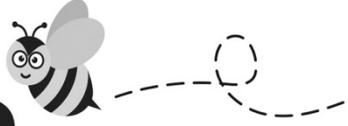


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ANNUAL MEETING Update:

On Tuesday, March 5th, Belle Isle West held our Annual Meeting at the Waterford Hotel. We were delighted to see so many people new to the neighborhood as well as many familiar faces. The meeting room was filled to capacity (50) with a few people standing in the back. We enjoyed delicious hot hors d'oeuvres, assorted desserts and a cash bar. Our guests were James Cooper, our new Ward 2 Councilman who took office earlier this month, and Georgie Rasco, the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Alliance. Both spoke for a few minutes to our members about how we can be more effective in our efforts to solve some of our neighborhood's problems. Councilman Cooper introduced himself to our neighborhood again since many of the residents had already met him at the Town Hall in February. Ms. Rasco challenged us to be a "Neighborhood of Good". Good neighbors are like jewels!

Officers were introduced and door prizes were presented to the two neighbors who have lived here the shortest length of time. The winners were Cindy Curtis, 59th St., and Eunice Khoury, Ross Ave.; each received a Ted's Café Escondido gift card and 1-year free association membership. Several neighbors expressed interest in serving the neighborhood by becoming Street Directors where they are needed. Many thanks to the staff at the beautiful Waterford hotel who made us feel so welcome and those who prepared and served our excellent food!

Calling All Hunters Green Residents:

Your area is included in Belle Isle West! We welcome you to get involved and become active with Belle Isle West.

From the President's Pen

Hello Neighbors!

I want to encourage everyone to use our new website, www.BIWOKC.com. Emily Garman started from scratch and made a modern, user-friendly website where you can pay your dues, find out about Big Junk Day, and volunteer all in one place!

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Hey, Beautiful!

Oklahoma Master GardenerSM Program

Cost: A non-refundable fee of \$150 due after orientation, interview, and acceptance.

Orientation:

May 14 10:00 AM till Noon
May 16 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Academics:

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sept 3, 10, 17, 24
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Nov 5, 12, 19



Oklahoma Master GardenerSM Program

The Oklahoma Master GardenerSM Program is a volunteer training program conducted by University Extension designed to help county extension centers meet the demands for consumer horticulture information. Master Gardeners take classroom training coordinated by local extension staff with the assistance of state extension specialists located at Oklahoma State University. After classroom training is completed, program participants are involved in an internship program of volunteer services coordinated by local extension centers. Volunteer service components vary widely around the state, but in all cases are educational, extension related, and represent the interests of University Extension.

Oklahoma Master Gardeners have become a vital part of Extension's ability to provide consumers with up-to-date, research-based information. Master Gardening has also become a popular volunteer activity that gives its participants a sense of community spirit, accomplishment, and intellectual stimulation.

IS THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM FOR YOU?

To help you decide if you should apply to be a Master Gardener ask yourself these questions:

- Do I want to learn more about the culture and maintenance of many types of plants?
- Am I eager to participate in a practical and intense training program?
- Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?
- Do I have enough time to attend training and to serve as a volunteer?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you.

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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*
I have enclosed \$ _____ *You!*

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

Some Belle Isle West residents may not be familiar with **Imperial Terrace**, the meticulously maintained 54-unit condominium complex at 2525 NW 62nd Street in our neighborhood. Designated as HOPA, Imperial Terrace is Housing for Older People so residents must be 55 or older to live there. Each unit is individually owned. They have an active homeowners association and board of directors which hires a manager and oversees landscaping, maintenance of the buildings and parking areas as well as determining policies for the complex. Many Imperial Terrace residents enjoy Belle Isle Park for recreation and exercise for themselves and their pets and some are active in BIW projects.

Since Imperial Terrace is located within our neighborhood's boundaries, the complex used to send a representative to our board meetings to bring information about their activities, problems and successes as well as take back to their board news about the BIW neighborhood as a whole. That person has moved away so we would love to have a representative from their complex attend our board meetings and represent Imperial Terrace as a Street Director. Is anyone interested? Come to our next board meeting and find out how you can get involved! That's Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00 PM at 2828 NW 58th Street (business building just east of May Avenue with Garman Productions sign out in front).

We have recently expanded our boundaries to include **Hunters Green Condominiums** on the southwest corner of 63rd and Villa. We'd be delighted to welcome a representative from their association or any residents at our board meetings.

Belle Isle Library

Nearly 14,000 square feet soon will be added to the Belle Isle Library along with new furniture, fixtures, and equipment. During construction the library will be moved, and the temporary location will be secured soon. Visit the library website, www.metrolibrary.org or follow the library on Facebook@metrolibrary to stay up with the latest announcements.

The beloved neighborhood library was constructed in 1965, served over 224,000 patron visits per year, and had a 10 percent increase in materials borrowed since 2017. The funding is through the 2007 and 2017 General Obligation bonds. The additional structure will be designed to complement the existing structure and will take 12 months to complete.

Two special activities scheduled this month are the "Llama Llama Red Pajama Party" on the evening of April 16th and "Container Gardening" on the evening of April 30th. Call (405) 843-9601 for information.

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Calendar of Events in 2019

Tuesday, June 4 – Business Meeting

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58th Street

Saturday, June 1 – Belle Isle Garden Tour

Wileman's Belle Isle (east of Villa Ave.)

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

Street Directors and volunteers post flags at homes.

Let's strive to have every street decorated.

September TBD 2019 – Neighbors Night Out

Volunteers needed to plan this event!

Bi-Monthly Business Meetings in 2019:

June 4, August 6, October 1, and December 3.

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58th Street

Notes from Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School

As a part of the changes planned for Oklahoma City Public Schools, next year the 5th & 6th grade students at Belle Isle will attend West Nichols Hills Elementary which is being closed as an elementary school. The 7th and 8th grade students will remain in the current school building.

The goal is to have 200 in each grade level. Requirements for applicants include a minimum score of 300 on both language arts and math Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test (OCCT) plus a B average or above for grades 3-5. Contact the school for an admissions packet.

Spring sports are beginning, and students may be on the fields until 7:00 PM when they play home games. Neighbors are invited to attend, but please have any pets on leash. Schedules are available at the school.