



# Belle Isle Buzz

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## **VOTE IN PARKS ELECTION ON SUPER TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

Voters will consider a permanent 1/8 cent sales tax to help pay for park operation, improvements, maintenance, and programming. This proposal would increase your tax only 8 cents on a \$100 purchase. The current 3/4 cent tax is used mostly for public safety services (police and fire), which leaves only a tiny piece of the pie for parks.

Scissortail Park and Myriad Botanical Gardens are operated by private foundations and will NOT receive any money from this proposed tax. This tax has nothing to do with MAPS 4. Visit [www.okc.gov/parksvote](http://www.okc.gov/parksvote) for details on voting and the proposed sales tax.

Our own Belle Isle Park at NW 62<sup>nd</sup> and Ross Avenue will benefit from this tax. We'll be asking for new picnic tables and benches, improved lightings, trees to replace ones lost to storms and disease and maybe even a pickle ball court!

Belle Isle West residents vote at the Christ Central Church at 2715 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St. Be sure to vote on March 3rd!

## **HELPING YOU PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT**

The IRS has launched "Identity Theft Central," a new website devoted to identity theft and data security for taxpayers, tax professionals and businesses. Available 24/7, the site provides resources on reporting identity theft and guarding against phishing, online scams and more.

Steps to take if you become a victim of identity theft, responsibilities of tax professionals under the law and instructions for businesses on how to recognize the signs of identity theft are all covered on the site.

Identity Theft Central can be addressed at: <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-central> this page also features YouTube videos on key topics (Avoid Phishing Emails) that can be used by taxpayers. Another good website is [www.irs.gov/taxesecuritytogether](http://www.irs.gov/taxesecuritytogether).

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**STREET DIRECTORS (12/03/2019) -**

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55<sup>th</sup> Terrace - Cathy Fitzhugh

56<sup>th</sup> Street & Linn - OPEN

57<sup>th</sup> Street - Shannon & Randy Wells

58<sup>th</sup> Place - Shelli & Craig Wasson,  
Cathie Shaw

58<sup>th</sup> Street - Sue Fellers

59<sup>th</sup> Street - Aimee Dial Parrish

60<sup>th</sup> Street - Christie Baker & Lynne  
Womble

61<sup>st</sup> Street - Scott Sproat & Maribeth  
Govin

62<sup>nd</sup> Street (including Imperial Terrace) -  
OPEN

Miller - OPEN

Riviera Drive and 2300-2400 Blocks of  
NW 59<sup>th</sup> Street - OPEN

Ross Ave. - Eunice Khoury

Villa Ave. (including Hunters Green) -  
OPEN

Please contact Dave Campbell,  
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on becoming a Street Director.

**Website: [BIWOKC.COM](http://BIWOKC.COM)**

## **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS**

Scott and Laura (Beebe) Sproat resided in Wileman's (neighborhood east of Villa Ave.) for 10 years before moving to BIW, 10 years ago. They are parents of Maddie, a senior at Emerson College in Boston, and Sam, now attending Wichita State University in Kansas. Completing the family is their dog, Skittles. Their family has been very active at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Laura is a professor in Epidemiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Scott is Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Both are avid readers in their spare time, and also enjoy traveling, preferably to warmer climates. Scott's main interest is history, and he is a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He previously participated in Civil War Reenactments as a Union soldier, with interesting information regarding getting prepared for the encampment (provided by Laura). Scott is also past president of our neighborhood association, long-time Street Director for 61<sup>st</sup> Street and was instrumental in the neighborhood street light project.

Laura and Scott are both Oklahomans; Laura is from Enid and Scott from OKC. We are pleased they made the move across Villa Ave.!

### **Snowman Spotted on 58<sup>th</sup> Place**

A darling snowman was built on 58<sup>th</sup> Place. On our one day of snow thus far this winter, a young family was out in their front yard and played in the snow then built a toddler-size snowman with the family dog nearby. The snowman later fell over backwards wearing his cap and scarf.

### **OOPS!**

Our recent dues mailing should have opened with these words:

"If you have already paid your 2020 dues, thanks very much. Please disregard this mailing."

This oversight has caused several puzzled calls and emails and we are so sorry for the confusion!

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!*

**Twinkling Lights Bring Joy**

When putting up outdoor holiday displays and lights, you think about how it's going to look to people driving by your home. Not all of our residents are able to get out and tour Belle Isle West to enjoy the lights. Our Holiday Lighting contest brought joy to those who couldn't even drive about the neighborhood because they could see twinkly lights every night from their windows. So when you are putting up your lights in December, think about how much your neighbors are going to enjoy them.



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Did you know that OKC Beautiful was founded 52 years ago in 1968? Since then, along with thousands of volunteers, we have picked up three million pounds of litter, planted 50,000 trees and 500 acres of wildflowers, educated 100,000 students through our Mother Earth program, installed 25 "outdoor classrooms" in community centers and under-resourced schools, graduated 150 students from our Teen Board, installed 40 cigarette butt recycling receptacles, and more!  
[www.okcbeautiful.com](http://www.okcbeautiful.com)

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

Each year, several people add a little (or a lot) to their dues check to help fund our Belle Isle West neighborhood projects. We'd like to send out a BIG thank you to the following generous neighbors who recently contributed a total of \$230 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

Rajesh Kaul, Rudy & Annette Lang, Warren Johnson, Joe & Glenda Stansbury, J.D. & Seanna Smith, Mark & Danielle Sitton, Kyle & Alison Bowen, Carl & Kit Burdick

Belle Isle West is a non-profit organization that is educational, social, voluntary, and intended to improve our neighborhood. 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 should 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!



## **Calendar of Events in 2020**

**Tuesday, March 3** - “Super Tuesday” Election

### **Saturday, April 4** - 9am to 1pm **Special Collection Event**

A special collection for unwanted computers, tires, ammunition, and prescription medication is set for Saturday, April 4 from 9am to 1pm at the State Fairgrounds.

The drop-off site is on the south side of the Fairgrounds, east of the arena. Enter the Fairgrounds from North May Avenue at Gate 5 on Gordon Cooper Boulevard.

The collection is open to Oklahoma City residents only. Recyclers must bring their current Oklahoma City water bill to prove residency. No Businesses.

### **Tuesday, April 7** - **Business Meeting**

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58<sup>th</sup> St. All residents of BIW are invited to attend. Contact Lynn Garman if you have questions, [lynn@garman.com](mailto:lynn@garman.com)

### **Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

#### **Annual Meeting of the Belle Isle West Neighborhood Association**

Renaissance Waterford Hotel, NW 63<sup>rd</sup> & Penn Ave., Cash bar.

### **Bi-Monthly Business Meetings 2020** April 7; June 2; Aug. 4; Oct. 6; Dec. 1

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Garman Productions, 2828 NW 58<sup>th</sup> St.