



How familiar are you with Belle Meade's Society of Ceres? Most residents would answer not very much. One of the main goals of the recently revamped Ceres Committee is to change that! In January of 2019, we introduced you to our new Committee members and last month we told you about our partnership with Belle Meade Plantation.

The Ceres Committee was chaired for many successful years by Liz Bass, and after a short hiatus, was reestablished in 2019 with many talented and committed volunteers. For an introduction to the new Committee Members, please read our article in the January 2019 edition of *Belle Meade Living*.

With the new year, new Committee and new focus, now is the time to renew your membership! We currently have three levels of giving:

- The Tulip Society is for donors who give \$250 - \$499
- The Magnolia Society is comprised of donors in the range of \$500 - \$999
- The Oak Society is for donors who make contributions of \$1000 or more.

Memorials and Honorariums are also available and are a distinctive way to honor loved ones. You may also purchase a flag to honor or memorialize someone who has served in the military.

Your tax-free contributions are used to finance many projects around the City, including:

- Seasonal planting of medians on Belle Meade Boulevard and pocket parks
- Replacing dead trees and shrubs in pocket parks and medians
- Paying a portion of turf maintenance costs for medians
- Trimming of trees in medians and pocket parks
- Purchasing holiday wreaths for street sign posts
- Purchasing flags for display on Belle Meade Boulevard

Your donations will be recognized in the Belle Meade Newsletter, but of course you may ask that your name or giving level is withheld from our publications if you prefer.

There are always new projects to consider and current projects that need additional funding. We are also working on neighborhood-specific events, educational resources and strategic partnerships. If you have a great idea for a beautification opportunity or would like to suggest an event, please email SocietyofCeres@gmail.com.

If you would like to become a Society of Ceres member or renew your membership, you may do so by writing a check payable to Society of Ceres and mailing it to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville 37205.