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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2021

Update on *History of Belle Meade*

From Mayor Jim Hunt:

The book on Belle Meade's history now has a name. Residents were asked to submit their suggestion for the naming of Ridley Wills's upcoming release. We had over twenty-five entries with quite interesting submissions. We chose Elizabeth P'Pool Coble's entry as the winner. She will be acknowledged in the book and given a signed copy.

The title: *Belle Meade: A Legacy of Land, Lives, and Love*

Receiving Honorable Mentions:

- The Boulevard and Beyond: A History of Belle Meade – Ellen Nelson
- Country Comes to Town: The Story of Belle Meade – David Ingram
- Iroquois Dreams – Edee Orr
- Pastures, Lanes & Boulevards – Edee Orr
- Beautiful Meadow: Belle Meade Through the Years – Sue Smith
- Walls of the Beautiful Meadow Speak – Sheila Akin

In addition to the naming of the book, many photos

have either been found or newly taken to correspond with the story being told. We were elated when Jon Meacham agreed to write an endorsement of the book. Jon, who many of you know, is a Belle Meade resident and an acclaimed writer, reviewer, historian, and presidential biographer. He is a former executive editor and executive vice president at Random House, a contributing writer to *The New York Times Book Review*, a contributing editor to *Time* magazine, and a former editor-in-chief of *Newsweek*. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2009 for *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*.

A portion of Meacham's endorsement reads: "This book tells the story of Belle Meade through the years, and the photographs bring to life the instrumental people who have made the city what it is today. . . . Ridley's labor of love for his native land gives us an unmatched vantage point from which to peer backward and to look ahead."

As we enter the final stages of the book (insertion of photos, typesetting, corrections), we have become excited with having the book printed and published by Christmas. We hope that all residents will purchase this beautiful book for friends and family.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



Belle Meade Police Department hired Mike Germany on August 4th, 2021, as a police officer.



He will primarily work on the A shift (6 AM-6 PM). Officer Germany was previously employed by the Hendersonville Police Department from 1988 to 2018 when he retired. He served as the motor sergeant, where he oversaw twelve motorcycle officers

and managed all relative equipment. He has served as a crash reconstructionist, SWAT team member, motorcycle operator instructor, and TASER instructor.

Officer Germany competed all over the United States in police motorcycle competitions and received many national accolades for his motorcycle operator skillset.

Officer Germany is excited to serve the City of Belle Meade and looks forward to meeting the community members.

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From Detective Tom Sexton- Credit Cards . . . a necessary evil.



Credit cards are now the most accepted form of currency on the planet. They are convenient and have some safeguards in place that

cash and checks do not. However, they are now the target of thieves due to the amount of money that can be made utilizing stolen cards.

Every few days we receive a notification that a credit card has been stolen from a purse /wallet or used fraudulently without permission. These are a few of the suggestions we have developed over the years by working these theft cases.

1. Photograph every card you receive (both front and back!) immediately upon receipt. If your phone is se-

cured and locked, keep the information in your photos on your phone. Also keep a copy safely secured at home.

2. Never carry or use your ATM/Debit card if possible. **If these are stolen your personal accounts MAY be frozen until the theft incident is resolved.**
3. Never have more than 1 credit card (or check!) in your wallet or purse. If you are traveling out of town, keep one securely on your person and the other in a purse or wallet. This prevents your cards being stolen at the same time and eliminates the possibility of being stranded without funds.
4. If your credit card, ATM, and/or checks have been stolen or used improperly, PLEASE notify the Belle Meade Police immediately. We can either assist you or help you contact another police department for a report if a theft occurs outside of Belle Meade. Also notify your bank or credit card company of the incident. You generally have 90 days to dispute illegal charges before they become your responsibility to pay. Most financial companies require a police report to be filed.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:



The City requires that all vegetation near the street to be maintained by the property owner for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers of all vehicles. The rapid growth of trees and shrubs this time of year can quickly obstruct the

view of drivers and other users of our streets. The City has several ordinances regarding the maintenance of vegetation near the street:

Code 16-102 – Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to allow any limbs of trees on his property to project out over any street or alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet.

Code 16-103 – Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection.

Code 16-104 (3) – Maintenance. Care and maintenance of trees and shrubs on public lands or rights-of-way that have been planted by the city shall be its responsibility. Care and maintenance of all other such trees and shrubs shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

In addition to this, the City passed a Tree Ordinance

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in May 2020 that requires a permit and notification to the City before any trees can be cut down and removed from Belle Meade properties. There is no fee for this permit, but there are specific restrictions for removal and replacement

of trees. Visit the City website or click the link to view the Tree Ordinance and the Tree Removal Permit Application: <https://citybellemeade.org/faq/tree-ordinance-tree-removal-permit-application/>

The Belle Meade City Hall Family is Growing!

Congratulations to Dylan Hood, Collections Operator, and his wife, Brittany, on the birth of their first child, Bennett, born on August 21st. The proud grandfather is none other than Chief Chuck Williams!

Congratulations also to Public Works Director Larry Smith on the birth of his tenth grandchild, Everli Belle born on August 23rd.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **August 18, 2021** meeting:



- Approval of Resolution 2021-08 Authorizing the City of Belle Meade to Participate in the "Safety Partners" Matching Grant program.
 - Approved the City's current Janitorial Services Contract with ProImage Facility Services LLC for a two-year contract maintaining the price of \$1,402.49 for the for the extension of one period year.
 - Approval to add traffic delineators on Tyne Blvd. at Lynwood Blvd.
 - Retroactive approval of Emergency Tree Work by Parke Co. for \$1,100.00
 - Approve purchase of signs from Econo Signs for \$1,990.00. One half of purchase will be refunded by Safety Partners Matching Grant.
 - Acknowledged the list of citizen donors who gave monetary donations for the purchase of Police equipment (Body-worn cameras and AED's). A complete list of donors will be published in the newsletter once the donation campaign has ended.
 - Approve appointment of Jackie Bellar to the Beautification Committee.
 - Approved the following invoices over \$5,000
 - Digital - Ally \$17,098.50
 - J. R. Associates Inv. #1 \$15,240.00
 - J. R. Associates Inv. #2 \$15,240.00
 - J. R. Associates Inv. #3 \$15,040.00
 - J. R. Associates Inv. #4 \$14,640.00
 - Kimley Horn \$ 7,020.00
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CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – AUGUST 2021

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Dawson

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Sorenson

BELOW \$250

Mrs. Sam Garrett

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. James V. Hunt, Sr.

In Memory of: Mrs. Elizabeth "Liz" Bass

AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stuart: *In Memory of:*

Mrs. Elizabeth "Liz" Bass



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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2021

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 20th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, September 14th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 12th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, October 12th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 9th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 19th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, October 19th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 16th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

Reminders

ANNUAL STORMWATER USER FEE INVOICES WERE MAILED TO RESIDENTS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15TH. If you have not yet paid this fee, please do so promptly. The City accepts payments by check or online at <https://citybellemeade.org/pay-online/>. If you have any questions, please call City Hall 615-297-6041.

DRUG COLLECITON BOX – available 24/7 in the Police Dept. for the safe disposal of unused or expired medication.



THRIFTSMART DONATION BOX – behind City Hall. Acceptable donations include clothing, shoes, linens, CDs, DVDs, books, toys and other non-breakable houseware items. Call 615-833-8200 for pickup of large items.



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