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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE OCTOBER 2023

FALL LAWN CARE REMINDERS

With pumpkin spice lattes and fall football games on our minds, we're reminded that the leaves will begin falling soon. Leaves need to be raked and trees and shrubs will need to be trimmed. Here are a few reminders about how to dispose of yard trimmings and brush.

Bag it. Paper yard bags are best and can be purchased at grocery stores, hardware, and garden stores. These bags are for leaves, grass clippings and other small trimmings only. If you have a lawncare company bag the yard trimmings for you, the bags must also be removed by the lawncare company as well. For the City's chipper service, bagged items should not exceed a weight of 50 lbs.

Bundle it. The City's chipping service asks that sticks and small branches be bundled with limbs no longer than 8 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.

Brush Collection and Chipper Service is provided weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Your pickup day will depend on which street you live. You can view our service routes at citybellemeade.org/streets/ Belle Meade is a beautiful community in every season, and we are dedicated to keeping it that way. Thank you for helping us take the best care of it.



SEEKING A FULL-TIME BUILDING OFFICIAL

The City Manager is currently accepting applications from certified building inspectors to perform residential building inspections, including mechanical and plumbing inspections, for the City of Belle Meade. Additionally, the new position would be responsible for enforcement of the City's

property maintenance codes and assist with ensuring storm-water compliance is met, such as monitoring that erosion prevention and sediment control measures are in place on all construction sites. For the full job description and employment application, visit www.citybellemeade.org.



ANNUAL CREEK CLEANING

J.R. and Associates has been awarded a contract with the City of Belle Meade for annual debris removal along portions of Richland Creek. They will be working to remove dead trees, large objects, trash and other debris from the creek. Most work will

be done by hand, including restoring areas of erosion along the creek banks. Creek cleaning work began in September and is anticipated to extend into mid-November depending upon weather conditions. This work is beneficial for stormwater management and will not alter the shape or slope of the creeks but will improve the flow of water, thus reducing the potential for flooding after heavy rains.

UPDATE ON BELLE MEADE TOGETHER PLAN Traffic Calming Projects

The project team with KCI Engineering is currently working on a proposal for specific roadway improvements that could slow traffic on Belle Meade Boulevard, Jackson Boulevard, Lynnwood Terrace, Gerald Place, and West

Tyne Drive. We anticipate receiving proposed concepts in mid-October and approved concepts will progress towards further design and development of an estimate of probable cost for each recommended project.

UPDATE ON WALNUT DRIVE STORMWATER PROJECT

A stormwater improvement project on Walnut Drive is anticipated to significantly improve drainage and reduce the frequency of flooding within the watershed area. The entire length of this city street will be converted to a permeable paver road surface with an underground detention system to capture and provide storage capacity to slow the release of runoff during most storm events. The street width is not designed to change as a result of the project; however, there will be areas for on-street parking or "bump outs" installed in the right-of-way. Webpages are currently in development and will be available soon to help residents access design plans

and follow the progress of the project. Currently, the City is awaiting the engineers' final design plans and working to obtain easements from the two properties containing the outlets for the Walnut Drive stormwater drainage area. Next, the City will competitively select a contractor to perform the work. Construction may begin in early 2024 and is anticipated to take approximately 12 to 18 months. During construction, one travel lane will remain open during the project's duration to maintain residents' access to their homes along the street. The work is also anticipated to be completed in phases, typically beginning with improving the outlets and working upstream.

GARDEN VISITS 2023 by *Lisa Ellis*



Pictured Above (Left to Right): Martha Phipps, Jill Debona, and Jackie Bellar

This past summer Belle Meade's Beautification Committee, with enthusiastic support from City Managers Beth Reardon and Jennifer Moody and the Board of Commissioners, launched a program of Garden Visits for residents and their guests. Our goal was to build community through meeting neighbors; educate on garden design and plantings; encourage homeowners to enhance their landscapes; and raise funds for our citywide Ceres Society's beautification efforts. We're happy to report that it worked. Many new connections were formed, and

we raised \$2000! Thank you to all of our visitors. Here are reflections from two:

Mary Rolando: "The Garden Tour of four very different gardens was a real treat, giving more than a hint as to the skills and dedication of local gardeners--quite remarkable--to the beauty and bounty of the earth and also the Ceres Society. Many thanks."



Pictured Above: (Left to Right): Laura Katherine Wood and Lisa Ellis

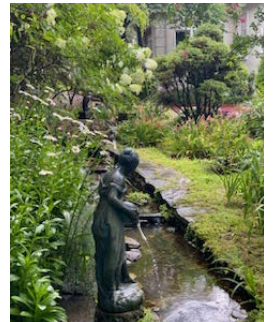
Diana Thompson: "When I first learned of the opportunity to tour some of the gardens in Belle Meade, I thought what a wonderful idea that was. As soon as I was able, I signed up for all four, not even quite being sure I would be here for all the dates. I am so glad I was able to go to all of the gardens. It was such fun admiring the obvious love and knowledge of gardening in each one. There were so many beautiful flowers and so much creativity. Each was different in feel from the next. There was structure here, whimsy there, and variety in all. I hope the owners enjoyed sharing the fruits of their labors as much as the other voyeurs and I enjoyed seeing them. Such hard work but so

beautiful! I hope Ceres will plan to do this again next year."

Garden hosts this year were Jackie Bellar, Jill Debona, Lisa Ellis, and Martha Phipps. We give special thanks to Carolyn Sorensen for designing our beautiful and effective promotional poster, and to Caroline Stevens for helping to pot up 25 euphorbia marginata seedlings as souvenirs. We've received photos from visitors showing the plants thriving in their gardens. The plant swaps have begun!

Yes Diana, we will do it again next year. This is an open call for garden hosts in 2024, May - September. Joe Howell has already stepped up. Wouldn't it be great to have them twice a month?

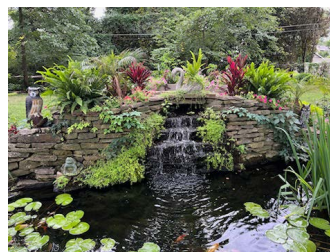
For more information, please visit the Ceres website: <https://citybellemeade.org/ceres-society/>



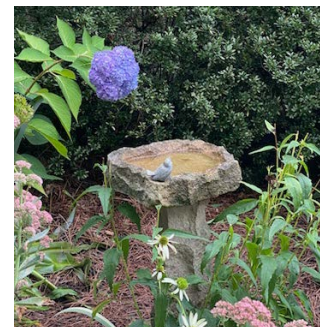
Backyard in the Garden of Jackie Bellar



Hibiscus at the Garden of Jill Debona and Jackie Bellar



Pond at Garden of Lisa Ellis



Bird Bath at Garden of Martha Phipps

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS REQUIRED

With cooler weather on our doorstep, residents may be considering removal of a tree, particularly one that may be close to the house or utility lines. Since 2019, the City of Belle Meade has enforced a "TREE ORDINANCE" establishing tree management and protection standards for all private properties. The Tree Ordinance establishes rules that help the City to preserve protected trees and prohibits clear-cutting. Civil penalties may be applied to violators, who may also be required to replace illegally removed trees with like calipers.

The Tree Ordinance must be followed by anyone issued a building permit or land disturbance permit as well as a homeowner wishing to cut down a tree anywhere on their property. A Tree Removal Permit Application review is required prior to the removal of any tree. In many instances, based on the type and size of the tree, replacement trees may be required to be planted. Please be aware that some local tree service companies are unfamiliar with the Belle Meade tree removal permit requirement. For questions or additional information, contact Belle Meade City Hall at 615-297-6041.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

OFFICER PARRISH RECEIVES OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

On August 4th, while heading into work, Belle Meade Police Officer Tyler Parrish stopped to wash his car. While there, he noticed Metro Officers dealing with a subject in the parking lot adjacent to the car wash. After a few moments the subject fled on foot in the direction Officer Parrish was sitting. Officer Parrish quickly responded and assisted with the capture of the individual who turned out to be a suspect in an attempted bank robbery. Metro Police Department contacted Belle Meade Police and advised Chief Williams regarding how much they appreciated Officer Parrish's assistance. As a result of his quick response and exemplary service, Officer Parrish was



selected by the David and Cindy Wilds Committee Members to receive the outstanding service award.

WELCOME NEW OFFICER ZACH DONEGAN

Officer Zack Donegan was hired by the Belle Meade Police Department on September 25, 2023. Zack has fifteen years of law enforcement experience.

He served fourteen years with the Dickson City Police Department and one year with the McEwen Police Department.

Zack is married with two children and resides in Dickson, TN. Officer Donegan is excited to work at the Belle Meade Police Department and looks forward to meeting the community.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

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



- Special Presentation by Police Chief Williams recognizing Officer Tyler Parrish with an Outstanding Service Award.
- Special Presentation by Steve Casey with Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC) providing a review of the City's Annual Stormwater Permit Compliance Report
- Approved a bid award and two-year contract with J.R. and Associates of Dickson for Creek Debris Removal and Maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the current budget year
- Approved the purchase of annual holiday wreaths from the Boy Scouts of America, in an amount not to exceed \$5,500
- Approved two grant awards for the Belle Meade Police Department from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, in the amounts of \$20,000 and \$36,000, to support traffic enforcement
- Approved a 50% matching grant award of \$1,500 from Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" program for the replacement of bullet proof vests for the Belle Meade Police Department
- Received a presentation from the City Manager regarding the Wholesale Agreement between Metro Water Services and the City of Belle Meade; including notice that Metro's wholesale rate is increasing on October 1st by 4.5% over last year and requests for Belle Meade to participate in a new wholesale rate study and negotiation of a new 10-year contract is forthcoming
- Approved the purchase of annual Microsoft Licenses through Keystone Business Solutions, under a statewide negotiated 3-year cooperative purchasing agreement, totaling \$9,083.52 for each renewal
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:

o Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc	\$ 5,358.25
o Clean Earth Collections, LLC	\$ 8,857.50
o Gibbs Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$ 40,200.00
o HE Parmer Company, Inc.	\$ 14,662.00
o KCI Technologies, Inc	\$ 21,464.17
o KCI Technologies, Inc	\$ 15,021.00
o Mobile Communications America	\$ 5,206.00
o Municipal Inspection Partners	\$ 5,350.00
o Omnigo Software	\$ 10,394.26
o Sessions Paving	\$ 294,255.00
o Stansell Electric	\$ 15,207.00
o Straeffler Pump and Supply	\$ 15,230.00
o Sweeping Corp of America (Sani-Tech)	\$ 37,055.93
o Wascon, Inc.	\$ 8,075.84
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 15th at 4:00 p.m.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023
All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall**

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, November 15th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 20th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, November 14th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, December 12th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, November 14th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 19th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, November 14th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 19th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

HALLOWEEN

Tuesday, October 31st

VETERAN'S DAY

Saturday, November 11th

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 23rd

**City Hall will be closed both
Thursday and Friday**

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return service requested