "We have the opportunity to continue our city's momentum and ensure that it is felt by all. And because of the powerful idea called MAPS, we can do it without raising taxes."

Watch [Mayor Holt's kickoff video](#) at [ideas4maps.com](#) for more guidance, background and inspiration.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 – No trash pickup. Makeup day is Wednesday, December 26.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day is Wednesday, January 2.

Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 PM – **Town Hall Meeting** with candidates for City Council, Ward 2.
Location: Christ Central Church, 2715 NW 50th Street. This was formerly Mayfair Baptist Church, where residents of our neighborhood regularly vote, see page 1 for more information.

Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 PM – **Bi-monthly Business Meeting**, all residents are welcome.
Location: Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58th Street

Tuesday, February 12 – Primary election for City Council, Ward 2.

Tuesday, March 5 – Annual Meeting at the Waterford Hotel.
Location: 6300 Waterford Blvd. (NW 63rd and Penn area)
6:00 PM Get to visit with your neighbors and mingle; light hors d’oeuvres and cash bar
7:00 PM Meeting

Dates of Bi-Monthly Business Meetings:
February 5, April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1, and December 3, 2019
Location: Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58th Street
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM