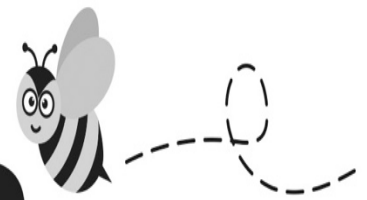


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UPDATE:

Speeding in Our Neighborhood

In the last newsletter, I wrote about Oklahoma City Police monitoring drivers on Villa Ave. Speeders who drove past the radar gun in a rush got a speeding ticket for their effort! As a result, the speed limit on Villa Ave. was **lowered to 25 MPH**.

Note: There are only two signs on Villa Ave. telling the new speed limit. There is a sign as you enter the neighborhood from NW Expressway and one from NW 63rd St.

Sincerely, Shelli Wasson



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Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma

Heart of Harkness Week, July 26th - July 30th

One Day. One Fence. Big Impact.

Georgie Rasco, Executive Director, Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma, sent a message to neighborhood leaders about helping repair or build fences in a nearby neighborhood. Georgie's message is below.

“Do you believe EVERYONE has the right to live in a safe, healthy, and beautiful neighborhood, including dogs?? Do you also believe that families should not be denied the opportunity to have a dog simply because they cannot afford to repair or build a fence? If so, then grab 5-10 friends, co-workers, church members, or neighbors, and join us by building backyard fences in a low-income neighborhood, simply because we know that together we can change lives!

See Fence, page 3

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59th St. – OPEN

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

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

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211 or (405) 286-4057

Thank You to a Valued Neighbor

As Lynn Garman, resident on 58th St., prepares to move out of Belle Isle West, we want everyone to know how instrumental Lynn has been to the success of our neighborhood.

Lynn was in charge of Garage Sale Weekend for 21 years. This is an unbelievable accomplishment! One lady said she had never seen a garage sale so well organized; “Lynn even has clothing racks like a department store! She sorts everything and makes sure it is only of good quality. When individuals pay for their goods, Lynn tells them all about the Street Light Project and even shows them a picture of what one looks like. She has a donation jar by the cash box and people even donate cash to the project! “

Besides being in charge of Garage Sale Weekend, Lynn served on the committee to organize the *Pupnic in the Park* held in Ross Park in 2012 and 2013. Proceeds from the *Pupnic* paid for poop bag dispensers placed in four locations in the park. Lynn handled the **LOGISTICS** - Accessibility, safety, mapping the event, sales of water and soda, first aid, and trash management. At that time, Lynn and her husband, Steve, lived just down the street from the park and she liked to take their little pug, Lilly, to the park. Lynn helped get the park’s name changed to Belle Isle Park, our Adopt-a-Park.

Lynn and Toni Taylor Glenn prepared grants for the Margaret Annis Boys Trust to provide funding for planting trees in the park. On the website, www.biwokc.com there are pictures of Lynn and other residents watering and mulching the beloved trees.

In recent years, Lynn and Steve opened their business/home to host bi-monthly business meetings of Belle Isle West. Lynn always wrote articles for our newsletter, the *Belle Isle Buzz*, and enjoyed driving the judge around the neighborhood for the Holiday Display contest and volunteered to serve as co-treasurer with Cathie Shaw.

We wish Lynn well as she moves to Norman and spends more time with her granddaughter.

Volunteers Needed to Set Out Flags on Saturday, June 26

Every home in our neighborhood gets a small American flag placed in the yard by a volunteer to celebrate Independence Day. Volunteers should contact Dave Campbell (405) 202-1517; he will give you the time to meet at Belle Isle Park to collect the flags.

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


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

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Neighborhood Association Dues
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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 would like to send out a BIG thank you to the following generous neighbors who recently contributed a total of \$265 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

They are: Ione Brown, Will Fathree and Sara Scoggins, Eunice Khoury, Charles and Sharon Sexson, TM and Linda Richardson, Bill and Catherine Shaw, Carol Cooley, Peggy Balch, Cody and Juliann Thompson, Larry Johnson and Pam Bracken, Craig and Shelli Wasson.

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 because we hold a 501(C)3 designation with the IRS. If you have further questions, you may consult with your tax expert.

If we failed to list anyone who donated an amount over your dues, please let us know and we will recognize you in the next newsletter. Thanks!

Fence, continued from page 1

Metro Park Neighborhood (just west of downtown OKC) has extremely caring neighbors and a problem with both loose and chained dogs. This not only destroys the dog's quality of life, but it affects everyone in the neighborhood by hindering their public safety, outdoor activities, kids playing outside, walking to school or for pleasure, interacting with neighbors in front yards, and more. In one day you and your friends will impact the lives of an entire neighborhood, as well as their pets, in a life-changing way!"

Teams of 5-10 people, (over the age of 15) are needed to build or repair one backyard fence (all in one day during the week of July 26th – July 30th). Supervision is provided by skilled laborers, but hopefully one or two team members will have some building skills. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. This could be a fun time for families to do something together for one day and know they made a difference for a family and their dog. Parents must sign a permission form for anyone age 15-17.

To volunteer for the Belle Isle West Team, contact Shelli Wasson, shelliwasson95@yahoo.com or cell (405) 250-6462. It would be amazing if we have multiple teams to represent our neighborhood.

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Calendar of Events in 2021

June 26 Meet at Belle Isle Park to get flags, see story on page 2.

July 25th – July 31th One day during the week the Belle Isle West Team will repair or build a fence to help a nearby neighborhood, see story on page 1. Contact Shelli Wasson to volunteer. This would be a great activity for grandparents to do with their grandkids! Team members get to choose the day to work on a fence. Help a dog and family in need.

August 3 Business Meeting in Person at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM The meeting lasts one hour. 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 Neighbor’s Night Out and the Annual Meeting.

September 14 Neighbor’s Night Out in Belle Isle Park, 2700 NW 62nd St.

Future Business Meetings: October 5, December 7.

Current Crime Information:

LexisNexis now has a Community Crime Map. www.communitycrimemap.com

On this website, you can see about crimes on your very own street. Fortunately, our neighborhood has very few crimes. The map shows our neighborhood as FBIR, our neighborhood name years ago (Fairdale – Belle Isle – Riveria); Belle Isle Park is listed by its former name, Ross Park.

Thank you to MSgt. Bob Skalla, Oklahoma City Police Department, Hefner Division for this pertinent information and tour at the Open House on 06/22/2021.