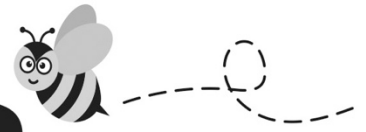


# Belle Isle Buzz



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## 2022 Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest

Thank you to everyone decorating their homes and yards this year. In the very cold wintry weather, it was fun to see pretty lights throughout our neighborhood. See pictures at [www.biwokc.com](http://www.biwokc.com).

Winners received Visa gift cards.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$250 2708 NW 59<sup>th</sup> St

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$150 2525 NW 56<sup>th</sup> St, Brook-Scott family

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$100 2713 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Pl, Quigley family

3 Honorable Mention Awards – \$50 each

2609 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Pl, Cunningham family

2701 NW 56<sup>th</sup> St, Caine family

2616 NW 58<sup>th</sup> St, Hamrick family

Judges were Chris & Candace Johnson, their daughter, Aubrey, and Hunter Hall.

Submitted by Greg Hall

## Incredible News: Sidewalk on Villa Ave.

Money from the 2017 Bond Election is now being used in our area for sidewalks and bike lanes. The initiative is expected to provide a total of **\$766,580,000** dollars for streets, traffic infrastructure, trails and sidewalks in OKC.

[www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov) Better Streets Safer City Summary, accessed 12/19/2022.

“Sidewalks: NW 63rd St. from N Warren Ave. to N Villa Ave. Work Order for TLS to update NW Expressway and NW 63rd.

Bike Lanes: Bike facilities, along the N Villa Ave., alignments between NW 62nd St. and NW 10th St. (Sales Tax only)

Intersection Improvements: NW 63 Street at N Villa Ave.”



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, 2022

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55<sup>th</sup> Place – Dave Campbell & Greg Hall

55<sup>th</sup> Terrace – Cathy Fitzhugh

56<sup>th</sup> St. & Linn – Sandy & Peter Pembroke

57<sup>th</sup> St. – Shannon & Randy Wells

58<sup>th</sup> Place – Shelli & Craig Wasson, Cathie Shaw

58<sup>th</sup> St. – Sue Fellers

59<sup>th</sup> St. – Aimee Dial Parrish

60<sup>th</sup> St. – Christie Baker

61<sup>st</sup> St. – Scott Sproat & Maribeth Govin

62<sup>nd</sup> St. – OPEN

## **Know Your Neighbor**

Dave Campbell, resident on 55<sup>th</sup> Place, is a man for all seasons. Life began in southern Georgia and his first job was driving an ambulance at age 15. Later in life, he pursued a career in mortuary science in New Orleans, later graduating from Dallas School of Mortuary Science. Seeking a career change, Dave entered corporate management in Oklahoma City, where he met his wife, Sue. He also joined the Oklahoma County Sheriff Division as a Deputy Reserve, serving 27 years.

Another career change led to Fred Jones Auto Group, an enjoyable career for 18 years where he held the contract for the state of Oklahoma for police cars during that time. True to his spirit of volunteering, he served with the Red Cross for 12 years and 44 deployments. After he and Sue gave up RV traveling, he had a workshop built and taught himself wood carving, often watching YouTube for instruction. His products are amazing, many created from our neighborhood trees. Wait...he has recently taken up bread making!

Dave is an anchor in our neighborhood volunteers, if you see a project, Dave is involved. He has served many years as a Belle Isle West (BIW) Street Director and Sergeant-At-Arms. BIW is grateful to Dave and all our neighbors who volunteer to improve and promote our goals.

Imperial Terrace – Jackie Wilkinson

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

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

Villa Ave. & 2400-2412 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St.- Brooks Taylor

## **Belle Isle Park**

Toni Glenn, BIW Neighborhood Park Representative, has been in contact multiple times with city officials presenting our Wants/Needs plan for Belle Isle Park. James Cooper, City Council – Ward 2, is in support of our plan. What happens next is for residents to attend the MAPS 4 Parks Open House and also fill out the survey about the park (see below). The survey [maps4parks.com](https://maps4parks.com) will be open until mid-February.



**WHAT: MAPS 4 Parks Open House for Group D which includes Belle Isle Park**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023, from 5 PM to 7 PM

**WHERE:** Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. Oklahoma City, OK 73112 (Conservatory)

Community input will guide consultants as they develop a master plan and assess current park conditions, accessibility, and potential expansion needs for neighborhood and community parks around Oklahoma City. Residents who use these parks are encouraged to attend and give input on upcoming improvements. Please complete the survey (available in English and Spanish) at [maps4parks.com](https://maps4parks.com). The name of our neighborhood park is Belle Isle Park (formerly Ross Park) located at 2701 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> St.

Mail dues to:

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



**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 \$110 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

They are Vaughn & Tracy Johnson, Lynn & Scott Carroll, Molly Holbrock, Barbara Pirrong, JoAnn & Mark Schlegel, and Stephen Parker. Thank you for supporting our neighborhood!

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)4 designation with the IRS. If you have further questions, please consult with your tax expert.



**Looking for Ways to “Calm” Traffic in BIW**

The City of Oklahoma City recently started a new task force to help solve the problem of drivers using neighborhoods as “cut-throughs” to major thoroughfares. Residents in BIW have been trying to get traffic to slow down on our neighborhood streets. People routinely use Villa Ave. as a “cut-through” to and from NW Expressway and NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St.; likewise, with 57<sup>th</sup> St. and 58<sup>th</sup> Place. In recent years, Oklahoma City officially did not want to “impede” traffic within the city.

Will Fathree, resident on 58<sup>th</sup> Place, has been talking and corresponding with Max Harris and Rob Littlefield of the OKC Traffic and Transportation Commission, to find new ways to slow traffic. Pricing was requested on the new traffic calming measures. This issue will be fully discussed with residents before any calming measures are secured by the board.

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**Calendar of Events in 2023**

January 10      **MAPS 4 Parks Open House to discuss Neighborhood Parks (Group D) 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St., OKC 73112 (Conservatory), see page 2.

February 7      Bi-Monthly Business Meeting - held at the Belle Isle Library at 6:30 PM and lasts one hour.

February 14    **Election Day.** Voting hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Vote for City Council, Ward 2.

Bi-Monthly Business Meetings in 2023: February 7, April 4, June 6, August 1, October 3, December 5

**OG&E Emergency/Outage Line**  
**(405) 272-9595**

Contact OG&E at once when the electricity goes out. In Oklahoma, most electrical power outages are related to severe weather. The top three threats are high winds, lightning, and ice. Your neighbors may be on different circuits, transformers or fuses so they may have lights while you do not. All houses in a neighborhood are not necessarily on the same service lines. For more information, [www.oge.com](http://www.oge.com).

**Snow Routes Near BIW**

- May Ave. and Western Ave.
- NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and NW Expressway
- Pennsylvania Ave. is NOT a snow route.

During inclement weather, Snow Routes are salted and sanded while neighborhood streets are not.