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BELLE ISLE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BIW) - NEIGHBOR'S NIGHT OUT SEPTEMBER 13, 2022



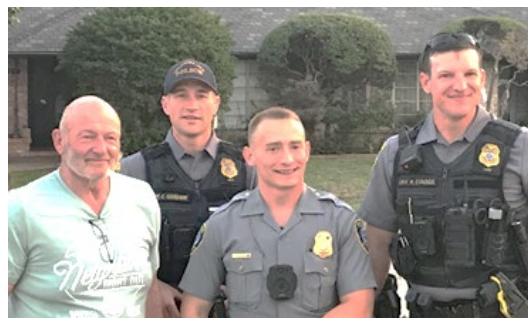
Kona Ice Food Truck in Belle Isle Park for Neighbor's Night Out.

What a great turnout we had for the annual Neighbor's Night Out (NNO) event! About 80 residents of all age groups gathered at Belle Isle Park. The Oklahoma weather broke the 100-degree streak to grace us with a lovely evening of mild temperatures, no rain and a gentle breeze. There were reunions of neighbors who had been out of touch due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as new friendships begun. BIW treated every neighbor to one (or more) snow cones from Kona Ice. One kind gentleman even brought food to share. It was great to see children and adults enjoying our park and so nice to meet two young families from the 2400 block on 59th St. Soon funds from the 2017 bond election should become available to make needed improvements to Belle Isle Park, 2701 NW 62nd St. Thanks to everyone for attending! See NNO, p. 2

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma locally sponsors this event. After attending to a local emergency, firefighters from Fire Station 17 and officers from the Hefner Division / OKC Police Department stopped by our event. Kids and adults got to sit in the police car and see all the neat gadgets. Firefighters showed off a fire truck and interacted with neighbors while kids got to spray the fire hose! Special thanks to Greg Hall, BIW President, for planning the event and Cathie Shaw for sharing event pictures.



Firefighters from Station 17 (the firehouse is only a mile from our neighborhood) interacted with adults and the kids got to meet real firefighters and role models!



Greg Hall, left, and Police Officers enjoying the fun conversation at the 2022 Neighbor's Night Out.

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55th Place – Dave Campbell & Greg Hall

55th Terrace – Cathy Fitzhugh

56th St. & Linn – Sandy & Peter Pembroke

57th St. – Shannon & Randy Wells

58th Place – Shelli & Craig Wasson, Cathie Shaw

58th St. – Sue Fellers

59th St. – Aimee Dial Parrish

60th St. – Christie Baker

61st St. – Scott Sproat & Maribeth Govin

62nd St. – OPEN

Imperial Terrace – Jackie Wilkinson

Riviera Drive, 2300-2400 Blocks of 59th St.–OPEN

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

Villa Ave. & 2400-2412 NW 63rd St.–Brooks Taylor

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BIW Street Directors enjoyed a casual fall event in Belle Isle Park. (l to r) Standing - Dave Campbell, Peter Pembroke, Cathie Shaw, Maribeth Govin, David Patterson. Seated – Cathy Fitzhugh and Shannon Wells. Photo by Shelli Wasson.

Oklahoma City Public Schools Bond Election is Tuesday, November 8

Shelli Wasson represented BIW at the Town Hall meeting on October 5 concerning the upcoming bond election for the Oklahoma City Public Schools. Below is a summary from the hand-out provided by Superintendent Sean McDaniel.



Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School

School Specific Signature Projects

- 5th & 6th Grade Building, 8400 N. Greystone Ave., building to be repurposed.
- 7th & 8th Grade Building, 5904 N. Villa Ave., 5 additional classrooms and a competitive gymnasium addition.

High School Projects

- **Brand new Belle Isle High School (Grades 9th – 12th)**
- **Land not yet purchased**

District-Wide Projects

- Safety & Security: New & upgraded badge access, cameras & equipment
- Athletics & PE: Uniforms & equipment
- Fine Arts: Instruments, uniforms & equipment
- Technology: Laptops, tablets & infrastructure
- Media Center: Furniture & books
- Transportation
- School Furniture

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2022 Belle Isle West
Neighborhood Association Dues

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Address _____

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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 residents add a little (or a lot) to their dues check each year to help fund projects in our neighborhood. We would like to send out a BIG thank you to the following generous neighbors who recently contributed over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

They are Vaughn & Tracy Johnson.
Thank you for supporting our neighborhood!

Help Wanted: BIW Spring Garage Sale

No one could organize a BIW garage sale like Lynn Garman, and we are forever grateful for her successful garage sales year after year until she moved away.

Several neighbors have inquired about when BIW will sponsor another neighborhood garage sale, and truthfully, we need your help! We missed October (too hot, anyway) but would love to find a few residents who would work together as a team to organize a spring sale for BIW. This would entail setting a date, preferably in spring 2023, reminding residents to get a garage sale permit, "how to's" for a successful sale, signage, etc. We would not offer a central BIW location as in the past, but the team would plan and promote the event. We have Lynn's old files to share as a resource.

Here is an opportunity to contribute to BIW NA as a time-limited project, help your neighbors do their spring cleaning, and make new neighborhood friends. Contact Greg Hall, President, if you are interested.

**Not All Speeders are
Unfamiliar to BIW,
Some Live Here!**

Certain streets in Belle Isle West often have cars speeding to and from Villa Ave. and May Ave. Unfortunately, a few speeders are residents in our great neighborhood. Everyone needs to slow down and be mindful of children on tricycles and pedestrians walking down our neighborhood streets. There really is no reason for a car to pass another car driving in our neighborhood just because they want to get somewhere a few seconds faster. If you do that where your own family lives, you or someone you love may be headed for a terrible car wreck that could be avoided.

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Calendar of Events in 2022

- October 31 Halloween Day – watch for Trick-or-Treaters walking in the streets.
 - November 8 **Election Day.** Voting hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Vote on the Oklahoma City Public Schools Bond (see page 2 for information about how the election would specifically affect the Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School) and vote for statewide and local offices!!
 - December 6 Bi-Monthly Business Meeting - held at the Belle Isle Library at 6:30 PM and lasts one hour.
 - December 19 Judging for the Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest**
- Bi-Monthly Business Meetings in 2023: February 7, April 14, June 6, August 1, October 3, December 5

OKC Development Codes Update - Opinion Survey – Results from this survey will aid in updating OKC guidelines for new homes in Oklahoma City (only takes 5 minutes to complete). Very important to keeping our neighborhoods looking the way they were intended and not the way new developers or house flippers want them to be. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OKCZoning>

2022 Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest

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

Winners will be awarded a Visa gift card:

- 1st Place – \$250**
- 2nd Place – \$150**
- 3rd Place – \$100**

3 Honorable Mention Awards – \$50 each

Judging will be done on Monday evening, December 19 by two neighbors from the Wileman’s Neighborhood. Pictures of the winning yards will be posted on our neighborhood website, www.BIWOKC.com.

Remember: Viewing holiday decorations helps to brighten your day and appreciate our lovely neighborhood. Enjoy the season!