

# Belle Isle Buzz

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## **BELLE ISLE WEST CELEBRATION**

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, MARCH 24,  
at 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** THE EMBASSY SUITES  
(NW EXPRESSWAY &  
INDEPENDENCE)

ENTER THROUGH NORTHEAST DOOR  
OF HOTEL, CLOSE TO PARKING LOT

James Cooper, Ward 2 Councilman,  
is a confirmed speaker!

- ✓ PRIZES!
- ✓ HORS D'OEUVRES!
- ✓ CASH BAR (BEER & WINE)

Come and learn about our great  
neighborhood and the voluntary  
Association. Meet your neighbors  
and make new friends.

## **Drainage Work on NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Street!!**



Public Works started the drainage project in mid-February.

Over many years, Street Directors Aimee Dial Parrish, Greg Hall, and Lynn Garman had in-person meetings as well as emails and phone calls with OKC officials about the limited drainage in the Belle Isle West neighborhood. The Action Line received many calls when trash cans floated down the street; residents sent emails and visited with our Ward 2 City Council representative to get the drainage issue recognized by the city. Money for drainage improvements was finally included in the **2017 Oklahoma City Bond Issue Projects**.

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## **STREET DIRECTORS (03/01/2022)**

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

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

56<sup>th</sup> St. & Linn – OPEN

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 & Lynne Womble

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

62<sup>nd</sup> St. – OPEN

Imperial Terrace – Jackie Wilkinson

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

Ross Ave. – Eunice Khoury

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

## **Update on Feral Cats**

The feral cat program is doing well. Cats are returned to their “home” area after being spayed/neutered. To borrow a trap and learn how to use it, contact Dave Campbell, [Dcamp20000@aol.com](mailto:Dcamp20000@aol.com).

Hello Neighbors,

I love living in Belle Isle West (BIW). We have so many services, restaurants and shops nearby as well as a great central location. Evidently, it’s no secret because The Neighborhood Alliance named BIW Neighborhood of the Year in 2019.

If you love it too and want to make it GREAT, please consider volunteering a little time. All residents are invited to bi-monthly Business Meetings. Dates for 2022 are April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, December 6; meetings last one hour.

Attending these meetings keeps you “in the know” about what is happening in our area. If you have a little time to help, consider running for office OR be a Street Director, also called a Block Captain. You can do as much or as little as you have time for. The average time needed is about 1 hour per month.

### **WHAT DOES A STREET DIRECTOR DO?**

Basically, **Street Directors serve as points of contact to remain in touch with block residents and be aware of needs, ideas, and issues affecting the residents on their streets, bringing such issues to the attention of the board if any action is required or requested.** It helps tremendously for Street Directors to attend the Board meetings. That’s it. Since our streets are so long, it is ideal if there are two street directors (see Street Directors, left column).

Remember: All this is volunteer work so it doesn’t interfere with your real life. Hopefully, you can fit a little BIW volunteering into your life.


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

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

2022 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 would like to send out a BIG thank you to the following generous neighbors who recently contributed a total of \$600 over and above their \$35.00 yearly dues:

They are: Carol Cooley, Kenneth & Anne Blood, P. Seannene Smith, Cathy Fitzhugh, Bill & Catherine Shaw, Linsey Rae Chancellor, George & Judy Clough, Teresa Rose, Pamela Westbrook, Lee Allan Smith, Merlaine Anderson, Shirley Pollard, Timothy Talley, Linda Skinner, W. T. Richardson.

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 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!

**Gardening Tips:** EXCITED FOR SPRING? ANXIOUS TO PLANT AND GROW?

Please WAIT a little while to clear away all that plant debris from last year. Many birds, bees and wild things use that material for nesting, over-wintering and laying eggs and raising young. Please wait until the temperature is consistently 50 degrees or above to clean out your gardens, the wildlife will benefit.

**WHAT TO DO NOW?** Get a soil test every 3 years. The best thing you can do to ensure healthy plants is to improve your soil. You can't know what needs to be added until you find out what you've got. The Oklahoma County Extension office will test your soil and give you a detailed report of what you need to do. It only costs \$10. Call the Master Gardeners at 405-713-1125 to find out how to take a sample. The Extension Office also has thousands of pages of information. Fact sheets on almost any subject can be emailed, picked up or mail. One of my favorites is [HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance Schedule](#). It tells you what to do in your landscape EVERY month of the year. See Gardening Tips, page 4



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### **Calendar of Events in 2022**

- March 24 Annual Celebration – see page 1 for details.
- April 5 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 2022.

**Future Business Meetings: April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, December 6.**

Gardening Tips, continued from page 3

- Prune shade trees, summer flowering shrubs and hedges. **Prune spring blooming shrubs AFTER flowering.**
- Apply first pre-emergent summer annual herbicide to turf areas.
- Plant cool-season crops such as potatoes, onions and radishes.
- Prepare your lawn mower and other equipment.
- Fertilize cool-season lawns (bluegrass, fescue, rye grass, etc.)
- **Prune roses just before growth starts.**
- Divide and replant summer and fall blooming perennials.

**Mark Your Calendar!!**

The Annual CELEBRATION for the Belle Isle West NA will be Thursday, March 24th, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the newly remodeled Embassy Suites (formerly the Marriott) nearby at Northwest Expressway and Independence. Use the NE door for outside entrance to the meeting area.