

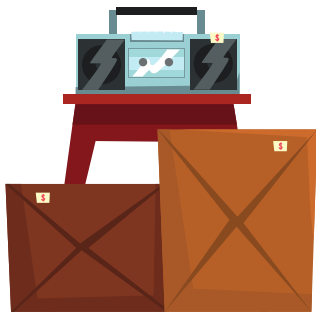
BELMONT WEST NEWS

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March 2021

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Saturday, April 17th
8:00am-2:00pm



The Belmont West neighborhood yard sale will be held on the third Saturday in April. The format will be the same as in previous years but all participants- both sellers and buyers- should wear masks and adhere to CDC guidelines. Participants should provide hand sanitizer for visitors to the sale, encourage "look but touch" behavior and periodically sanitize objects handled by visitors. Place a balloon or colorful flag on your mailbox to indicate to visitors that you have treasures to sell. Advertisements will be placed in the local newspaper.



HOA FEES AND POOL MEMBERSHIP

The Belmont West Association dues for 2021 are due by April 1. You should have received notice in the mail, but if you are new to the neighborhood or have not received via snail mail the forms are attached to this newsletter.

Our membership is voluntary but we have a higher percentage participation than other mandatory associations. (Around 80% of households in BW join.) The executive committee would like to think that participation is high because "you get a lot for your money." All executive committee members are volunteers. The \$75 annual membership fee covers:

- Maintenance of the recreation area around the pool. (The association owns the pool and pays Knox County property taxes & insurance coverage for liability, damage and state of TN non-profit corp. fees. Pool operational expenses are paid by the separate pool membership fee.)
- Maintenance of the median on Briarwood Boulevard including removal and replacement of trees necessary and lighting for the boulevard.
- Seasonal planting and maintenance of the entrances to BW.
- Neighborhood phone directory.
- A series of social activities for all neighbors- visit by Santa and Easter Egg hunt for the kids; parties and gatherings for adults; 4th of July parade, "open-to-all" days at the pool on Memorial Day & July 4th.
- A neighborhood yard sale
- A website, newsletters and Facebook page

Calling all kids

Hi neighbors!

We wanted to take a moment and introduce ourselves, as we are now serving as the Children's Activity Directors for Belmont West! We are thankful for this opportunity to serve in this amazing neighborhood and continue the traditions that parents & children alike enjoy! We're eager to get to work, and have already started planning the beloved neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt!

As we begin to plan events for the year, we are completely open to any new ideas you all might have, and would love for more parents to jump on board with us! Beyond events, we've discussed setting up more regular play dates and socials. If you're interested in helping or chatting more, please send an email to website@belmontwest.us and we'll be in touch.

Also, please be on the lookout soon for a link as we attempt to collect some info about all the children that live here, and create a directory of some sort to use when planning more age-specific events, or linking new neighbors with kids in similar ages!

Finally, I'm sure we speak for everyone in the neighborhood, but we just want to say a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Jean for serving this community and all our children for the past 30+ YEARS!! What a blessing she has been to create and carry on these traditions!

We look forward to meeting you all & working together to continue to make Belmont West the best neighborhood in Knoxville to raise a family!

SAVE THE DATE! The BW Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 27 at 10am! More info to come!

See you soon!!

*Adam, Caroline & Lottie Gillem
Jordan, Mary Katherine, Ruie & Mary Elliott Wormsley*



Easter Tablescape

Join us for something NEW, a ZOOM Easter themed tablescape! Belmont West residents are invited to "zoom away" winter blahs and show off their Easter tables. A tablescape is a decorative arrangement of ornaments or other objects on a tabletop. (See examples below.) It could be flowers and arrangements, flowers from your yard or your dog dressed in it's Easter finest. Use your imagination to combine beauty and fun under the Easter theme.

To participate, be sure the ZOOM program is downloaded on to your device.

Then:

1. Send an email with "Yes, tablescape" in the subject line to website@belmontwest.us
2. Collect your ideas and on April 2nd or 3rd, create your tablescape. Arrange your computer/phone/tablet so that everything can be viewed.
3. At approx. 4:45pm, April 3rd, you will receive an email from Belmont West. In the body of the email, there will be a link for your to click on.
4. Pour yourself a glass of your favorite beverage and have an appetizer or snack if you wish.
5. At 5:00pm, Bren White will open the meeting with a welcome. Each participant will be asked to showcase their tablescape. Our goal for this event is "meet and greet" while keeping everyone safe.

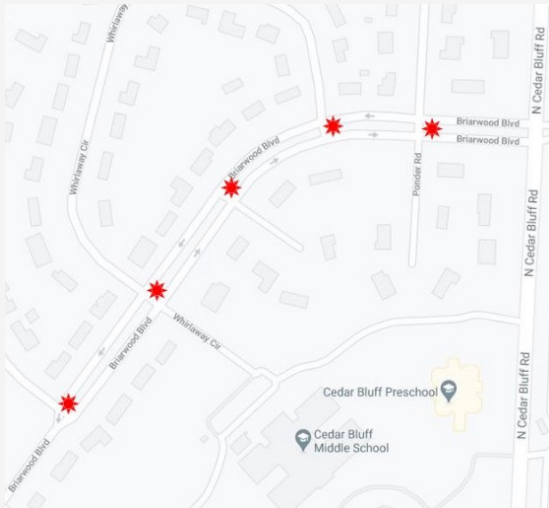
Remember to mark your calendars!

Saturday, April 3rd at 5:00PM



Let there be light

The Executive Committee has approved purchase and installation of five, solar powered lights at the intersections along Briarwood Boulevard. Pictures of one of the lights and a map showing installations are shown below.



Lighting on the boulevard has been requested by Belmont West residents for years. However, the combined problems of cost, lack of electrical access, lack of existing power poles for utility installation, limited light fixture choices from our utility, desire to maintain tree canopy and desire to "keep the light on the road, not in people's windows" has led to no one being able to find a solution.

Technology provided the answer. With the recent, rapid advances in solar cell efficiency and advances in low power illumination, these lamps recently came to market. Cost of each light is \$700.

Pastel Popcorn

- 6 cups plain popped popcorn
- 2 cups coarsely chopped salted pretzels
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon sea salt, plus more for sprinkling later on
- ¼ cup water
- ⅓ cup heavy cream
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- Drop of red food coloring to make the popcorn pink for Easter (might take 1 extra drop to get the right shade), optional
- 1½ cups Easter Peanut M&M's

1. In a large bowl, combine popcorn and pretzels. Set aside.
2. To make the caramel:
3. In a medium saucepan, bring sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, and water to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil, undisturbed, until mixture is amber in color, for about 8-12 minutes. Remove pan from heat and slowly pour in the heavy cream. Be careful because the mixture will bubble up. Stir until smooth.
4. Add vanilla extract, marshmallows, and drop of red food coloring into the pan. Stir until marshmallows are completely melted and mixture is smooth.
5. Pour caramel mixture over popcorn and pretzels and gently stir with a rubber spatula until popcorn is well coated. Stir in the M&M's. Transfer mixture to a large baking sheet and sprinkle with sea salt. Let cool completely.

