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## NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JUNE 2023

### Making Progress Towards Traffic Calming Solutions

The City of Belle Meade is working with consulting engineers from KCI Technologies to collect detailed traffic data that will support the development of targeted traffic calming projects in these areas. The data collected will provide traffic volume counts, vehicle classification (i.e. number of cars, trucks, delivery vehicles, etc.), and speed data. Data regarding the classifications of vehicles, lane volumes, and speed data was collected at various intersections along Belle Meade Blvd, Nicol Ln at W. Tyne Blvd, Harding Pk at Jackson Blvd, Lynwood Terrace at Lynwood Blvd; as well as traffic volume data being collected on Lynwood Terrace, Gerald Place, West Tyne Drive, Jackson Blvd., and Belle Meade Blvd. City staff will meet

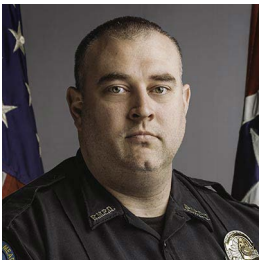
with engineers in mid-June to review the resulting analysis and hear preliminary recommendations for location specific traffic calming measures.

Traffic calming, both reducing speeds and the volume of non-resident traffic, is a top priority identified in the Belle Meade Together Plan. Using this data, the City and its engineers will consider options and best practices for traffic calming in these locations. We will continue to share the progress and recommendations as the projects develop.



### FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

Two Belle Meade Officers received the David and Cindy Wilds' Outstanding Service Award.



Sgt. David Wright

On Wednesday, April 19th, Sgt. David Wright was dispatched to a traffic crash on Belle Meade Blvd near the Belle Meade Country Club. The following is part of an email I received from the family of the person involved in the crash:

“Yesterday, my 24-year-old son, Chris, wrecked his car on Belle Meade Boulevard, while driving to work. Thankfully, Chris was not injured, and no other vehicles or people were involved. Chris is on the autism spectrum, and this was his first, and hopefully only accident, and his first interaction with a police officer. Chris was extremely upset and thought he was going to get arrested. We live 45 minutes away in Spring Hill, so it was going to take a while for us to get to him. The officer who showed up and wrote up the incident was very nice and kind

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to Chris and stayed with him until we got there. My wife and I were very frazzled and frantic when we finally got to the accident site”.

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, Officer David Read heard the Metro Nashville Police Dispatch put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) for a missing person with a medical condition. Dispatch provided a tag number for the victim. Officer Read requested that Belle Meade Dispatch enter the tag number into our LPR security system. Moments later, the vehicle drove down Harding Rd. Officer Read stopped the car, and the driver did not know where he was. He comforted him and notified the victim's family. The family responded to the location of the stop and reunited with him. If not for Officer Read's quick thinking to add the vehicle to our system, the victim would have driven through Belle Meade without us knowing.



Ofc. David Read

Congratulations to both officers for being recognized for their outstanding service.

### BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

May 2023 building activity resulted in issuance of nine (9) new building permits, conducting 29 residential code inspections, and the abatement of two (2) code enforcement cases. Contractors may request an inspection appointment online at [inspectmyproject.com](https://inspectmyproject.com). Files can also be uploaded to this site, as needed. All inspections are completed within 48 hours of an online request.

The Municipal Planning Commission met at 4 p.m. on May 16, to hear one item, which was a request to change the property line between 4404 Chickering Ln and 4406 Chickering Ln. The item was approved subject to two restrictions: 1) the building envelope established for Lot 2 is not changeable; 2) the building envelope on

Lot 1 may not be enlarged. The Board of Zoning Appeals met at 5 p.m. on March 16, and considered two items of business in which case both items, following some discussion, were rescinded by the applicants who intend to revise and resubmit at a later date. The Historic Zoning Commission met on two requests for certificates of appropriateness. First, BZA an application for a restoration project and addition to the second story at 4424 Shepard Place, which was approved with conditions. Second, a request for a new, single-family residence at 4304 Iroquois Avenue was discussed; however, the HZC voted to defer the matter until their next monthly meeting.

## COMMISSIONERS APPROVE ORDINANCE 2023-2 “OPTING IN” to STATE ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; BEGINS JUNE 1

At their regular meeting in May, the Board of Commissioners elected to move from electrical permitting under Metro Nashville Codes Division and instead, opting to allow the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, for electrical permits and inspections within the city limits of Belle Meade. Under state law, such inspections must be conducted within 72 hours of a request for inspection. Mr. Kyle Vari was present at the Commissioners’ meeting and expressed that he and other state inspectors are meeting or exceeding the state’s timelines and that he will be the primary electrical inspector for Belle Meade.

Residents will have the option of using an online permitting system, known as “CORE”, or to contact an approved issuing agent within Middle Tennessee for permitting via email or phone. In coordinating these changes, please note that permits currently active with Metro Nashville will remain with Metro for inspections until the project’s conclusion. All new projects permitted on or after June 1, 2023 will be permitted and inspected by a state inspector.

Direct links and additional information are available on the City’s website, [citybellemeade.org](http://citybellemeade.org), under Building and Codes.



CORE - Comprehensive Online Regulatory and Enforcement System; <https://core.tn.gov>

## HARDING PLACE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BEGINS JUNE 5th HARDING PLACE WILL BE CLOSED DETOURS ONTO LEAKE AVENUE

The Nashville Department of Transportation recently announced that Bell Construction will be replacing a small bridge, near Harding Academy, on Harding Place this summer. Work is scheduled to begin on June 5th with road detour and road closure signage to be posted approximately a week prior.

The Nashville Department of Transportation will be fully closing a portion of Harding Place beginning at the intersection with Harding Pike and continuing to the intersection with Westover Avenue. The construction and road closures are anticipated to begin June 5th and last approximately two (2) months. The

existing bridge will be demolished and replaced with a new bridge that will require significant time for concrete drying and curing in place. During the cure period, there is expected to be a 2–3-week period of time that the road will remain closed without any workers present.

Signs will be posted on Harding Pike, Harding Place, and Belle Meade Boulevard that direct motorists to use detour routes and avoid the area completely if possible.



## CITY HALL REMINDERS

If your collection day is Tuesday, your trash will be delayed and collected on Wednesday following the Tuesday, July 4th holiday. Monday collections will be as usual. No disruptions to brush collection.

Residents now have the convenience of dropping off payments and documents for City Court and City Hall after business hours

by using a new, green drop box located immediately to the left of the main doors of Belle Meade City Hall. Payments deposited may include court fines, driving school certificates, property taxes, stormwater fee payments, or other documents. No cash deposits please.

## COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER 2% WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE FOR FY 2023-2024

In January 2021, the City contracted with Buddy Petty, Engineer, of RateStudies, Inc. to conduct a rate study for the City’s Wastewater Enterprise Fund. The Fund was put into operation in 2016 in accordance with state law, and Mr. Petty previously conducted a rate study prior to the implementation of the Enterprise Fund to determine a sewer user rate for Belle Meade that would support the Fund’s operations. A rate of \$2.85 per 100 cubic feet was approved in 2016 and *maintained for five years*. The rate study just completed for the fiscal years 2022 – 2026 recommends a 10% increase in the sewer user rate for FY 21/22, effective July 1st, in the amount of

\$3.14 per 100 cubic feet. The study also recommends a 2% increase for each fiscal year 2023 through 2026. These increases should support the operations of the Fund, including depreciation, and provide sufficient cash to cover Metro Water Services fee increases and fund the Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan.

The Commissioners will consider a 2% increase for 2024 in keeping with the recommendations of the pay study. Small annual rate adjustments are intended to delayed action which would likely result in needing to make larger, single adjustments in the future.

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## DISPOSING OF PAINT - THE RESPONSIBLE WAY

Paint is a “household hazardous waste” because it is a product containing potentially harmful or toxic chemicals. Oil-based paints are flammable and cannot be disposed of in your household garbage nor should they be disposed of in dumpsters meant for household waste. Latex paints can clog pipes and damage sewage systems, causing overflow damage to the environment. If paint ends up in the landfill, it can leach heavy metals, such as mercury, lead, cadmium and other toxins into

the soil or groundwater. For public health and environmental protections, paint, and other household hazardous waste, must be disposed of in facilities specifically intended for disposal of such items.

There is no fee to drop-off household hazardous waste at the East or the Ezell Pike Convenience Centers in Nashville. The City of Belle Meade does not accept paint in the dumpsters behind City Hall.

**Ezell Pike Convenience Center**  
3254 Ezell Pike  
Nashville, TN 37211  
Tuesday – Saturday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m

**East Convenience Center**  
943A Doctor Richard G. Adams Dr  
Nashville, TN 37207  
Tuesday – Saturday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m



## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **May 17, 2023** meeting:



- Presented former Mayor and Commissioner James V. Hunt with a plaque in recognition of his 15 years of service to Belle Meade.
- Following the Mayor’s nomination and unanimous approval, Mr. Marty Dickens was appointed to the Board of Commissioners to fill the remainder of Mr. Hunt’s unexpired term ending November 2024.
- Approved a service agreement in the amount of \$11,142.00 with Stansell Electric for electric work related to installation of new traffic enforcement cameras.
- Approved a Parade Permit for the annual Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, December 2, 2023.
- Approved a grant contract with the State of Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs to support the purchase of Starchase GPS equipment for patrol cars.
- Approved special recognition for Patrol Sergeant David Wright to receive the David and Cindy Wilds’ Exemplary Service Award.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute a contract not to exceed \$56,000.00 for video inspection and cleaning of the City’s gravity sewer line system.
- Deferred a vote to fill three (3) vacancies on the Municipal Planning Commission.
- Approved the appointment of three (3) new members to the Board of Zoning Appeals: Charlie Atwood, Johnny Phipps, and Pete Zabaski, each will serve new 3-year terms ending in June 2026.
- Deferred a vote to fill one (1) vacancy on the Historic Zoning Commission.
- Approved roof repairs to City Hall and Public Works Garage for damage related to the March windstorm event in the amount of \$14,518 with H.E. Parmer Roofing.
- Received an update on the Employee Compensation Study from the City Manager.
- Adopted an Ordinance, effective June 1, 2023, amending the Municipal Code opting into the State of Tennessee’s program for electrical permitting and inspections. After June 1, Belle Meade residents will no longer apply for permits from the Metro-Nashville Codes Department. (The State guarantees inspections within 72 hours of receiving a request for inspection.)
- Adopted, on the first of two readings, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024 and two related Ordinances fixing the tax rate and amending the sewer charges (an increase of 2%).
- Set a Public Hearing on the Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for FY 2024 for 4:00 p.m. on June 21.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
  - Gibbs Brothers Construction \$ 5,940.00
  - Landscape Services Inc. \$ 14,525.00
  - Municipal Inspection Partners \$ 6,750.00

## CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – MAY 2023

**OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more**  
Mr. & Mrs. William Bradford Blevins  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Hoogland  
Dr. & Dr. Jimmy Kerrigan  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pitts  
Mr. & Mrs. Lem Stevens

**MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999**  
Anonymous Donor  
Mr. & Mrs. George Bullard  
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Carlton  
Mr. & Mrs. Marty Dickens  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fouce  
Mr. & Mrs. Burton Harvey  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Majors  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Reames

Mrs. Frances B. Spradley

### TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. John Abbott  
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Baker, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Junius Ellis  
Mr. & Mrs. Seth Eskind  
Mrs. Cecile Gideon  
Dr. & Mrs. Brevard Haynes  
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Houff  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hull  
Mrs. Mary Loventhal Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kerr  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kitchel  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lowe, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Miller

Ms. Angela Murphy  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Thomas Patten  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Peffen, III  
Mr. & Mrs. John Phipps  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pirtle  
Mr. & Mrs. David Thompson  
Mr. & Mrs. David Wiley

### CERES SOCIETY – UNDER \$250

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Darken  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Farris  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Mallard  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Petroni  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ripley  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Weien

**CERES DONATIONS IN HONOR OF:**  
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Baker, Jr.  
In Honor of Pete & Katherine Delay

**AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP**  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Smith  
In Memory of:  
Lallie Wallace  
John Eddie Cain  
Alice Mathews  
Pat Davis  
Jimmy Kelly, Jr.  
Ed Braswell

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST 2023

**\*Due to Early Voting, please check dates and location of meetings on the website or call us at 615-297-6041.**

### **Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, July 12th at 4:00 pm\*  
Wednesday, August 16th at 4:00 pm

### **Historic Zoning Commission**

Tuesday, July 11th at 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 15th at 3:00 pm

### **Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, July 11th at 4:00 pm\*  
Tuesday, August 8th at 4:00 pm

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tuesday, July 11th at 5:00 pm\*  
Tuesday, August 8th at 5:00 pm

**Agendas are available online at  
[www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)**

## REMINDERS:



**CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY. IN CASE OF SEWER, STREET, OR OTHER EMERGENCIES, CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 615-297-0241.**

**NO TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTION ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH  
TUESDAY ROUTES WILL BE COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 5TH**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!**

EARLY VOTING for the August 3rd METROPOLITAN GENERAL ELECTION – Begins July 14th and continues through Saturday, July 29th. Early Voting will be held at Belle Meade City Hall 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a detailed schedule of locations and times, click here:

<http://www.nashville.gov/departments/elections/voters/find-early-voting-information>



St. George's Farmers Market – each Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot along Harding Road.

The Board of Commissioners is currently **seeking interested citizens to fill vacancies on the Municipal Planning Commission**; please contact City Hall at 615-297-6041 if you are interested in serving on any of the City's boards or committees.

The City has one remaining **property tax bill** that is unpaid and **past due**, incurring penalties and interest. Property taxes are due annually by the last day in February. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty Terry, 615-297-6041 or [rterry@citybellemeade.org](mailto:rterry@citybellemeade.org).

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