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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2022



The Commissioners and City Staff Wish Everyone A Joyous and Safe Holiday and a Happy New Year!

BELLE MEADE NOW STREAMING ALL BOARD MEETINGS

Never miss a City of Belle Meade board meeting again! The City has begun livestreaming and recording all board meetings. You can now watch and listen to all board meetings from anywhere on your phone, tablet or computer. If you are not able to watch the live session, you can tune in later, as all meetings will be recorded and accessible on the city website. A link to the livestream and recordings of each meeting will be posted on the homepage of the city website.

The November Board of Commissioners meeting was the first test of the new system, and it went very well, considering that, in addition to the regular business agenda, three newly elected Commissioners were sworn in, as well as the presentation to the City Manager. The Commissioners and staff feel this is an important step to making your city government more accessible and inclusive and hope that many citizens will take advantage of this new feature.



Louise Bryan & former Mayor Peggy Warner

CITY MANAGER BETH REARDON HONORED

The City of Belle Meade honored longtime City Manager, Beth Reardon, at their regular Commission Meeting on November 16th by naming the meeting room in City Hall the “Beth Reardon Municipal Hall”. Reardon has been employed by the City of Belle Meade since 1990 and has served as City Manager for 27 years. Mayor Rusty Moore presented a bronze plaque to be placed in the municipal room and emphasized Reardon’s steadfast commitment to providing the city with continuity of management and support that has kept the city strong. Many employees, former officials and friends were present to congratulate her. Beth Reardon has announced her retirement and the city is in the process of hiring a new city manager.



Rusty Moore & Beth Moore



Neal Clayton & Marguerite Clayton



Beth Reardon & Dean Reardon



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

The Police Department wishes all residents a safe and happy Holiday Season!



On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, the Belle Meade Police Department swore in our newest police officer. Chief Williams and Lt. Mangrum made Devarjaye "D.J." Daniel an honorary police officer. Devarjaye "D.J." Daniel is a 10-year-old boy battling terminal brain cancer and traveling across the country to be sworn into law enforcement agencies. D.J. is from Pearland, Texas, and started his mission to be sworn in as an honorary police officer at 100 law enforcement agencies. He has superseded that goal and will break 1000 law enforcement agencies by the end of 2022.

D.J. was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer at eight years old and has undergone at least ten brain surgeries. This amazing young man always dreamed of becoming a law enforcement officer one day, and he is now raising awareness about children battling cancer during his meetings with law enforcement agencies and the public. Theodis Daniel, DJ's father, explained that D.J. was given five months to live following his diagnosis. Mr. Daniel believes that D.J.'s meetings with law enforcement officers are why his son has lived past the five months he was initially given to live. D.J.'s doctors have also confirmed that these meetings have positively impacted D.J.'s health. This was a special day for

D.J., but even more special for the Belle Meade Police Department. Welcome to the team, D.J.!

BARKING AND LOOSE DOGS!



The City is experiencing an increase in complaints from residents about excessive noise from barking dogs and dogs running loose. When these complaints are reported to the City, a letter is sent to the dog owner, advising them of the City Codes addressing barking and/or loose dogs, and requesting their assistance in resolving the issue. Neither the names nor addresses of the complainant are revealed.

Another issue with loose dogs is that although many of them have a chip, there is no identification on their collar with their owner's information. This makes it very difficult to know where the dog came from so they can be quickly and safely returned to their owner. The Police Department purchased a chip reader, and subsequently found out that it can only read certain chips, as many of them are different and require specific readers.

If you are a dog owner, please be considerate of your neighbors, and do not leave your dogs out for long periods of time if they have a tendency to bark excessively at a neighbor or other dogs, and please have an ID tag or collar with owner contact information on the dog in case it does get loose.

TO: Belle Meade Residents

RE: Belle Meade Employee Fund



Our employees are one of the greatest assets of our City of Belle Meade. They work diligently every day to keep the City safe and well maintained. These employees do not

receive bonuses of any kind except through the Employee Fund. This fund is managed as a separate account from other city funds and was established to enable residents to acknowledge appreciation for the diligent and consistent work of our loyal personnel throughout the year. The fund purchases gift certificates that are distributed equally among employees. The fund also

sponsors events during the year in which all employees participate. Also, floral arrangements and fruit baskets are provided when there is a new baby, an illness or death in the family. All contributions are permissible under the law and carry no weight with any particular employee or group of employees, and therefore, they are tax deductible.

There isn't a better way to give a heartfelt "thank you" to each of the incredible employees of our city. Previous years' responses have been overwhelming and the employees are truly appreciative of the generosity and support of the residents. We hope you will participate in this special holiday tradition. Mail or deliver a check made out to "Employee Fund" to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205. Thanks to you in advance, and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Rusty Moore
Mayor

Haley Dale
Vice-Mayor

Jim Hunt
Commissioner

Louise Bryan
Commissioner

Neal Clayton
Commissioner



Santa ALERT!

Weather permitting, Santa plans to make 5 stops to sing with his elves and hand out treats to the children. In case of bad weather, please go to Santa-Alert and check for a change in plans.

1ST STOP – (1-1:30 PM)
Brook Hollow Baptist Church: 678 Brook Hollow Rd

2ND STOP – (1:45-2:15 PM)
Belle Meade United Methodist Church: 121 Davidson Rd

3RD STOP – (2:30-3 PM)
Belle Meade Links / Parmer Park

4TH STOP – (3:15-3:45 PM)
Carnavon West Meade Park: Carnavon Pkwy – turn into the gravel parking lot on Melinda Drive (across from Westmeade Elementary School)

5TH STOP – (4-4:15 PM)
St. Georges Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike

WARNING! THE GRINCH WILL ALSO BE IN TOWN TO TRY AND STEAL CHRISTMAS, AGAIN!!

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Each winter, the Public Works staff prepares for the possibility of snow and/or ice events. We have been fortunate in Middle Tennessee in that the past several years we have only experienced one or two snow events

each season. The City has a Snow and Ice Removal Policy and map posted on its website, under “Departments, Public Works, Streets”. Please take a moment to review this policy, <https://citybellemeade.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/snow-and-ice-removal-policy.pdf> The Policy states that the City will normally only plow or treat the primary streets and those streets with hills and curves, but depending on the weather conditions, Public Works staff may modify this approach to include more streets. If you have questions, please contact Larry Smith, lsmith@citybellemeade.org or Nathan McVay, nmcvay@citybellemeade.org

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the November 16, 2022 meeting:

- Presented City Manager Beth Reardon with a plaque naming the meeting room after her in recognition of 32 years of service to the city.
- Newly elected commissioners Rusty Moore, Louise Bryan and Neal Clayton were sworn in by City Recorder Rusty Terry for a four-year term ending November 2026.
- The commissioners unanimously elected Rusty Moore as Mayor and Haley Dale as Vice Mayor.
- Approved the Parke Company's estimate for removal of two trees in the right-of-way on Canterbury Drive, as follows:
 - Parke Company \$3,100
 - Magnolia Tree \$3,500
 - Druid Tree Service \$3,950
- Reviewed the sealed bid results for the Snow and Ice Removal contract and approved the lone bidder, Sammie Gibbs Construction. This company has contracted with the City since 2008 and has not raised pricing since 2016. New pricing for labor, equipment and materials increased an average of 20%. Contract was approved.
- Approved the purchase of five (5) in-car police video cameras to replace obsolete equipment. The total cost of \$13,347.35 was funded through a TN Highway Safety Office grant and purchased through a Federal contract.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:

o Civil & Environment Consultants	\$18,817.06
o Commonwealth Chemical Inc.	\$24,600.00
o Landscape Services, Inc.	\$ 5,040.00
o Sessions Paving Co.	\$30,000.00
o SkyCop, Inc.	\$ 5,239.00
o Straeffer Pump & Supply, Inc.	\$ 5,577.94
o Wascon, Inc.	\$ 8,006.62
o Wascon, Inc.	\$ 8,656.78
o WEX Fleet Universal	\$ 6,342.54
- Approved on first reading, Ordinance 2022-6, Amending Section 12-101(1), of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Adopt the 2018 International Residential Code in Place of the 2015 International Residential Code

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – NOVEMBER 2022

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Mr. Thomas Chapman

CERES SOCIETY – UNDER \$250

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Evans

AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stuart

**In Honor of:
Beth Reardon**



Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Smith

**In Memory of:
Gardner Smith
Julia Jarman
Joan Daugherty**

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023

Meetings Are Held at Belle Meade City Hall
& Livestreamed

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

HOLIDAY REMINDERS - 2022

City Hall offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23rd and Monday Dec. 26th for the Christmas Eve and Christmas holidays and Monday January 2nd for the New Years holiday. In case of sewer, street, or other emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241.



Franklin Disposal is honoring the Christmas holiday on Monday, Dec. 26th. Therefore, regular Monday pickup will be on Tuesday, Dec. 27th and the regular Tuesday pickup will be on Wednesday, Dec. 28th.



The City now has TWO cardboard dumpsters. We appreciate you placing all of your cardboard (flattened) in these dumpsters. Please do not use these for trash or place your trash bags around these dumpsters. Instead, use the three open dumpsters behind the gated enclosure for all trash. They will be emptied several additional times during the holiday weekend to accommodate for extra trash.

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return service requested