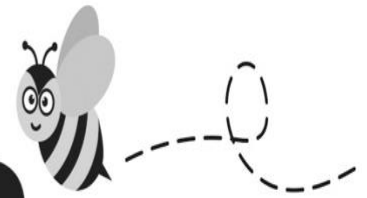


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Please Help the Feral Cats in Our Neighborhood

The Belle Isle West (BIW) Neighborhood Association is partnering with the Oklahoma City Humane Society in the Feral Cat Program to lower the population of feral cats in our neighborhood. Oklahoma City has thousands of feral cats. BIW purchased humane traps that can be checked out by residents. There is no charge for this spay/neuter program.

Please contact David Campbell at Dcamp20000@aol.com or (405) 202-1517 for further information. Dave will teach you how to use the trap and give you all the information on the Feral Cat Program. Each cat must be taken to the OKC Humane Society at 2811 SE 29th St. for their surgery. Each cat will be returned to the same area where it has been living so it can live out its life.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE BACK!

Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School (BIEMS) is back for the fall semester. The school hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily, but you can expect buses to start arriving as early as 8:00 AM. Please follow all safety precautions around the school.

One change to the campus and rules that impacts our neighborhood is the new fencing on Villa Ave. built by the school district. See BIEMS, page 2

Check the House Numbers on the Curb

A long-time resident living on 58th Place reported an odd occurrence. A man went to homes on 58th Place and covered the house numbers that are painted on the curb. When questioned by a homeowner, this man had a bogus excuse saying he was a city employee doing this for his boss. This was a lie! Our neighbor checked with the Action Center and was told this was a crime committed by a man not employed by the city.

Please check your house numbers on the curb. If the numbers are covered, it is the homeowner's responsibility to get those numbers painted on the curb. These numbers are used by emergency vehicles to find a residence. You don't want the ambulance going to the wrong house when your husband has a heart attack, so get those numbers painted on the curb. Contact Shelli Wasson if you are unable to get this done; Shelli can help you find someone to do the job.

The Action Center

The Action Center is one of the best parts of city government and is a great resource for neighborhoods.

www.okc.gov/residents/action-center

See Action Center, page 3

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Riviera Drive & 2300-2400 Blocks of NW

59th St. – OPEN

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

Villa Ave. and 2400-2412 NW 63rd St. –

Brooks Taylor

Shelli Wasson, 58th Place, wants to remind everyone to visit the Oklahoma City Museum of Art to view “The Painters of Pompeii” exhibit of Roman Frescoes ending October 17, 2021. All of the 80 artifacts and artwork on display are recovered pieces from the aftermath of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

- Children 18 and under are admitted free. www.okcmoa.com

Attention Pet Owners:

Cathie Shaw, 58th Place, wants everyone to know about the new urgent care facility for pets that is now located in our neighborhood. This is a great location to our neighborhood for urgent/emergency care for our fur babies & other pets.

City Paws Urgent Care 2821 NW 57th St, OKC, OK 73112
(405) 342-0663 help@okcitypaws.com

www.okcitypaws.com

Open after 4:00 PM for after-hours walk-in emergency care.
See website for list of conditions/injuries they routinely treat.

BIEMS

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According to the school district policy, no one except students or staff are allowed on the walking trails during school hours. Therefore, nobody from the neighborhood can walk on the trails with or without their dogs during school hours. Signs are posted, and there are gates for entry and exit.

When on schools grounds, please clean up after your dog. Think of the embarrassment if your granddaughter slipped on dog poop or that could even happen to you on your next visit!!



BIEMS is an application school. Students must meet certain test scores and other requirements to be accepted. The school has two locations. Fifth and sixth grade students attend at 8400 N. Greystone Ave., (405) 587-4900, while the seventh and eighth graders are in our Belle Isle West neighborhood at 5904 N. Villa Ave., (405) 587-6600.

BIEMS is one of the top middle schools in the entire state of Oklahoma and follows CDC guidelines for safety. Masking is strongly encouraged; many students mask on their own volition. The school is a highly diversified population and their academic progress is carefully monitored.


Mail dues to:
Belle Isle West NA
5030 N. May, Box 118
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

2021 Belle Isle West
Neighborhood Association Dues
BIW 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 total of \$260 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

They are: Terrance & Karla Cason, Patty Empie, Maribeth Govin, Sharon Gowdy, Robert & Beth Pemberton, Lynn & Shelly Quimby, and Lee Allan Smith.

Since 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 due to our 501(C)3 designation with the IRS. If you have further questions, please consult with 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!

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You can report city code violations, pot holes, tall grass, graffiti, parking on lawns, etc.

www.okc.gov/Home/Components/News

All Solicitors Must Be Licensed

If you answer your door to a solicitor, ask to see their "Outdoor Seller, Peddler and/or Solicitor's License" issued by the City of Oklahoma City. The annual license cost is \$30; the fine for going door-to-door and not obtaining a license is much more costly. Tell the salesperson, if not licensed, that you are calling 911 and report them. At that time, the seller likely leaves your area and does not return to your street because he knows he is being watched by informed citizens.

Attention: Veterans and Their Loved Ones

Veterans Crisis Hotline: Call or chat online to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

- ❖ Call: 1-800-273-8255, Press 1
- ❖ Chat Online: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>

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Calendar of Events in 2021

October 5 Business Meeting in Person at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Contact Greg Hall, (405) 414-9191 for meeting location. If you live in BIW, you are welcome to attend. Come and help plan the events for the Annual Meeting.

Future Business Meetings: October 5, December 7.

Update on Belle Isle Library

The large-scale renovation and expansion on the library at the corner of Villa Ave. & NW Expressway, could be completed as early as December or in late February or early March, 2022. The construction, at this point, is on schedule.

The temporary location is at 3621 NW Expressway, east of Gold’s Gym. You can select books inside, or order them to be picked up curbside. There are also activity kits for children and adults available, and computers can be used. Please call (405) 843-9601 if you have questions.

What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

This program is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life’s big milestones: Kindergarten. Research shows that children get ready to read long before they enter school. An excellent way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.



Speeding on Villa Ave.

A recent article in the newsletter about the new 25 mph speed limit on Villa Ave., generated resident interest about speeding and the disregard for traffic signs. Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School, located on Villa Ave., is also very interested in improving traffic control.

- Join the Safety Committee and share your ideas to solve this issue. Lots of young families walk along Villa Ave. and must be mindful of the speeding cars.