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Pumping Sounds

For the last few weeks neighbors have noticed a constant sound of an engine behind the Oil Center. It is the sound of a large pump being used to bypass a section of the main sewer line that has become obstructed. Recently, the single pump was replaced by two larger pumps and two hard lines replacing the soft line so service to this area could continue.

Apparently the sewer line has become obstructed with rock and debris over years of use. Workmen are attempting to clear it with equipment designed for that purpose. No timeframe could be given because they are still exploring what caused the issue and a possible solution.

A representative at the construction company stated they are hopeful to find a way to clear the line; if the line can't be cleared, they will have to go into the lower level of the parking garage and dig up the main underneath the pavement.

Further information and updates will be available in the neighborhood email.
Greg Hall

Neighborhood Communications

If you are not receiving emails from BIW Neighborhood Association, please be sure to contact us at biwestokc@gmail.com and provide your email address so we can send you alerts/reminders between newsletters.

Check our website www.biwokc.com for newsletter archives, upcoming events, photos of neighborhood events, places and people, ways to get involved, news and information of interest to Belle Isle West residents.

YIELD, STOP OR SPEED ON THROUGH?

Traffic Department, City of OKC, was contacted to find out how you get a Stop Sign to replace a Yield Sign. A citizen must follow these steps to get a new sign or change an existing one.

Here's a summary of the eight-page guide: 1) Write a Letter of Request explaining what you want to change to the Traffic Management Division of the Public Works Department of the City of OKC. 2) Write and circulate a petition which clearly states what you are requesting to every property owner within 300 feet of the intersection. Everyone must sign it and mark it with "for" or "against" what the petition is requesting. 3) Present the petition to the Traffic Department. 4) There are many steps through the next part of the process; preliminary review, traffic data collection, speed studies, reports made by staff to the Traffic Commission. 5) As applicant, you'll be notified when your petition will be heard by the Traffic Commission and you must have a representative present to answer questions.

The Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council for denial or approval.

Residents directly involved in their particular location must do this work on their own. I'll be happy to provide a printed copy of the user's guide for anyone interested in doing this.

Lynn Garman



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Street – OPEN

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

Villa Ave. (including Hunters Green) – OPEN

Please contact Dave Campbell,
Dcamp20000@aol.com for inquiries on
becoming a Street Director.

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

The Heuer family lives on 55th Terrace where Andy and Melissa with children Kirby (8), Carter (6) and family dog Norman have resided for the past seven years. Andy and Melissa met at Trinity University in Texas; Andy is from Houston while Melissa hails from Tulsa. They later finished advanced degrees from The University of Oklahoma (OU).

Andy is a teacher with a background in History and Special ED, teaching at all levels. He is currently completing his PhD at OU, and also teaching there. Andy felt developing a routine was important in keeping with their children's school schedule while homeschooling during the COVID-19 pandemic. They would start the day at 8am (bus) with a walk before starting the study program. Outdoor exercise (PE or recess) was also included in their school days. Andy added that teaching your own children is much different than teaching others so many ways.

Melissa, a Registered Dietician, is Nutrition Operations Manager at nearby Baptist Integris Hospital. Being an essential employee, Melissa is working continuously throughout this pandemic. She also contributes to their homeschooling by using nutrition education along with actual hands-on learning with her children.

In the past months, Kirby and Carter renewed their interest in biking and exploring their neighborhood. The Heuers enjoy the convenience of Belle Isle West in shopping and mobility around the city.

The Heuers are another interesting family in our Belle Isle West neighborhood.

Belle Isle Library Open and Offering COVID-19 Diary Opportunity

Want to leave your story in the annals of history? The Belle Isle Library is offering willing participants the chance to share their tales of life during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 on a special website. The form and all information is on the website, www.metrolibrary.org/covid19diary and you must complete it online. Don't miss the chance to leave an imprint on the history of Oklahoma City. Go online! Check it out! Contact the library for any questions at (405) 843-9601. See Library, page 4

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 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 neighborhood. We'd like to send out a BIG thank you to the following generous neighbors who recently contributed a grand total of \$1085 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

Joe & Mary Scheller, Catherine Steele, Jay & Heather Lensgraf, Greg Lampton, James Weber, Brian & Kristine Sanders, Marveta Williams, Sharon Gowdy, J.J. Jones, Rosh Pinah Messianic Jewish Congregation, Cherokee Clark, Greg Hall, Chris Harrison, James Hicks, Judy Lehmbeck, Jill Dobbins, Stan & Peggy Balch, Marjorie Long, LaVerne Beougher, Robyn Sellers, Cathy & Melvin Fitzhugh, Mike & Earlene Parr, Nick & Jillian Woods, T.M. & Linda Richardson, Tanya Turner, Sally Bentley, Tuyet Nguyen, Joe & Glenda Stansbury, Phil & Toni Glenn, Jody Sherry, Jeff Poole, Margaret Vallion, Tom Weiss, Ken & Betty Baird, Carol Cooley, Kim Rainbolt, Jennifer Blease & Thomas LeBlanc, Cory Turner, Chris Caine.

Because our non-profit organization is educational, social, voluntary, 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 (up to \$250) are tax deductible because we hold a 501(c)3 designation with the IRS. If you have further questions you may consult your tax expert.

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!

Attention Parents and Anyone Who Loves Baby Stuff

Morgan Harris, owner of the Green Bambino – Oklahoma City's full-service baby store, lives in Belle Isle West. Morgan is happy to offer same-day home/porch delivery of diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, books, toys, and more to our neighborhood for families that have babies and young children. Green Bambino, (405) 848-2330, 5120 N. Shartel Ave, OKC.

Morgan and her husband, Graham, and son (Spencer) live on 55th Place.



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Calendar of Events in 2020

Tuesday, August 4 – 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 August 2 for instructions on how to join the meeting.

Bi-Monthly Business Meetings 2020 Aug. 4; Oct. 6; Dec. 1; Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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The Metro Library system is offering many other programs this summer for residents of all ages. Most are online. All services are not completely open yet, but the home page of the library system provides a multitude of classes, story times, and ways to access services.

The annual summer reading program for students, “Imagine Your Story” also gives students a way to “pay it forward” through their participation, and the reading program helps prevent losing some of the reading gains made during the school year. The sign-up information on the website too.

Readers who want suggestions for library books in the favorite genres can sign up for “Tailored Tales”. This newsletter is received via email. Registration is required for some classes and programs. Story time is online on the library Facebook page.

Find the event that interests you and follow the directions. The website offers a Chat feature or you can call (405) 843-0601 for further help. Since the move for the Belle Isle Library for remodeling is unannounced at this time, enjoy it at its traditional location, 5501 N Villa Ave.