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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE NOVEMBER 2022



CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected Commissioner, Neal Clayton and the two re-elected Commissioners, Rusty Moore and Louise Bryan. Each of the four candidates who ran for office deserve our appreciation for their effort and dedication to this City, as well as their willingness to serve. The new Commissioners will be sworn into office at the Wednesday, November 16th meeting, after which the Board will elect a Mayor and Vice-Mayor to serve for the next two years.

COMING SOON - A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH CITIZENS

The City has partnered with GOGovApps to provide a new and fast way to send notifications and alerts directly to citizens via mobile phone. The City is currently working with GOGov on the initial set-up process, and will soon provide a QR code to everyone to scan to initiate the app on your personal phone.

GONotify® is a user friendly solution for creating & sending communications of all varieties to your citizens across multiple channels! Coupled with an agency-branded mobile app, **GONotify®** makes it easy for citizens and government to communicate more efficiently and effectively!

Communications in the Palm of Citizen's Hands

- **Branded Mobile App** serves as one place to access all notifications and important information directly from your local municipality
- **Subscription Lists** allow for citizens to sign up for the types of notifications that they want to receive
- **Direct Notifications** ensure that content is delivered directly to citizens devices so that no important updates are missed



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

In 2021, thirty-eight pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles in Davidson County. Many of those killed were walking at night without reflective gear. Please make sure you are wearing enough high visibility clothing/lights when you walk at night.

Please remember that reflective clothing or a vest is

required when walking or jogging on Belle Meade Boulevard or any other streets in the city. Belle Meade Code section 15-123 states this is always required during the period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise and when vehicles are required to have their lights on.

We all know the dangers of the increased traffic volume

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in Belle Meade, and our officers are enforcing traffic violations every day and night. Please be aware of your surroundings when you are walking or jogging in Belle Meade.

The illustrations show how much safer it is, from a visibility standpoint, to wear reflective gear at night. Stay Safe!



At the October Board of Commissioner's meeting several Belle Meade Police Personnel received the David and Cindy Wilds' Outstanding Service Award for the following event:

On 9/24/2022, BMPD received an LPR hit on a stolen vehicle. Sgt. Samol located the car at the Hwy 70S/Hwy 100 split. Upon activating his emergency equipment, the vehicle struck his patrol unit and fled the area. The pursuit was called off, however, the vehicle returned to Belle Meade where it crashed into another vehicle on Harding Rd/Jackson Blvd. The two occupants ran from the vehicle. Sgt. Samol and Officer Bowker detained the driver. Dispatcher Baldwin immediately notified Metro to activate the K9 units and their

helicopter. Sgt. Roark assisted the innocent party that was hit by the suspect's vehicle.

Officer Bowker assisted Metro K9 with the search and apprehension of the remaining suspect. Upon collecting all the evidence, it was discovered that the two suspects were armed with handguns, one of which was stolen, and more than one pound of marijuana.

Officer Parrish completed a total of nineteen warrants for both suspects.

Both dispatch and patrol worked very well together on this case and two criminals were apprehended thanks to their efforts.

FROM the BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

By Lisa Ellis, Jackson Boulevard resident and Beautification Committee member

IT'S TIME TO PLANT BULBS -- A LITTLE EFFORT IN THE FALL BRINGS A LOT OF BEAUTY IN THE SPRING



As Belle Meade residents, we are fortunate that every spring we can easily visit our neighbor Cheekwood to see acres filled with fresh, bright blooms from thousands of fall-planted bulbs. We can have spring color at home, too. If you haven't planted bulbs

before, now is the season to start. Daffodils and tulips are a good idea for beginners because their long stems make

them suitable for cutting and brightening grey days indoors. Alliums aren't good for cutting, but they are a great focal point in the garden.

There are some guidelines for bulb planting. Timing is important because you don't want bulbs to begin growing until



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they have been cooling in the ground for a few months. In Nashville we usually plant in mid- to late-November when the weather is chilly, after a killing frost and before the ground freezes. The depth of the planting hole is another factor -- three times the height of the bulb is typical, so 6 inches deep for a large bulb. Bulbs perform best in areas that have good drainage and are sunny in early spring.

For detailed advice on planting, garden center staff members are happy to help. Online bulb vendors have a lot of illustrations, videos and tips. I have found these to be reliable sources:

- John Scheepers, <https://www.johnscheepers.com/tips.html>

- Brent and Becky's Bulbs, <https://brentandbeckysbulbs.com/blog/?v=7516fd43adaa>
- Longfield Gardens, <https://www.longfieldgardens.com/Learn/All-About-Fall-Planted-Bulbs>



You can have the pleasure of watching new life emerge in early spring, and many types of bulb flowers are very fragrant!



AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORS - The 60-plus American Flags that are displayed on Belle Meade Boulevard each year from Memorial Day through July 4th and currently in honor of Veterans' Day are a

powerful symbol of Americanism as well as valor, vigilance, perseverance, justice and freedom. The American Flag is one of the most respected and recognized symbols in our country. Please consider making a donation in honor of or in memory of someone who served in the armed forces. Your donations help to cover the cost of needed flag replacements each year. Help us to keep the flags flying!

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the October 19, 2022 meeting:

- Approved construction bid for office renovations in the Public Works Building from Music City Electrical Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$35,400.00
- Approved a one-year contract extension for Street Sweeping with Road Runner Sweeping, LLC at the same contract price of \$1,520.00/month.
- Approved a one-year contract extension for Landscape Maintenance and Lawn Mowing with LSI at the same contract price of \$6,995.00/month.
- Approved three consultant proposals for the TDOT Multimodal Sidewalk Project in ranked order, and approved staff to proceed with contract negotiations with the #1 ranked firm.
- Approved the low bid for the 2022-2024 contract for Chipper Service, Brush & Leaf Collection from the two bids submitted, as follows:
 - o Parke Company \$21,000/month
\$250/hour-emergency rate
 - o Clean Earth Collections \$15,700/month
\$210/hour-emergency rate
- Approved a one-year contract with GOGov in the amount of \$2,400 for a notification and alerts mobile app program to communicate with residents. Four companies submitted bids as follows:
 - o Alert Media \$12,000 annual
 - o GOGov \$ 2,400 annual
 - o Hoplon \$ 6,000 annual
 - o Reach Alert \$ 1,240 first year,
\$2,480 second and third year
- Approval of Invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Commonwealth Chemical Inc. \$24,920.00
 - o Landscape Services, Inc. \$14,525.00
 - o St. of TN (payment to schools for mixed drink tax) \$11,037.50
 - o Bakertilly \$ 7,350.00
 - o Civil & Environmental Consultants \$ 6,980.00
 - o Miller & Martin (August) \$ 5,000.00
 - o Miller & Martin (September) \$ 5,000.00

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023 All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – OCTOBER 2022

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald



City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holidays. In case of sewer, street, or other emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241.

Brush/Chipper service will run the normal routes on Monday and Tuesday and PICK UP THE FRIDAY ROUTE ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23rd.

REMINDER: Stormwater User Fee invoice payments were due on September 15th. As of this writing, there remains 102 unpaid invoices. Please, if you have not paid your stormwater invoice, we would appreciate you dropping it in the mail or stopping by city hall to pay it. Questions? Contact City Recorder Rusty Terry at 615-297-6041 or rterry@citybellemeade.org

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