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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MAY 2019

## BELLE MEADE CITIZEN SURVEY – WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Citizen Survey is now available – here are the links:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQS5WK9>



If you are not able to access the survey online or on your phone, there are paper copies at City Hall. The survey is short and easy to complete. Please take a few minutes to respond – your participation is valuable to the Commissioners as they continue to plan for the future of Belle Meade.

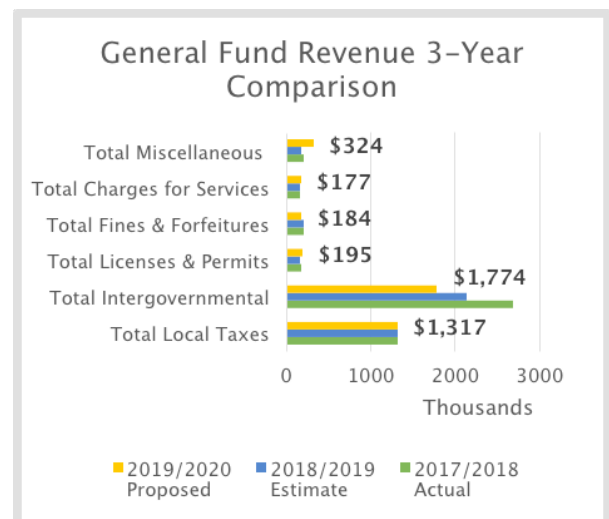
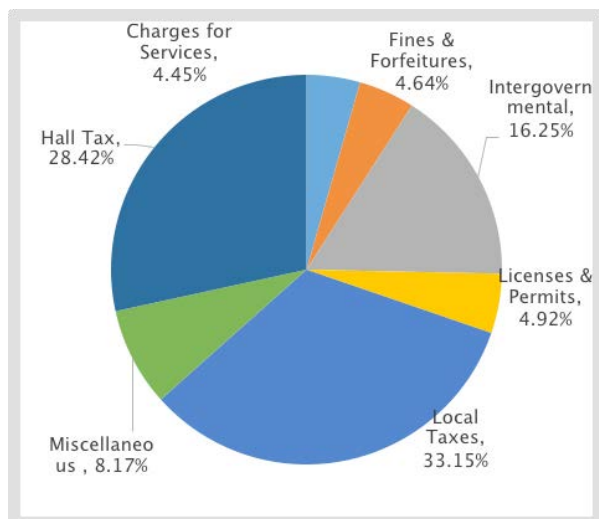
## Board of Commissioners Set to Vote on FY 2019-20 Budget

The staff, Commissioners, and Budget & Finance Committee have been working diligently on preparing the budget for next fiscal year. The budget for a municipality is different from that of a business, and is the most important document that the City will develop and implement. The Board of Commissioners held its annual budget workshop on March 26, 2019. The Budget & Finance Committee held its annual budget workshop on April 9, 2019. The minutes for the meetings can be found at our website.

A key consideration facing the legislative body is the replacement of the Hall Income Tax. As the final years of the tax are rapidly approaching, replacing the revenue with a property tax increase will be up for discussion.

Since the passing of Resolution 2016-03, the Commissioners committed to looking at the need for a property tax increase on a yearly basis. The Hall Income Tax still accounts for approximately 28% of the City's revenue and there has not been a property tax increase since the 2016-17 fiscal year.

The budget is passed in the form of an Ordinance. The Budget Ordinance is the law that gives the City authorization to spend money. Ordinances require two readings to become law in Belle Meade. This year, the Budget Ordinance first reading will be on May 15, 2019, and second reading on June 19, 2019. Anyone interested in the discussion is welcome to attend these meetings.



# Belle Meade Newsletter



## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



- **Solicitors** – Anyone soliciting in Belle Meade is required to have a permit from the City. A permit to solicit it is not an endorsement from the City. If you believe someone is soliciting without a permit, please call us, 615-297-0241, and we will be happy to send an officer to check their permit status.
- **Park Smart** by locking your vehicle and removing or hiding items of value, lock your doors always and if you have an alarm know how to use all the features that come with it.
- **Neighborhood Watch** - Be a good neighbor and participate in the Program for your block. Officer Dee Howell is our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Contact her for information on getting started at [dhowell@citybellemeade.org](mailto:dhowell@citybellemeade.org).
- **House Check Services** - Please take advantage of this service, where we conduct extra patrols of your home while you are away. The on-line form is on the City's website [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org) under the police tab. You may also call us at 615-297-0241 and the dispatcher can assist you.

## UPDATE ON HILLWOOD BRIDGE RE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

TDOT reported that the bridge construction is on schedule for the August 1st completion and opening date. The beams were set last month. The contractor is currently working on building the

formwork for the deck, and then they'll place the steel and pour the concrete. After that they'll build the parapet, install the guard-rail and do the paving work.



American Flags are on display in honor of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. Please consider renewing your sponsorship or becoming a new sponsor. Flags are replaced every 2-3 years.

### City of Belle Meade American Flag Sponsorship

New sponsorship:

Renewal sponsorship:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special note (in honor of or in memory of: (Name rank/rate, branch of service if member of armed forces

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Make checks payable to Ceres Society and mail or deliver to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, 37205. (\$50 or more per flag)

Flags will be displayed for approximately eight (8) weeks during the year. Flags displayed week prior to Memorial Day to week after Independence Day and week prior to and after Veterans Day.

**RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS**



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the April 17, 2019 Regular meeting:

- Approved Invoice from Commonwealth Chemical for \$23,800.00
- Deferred Ordinance 2019-1, Close, Vacate and Abandon the Right of Way of Pendleton Avenue between its Intersection with the Right of Way of Lynwood Blvd. and its Terminus in the Turner Subdivision, on first reading.



- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2019-2, Amending Section 11-812 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Increase Court Costs for Various Moving Traffic and Other Offenses in Violation of Ordinances of the City of Belle Meade.
- Approved, on first reading, Ordinance 2019-3, Amending Certain Sections of the Belle Meade Municipal Code and Zoning Code to Clarify Restrictions Concerning Signs.

**THE POWER OF A PARK**



On a spring Sunday afternoon, 65 neighbors gathered for an annual picnic in Belle Meade's only pocket park. For decades it has been the focal point of a neighborhood comprising Deer

children played on the grass. The simple act of walking to a social gathering and converging from several directions sets a tone of connectedness, and helps to combat isolation.

I'm grateful for the volunteers who have kept this tradition alive for so long. In recent years those organizers were Marguerite Fish and Nants Reynolds; Virginia Waddey; Jackie Hicks and Rene Poe; and Lara Derryberry and Angie Lowe.

The park has been maintained mostly as green space by the City over the years. The narrow northern end of the park, fronting on Jackson Boulevard, is planted with trees, shrubs, and annual flowering plants. This beautification is supported by contributions to the Society of Ceres, and it provides pleasure to those passing by on foot or in a vehicle.

In March 2017, Weed Wrangle volunteers spent several hours cleaning up the park and uprooting destructive invasive plants. This was the first time this type of cleanup had taken place here. In 2018, the City received a state grant to plant three trees to replace four large ones lost to storm damage and root rot. The three new trees were planted last fall near the Jackson Boulevard end of the park. These trees will eventually provide a beautiful tree canopy and seasonal interest in the form of flowers (tulip poplar), color (red maple) and bark texture (lacebark elm).

— Lisa Ellis, *Society of Ceres* committee member (With special thanks to City Manager Beth Reardon for researching the history and evolution of this little haven)

Park Drive, Deer Park Circle and Jackson Boulevard.

On November 24, 1987, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel M. Eskind donated to the City a portion of land along West Deer Park Circle. On December 9, 1987, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius E Burch, III, did the same with a portion of land along East Deer Park Circle. The two families thus created a park that extends more than 350 feet from Jackson Boulevard to Deer Park Circle.

The park has been a force in nurturing a cohesive neighborhood for people living in 72 homes. Ann Marie McNamara maintains a list of family members and contact information. This list makes neighbors more accessible, and makes it possible to organize community-building events such as the annual picnic.

At this year's picnic we welcomed two new families, and remembered those who are no longer with us. We feasted on homegrown pickled okra and lemon cake. Standing in the blocked-off street, we connected with new friends and caught up with old ones while

**CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – APRIL 13-May 2, 2019**

Dr. Wesley Coker  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Corts  
Ms. Deborah Craig  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Demetros  
Mr. & Mrs. John Esposito  
Dr. & Mrs. Jack Fleischer  
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Goldner  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Grubbs, Jr.  
Mrs. Kay Haury  
Dr. & Mrs. Seth Karp  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Mitchell  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Nichols  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Philpot  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Roberts  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rodgers  
Mr. & Mrs. John Scott  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thompson

**OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above**  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Corcoran

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gravette  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pitts

**MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999**

Mr. & Mrs. George Bullard  
Mr. & Mrs. Burton Harvey  
Mrs. Ellen Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. David Mastran  
Mr. & Mrs. Dewitt McCluggage  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard McRae, III  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Overstreet  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Saunders  
Mr. & Mrs. William Warfield

**TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499**

Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Andrews

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Barfield  
Belle Meade Plantation  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Lindsay Bohannon  
Mr. & Mrs. John Bryan, III  
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Burns  
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Cahill  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Ray Caldwell  
Mr. David Caldwell  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Calk  
Mr. & Mrs. John Cheadle, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coleman  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Damon  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Page Davidson  
Mr. & Mrs. William Deloache  
Mr. & Mrs. William Earthman, III  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Eckert  
Mr. & Mrs. Junius Ellis  
Mr. & Mrs. Seth Eskind  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Falk  
Mr. & Mrs. William Harlan  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Harris

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kimbrell  
Mrs. Alice Mathews  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert McDugald  
Mr. & Mrs. French McKnight, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moses  
Ms. Angela Murphy  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Petroni  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Price  
Mrs. Anne Russell  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rzasnicki  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Slaughter  
Mrs. Amy J. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Taylor  
Mr. & Mrs. James Turner, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Wade  
Mr. & Mrs. James Ward, III  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weigel  
Mr. & Mrs. Josh Wheeler  
Mr. & Mrs. Govan White  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff White  
Ms. Diana Wilker

**CERES DONATIONS IN HONOR OF:**

Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Jr.  
*In Honor of Fellow Commissioners*  
Mr. & Mrs. Junius Ellis  
In Honor of Cathy Altenbern

**CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:**

Mrs. Barbara Daane  
*In Memory of Catherine S. Milson*  
Mrs. Kay Ballenger Haury  
*In Memory of Karl E. Haury, Sr.*

**AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP**

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stuart  
*In Memory of James Perkins, Jr.*

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
JUNE & JULY 2019**

**Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, June 19th at 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, July 17th at 4:00 pm

**Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, June 18th at 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 16th at 4:00 pm

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tuesday, June 18th at 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 16th at 5:00 pm

**Board of Building Code Appeals**

Tuesday, June 11th at 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 9th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at  
[www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)

**REMINDERS:**



**City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. In case of a sewer, traffic, or other emergency, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241 and the dispatcher will contact city staff.**

**NO TRASH & RECYCLE PICKUP ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27TH. MONDAY'S ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, MAY 28TH AND TUESDAY'S ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH.**

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**NO BRUSH/CHIPPER PICKUP ON MEMORIAL DAY – THE PARKE COMPANY WILL RUN THE MONDAY ROUTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 28TH. WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ROUTES WILL RUN AS NORMAL.**



**St. George's Farmers Market – each Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot along Harding Road.**