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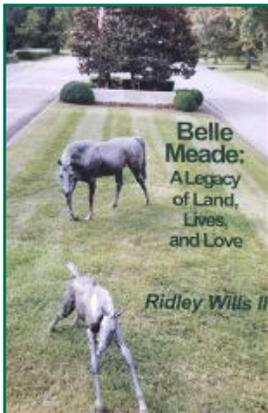
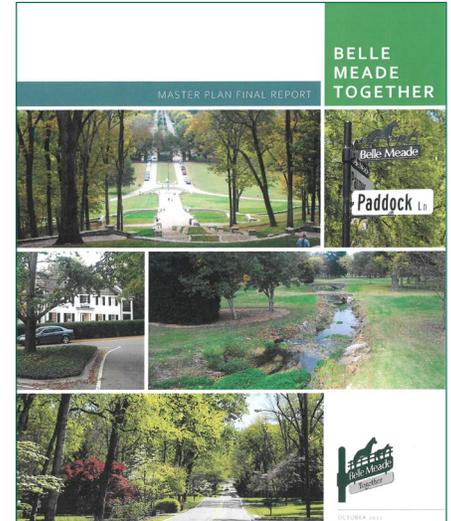
NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE NOVEMBER 2021

COMMISSIONERS ADOPT BELLE MEADE TOGETHER MASTER PLAN

In September 2020, City staff, Steering Committee members and consultants from Kimley-Horn met for the initial Kickoff meeting for the Belle Meade Master Plan project. Fast forward a year to the Commissioners' meeting of October 20th, and the vote was unanimous to adopt the City's first ever master plan to address what residents told us they wanted: Pedestrian Safety, Traffic Calming, Beautification, Branding and Stormwater/Drainage Solutions, while preserving Belle Meade's beautiful natural character and its historical legacy. Commissioner Louise Bryan gave a short presentation at the meeting prior to the Commissioners' vote. You can view that presentation [here](#). A copy of the Master Plan Final Report is posted on the City website, www.citybellemeade.org. The City will also have reports that can be loaned out to residents if they wish to look at a printed copy.

The City has already begun work on the first project under the BMT Master Plan, which is to complete the sidewalk

gap along Harding Pike between Belle Meade Boulevard to just east of Lynwood Boulevard, where the existing Metro sidewalk terminates. The timing of this project coincided with an opportunity to apply for a 95% funded TDOT Multimodal Access Grant. We will know in early January if our grant application is approved!



IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME!

The long awaited book, Belle Meade: A Legacy of Land, Lives, and Love, by Ridley Wills II, is ready for release. The books are being printed and bound in batches of five hundred, with the first batch being available just prior to Thanksgiving. Pre-ordering your copy (or copies) now will put you ahead of the others. No payment is necessary to pre-order. Click on this link, <https://citybellemeade.org/book-orders/> to place your order and be sure to include your name, email address, contact phone number and the number of books you want. We will notify you when the books are ready for pickup and payment.



NEW CITY RECORDER HIRED



Welcome to our new City Recorder, Rusty Terry. A native Nashvillian, he grew up in Hermitage, TN, where he attended DuPont High School. He is a graduate of Cumberland Junior College (now Cumberland University), and Belmont College (University) with a BBA in accounting. Many of you may already know Rusty from his cov-

erage of Nashville's social scene for The Tennessean. Most recently he served as a Loan Officer with St. Thomas Credit Union.

Rusty resides in the Historic Whitland neighborhood with his CavaPoo, Miss Polly. He enjoys dining out, entertaining, reading and travel. He is excited to be part of the team here at Belle Meade City Hall and is looking forward to being of service to the residents of Belle Meade.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



David & Cindy Wilds Exemplary Service Award:

Sergeant David Wright & Officer Tyler Parrish were recognized at the October Commissioners' meeting for receiving the David & Cindy Wilds' "Outstanding Service" Award regarding the apprehension of multiple suspects in a stolen car on September 25, 2021.

The suspects were charged with being in possession of a stolen vehicle and methamphetamine. When the news reporters reviewed the body camera footage, they commented on how professional and calm the officers remained during this high-risk situation. Congratulations to both Belle Meade Officers for receiving this honor!



Lt. Vince Higgins

LIEUTENANT RETIRES

After almost 30 years of service with Belle Meade, Lt. Vince Higgins retired on November 1, 2021. Lt. Higgins served many roles during his tenure at Belle Meade: Officer, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Interim Chief on two different occasions.

The Police Department and City Staff would like to wish Lt. Higgins a happy and healthy retirement.

HOLIDAY REMINDERS:

- **Park Smart** - Holiday shopping has begun. Always lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables inside. Put bags in the trunk or conceal them to deter a vehicle break in. Remain alert when shopping and have your keys ready to enter your vehicle. If you have many items or you feel uncomfortable going to your vehicle, request an escort from store personnel or security.
- **Home Alarms** - Use your home alarm systems effectively. If you are not sure who your first responder is, contact your alarm vendor to verify that Belle Meade Police is listed as your first responder.
- **Fire Safety** - With the cooler weather and holidays upon us, please remember fire safety as well. A quick inspection of wiring on decorative lighting and keeping a live tree properly watered can easily prevent damaging fires. Always have a yearly chimney inspection before using your fireplace or wood burning stove.
- **Traffic Safety** - Belle Meade police are always concerned about excessive speeding that endangers everyone using the roadways. The city has a truck speed ordinance limiting truck speed at 20 mph citywide. This ordinance does not include pickup trucks. It is intended for trucks over a certain gross weight or number of axles such as, dump trucks, lawn maintenance trucks and trucks hauling equipment or materials. If you observe speeding vehicles of any type, please report them to us immediately at 615-297-0241.

HIGH-TECH TRAINING FOR OFFICERS

In October, Belle Meade police officers received specialized Ti Training on de-escalation and use of force. Ti Training provides first responders with a highly interactive learning experience with new technologies. The officers were given "shoot/don't shoot" scenarios using state-of-the-art technology. The officers faced many different situations, such as an active shooter, burglary in progress, and a trespasser refusing to leave.

This picture shows a person found inside of a business where an alarm was activated. The person comes running out of a room to show the officer his identification. The officer has just a second to determine that the person held his license and not a weapon. All officers did an excellent job and used the appropriate action in each scenario.



Update on the Historic Zoning Commission

The wait is over! Phil Thomason of Thomason & Associates in conjunction with the Tennessee Historical Commission has completed cataloging homes 50 years old and older within the City of Belle Meade. This survey catalog will assist the Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) in their decisions on properties of significance and properties of conservation as to whether they can be torn down or remodeled. The survey will include previously un-surveyed properties as well as the maps of the two proposed historic districts. The final product contains guidelines in a narrative form with accompanying photographs and graphics to illustrate the design guideline principles. The survey reference will include age of properties, define architectural styles,

identify known architects or notable persons and growth and development of Belle Meade since 1906. This has been a monumental undertaking and will greatly enhance the preservation of the city. Phil presented a PowerPoint presentation of his work October 12th at City Hall during the Historic Zoning Commission meeting. The survey is currently available for viewing on the city website under "Headlines" and also "Important Notices". <https://citybellemeade.org/news/citywide-historic-resources-survey-report/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Official, Lyle Patterson, 615-297-2364 or lpatterson@citybellemeade.org.

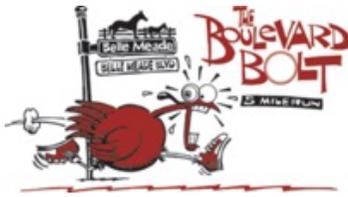


RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the the **October 20, 2021** meeting:



- Approved contract extension for chipper and brush collection with The Parke Company maintaining current price of \$12,700 per month.
- Adoption of the Belle Meade Together Master Plan. (see related article on pg. 1)
- Approved the purchase of five ticket printers for Police Department from Tyler Industries with a 100% federally funded grant received from THSO for \$3,055.00
- Approved the purchase of four GETAC tablets for patrol cars from Data Source with a 100% federally funded grant from THSO for \$12,252.68.
- Approved request to purchase 60 Hi-visibility traffic cones for a total of \$1,993.56, fifty percent of which will be funded by a grant from Public Entity Partners.
- Acknowledged donors of monetary gifts for purchase of police equipment.
- Approved the request for a price increase from Franklin Disposal due to higher gas prices for a total of \$4,089.60 over the remaining eight months in the fiscal year.
- Deferred for one month a recommendation from the Beautification Committee for the Belle Meade Together demonstration project on Belle Meade Blvd.
- Approved the development of a process for the recruitment and selection of the next city manager.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000.00:
 - o Commonwealth Chemicals \$17,920.00
 - o Kimley Horn \$ 6,975.00
 - o Landscape Service Inc. \$15,950.00
 - o Planet Technologies \$ 6,357.12
 - o Wascon \$ 6,803.96



The Boulevard Bolt Steering Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the IN-PERSON Boulevard Bolt for 2021 and pivot to a virtual race. After much discussion, the Committee felt it was in the best interest, safety and

welfare of its participants and volunteers to not hold a live in-person event for one more year. The virtual race can be run or walked at your own pace from any location between November 22 - 25. Once you have completed your race, just submit your results on the Boulevard Bolt website by midnight, November 25th. Click [HERE](#) to register for the 2021 Boulevard Bolt by November 25th.

Zero Waste Your Halloween



While Halloween is full of fun for many, it also creates a frightful amount of waste. Much of it is wasted food or wasted organic material that is sent to a landfill. These are major contributors to the production of methane gas, a powerful greenhouse gas, in our landfills. Below are some tips on how to waste less this

Halloween and create some more sustainable fall traditions.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, close to 2 billion pounds of pumpkins are grown each year for the Halloween season that end up in our landfills. Pumpkins are a crop that require water, energy, and natural resources, yet are grown to be wasted by most Americans. However, pumpkins have more to give than a glowing spooky face.

Pumpkins are edible! Rather than carve a pumpkin this year, why not eat it? Use the flesh to make tasty soups, baked goods, and more.

Pull out the seeds to roast and snack on. Carving pumpkins are less flavorful, so you may want to choose a more flavorful variety or choose a recipe with lots of other strong flavors like sugar and spices.

Pumpkins are compostable! Carved pumpkins are typically left outside and exposed to bugs and waxy candles, so they don't make for good eating after use as a Jack-o-Lantern. In order to keep your carved pumpkins out of landfills, residents can bring your carved pumpkins to any of our convenience centers Tuesday-Saturday from 8-4:30 pm for free composting!

- East Convenience Center, 943A Doctor Richard G. Adams Dr. Nashville, TN 37207
- Ezell Pike Convenience Center, 3254 Ezell Pk. Nashville, TN 37211
- Omohundro Convenience Center, 1019 Omohundro Pl. Nashville, TN 37210
- Anderson Lane Convenience Center, 939A Anderson Ln. Madison, TN 37115

(Article reprinted from Get Rowdy Recycle Fall 2021 Issue ZeroWaste.Nashville.gov)

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022
All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall**

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, December 15th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 19th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, December 14th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, January 11th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, December 14th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 11th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 21st at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, December 21st at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 18th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holidays. In

case of sewer, street, or other city emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-6041.

NOTE: Brush & Chipper Collection Schedule for Thanksgiving Week:

Monday route – No change

Wednesday route – Pick up on Tuesday and Wednesday

Friday route – Pick up on Wednesday and Friday

NOTICE:

2021 PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS were mailed this month and are due on or before February 28, 2022. Please note that the City does NOT mail statements to mortgage companies.

STORMWATER USER FEE INVOICES WERE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15TH. If you have not paid this fee, please do so promptly. The City accepts payment by check or online at www.citybellemeade.org Questions? Call 615-297-6041, Rusty Terry.

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