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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2023

CERES SOCIETY BLOOMS WHERE IT'S PLANTED

While you may be counting down the dog days of summer by hunkering down inside or traveling to cooler climes, the City of Belle Meade has been bursting with summer color in her pocket medians, common spaces, and at City Hall. Let's look at what goes into beautifying the city with these gorgeous, lush plantings, generously funded by your donations to Ceres Society.

Ceres Society meets monthly with an all-volunteer committee, consisting of master gardeners, horticulturists, a landscape architect, garden aficionados, and the City Manager to discuss current and long term plans to beautify our 'Beautiful Meadow'. A 'Plantings Subcommittee' meets to discuss what will provide long-lasting color with low maintenance in a variety of sun conditions; also taken into consideration is creating a uniform look to provide consistency and branding to let you know that you are in Belle Meade.



The subcommittee discusses each seasonal plan with the landscape contractor to ensure the plant materials are available and fall within the budget guidelines. The landscape contractor then develops a schedule to remove the previous season's plantings and prepare the beds and spaces for the next season of plantings. Following this is the actual planting during a small window in the season to make sure the plants will survive - not too hot or not too cold. And, lastly in the cycle is maintenance.

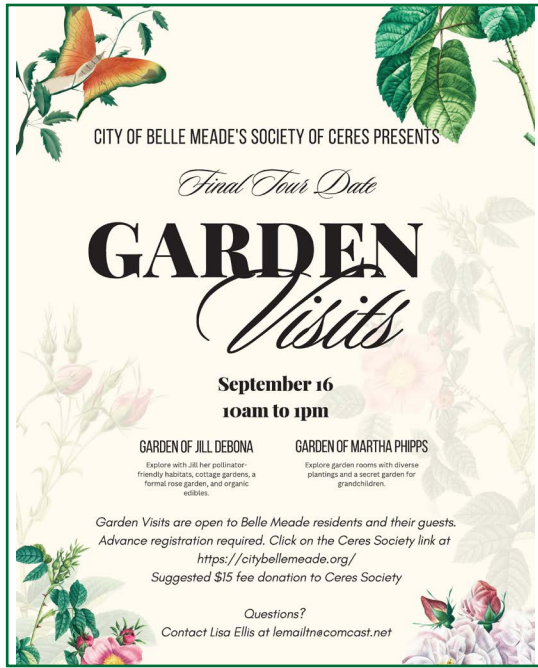
During the summer months, watering is needed if dry spells should occur, and Ceres provides a contribution to the City to help cover the watering charges from Metro Nashville. Ceres not only contributes for watering of the garden spaces but also for watering along the Boulevard to maintain the health of the trees and shrubs.



So, the next time you are driving by one of the pocket gardens or median plantings, slow down (wink, wink) and enjoy the hard work of the Ceres Society as an inspiration for your own garden.

Thank you for helping Ceres Society bloom where it's planted!





City of Belle Meade's Society of Ceres Presents
The Final Tour Date for Garden Visits on
Saturday, September 16, 2023
10 am to 1 pm
at the Gardens of Jill Debona and Martha Phipps.

A Gardener-led tour will begin at the Garden of
Ms. Jill Debona at 10:30 am.

Garden Visits are open to Belle Meade residents
and their guests. Advance registration and a donation of
\$15 per ticket is suggested to support the Ceres Society.

To Register, please visit the Ceres website:
<https://citybellemeade.org/ceres-society/ceres-giving/>

CITY RECORDER ACHIEVES CERTIFICATION



The City of Belle Meade is pleased to celebrate the latest professional achievement of our City Recorder Rusty Terry. Mr. Terry has recently been awarded recognition as a Certified Municipal City Recorder. The achievement

recognizes completion of an extensive education program that helps to ensure these professionals are prepared for their complex role in local government. Mr. Terry is also a member of the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Records where he currently serves on the Education Committee. He will be required to obtain a minimum of 18 hours of continuing education courses every three years. We appreciate Mr. Terry's ongoing commitment to the profession and for his excellent service to our citizens.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



CALL FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOATS

The City of Belle Meade will host a Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 2 PM. The parade will start on Belle Meade Blvd at Percy Warner Park, travel northbound on Belle Meade Blvd, and end at Belle Meade Blvd at Harding Place. We are currently reserving spots for businesses, political candidates, etcetera.

If you know anyone interested in being in the parade, please encourage them to contact me by email at cwilliams@citybellemeade.org.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

The Belle Meade Police Department Family is growing. We want to Welcome two beautiful baby girls to the family. On August 4, 2023, Hadley Jean Linane was born. She is the daughter of Officer David Linane. Hadley weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.



On August 5, 2023, Lacy Athena Morris was born. She is the granddaughter of our dispatch supervisor, Toni Tomlin. Lacy weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Both babies are perfect! Congratulations to Officer Linane and Dispatcher Tomlin!



Lacy Athena Morris



Hadley Jean Linane

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RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **the August 16, 2023** meeting:



- Approved a Professional Services Agreement, not to exceed \$4,500, with Barge Civil to update the roadway maintenance standard specifications.
- Approved the purchase of a utility vehicle for the Belle Meade Police Department from Columbia Powersports Supercenter in the total amount of \$18,869.65. The vehicle will be used during community events, such as the Boulevard Bolt and Christmas Parade.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Wascon \$11,216.58
 - o Wascon \$18,694.30
 - o Clean Earth Collections, LLC \$ 8,702.50
 - o Commonwealth Chemical, Inc \$24,300.00
 - o KCI Technologies, Inc \$ 7,094.50
- o Municipal Inspection Partners \$ 5,550.00
- o Cummins Sales and Service \$ 5,756.03
- Approved City Hall generator repairs, totaling \$5,756.03, with Cummins Sales and Service.
- Held a Public Hearing on an Ordinance No. 2023-06 to Amend Section 14-206 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Clarify the Quorum Requirement of the Board of Zoning Appeals. No comments were received; and the Board adopted the same on second and final reading.
- The Board of Commissioners approved a revised schedule for their next meeting. Rather than holding it on the third Wednesday of the month, it is rescheduled to be held on Monday, September 18th at 4:00 p.m.

NEW 25 MPH SPEED LIMITS FOR ENQUIRER AVENUE AND GERALD PLACE

The Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution to reduce the posted speed limits on Gerald Place and Enquirer Avenue to 25 miles per hour. Their action was supported by new traffic data collected last month, citizen concerns, and is consistent with the recommendations of transportation engineers in the Belle Meade Together Plan.

The Belle Meade Together Plan specifically identified these streets as having target speeds of 20-25 mph “to promote an environment that feels safe for people and pedestrians to move about”. New speed limit signs have been installed. Please note that under the current municipal code (Section 15-301), it is unlawful to exceed 30 miles per hour on any street where speed limit signs are not posted. On streets with speed limits posted, those speed limits shall apply.



ANNUAL STORMWATER BILLS ARE NOW PAST DUE

We want to thank all Belle Meade residents who have paid their annual stormwater fee. As of August 31st approximately 250 residents have yet to make payment. Please remember that any payments received on or after September 26, 2023, will incur a late fee on the unpaid balance with interest at the maximum legal rate published annually in the Tennessee Administrative Register. For 2023, the maximum effective formula rate of interest is 12.25 percent. Please remit payment as soon as possible as it is not our wish to assess late fees. Below are sample late payment fees based upon various fee amounts.

Stormwater Invoice Amount	Late Charge, per month, on Payments after September 25th
\$134.41	\$16.47
\$268.92	\$32.94
\$537.84	\$65.89

All Belle Meade Residents are assessed an annual stormwater fee to support existing needs and anticipated stormwater infrastructure system management and capital projects. The stormwater infrastructure helps to address flooding concerns and improve the quality of the water making its way back into our local creeks, streams and rivers. A stormwater user fee is a financial charge for stormwater services and is not a tax. Similar to water and sewer user fees, stormwater fees are based on a property’s use of, or demand on, the public drainage system and stormwater management services.

Stormwater Fees may be paid online at citybellemeade.org, by mail or in person at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. For after hours payments, please use the green drop box outside the main entrance of City Hall. Questions? Contact City Recorder Rusty Terry at 615-297-6041 or rterry@citybellemeade.org for assistance.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – AUGUST 2023

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. Lem Stevens

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. James Harris

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Weigel

CERES SOCIETY – UNDER \$250

Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Harris

CERES DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. John White (Dudley)

In Memory of: Mr. James V. Hunt

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IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stuart

In Memory of: Mr. James V. Hunt &

In Memory of: Mr. Alex Wade

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 18th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 15th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, October 10th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 7th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 17th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 14th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 14th at 5:00 pm

**Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org**

REMINDERS:

**BELLE MEADE CITY HALL CLOSED
Monday, September 4th
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**ELECTION DAY SEPTEMBER 14th
Metro-Nashville Run-Off Election
Voting at Belle Meade City Hall
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 18th
4:00 p.m.**

**Board of Commissioners will hold a
Rescheduled Regular Monthly Meeting**

Happy Labor Day!!

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