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## NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MAY 2024

### BELLE MEADE AND NDOT PLANNING FOR SIGNAL UPGRADES AND TRAFFIC CALMING

The City of Belle Meade and Nashville's Department of Transportation and Multi-modal Infrastructure (NDOT) are working together on a cost proposal to improve the signalized intersection at Harding Place on Belle Meade Boulevard. The project would include upgrading the traffic signals currently mounted on span-wires attached to wooden utility poles to mast-arm mounted traffic signals, using LED signal heads with retro-reflective backing which improves visibility at night, and possibly upgrading the controller cabinet to enable real-time traffic signal timing adjustments. Such upgrades would improve traffic flow through the intersection and eliminate some visual clutter from wires. Additionally, mast-arms require less maintenance and are less likely to be damaged or moved by wind.

All over the country, navigation apps such as Waze are directing non-local traffic onto local streets for drivers looking to avoid congestion on preferred routes, including arterials and highways. Belle Meade is not alone in looking for ways to curb this trend which makes our local roadways noisier and less safe for pedestrians. Research shows that one of the best ways to reduce cut-through traffic in neighborhood streets is to improve signal timing at signalized intersections. By ensuring that vehicles are moving efficiently through the signalized intersection on Harding Place, which is the City's main arterial street with the highest daily traffic counts, we can make it less desirable for drivers to look for



alternate routes through our residential, local streets.

In April, Belle Meade officials and staff met with the Director, Diana Alarcon, and Chief Engineer, Hal Balthrop, of NDOT to discuss strategies for traffic calming and planning cooperatively for the future of transportation infrastructure in and around Belle Meade. In addition to the signalization project, this discussion revealed several opportunities for Belle Meade residents to engage with NDOT on regional plans, including participating in an upcoming Multimodal Master Plan that NDOT will use to create an interactive map that identifies gaps in green spaces and multi-modal pathways and will ultimately be used as a basis for a new 20-year improvement plan. Please look for more information on such opportunities and we will share the information, as it becomes available, in our future newsletters.



## St. George's FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays

3:30-6:30 p.m.

*All Proceeds Donated to a Non-Profit*

### BELLE MEADE ANNUAL STREET PAVING

The City's annual street paving will in progress May 15 – June 15 and will include new asphalt and pavement striping on the following streets: Bellevue Drive South, Royal Oaks Place, Manor Drive, Drew Place, Harding Place (east) and Harding Place (west).



## NASHVILLE MAPS

Are you curious about ongoing and upcoming projects in Nashville surrounding our beautiful city? Please explore the link provided below. It is a webpage full of different maps showing major construction project, transportation improvements, private development activity, and much more. If you have any specific questions and concerns, Belle Meade Planning Director Mary Samaniego would like to hear from you at 615-297-6041 or [msamaniego@citybellemeade.org](mailto:msamaniego@citybellemeade.org).

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/government/maps>



## SEEKING GARDEN GREETERS

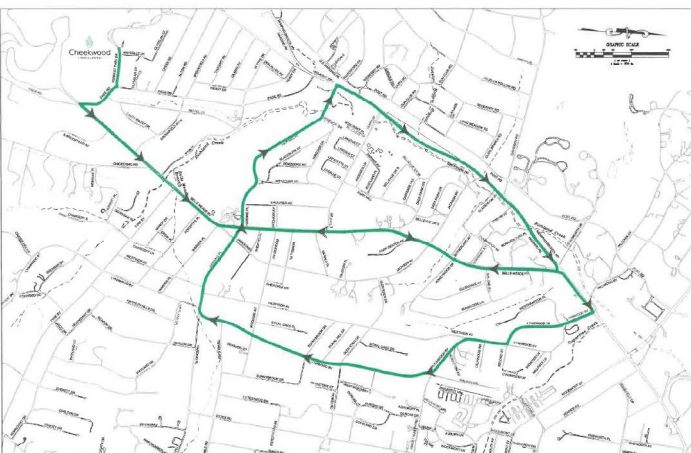
The Beautification Committee is starting to plan Open Garden Days in Belle Meade this spring, summer and fall, to benefit the Society of Ceres. If you'd like to help as a volunteer to serve as a greeter for one or more garden visits, please email Lisa Ellis at [lemailtn@comcast.net](mailto:lemailtn@comcast.net). Locations, dates and times are soon to be announced.



## TURN BACK TIME AT EXPOSITION OF ELEGANCE: CLASSIC CARS AT CHEEKWOOD

Celebrate Father's Day with a weekend of activities for the whole family. Cruise into Cheekwood Estate & Gardens during Father's Day weekend to experience Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood. Stroll among over 100 impeccably maintained classic cars and vintage motorcycles from the early to mid-20th century during the dazzling two-day event that culminates with an 11-mile Tour d'Elegance through the city streets of Belle Meade.

Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood will be held June 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Tour d'Elegance will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday.



## CLASSIC CARS ON DISPLAY

To learn more about the cars displayed throughout the weekend, scan the QR code for additional information and a map of car locations.





**FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS**  
**BELLE MEADE POLICE WELCOME NEW OFFICER SETH NORRIS**



I would like to welcome Seth Norris to the Department. Seth has been a police officer in Tennessee for 26 years. Most recently, he served as the Patrol Lieutenant and grant manager for the Wayne County, TN Sheriff’s Office. Seth brings a plethora of experience to our department. Seth is assigned to D Shift and is already enjoying his transition. He resides in South Nashville with his wife.



**GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS**

Belle Meade residents receive brush collection and chipper services each week. The chipper service is designed for pickup of grass, shrubbery, cuttings, leaves, and small branches, created in the care of gardens and lawns by our residents. Tree trimmings must not exceed 4 inches in diameter and not more than 8 feet in length or 6 feet across in the lap or crown.

Twigs, leaves, small debris and grass clippings must be bagged, but **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC**. Bags cannot exceed 50 lbs. and must be brown, kraft paper bags, like the one pictured, specifically for yard waste and clippings. The City’s contractor, Clean Earth, can no longer accept any materials in plastic bags as they are not allowed at the disposal site.

Lawn care and landscaping businesses should be advised that they must remove any brush or yard clippings that they generate as this collection service is intended to serve our residents and not their businesses. Please do not dispose of yard waste with your household garbage and it is not accepted in the dumpsters behind City Hall.



**RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS**

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **April 15, 2024** meeting:



- A reception was held immediately prior to the meeting in honor of the promotion of Nathan McVay to Belle Meade’s Director of Public Works.
- Approved an Agreement, not to exceed \$16,000, with Barge Civil Associates, LLC for work related to the annual street resurfacing program, subject to revisions recommended by the City Attorney.
- Accepted a scholarship award, valued at \$3,000, for registration and travel-related expenses for Chief Williams to attend the 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Boston.
- Approved the following invoice over \$5,000:
  - 1) Commonwealth Chemical, Inc. \$ 25,500.00
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-1, an Ordinance to close, vacate and abandon the right of way of Redwing Avenue and set a public hearing for the same at 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2024.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-5, an Ordinance to amend certain sections of Title 12, Chapters 1-3 (“Property Maintenance Regulations”) to clarify and simplify enforcement procedures.
- Approved on final reading, Ordinance No. 2024-3, an Ordinance to repeal Title 3, Section 205 “Electronic Citation Regulations and Fees” of the Municipal Code of the City of Belle Meade in Accordance with its five-year sunset provision”.
- Approved on final reading, Ordinance No. 2024-4, an Ordinance to amend Title 11, Section 812 “Court Costs” of the Municipal Code of the City of Belle Meade to Recover Increased Costs Associated with Written and Electronic Citations.
- Approved Resolution No. 2024-04 to amend Resolution No. 2022-05 Establishing Amounts of Fees to be Charged by the City of Belle Meade for Permit Applications and Other Fees (effective upon adoption on April 15, 2024).
- The Board of Commissioners’ next regular meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and public comments will be accepted.

# Belle Meade Newsletter

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS MAY & JUNE 2024

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

### Board of Commissioners

Monday, May 15th at 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 12th at 4:00 pm\*  
\*rescheduled, no meeting on Wed., June 19th

### Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 14th at 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 11th at 3:00 pm

### Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 21st at 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 18th at 4:00 pm

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, May 21st at 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 18th at 5:00 pm

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

## CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – APRIL 2024

### OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more

Mr. & Mrs. Don Taylor

### AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Smith

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

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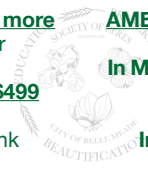
Mr. & Mrs. J. Banks Link

In Memory of Meredith Caldwell, III

& Richard Philpot, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stuart

In Honor of Nathan McVay,  
Public Works Director



## **REMINDERS:**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.**

**Are Your Invoices Paid?** If you operate a business out of your home or use your home address for business purposes you received a **Personal Property Tax Invoice** in October. There are currently 5 outstanding Personal Property Tax Invoices.

Real Property Tax Invoice payments were due on February 28, 2024, for the **2023 Property Taxes**. Currently we still have 4 outstanding payments, if you have not paid the property tax bill on your home please take advantage of our new E-Check payment option on our website.

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