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Belle Meade

TENNESSEE



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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JUNE 2024

BELLE MEADE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

The City of Belle Meade annual budget for the upcoming 12-months, beginning July 1, 2024, proposes no property tax rate increase and, as proposed, is balanced by using a small percentage of the City's cash reserves to fund one-time expenditures and capital improvement projects, including annual resurfacing of city streets, beautification and pedestrian safety improvements planned for Belle Meade Boulevard, traffic calming projects; upgrades to city-wide street signage, and stormwater improvement projects. To view the City's financial reports and budgets, please visit the City's website at Citybellemeade.org/Finance.

Additionally, in the proposed budget, the Commissioners will consider a 2% increase to sewer user charges for 2025 in keeping with the recommendations of the five-year rate study. Small annual rate adjustments are intended to delay or prevent the need to make larger adjustments in future years. The sewer user charges support the operations of the City of Belle Meade's Sewer Fund and related capital improvement projects. FY 2025 is the last year of the five-year study period. A new study will need to be conducted during the 2025 calendar year to develop rate expectations for fiscal years 2026 through 2030.



GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS

Belle Meade residents must obtain a permit prior to conducting garage and estate sales. Permit applications may be printed from the City's website at: Citybellemeade.org/faq/garage-or-estate-sale-permit/

Noise disturbance complaints typically increase during the summer months, please be mindful of how your neighbors may be negatively affected by noise from your outdoor activities, music, and yard maintenance equipment. The City of Belle Meade noise ordinance currently prohibits loud noise between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any day. To review the noise regulations in full, please visit the City's Municipal Code, Section 11-408 Anti-Noise Regulations, online at: citybellemeade.org/legislation/

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ENJOYING SUMMER BLOOMS

Guest Article Written by Mrs. Jackie Bellar, Society of Ceres



Summer is such a glorious time in my garden in Nashville. I love everything that blooms and we have an eclectic collection of a little bit of many things. Sometimes I think of myself as “The Random Planter” because if there is a spot of earth and it isn’t lawn, I will find a flower for that space. My husband thinks if it doesn’t bloom it is worthless to him and he wants everything to bloom all summer. I’ll just

describe part of our garden and what I have good luck with since I know it best.

We boarder our yard with Oakleaf Hydrangeas, 'Nikko Blue' Hydrangeas, Encore Azaleas and Knockout Roses. There are large

stepping stones around most of the back yard and between the border’s edge and an area we call a rain garden. It isn’t a true rain garden because the people who built it for me did too good a job and a once marshy area is now pretty dry most of the time. It is home to swamp hibiscus, cardinal flower and lots of Iris of blue, purple & yellow. There are also some Crocosmias Lucifer which are spreading much too fast and are becoming a little invasive. I made the mistake of planting 5 or 6 aquatic mint plants in there a couple of years ago and now I must pull them out like weeds every spring.

We have 3 Koi ponds and each has a waterfall. Two of the ponds are connected by a creek that we had built about 25 years ago. There is sedum along the pond and I have transplanted some to the sides of the larger waterfall. Planters for annuals are built into the waterfalls and we like to fill them with trailing annuals in the summer. Our garden is my sanctuary.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

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

- A special presentation was delivered to introduce a new Belle Meade patrol officer Seth Norris and to recognize Detective Tom Sexton with the David and Cindy Wilds’ Outstanding Service Award.
- Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-1 to close, vacate, and abandon the right-of-way of Redwing Avenue.
- Approved a Contract with Four Star Paving, LLC, not to exceed \$496,000, for the 2024 Street Resurfacing Program.
- Approved Traffic Safety Grant Applications, totaling \$56,700, for the FY 2025 grant year with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (Belle Meade Police Department).
- Received a monthly update on public works, public safety, and health and sanitation activities.
- Received a monthly update on building activities and the Zoning Ordinance revisions in progress.
- The Board received a report from the City Manager on brush and yard waste collections only being accepted in paper bags; plastic bags are no longer allowed at the disposal site.
- Received a monthly update on beautification committee activities, voted to endorse a design by Gavin Duke (in-kind services) for the “Caldwell Meadow” donated land on north side of Harding Rd.
- Received a monthly presentation of updates on the city’s capital projects in progress and the city’s financial statements.
- Approved the following invoice over \$5,000:

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| 1) Barge Civil (2024 Street Resurfacing) | \$ 7,730.50 |
| 2) Commonwealth Chemical (Sewer Fund) | \$ 8,052.00 |
| 3) LSI (City Hall replacements) | \$ 7,093.00 |
| 4) LSI (Spring Plantings) | \$ 15,663.38 |
| 5) WASCON, Inc. (Sewer Fund) | \$ 23,554.80 |
| 6) WASCON, Inc. (Sewer Fund) | \$ 8,384.13 |
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-6, an Ordinance to amend Section 17-103 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to delete the requirement that tree trimmings, grass clippings, and other similar yard waste be placed into plastic bags and replace that term with paper bags.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-7, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-3 to provide for the increase or decrease in various expenditure and revenue appropriations in the fiscal year 2024 Budget.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-8, an Ordinance to adopt the Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-9, an Ordinance to fix the Tax Rate for the City of Belle Meade for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance No. 2024-10, an Ordinance to amend User Charges for users of the Sanitary Sewer collection facilities of the City of Belle Meade.
- Approved on second and final reading, 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 second and final reading, 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.
- Announced vacancies on the Belle Meade Municipal Planning Commission (2 members), Board of Zoning Appeals (1 member), and Historic Zoning Commission (1 member) – please submit letters of interest to the attention of Mayor Moore at Belle Meade City Hall
- The Board of Commissioners’ next regular meeting will be held, at a rescheduled date, on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and public comments will be accepted.

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FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

BELLE MEADE POLICE HOST WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

The Belle Meade Police Department will host a women's self-defense class on Saturday, July 20th from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at St. George's Church. The class will be held upstairs in the youth confirmation class. Class size is limited to only 25 people. If you would like to attend, please email me at cwilliams@citybellemeade.org. Attendees must sign a waiver and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. This will be a hands-on class, so dress comfortably and bring a water bottle. We look forward to seeing you.



CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – MAY 2024

OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Baum
Dr. David Bayer
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blackmon, Jr.
Ms. Pamela Bollinger
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bovender, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. David Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Byrd
Mrs. Jane Corcoran
Mr. Michael Dixon & Mr. Brian Setzer
Mr. & Mrs. John Hawkins
Mr. & Mrs. Britt Hunt
Dr. & Dr. Jimmy Kerrigan
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nantz
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Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Scarola
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Smith
Ms. Julia Carell Stadler
Dr. & Mrs. Scott Standard
Mr. & Mrs. William Sullivan
Mr. Peter Tarqueno & Ms. Sally Penn

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY- \$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. David Amiot
Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker
Mr. Russell Bates
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bellar
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blackburn
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Cahill
Mr. & Mrs. Will Cheek
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coleman
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Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Eskin
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Mr. & Mrs. James O. Hastings, Jr.
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Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Houff
Mr. Burton Jablin & Mr. Barron Patterson
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Mr. & Mrs. Douglas McDowell
Mr. & Mrs. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Ms. Karen McKibbin
Dr. & Mrs. Craig Rutland
Mr. & Mrs. Justin Schmidt
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Small
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Smith
Mrs. Frances Spradley
Mr. & Mrs. James Stadler
Mr. & Mrs. James Turner, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson Wallace, Jr.
Ms. Eleanor Whitworth
Mr. & Mrs. David Wilds

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Abrams
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Baker, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. H. Lee Barfield
Mr. James O. Bass, Jr.
Mrs. James Bradford
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Burns
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Calk
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Cassetty
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Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Davis
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Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dickerson
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Mr. & Mrs. Seth Eskin
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Falk
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Mr. & Mrs. John Rochford
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stack
Mr. & Mrs. James "Shooter" Stein
Mr. & Mrs. T. Stephen Taylor
Ms. Diana Thompson
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Tompkins
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Topping

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Mr. & Mrs. David Wiley
Dr. & Mrs. Taylor Wray

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Mr. David Cohen
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Mrs. Anne McGugin
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramsey

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY:

Mrs. Kay Horrell
In Memory of Mr. Steve Horrell
Dr. & Mrs. Scott Standard
In Memory of Mr. David Broadhurst

Mr. & Mrs. David Wilds
In Memory of James V. Hunt, Sr.

CERES DONATIONS IN HONOR:

Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker
In Honor of Karyn Frist
Mrs. Jane Corcoran
In Honor of Lisa Ellis



St. George's FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays
3:30-6:30 p.m.

All Proceeds Donated to a Non-Profit

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

JUNE & JULY 2024

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Monday, June 10th at 4:00 pm*

*rescheduled, no meeting on Wed., June 19th

Wednesday, July 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, June 11th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

please check website for rescheduled June meeting

Tuesday, July 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, June 18th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 16th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at

www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



THANK YOU TO ALL BELLE MEADE RESIDENTS as 100% of 2023 Property Taxes and Stormwater Bills for the year have been paid! The Mayor and Board of Commissioners appreciate all that our residents do to support the City of Belle Meade including your timely tax compliance that ensures public services can be efficiently provided.



Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood will be held June 15 and 16, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Classic Car Parade - Tour d'Elegance will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Visit Citybellemeade.org to view a parade route map and use the QR Code here for more information at Cheekwood.org.



YARD TRIMMINGS MUST BE IN PAPER BAGS Residents of Belle Meade have weekly brush and yard trimming collections services provided by the City's contract with Clean Earth. Clean Earth can no longer accept any grass clippings, leaves, or other yard trimmings in plastic bags as disposal sites are increasingly rejecting plastics and other contamination. Similarly, any non-compostable items – such as gardening gloves, trash or other materials mixed with yard trimmings may cause the bags to not be collected. We thank you in advance for making this change to only use paper and keeping grass and yard trimmings separate from any other materials to ensure proper collection and disposal.

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