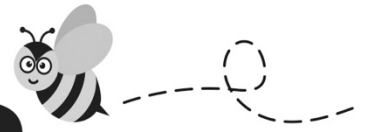


# Belle Isle Buzz



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## Volunteers Needed to Set Out Flags on Tuesday, June 28

Every home in our neighborhood gets a small American flag placed in the yard by a volunteer to celebrate Independence Day. The flags are provided annually by the Belle Isle West Neighborhood Association (BIW).

Meet at Belle Isle Park (2701 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> St.) on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 PM to pick up flags. Contact Greg Hall, [hallgreg05@gmail.com](mailto:hallgreg05@gmail.com) if you have a question.

On the neighborhood survey, the highest rated project we have is the display of flags on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Wish List for Belle Isle West Park Improvements

BIW residents met recently at the newly renovated Belle Isle Library to brainstorm about improvements we would like to see at our neighborhood park located at 2701 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> St. In the voter-approved MAPS 4, there is \$63 million in funding earmarked for upgrading our city's park system. Improvements will be based on need and "neighborhood feedback." We are organized and ready to respond when the masterplan and funding become available later this year.



Remember that the park improvements will impact our residents and families for many years. Toni Glenn, Park Improvements Committee Chair, put together a list of proposed ideas suggested for the park. There is lots of unused space in the park that could hold a number of the following suggested features, including:

- Larger pavilion with more tables and seating – even a sitting wall to allow bigger groups to use the park; Water fountains/bathrooms; Splash pad; Dog park on the north side around the newly constructed drainage system to keep it from being a soggy drainage ditch; More parking; New playground equipment; New picnic tables; More shade, trees and gardens; A nicer designated entrance; Pickleball courts; Community garden; A nature center used for educational programs; More walking trails; New tennis courts; New basketball courts; Lighting; Electrical outlets.

When the amount of money designated for Belle Isle Park is announced, the BIW Park Improvements Committee will further prioritize the Wish List. Please talk this up and invite your neighbors to get involved! Please contact Toni Glenn for information [toniokc@gmail.com](mailto:toniokc@gmail.com) or (405) 810-9640.

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62<sup>nd</sup> St. – OPEN

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Riviera Drive, 2300-2400 Blocks of 59<sup>th</sup> St. – OPEN

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

Villa Ave. and 2400-2412 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St. –

Brooks Taylor

### **OKC Animal Welfare**

Dogs and cats are free to adopt now due to overcrowding at the animal shelter. Kittens are \$30. Please adopt and save a life while you get a new best friend!

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## *Thank You to our Valued Neighbor*

As Lynn and Bob Womble, residents on 60<sup>th</sup> St., prepare to move out-of-state, we want everyone to know how instrumental Lynn has been to the success of our neighborhood.

Lynn served as Treasurer for many, many years when our neighborhood was called the Fairdale, Belle Isle, Rivera (FBIR) and later after the name change to Belle Isle West. Lynn made sure that all business documents held at the Oklahoma Capitol were in perfect order.

Lynn worked tirelessly to maintain the 501(c)3 non-profit status for our neighborhood association. This was instrumental during our Street Light Project to provide donors with the opportunity to get the tax credit while we raised money for the decorative street lights that we now enjoy.

### **This is Worthy of Repeating from 2018.**

Dear Neighbors,

Chances are if you want a dog, you already have one. If you have a dog, you probably 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 bags, 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. Really.

Sincerely, **Love the Dogs! Hate the Poop!**

Mail dues to:


**Belle Isle West NA  
5030 N. May, Box 118  
Oklahoma City, OK**



**2022 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 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 a total of \$465 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

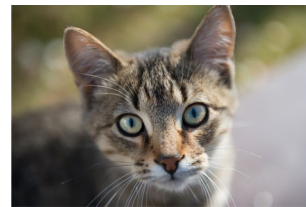
They are: Arnold Colby, Chris Harrison, Lone Brown, Mike Belanger, Jeff Poole, Shannon Wattie, Sherri & Si Simon, Larry Johnson, Pam Braccken, Patricia Parker, Karla Cason, Earlene & Mike Parr, Rajesh Kaul, Brian & Kristine Sanders, J.J. Jones, Marveta Williams, Robyn L. Sellers, Debbie South, Jerry Ann Eppler, Sharon K. Gowdy.

Thank you for supporting our neighborhood!

**RAPID BRT**

The first *RAPID* line is planned to have 32 stops and stretch 9.5 miles each way and will integrate into the larger EMBARK transit network. This *RAPID* Northwest line travels through the OKC downtown core and travels through one of the region’s most job-dense and high-traffic corridors, connecting downtown OKC to Classen Boulevard and along NW Expressway to Meridian. Ward 2 City Councilman James Cooper discussed the *RAPID* Line at the BIW CELEBRATION, March 24, 2022.

- Learn more about the project & upcoming service at [embarkok.com/brt](http://embarkok.com/brt).
- Follow *RAPID* on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).
- Groundbreaking on the first platform will be on Thursday, June 28 at 9:00 AM on the SW corner of Classen & NW 23<sup>rd</sup> St.



**2022 Update on Feral Cats in Belle Isle West**

The feral cat program is under-utilized in our neighborhood. Last summer, BIW purchased 10 cages to loan to residents. Right now, there are cages available so you can trap the feral cats in your area. Remember that cats are returned to their “home” area after being spayed. There have been kittens born this spring, so we know all the feral cats have not been spayed/neutered. To borrow a trap and learn how to use it, please contact Dave Campbell, [Dcamp20000@aol.com](mailto:Dcamp20000@aol.com).

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## **Calendar of Events in 2022**

- June 28 Vote in the Primary Election, see page 1. Voting hours 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- June 28 Volunteers needed for setting out flags, see page 1.
- August 2 Bi-monthly Business Meeting, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Belle Isle Library. If you reside in Belle Isle West, you are welcome to attend.
- September 13 Neighbor’s Night Out. We need your help planning this event in Belle Isle Park.

### **Dates of Bi-Monthly Business Meetings:**

August 2, October 4, and December 6.  
Meetings are held at the Belle Isle Library at 6:30 PM and last one hour.

**Where Do We Vote??**

Registered voters recently received new Voter Identification Cards via snail mail. Unlike other years, our voting location did not change.

Location: Christ Central Church,  
2716 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St., OKC

