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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2023

Belle Meade Holiday Parade



The Parade will start at 2pm on Belle Meade Boulevard at Percy Warner Park/Page Road and proceed to Belle Meade Country Club/Harding Place.

Police will close Belle Meade Boulevard

from Page Road to Harding Place beginning at 1pm; however, Harding Place will remain open.

Spectators are welcome to park in the southbound right lane of Belle Meade Boulevard and view the parade from the median. City of Belle Meade has received tremendous support with 25 entries for this first-ever holiday parade, which we hope will continue to grow each year. Special thank you to Commissioner Neal Clayton and his sister Murray Clayton for their coordination of this event and to all this year's Parade participants for their contributions:

Lawson High School
Marching Band
Shriners
Unicorn
The Picnic
Belle Meade Society of Ceres
Friends of Warner Park
The Real Power Drill Team
St. Cecilia/ Overbrook School
Sperry's
Engel and Volkens
Metro Police Mounted Patrol
The Dolphin Club

Belle Meade Historic Site
Red Caboose
Whites Mercantile
Phillips Toy Mart
State Senator Heidi Campbell
Alexander Interiors
Nashville Humane Association
Milosi Landscaping
Hendersonville Police
Belle Meade Police
District 23 Metro Council
Member Thom Druffel with Santa on a Fire Truck



1st Stop – (11:45-12:15 pm) Carnavon West Meade Park: Carnavon Pkwy – turn into the gravel parking lot on Melinda Drive (across from Westmeade Elementary School)

2nd Stop – (12:30-1 pm) Brook Hollow Baptist Church: 678 Brook Hollow Rd. Santa will swing by Belle Meade Links. Afterward, he will drive down West Meade towards Post Road.

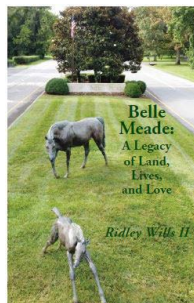
3rd Stop – (1:15-1:45 pm) Belle Meade United Methodist Church: 121 Davidson Rd. Afterward, he will drive to Percy Warner Park on Page Road and JOIN the Belle Meade Parade.

NEW: The Belle Meade Parade (2-3:15 pm) SANTA will join the Parade and go up Belle Meade Boulevard from Percy Warner Park to the Belle Meade Country Club. He will then head to his 4th Stop, Belle Meade Links / Parmer Park at 3:30

4th Stop – (3:30-4 pm) Belle Meade Links / Parmer Park: 578 Leake Avenue.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE NOW ONLINE at www.citybellemeade.org Belle Meade now accepts all forms of payment through the city website. You may pay by e-check, credit card or PayPal utilizing our new online portal. For now, only the current year's tax bills are available. In the coming months, we will enable public access for the previous 10 years of past property tax records. Need Help accessing the Online Portal? Please contact City Recorder Rusty Terry at Belle Meade City Hall (615) 297-6041.

The Commissioners and city staff wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season and Happy New Year!



Great Gift and Keepsake:

Belle Meade: A Legacy of Land, Lives and Love by Ridley Wills II

Free copies of the book are now available at Belle Meade City Hall. Whether you are a new or long-time resident of Belle Meade, you are going to want to add this book to your collection. This Wills' latest book offers a glimpse into the past of Belle Meade and the people who paved the way to where we are today, and you might just find out a few interesting facts along the way!



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



NEW UTILITY VEHICLE FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS



The City of Belle Meade Police and Public Works Department added a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to our fleet. This smaller vehicle will aid in response to calls during community events and along greenways or unpaved areas, such as parks.

We anticipate this new resource will be used by the Police at special

events such as the Nichol Lane Halloween Party, the Boulevard Bolt, and the Holiday Parade. Additionally, the UTV will be used to assist the Metro Nashville Police Department with search and rescue inside Percy Warner Park. Belle Meade Public Works Department will use the UTV for various service calls throughout the city as they arise.

The Police Department wishes all residents a safe and happy Holiday Season!

New, Full-Time Building Official for Belle Meade



Matthew Singleton

Following a re-organization at the City of Belle Meade, the City now employs both a full-time city planner and a full-time building official to support land development review, permitting and overall enforcement of local and state laws related to building projects in Belle Meade. Matthew Singleton is a state certified code inspector and started work on November 27th. He is responsible for reviewing all site and construction plans,

issuing permits, performing residential and commercial building inspections, and enforcing the city's ordinances on property maintenance, land disturbance, tree preservation, and stormwater. Singleton is from Conway, South Carolina and moved to the

Nashville area in March 2022. He holds an associate degree in civil engineering and served in the US Army, including one tour in Afghanistan. He and his wife Allison are expecting their first child, a daughter, in March 2024.

The new building official position supports all construction related activities within the City and works in collaboration with the Planning Director, Mary Samaniego, who is responsible for the development and enforcement of policies related to land use and zoning in the City of Belle Meade and implementation of long-range plans, including the Belle Meade Together Plan. To discuss any land use concerns or construction projects within Belle Meade city limits, please contact Mary or Matthew at Belle Meade City Hall (615) 297-6041 or visit www.citybellemeade.org.

Updating Belle Meade's Zoning Ordinance

The Belle Meade Zoning Ordinance is the set of regulations that best contributes to realizing the quality and type of residential development envisioned by the Belle Meade community. This part of city code typically regulates land use, building size and placement, parking, landscaping and parcel size. These regulations use "districts" to allow different standards that best fit the existing character of different neighborhood areas within Belle Meade and define how property within the city limits may be developed or redeveloped.

The last comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance was in August 1997. In the past few decades, development patterns and desired uses have changed in some significant ways. The current Zoning Ordinance needs to be rewritten to better fulfill the vision to preserve the "thoughtfully curated" character and distinctly "beautiful city in a meadow" described within the Belle Meade Together Plan.

As a first step, an internal review team was formed consisting of Commissioner Haley Dale, Municipal Planning Commission member Larry Wieck, City Manager Jennifer Moody, Planning Director Mary Samaniego, in consultation with City Attorney Doug Berry. This taskforce of city officials has been working to complete a comprehensive rewrite of the code that uses plain language, illustrations and simple charts when applicable, and definitions of key words so that there is less variability in interpretation of how

to carry out permitted activities within the code. The team has been meeting in work sessions open to the public since late August and intends to be ready for public comments on the new ordinance in early 2024. The draft ordinance will be made available on the city's website for review and comment as soon as it is available in the coming weeks.

Next, the new ordinance will be presented to the Belle Meade Municipal Planning Commission in a study session anticipated to be held in January 2024. Public comments will be accepted anytime by city staff and will be heard from the public during the study session. Finally, once a new zoning ordinance has been considered by the Municipal Planning Commission, it will proceed to a public hearing and consideration for approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners must vote on new ordinances on two readings, meaning at two separate board meetings, prior to the amendments or new ordinance taking effect. According to the anticipated timeline, a new zoning ordinance could be in effect by early spring 2024. Upon all approvals being granted, the new zoning ordinance is intended to be searchable electronically and easy to find in a prominent location on the city's website.

Please check the city's calendar on our website for updates: www.citybellemeade.org and, once a draft is complete, it will also be available on the website. Questions or Comments? Contact Planning Director Mary Samaniego, msamaniego@citybellemeade.org or (615) 297-6041.

Belle Meade Newsletter



Belle Meade Employee Fund

Dear Belle Meade Residents,

Our employees are the greatest assets of our City of Belle Meade. They work diligently every day to keep the City safe and well maintained. These employees do not receive bonuses of any kind except through the Employee Fund. This fund is managed as a separate account from other city funds and was established to enable residents to acknowledge appreciation for the diligent and consistent work of our loyal personnel throughout the year. The fund purchases gift certificates that are distributed equally among employees. The fund also sponsors events during the year in which all employees participate. Also, floral arrangements and fruit baskets are provided when there is a new baby, an illness or death in the family. All contributions are permissible under the law and carry

no weight with any particular employee or group of employees, and therefore, they are tax deductible.

There isn't a better way to give a heartfelt "thank you" to each of the incredible employees of our city. Previous years' responses have been overwhelming and the employees are truly appreciative of the generosity and support of the residents. We hope you will participate in this special holiday tradition. Mail or deliver a check made out to "Employee Fund" to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205. Thanks to you in advance, and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Rusty Moore
Mayor

Haley Dale
Vice-Mayor

Marty Dickens
Commissioner

Louise Bryan
Commissioner

Neal Clayton
Commissioner



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **the November 15, 2023** meeting:



- Denied approval of a proposed additional scope of work with KCI Technologies, Inc. totaling \$15,200, to provide traffic calming analysis and 30% design for the 400-600 block of Lynnwood Boulevard, which would have increased the total contract value from \$54,110 to \$69,310. Discussion on the denial was to complete the current contract and reconsider the additional scope as a part of a future proposal to complete full design of improvements approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Approved an emergency expenditure with Dixon Plumbing, totaling \$5,000, for repair of electrical service to restore sewer service at a residence on Harding Place.
- Approved a software license agreement with CivicPlus for an online permit management system, for the initial year total cost of \$15,000.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - 1) Benesch Engineering (Harding Pk Sidewalk) \$ 22,365.92
 - 2) Dixon Plumbing Company \$ 5,000.00
 - 3) J.R. and Associates \$ 17,671.00
 - 4) J.R. and Associates \$ 18,102.00
 - 5) J.R. and Associates \$ 17,671.00
 - 6) Keystone Business Solutions \$ 5,231.49
 - 7) Kraft CPAs, PLLC \$ 7,500.00
 - 8) Landscape Services, Inc. \$ 14,525.00
 - 9) Starchase \$ 60,120.00
 - 10) J.R. and Associates \$ 17,240.00
 - 11) Columbia Powersports \$ 18,869.64
 - 12) CEC (Walnut Dr Project) \$ 7,349.61
 - 13) BSA Troop 6 (Holiday Wreaths) \$ 5,435.00
 - 14) Wascon Inc. \$ 8,253.34
 - 15) Wascon Inc. \$ 7,911.34
 - 16) Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Columbia \$ 5,177.64
 - 17) J.R. and Associates \$ 15,012.00
- Approved ORDINANCE No. 2023-10 – An Ordinance to amend Title 14, Chapter Two of the Belle Meade Zoning Code to repeal the power of the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant special exceptions and clarify the jurisdiction of the Board to grant variances and conditional use permits and to approve non-conforming uses and structures. A public hearing to hear public comments on the proposed amendment will be held prior to second and final reading at the Board's next regular meeting on December 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Belle Meade City Hall.
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m. with a public reception for retiring Public Works Director Larry Smith will be held immediately prior at 3:00 p.m. in honor of his 23 years of service to the residents of Belle Meade. All meetings are open to the public and public comments will be accepted.

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Ms. Mary N. Wade



CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – November 2023

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Fitzgerald

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The James V. Hunt, Sr. Family
In Memory of: **Capt. James V. Hunt USNR**
(Ret)



Belle Meade Newsletter

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

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, December 13th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, December 12th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, January 9th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 19th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, December 19th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURES CITY OFFICES CLOSED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th

In case of sewer, street, or other emergencies that may occur while City Offices are closed, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241.

Brush/Chipper service will run routes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday after the Christmas Holidays (December 26, 27, and 29).

Garbage collection routes will run on regular schedule the week prior to the Christmas Holidays and no pickups will occur on the Monday holiday, but will resume normal routes Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday following the Holidays (December 26, 27, and 29)

Three garbage dumpsters and two cardboard dumpsters are located behind City Hall. We appreciate you flattening all of your cardboard before placing it inside the cardboard dumpsters. Please do not use these for trash or place your trash bags around these dumpsters. Instead, use the three open dumpsters behind the gated enclosure for all trash. They will be emptied several additional times during the holiday weekend to accommodate for extra trash.

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return service requested