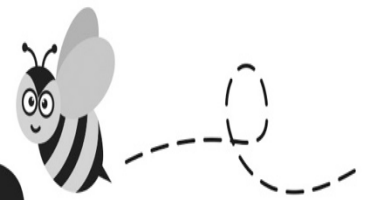


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Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest

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

Winners will be awarded a Visa gift card:

1st Place – \$150

2nd Place – \$100

3rd Place – \$75

Judging will be done on Monday evening, December 20 by two neighbors from the nearby 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!



Looking for a Fun New Sport? Disc Golf might be for you!

Since Oklahoma City normally has 300 days of sunshine per year, we usually experience very pleasant fall and winter days allowing for outside fun. Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation has 2 Disc Golf courses near Belle Isle West. These courses challenge players physically and mentally.

www.okc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/disc-golf

Dolese Youth Park, 5105 NW 50th St, OKC 73112

- The Dolese Disc Golf Course winds its way through wooded areas and near the pond
- Course length: 4,878 feet
- 36 holes
- Mach 3 course

Will Rogers Park, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC 73112

- Hazards on the Will Rogers Park Disc Golf Course include steep sloped terrain and naturally-occurring streams and waterways.
- Course length: 4,410 feet
- 18 holes
- Mach 2 course
 - ✓ For more information, contact OKC Parks & Rec Dept., (405) 297-3882.

Protect Your SUV & Trucks

Catalytic Converter Theft Safety

From: MSgt. Robert W. Skalia, Hefner Division

Catalytic converter thefts are taking place because the converters contain several types of recyclable material that can be "scrapped" for a quick profit. Thieves generally target high-profile vehicles like trucks or SUVs because high-profile See Catalytic Converter, Page 3

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55th Terrace – Cathy Fitzhugh

56th St. & Linn – OPEN

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 & Lynne Womble

61st St. – Scott Sproat & Maribeth Govin

62nd St. – OPEN

Imperial Terrace – Jackie Wilkinson

Riviera Drive & 2300-2400 Blocks of NW

59th St. – OPEN

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

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

Brooks Taylor

A Local Nonprofit to Know

Abby Tompkins, resident on 58th Place, is the Development Director for **Focus on Home**, a local nonprofit helping families who are transitioning out of homelessness.

Focus on Home is a local Oklahoma City nonprofit that transforms empty houses into homes by repurposing unwanted, gently used furniture and home furnishings donated by the community to families in need.

The organization has 2 box trucks so they can pick up items. Want more information? Visit us at www.FocusOnHome.org or if you are ready to schedule a pick-up of your unwanted items give us a call at (405) 620-6055.

Items to donate to Focus on Home:

Furniture

Couches/Loveseats

Recliners, Chairs

Side Tables

Accent Furniture

Dressers, Headboards

Linens

Sheet sets (twin, full, & queen)

Bedding Sets, Curtains

Shower Curtains

Towel Sets, Rugs (All Sizes)

Throw Pillows and Throw Blankets

Accessories

Curtain Rods

Artwork

Décor Items

Hanger Sets

Lamps

Kitchen

Everyday Dishes (Service of 4 min)

Cups/Glasses, Silverware

Kitchen Utensils, Post & Pans

Bakeware, Baking Sheets

Knives, Strainers, Can Openers

***Providing More
Than Furniture...
Creating Homes.***

Abby Tompkins

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Focus on Home

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www.focusonhome.org

HOLIDAY HYGGE ACTIVITY KIT

Monday, December 13, 9:00 AM (Kit pickup starts)

Belle Isle Library, 3621 NW Expy – temporary location

The holiday season can be stressful, and you may find yourself in need of some hygge. "Hygge" (pronounced hoo-gah) is a Scandinavian term that refers to coziness and togetherness. In this activity kit, you will find snacks, tools, and crafts to help you center yourself and relax during this busy season.


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 \$ _____

Please mail your payment using the envelope provided.
Your canceled check is your receipt.

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vehicles like trucks or SUVs because the higher ground clearance allow for easier access underneath the vehicle. Currently, we are seeing Toyotas being targeted, especially the Prius.

What can you do to protect your vehicle? Here are some prevention tips:

- If you have a garage, consider parking your car inside.
- Park in well-lit areas and if possible near security cameras.
- If your catalytic converter is a "bolt-on" model, you can have the bolts welded shut and have extra metal welded in the exhausted system.
- Install a catalytic converter protection device that will clamp around the converter.
- Etch your converter with your vehicle's license plate in several locations. This will help police track your property if it is stolen.
- Calibrate your car alarm to alert when it detects vibrations.

Please do not hesitate to report suspicious activity to our non-emergency number at (405) 231-2121.

Master Sergeant Robert W. Skalla
Police Community Relations Officer
Oklahoma City Police Department, Hefner Division
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The Oklahoma County Extension Has Many Resources for Home Gardeners

Hello Gardeners: Do you know the Oklahoma County (Agricultural) Extension office has tons of free advice and information? Master Gardeners provide a free call-in service year-round, Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, (405) 713-1125. They answer questions and have hundreds of Fact Sheets to help you grow anything. There are workshops throughout the year.

Coming up is "What about Winter?" What you should do in Winter to maximize your landscape. Friday, November 19th at 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, Cost: \$5.

Cathy Fitzhugh, Master Gardener, resident on 55th Terrace
The Master Gardener certification was awarded to Cathy in October 2021.

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Calendar of Events in 2021

December 7 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.

2022 March – Annual Celebration

Future Business Meetings: February 1, April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, December 6
Meetings are fun and last one hour.

Construction Update on Belle Isle Library

The construction, at this point, is on schedule. When you drive by the library, you can see curbing being installed and see that the parking lot will soon be poured. Crews are even working on Saturdays to get this big project finished.

During the planning stage, there was only one entrance/exit into the library parking lot. At the Community Meeting in 2020, Shelli Wasson asked the question about entrance/exit and was told that one was enough for the parking lot. Since the library used to have 2 entrance/exits, hopefully the architects and planners reconsidered.

Mark Your Calendar:

The Belle Isle West Neighborhood Association Annual CELEBRATION is coming in March 2022.

Just around the corner. Watch the newsletters for more information.