



## Belle Isle Neighborhood Association Newsletter - November 2009

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Our goal is to keep folks informed of upcoming events, neighborhood concerns, the work your elected officials are doing to improve our neighborhood and other tidbits of information that might just be entertaining or helpful! These newsletters will be available in both printed and email formats. Please feel free to contact Jerry Zeutzius ([jzeutzius@charter.net](mailto:jzeutzius@charter.net)) or any of your Board, your neighbors, with any info. You may also call 442-9103.

### **Big News!!! 2011 Street Improvement - Public Works Meeting Tonight!**

During the month of October the City of Monona is conducting a survey to aid in the design and engineering work for the 2011 Street Reconstruction Project in the Belle Isle area. The survey work is being done to determine elevations to aid in the design of the conveyance of storm water. The Monona Public Works Committee will hold a public information meeting regarding the proposed 2011 Street Reconstruction Project, today, Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room located in the lower level of the Monona Library. We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to attend this meeting.

#### **2009 - 2010 Belle Isle Neighborhood Goals:**

- ✓ Flood Proofing and Mitigation
- ✓ Oneida and Tecumseh Park
- ✓ Channel Restoration and Dredging
- ✓ 2011 Street Improvement

## Updates:

- Flood Proofing and Mitigation: An update from the City of Monona Flood Mitigation Committee:** There was no meeting held in October. The electric lift stations are in the process of being installed at the end of Nishishin Trail NE and Pocahontas/Tecumseh. The consulting engineer for the project indicated that although most of the preparation work to install the pumps is done, they are still waiting on completion of the pumps. Apparently this is a fairly innovative project, one of only a few currently being installed and utilized statewide and those were from sewer lift stations. We have not seen the work that will connect the electricity yet and have inquired about the ability to hook these up to generators but haven't heard back on that. There was also some concern stated relating to freezing damage, which is currently being discussed in meetings with the City. The consulting engineer also indicated that he would recommend lowering of the road when the work commences.
- Oneida and Tecumseh Park:** For all of those that have donated money to the Oneida Park playground, a Big Thank You letter has been posted to you at the [www.belleisle.org](http://www.belleisle.org) website. In addition, we will be presenting the framed Thank You letter to the City of Monona at the Public Works Committee tonight. Please check it out at the website.
- Info Board:** We would like to establish a neighborhood info board at the corner of Tecumseh and Neponset. This board will provide an opportunity to connect neighbors, announce events in our area, and so forth. We would love input, as it is a certainty for this summer. We have ideas, which can be referenced by email to [JimL@uwalumni.com](mailto:JimL@uwalumni.com). An example of our intentions can be found at [http://www.barcoproducts.com/store/item.asp?ITEM\\_ID=1908&DEPARTMENT\\_ID=173](http://www.barcoproducts.com/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=1908&DEPARTMENT_ID=173)
- Channel Restoration:** An update from Bill Arnold!

The effort to restore by dredging Belle Isle's channels began in 2005. By September 2008 the WDNR issued the City of Monona the required Chapter 30 permit. The project can dredge sediment from the channels, pump it to Oneida Park to dry and use as fill. The permit also allows the City to dredge Monona's three boat launches. Monona then applied to the State Waterways Commission for a Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF) grant that could fund up to 50% of projects costs.

Monona submitted a \$797,100 grant application that was classified as "Dredging Channels". Unfortunately on July 31, 2009 the Waterways Commission used its limited budget to fund "Development Projects" *only*. We still hope to secure some State funding by expanding the application to include a new dock in Winnequah Park. The new dock expands access to the lake for handicapped fishing and launching kayaks. Jake Anderson, Park and Recreation Director, agreed to review Monona's plans with the State and to prepare a revised application for 2010. Ideally the State will classify Monona's new dock, boat launch improvements and modest dredging as a Development Project and grants for monetary assistance.
- [www.belleisle.org](http://www.belleisle.org):** Getting better and more informative all the time! Keep checking in for updates and info!

**Current BINA Board:** The 2009-2010 Belle Isle Neighborhood Association Board:

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Director – Bill Arnold

**Treasurer's Report:** BINA currently has \$1,153.59 in our checking account. Part of this money will be used for the new sign to be put in Oneida Park. We also have Belle Isle T-Shirts for sale. We are asking \$10 for these beautiful shirts. The following is a list of sizes and colors available:

Adult Small – 2 Green, 2 Tan, 1 White, 1 Grey

Adult Medium – 2 Green, 2 Tan

Adult Large – 3 Green, 5 Tan, 5 White, 4 Grey

Adult X-Large – 2 Green, 2 Tan, 2 White

Contact David McMonigal at [mcmonigaldj@gmail.com](mailto:mcmonigaldj@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing a T-Shirt

### SUGGESTED DUES

In order to cover costs of meeting spaces, printing, events and in the interest of getting funds started for future projects we would like to suggest annual dues of \$20 per household. Any amount that you can contribute is greatly appreciated and will be held in the Belle Isle Neighborhood Association bank account. Please direct any due submissions or questions to Dave McMonigal at [mcmonigaldj@gmail.com](mailto:mcmonigaldj@gmail.com). Dave will be keeping the neighborhood informed of expenses incurred and plans for future needs and costs throughout the year. Again, this is only a suggested amount and is not a requirement of the Belle Isle Neighborhood Association. This is only a guideline to help those currently covering costs out of their own pocket and for future projects and fun! Any help, monetary or otherwise is appreciated!

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