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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JANUARY 2023

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CITY LAUNCHES NEW CITIZEN NOTIFICATION MOBILE APP BELLE MEADE CONNECT

Belle Meade is making customer service and engaging with our citizens a priority moving forward and we are excited to announce that we are partnering with [GOGov](https://gogov.com), a government software company, to launch a new free mobile application for our City residents called BELLE MEADE CONNECT!

Residents will be able to receive important notifications and alert messages from the City on their smartphones or by email and can also access the City website easily on their phones.

To download the free app, go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search “BELLE MEADE CONNECT” to find the app, OR scan the QR Code above. If you prefer to have your notifications sent to an email address, click on this link to sign up for notifications and alerts: <https://app.govoutreach.com/bellemeadecitytn/public/communications/subscribe>. The options for signing up can also be found on the City's website homepage.



Hello, I would like to introduce myself to the Belle Meade community before the 113th session of Tennessee's General Assembly. My name is Caleb Hemmer, and I am the newly elected Representative for Tennessee's 59th district.

I am coming to the legislature from a background in government and the private sector, giving me a unique insight into the issues our state faces

today. My two kids, Evan and Norah, are also guiding posts for me as I step into this role. Having been born and raised in

Nashville and now raising a family of my own in the district has made my wife, Lori, and I personally familiar with the importance of good leadership in our community. I want to serve in this role as a respectable and responsive resource for constituent members in District 59.

Today, I am providing you with my office contact information to deliver on this promise. I encourage you to reach out if I can be of service to you and your community. You can call my office at 615-741-2035 or email me at rep.caleb.hemmer@capitol.tn.gov. Please do not hesitate to reach out; I look forward to serving the community of Belle Meade.

- Representative Caleb Hemmer



The City employees wish to thank all of the wonderful and thoughtful residents who generously contributed to the Employee Fund and send delicious edibles to city hall over the holidays. All of us truly appreciate your kindness and we extend our best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy 2023!



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



Here are some upcoming events that we are excited about in 2023:

1. We have secured funding to hire another part-time traffic officer through the Tennessee Highway Safety Office Grant. This officer will work part-time and focus only on traffic infractions, which we hope combats the significant influx of cut-through traffic and excessive speeding that we are experiencing on our neighborhood streets.

2. We will be launching our first Citizen's Police Academy in the spring. This four-week class will allow residents and officers to interact with one another. The course will showcase Patrol, Investigations, and Dispatch and give an in-depth view of RADAR, DUI Investigations, LPR cameras, Communications, Patrol Tactics, and other law enforcement-related fields.

3. We will also host another Women's Self-Defense class in the Spring of 2023.

Both classes will have limited seating, so please check the newsletters and emails from your Neighborhood Watch Captains. If there are other programs you would like us to offer, please email me at cwilliams@citybellemeade.org.

Congratulations to MPO Wes Bowker:

On December 13th, 2022, Master Patrol Officer Wes Bowker was recognized by the Tennessee Highway Safety

Office for his contributions to child passenger safety. Officer Bowker has assisted more than seventy families this year with installing their child's car seat.

Wes enjoys educating parents, grandparents, and caretakers on how to install car seats properly. If anyone would like to have their car seat inspected, please call dispatch at 615-297-0241, and the dispatcher will assist with scheduling.



Wes Bowker (BMPD) & Director Buddy Lewis (THSO)



The fiscal year 2021-2022 Audited Financial Report has been reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Commissioners. It can be viewed on the city website under "Departments, Finance" or by clicking [HERE](#). If you wish to borrow a paper copy of the audit report to review or have any questions about the report, please contact Finance Director Leigh Mills at 615-297-6041 or lmills@citybellemeade.org

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RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the the December 14, 2022 meeting:



- Approved the contract with The Temple on Harding Road for extra duty police services
- Approved the VSS (Video Security System) service agreement with SCI Technologies
- Approved the final pricing for one of the two budgeted police Ford SUVs and associated lighting and other equipment. The cost increased by \$3,135 for a 2023 model vs. the 2022 model that was budgeted. Total cost is \$45,974.00 (SUV - \$36,979.00; Equipment & Installation - 8,995.00)
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Barge Cauthen & Associates \$ 7,800.00
 - o Champion Data Systems \$16,850.00
 - o Civil & Environmental Consultants \$ 6,364.25
 - o Digital-Ally Inc \$13,347.35
 - o Landscape Services Inc. \$ 6,750.00
 - o Music City Electrical Eng. \$17,250.00
 - o Music City Electrical Eng \$ 9,800.00
 - o Public Entity Partners \$ 5,180.00
 - o Wascon, Inc. \$ 5,990.66
- o Wascon, Inc. \$ 8,576.20
- o Wascon, Inc. \$ 8,006.62
- o Wascon, Inc. \$ 8,656.78
- o WEX Bank \$ 6,388.91
- Approved the FY 21-22 Financial Audit Report (see related article)
- Approved Ordinance 2022-6, on second and final reading, amending Section 12-101(1) of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Adopt the 2018 International Residential Code in place of the 2015 Code
- Approved Resolution 2022-011, to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations and to Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation of such a Program Plan
- Under "Other Matters", approved the motion and second to nominate Vice-Mayor Haley Dale to fill the vacancy on the Municipal Planning Commission from outgoing Commissioner Bob Weigel

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – DECEMBER 2022

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Glisson

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph LaGasse

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Ms. Trisha Bridges
In Honor of Tom Beasley

REMINDERS:

2022 PROPERTY TAXES are due by February 28, 2023. On March 1st, they will be considered delinquent if unpaid and incur a 2% per month interest fine. If you mail your payment close to this due date, make sure it is postmarked no later than February 28th to avoid additional charges.

2022 STORMWATER USER FEES were due by September 15, 2022. The City still has more than sixty residents who still have not paid this annual user fee. Delinquent notices are mailed monthly to these homeowners as a reminder to pay promptly.

QUESTIONS? About property taxes or stormwater? Please contact Rusty Terry, 615-297-6041 or rterry@citybellemeade.org

CARDBOARD DUMPSTERS - The City now has two cardboard dumpsters located in the parking lot behind City Hall. We appreciate how many residents recycle and make use of this service. However, many days staff comes to work to find cardboard scattered around the parking lot that was not put into the dumpsters or left on the ground because they were full at the time. This causes a lot of extra work to clean up, and we would appreciate it if, when the dumpsters are full, you would come back the next day to drop of your cardboard. THANKS!

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023

Meetings Are Held at Belle Meade City Hall
& Livestreamed

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, March 14th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 14th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, March 21st at 5:00 pm

“Find Agendas and Livestream Link at
www.citybellemeade.org”

Trash or recycle missed? For the quickest response, report all trash & recycle misses directly to City Hall by phone, 615-297-6041, or use the “Report A Concern” feature on the website, <https://citybellemeade.org/report-a-concern/>. This generates an email that is sent immediately to several city staff members.

*Happy
New Year*

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