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## Decorative Street Lights Get New Signage

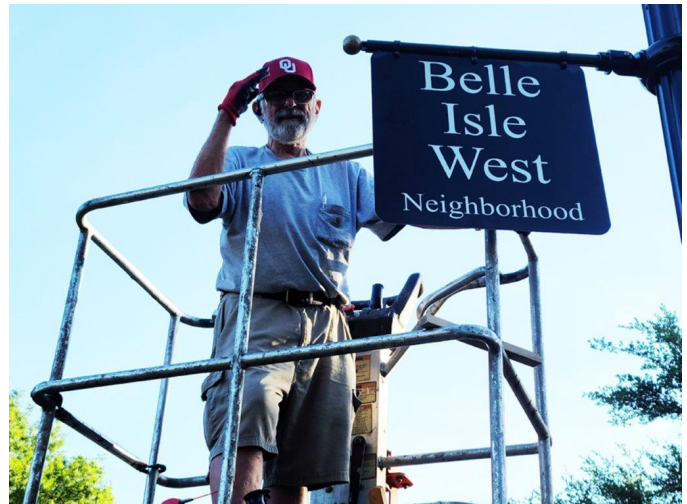
When drivers roar down Villa Ave., they can't help but know they are in the Belle Isle West (BIW) Neighborhood. Metal signs now hang from the decorative street lights marking the west side of every street corner along Villa Ave. and also in other areas of our neighborhood.

Two long-time BIW volunteers, Dave Campbell and Greg Hall were responsible for lots of time-consuming hard work. From the picture, you can see that Dave is up in the air with the sky behind him. Then you ask yourself, when you need to attach a sign at the top of a light pole how do you do it?? Homeowners don't have ladders that can safely get you that high without a trip to the Emergency Room. Therefore, you must rent a piece of equipment that can safely and quickly lift workers in the air to perform construction and maintenance functions.

Dave is standing on a platform with side rails called a "cherry picker" or "scissor-lift". Not surprisingly, this type equipment was originally used in orchards to lift a worker up high enough to pick cherries off the top of cherry trees.

For this job, Dave was at least 20 feet up in the air on the cherry picker so he could get the signs attached and screwed at the top. Dave and Greg switched off being the equipment operator and the one hanging the sign. This was a 2-day job following 4 days to prepare the 20 metal signs to be permanently attached to the decorative light poles. The signs are attached using metal brackets and rod bolts.

In spring/summer 2021, more signage will be installed since there are several decorative street  
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Dave Campbell is waving from high up in the air after successfully attaching the new metal sign to one of the decorative street lights on Villa Ave.

Message from the Editor: Hello Neighbors, Oklahoma has just come through the roughest winter storms since 1983. The state had 294 hours below freezing (12.25 days) and our neighborhood was right in the middle of it getting about 17 inches of snow. Due to frigid conditions, I started thinking about putting something sunny and bright on the first page of this newsletter. It is crazy how the story (left) about the street signs was bumped from the Sept./Oct. 2020 newsletter due to the ice storm at the end of October. We are also still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic so we deserve a fun story!  
Sincerely, Shelli Wasson

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- Child Development & Parenting, Take Home Kit - Age Group: Birth-PreK

Our skilled Children’s Librarians have developed a special take home kit just for you! Our 123! Play with Me at Home! Take home kits include 4 fun and engaging activities that focus on dramatic play, art exploration, gross motor skill development, and music exploration. A free book and handouts are included.

These take home kits are intended for children ages 0-4 and a caregiver. Visit [metrolibrary.org/123playwithme](http://metrolibrary.org/123playwithme) or call (405) 231-8650. Kits are available at participating libraries in March, April, and May. Please note that Belle Isle’s kits are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Call the curbside number to request your kit. [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org) 02/25/2021

## YOU’LL BE MISSED

Our neighborhood has lost another resident who helped our association in many ways and for many years. Steve Garman will be remembered for always helping his wife, Lynn, in all her many tasks with the neighborhood. Steve helped Lynn with the neighborhood benefit garage sale; putting out mulch in our Belle Isle Park; working very hard on major events, *Pupnic in the Park* in 2011 and 2012; and providing a conference area for BIW business meetings. Steve passed away earlier this month.

R.I.P. Dear Friend.



## Metropolitan Library System

**Belle Isle Library** – 3621 NW Expressway, OKC  
(Temporary Location) Phone: (405) 843-9601

“The Metropolitan Library System reached a record-breaking 2 million digital book checkouts in 2020. Oklahoma City’s library system was one of 102 worldwide that surpassed 1 million checkouts”. The Journal Record, 01/21/2021, page 4A

All Metro Library locations are in the “Curbside Plus” stage. In this stage, ready holds will be delivered curbside. Customers can come into a library to use a computer or to print, copy, fax, or scan. Masks are required.

The library has something for all ages!

- Get inspired by our 15-second book reviews: Head to [our Instagram page](#) to see tons of short reviews on new books we know you'll love.
- Participate in an Author Hour event on Facebook: Every month we talk books and writing with authors from around the country. Never been? Dip your toe into [Author Hour at 10 a.m. on the third](#) Saturday. Previous interviews are on Facebook.

Mail dues to:

**Belle Isle West NA**  
**5030 N. May, Box 118**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73112**



2021 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 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 \$405 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

They are Tanya Turner, R. Simon, Mark & Joanne Schlegel, Stanley & Peggy Balch, Seannene Smith, Catherine Steele, Mary Scheller, and Cathy & Melvin Fitzhugh.

Because 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'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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street lights within our neighborhood that still need signage. If you want to help with this project, please contact Greg Hall at [hallgreg05@gmail.com](mailto:hallgreg05@gmail.com).

Greg Hall is the BIW President and Dave Campbell assists as Sergeant-At-Arms; both residents serve as the Co-Street Directors for 55<sup>th</sup> Place. Work done on behalf of BIW is voluntary (nobody gets paid) so helpers are always welcome!

[www.BIWOKC.com](http://www.BIWOKC.com)

### Take Your Dogs For a Walk!

#### Belle Isle Park - NW 62<sup>nd</sup> & Ross

This is a great place in our neighborhood to take your dogs for a walk. All dogs in a city park must be on a leash. Handlers must pick up after their dogs. Waste bags provided.

#### PAW Park - 3303 NW Grand Blvd.

Your canine companion will absolutely love PAW Park because they can to run off leash or take a romp in the park pond.

Features of the park include:

- 2-acres of off-leash play space
- Separated enclosures for large (over 30 pounds) and small (30 pounds or less) dogs
- Water stations
- Swimming pond
- Benches and shaded areas for human visitors

PAW Park is operated and maintained in cooperation with [Partners for Animal Welfare of Oklahoma](http://Partners for Animal Welfare of Oklahoma). This non-profit, volunteer organization takes care of the park grounds and raises funds for park improvements. [www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov) 02/25/2021

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**Calendar of Events in 2021**

**Business Meeting via Zoom**  
April 6 at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The meeting lasts one hour.

All residents of BIW are invited to attend electronically. Contact Greg Hall, [hallgreg05@gmail.com](mailto:hallgreg05@gmail.com) by April 2 for instructions to join the meeting.

**Future Business Meetings:**  
April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, December 7.

**Volunteers Needed!!**

**Time to Report Potholes**

Report potholes to the City. Here's how:

- Log on to [okc.gov/action](http://okc.gov/action)
- Email [action.center@okc.gov](mailto:action.center@okc.gov)
- Text (405) 252-1053
- OKC Connect smartphone app
- Call the Action Center at (405) 297-2535

**Crews need an accurate address or closest intersection to respond efficiently.**

Potholes are formed when water seeps into cracks in the asphalt then down into the roadbed. The repeated freezing and thawing of water then expands to create larger gaps and cracks in the asphalt. As traffic drives over the weakened asphalt, the road surface comes apart.

Street crews filled more than 66,400 potholes in 2020. It costs the City approximately \$18 to patch each pothole. [www.okc.gov/Home/Components/News](http://www.okc.gov/Home/Components/News) 02/25/2021