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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2024



Belle Meade Holiday Parade

The Parade will start at 1:00 p.m. on Belle Meade Boulevard at Percy Warner Park/ Page Road and ending at Belle Meade Country Club at Harding Place. Police will close Belle Meade Boulevard beginning at 11:30 a.m., from Page Road to Harding Place, and 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 30 entries for our second-annual holiday parade. Special thank you to Commissioner Neal Clayton and his family for their coordination of this event and to all this year's Parade participants for their contributions:

Belle Meade Society of Ceres
 Milosi Landscaping
 Waldos
 The Real Power Drill Team
 Nashville Dolphins
 T Rac - Titans
 Poppy Land
 Sperry's
 Engel and Volkens
 Phillips Toy Mart
 Alexander Interiors
 St. Cecilia/ Overbrook School
 Belle Meade Historic Site
 Harding Academy Dance
 Nashville Humane Association
 The Picnic
 Great Lawns Turf

Great House Landscape
 Scout Troop 78
 Osteostrong
 Nashville Theatre School
 Warner Park Family Dental
 Hendersonville Police
 Belle Meade Police
 Lawson High School Marching Band
 Grand Marshall Allison DeMarcus
 Tim Douglas (bag piper)
 State Representative Caleb Hemmer
 District 23 Metro Council Member Thom Druffel with Santa on a Fire Truck



HE is coming December 7th! SANTA'S STOPS

1st Stop – (12:15-12:45 pm) Brook Hollow Baptist Church at 678 Brook Hollow Rd.

2nd Stop – (1:00 – 2:15 pm) Santa Joins in the Belle Meade Parade The Parade starts at Percy Warner Park (Page Road) and ends at the Belle Meade Country Club (Harding Place)

3rd Stop – (2:30 – 3:00 pm) Belle Meade Links / Parmer Park at 578 Leake Avenue.

4th Stop (3:15 – 3:45 pm) – Carnavon West Meade Park

On Carnavon Pkwy (in the gravel parking lot on Melinda Drive across from Westmeade Elementary School)

For more information, visit HolidayLights23.com



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and Happy Holiday Season!

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

TIM BAILEY JOINS BELLE MEADE POLICE The City of Belle Meade Police is honored to announce the successful recruitment of a highly qualified and experienced officer, Timothy Bailey, recently retired from many years of service in Sumner County.



Tim Bailey

He began his law enforcement career at the Hendersonville Police Department on January 22, 1993. He completed the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy on June 17, 1993. In March of 1995 he began his career at the Sumner County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy. In 1995, he was assigned to the 18th Judicial Drug Task Force, showing exemplary dedication to law enforcement and public safety. In 1998, he was assigned to the DEA. In 2000, he was promoted to Detective-Sergeant and, in 2015, promoted again to Major over the Criminal Investigations Division at the Sheriff's office. He has attended countless hours of training to further develop in leadership and professionalism, including completing the prestigious Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. He was responsible for supervising ten detectives and the training division. He retired from the Sheriff's Office in November, and we are pleased that he chose the Belle Meade Police Department for the next chapter of his career.



Flags Honor our Belle Meade Residents and Veterans

American Flags that are displayed on Belle Meade Boulevard each year for Memorial Day, Independence Day and, most recently, in honor of Veterans' Day are a powerful symbol of Americanism as well as valor, vigilance, perseverance, justice and freedom. The American Flag is one of the most respected and recognized symbols in our country.

Thank you to our residents who have generously donated in honor of or in memory of someone who served in the armed forces. Your donations help to cover the cost of needed flag replacements each year. Let's keep the flags flying!

GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS:

Raking leaves onto a stormwater inlet creates more pollution of local streams and waterways. Not only do leaves contribute to stream pollution, they can cause localized flooding if they clog storm drains

and pipes. Help protect nearby waterways from excess nutrients and never rake leaves into a storm drain. If possible, help us keep all drains and grates free from leaves so they can function most effectively and never blow or dump leaves into drainage ditches or creek beds.

ANNUAL STORMWATER USER FEE INVOICES

Thank you to all those who have already paid their 2024-2025 Stormwater User Fee Invoices! As of November 22th, We have 36 properties yet to make payment.

We want to remind residents that the payment grace period is ended on Monday, September 30, 2024. Interest has accrued at 10% per month on the original base amount. Late notices were

mailed in October and November and December. Please, make your payment as soon as possible.

We offer online payments by e-check, for a small fee of \$1.95, if you choose to pay by credit card that fee is 2.5%. You may use the secure green Payment Drop Box at the entrance to City Hall 24/7 for check payments only.

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.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – November 21, 2024

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999
The Horatio B. & Willie J. Buntin Foundation
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Sternberg

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Fitzgerald
Mr. & Mrs. James Mulroy
Dr. & Mrs. Ashish Shah



IN MEMORY OF DONATION:
Mrs. Sally Hunt
In Memory of Mrs. Peggy Warner

IN HONOR OF DONATION:
Highland Garden Club
In Honor of Lisa Ellis

AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP
Ed & Hettie Stuart
In Memory of Mrs. Peggy Warner

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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

Louise Bryan
Commissioner

Neal Clayton
Commissioner

Tom Starkey
Commissioner

2024 IN REVIEW FROM BELLE MEADE'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Society of Ceres Beautification Committee has had a productive year toward its mission of preservation, education, and beautification of the flora of Belle Meade. Residents have donated \$104,915 in calendar year 2024 to the Ceres Society fund. These funds support spring and fall annual plantings and maintenance of medians along the Boulevard, installation of American flags for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veteran's Day, and the display of Christmas Wreaths purchased from the Boy Scouts.

The Committee is also proud of creating two exceptional Open Garden Walks for residents. Belle Meade residents and guests took advantage of these opportunities to see and learn from the home gardens of Master Gardeners Lisa Ellis and Carter Dawson. Gardens have already been fully booked for the Spring 2025 Open Garden Walk, but please reach out to us at societyofceres@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your garden in Fall 2025. All garden styles and sizes are welcome.

On the Education front, horticultural advice was shared by Committee members in the Belle Meade city newsletter and in each monthly issue of Stroll Belle Meade, ranging from removal of invasive plants to dahlia growing advice. In addition to reaching our community

through print, this year the committee started an Instagram account @societyofceres. Help us unite our community through the shared appreciation of its spectacular beauty by following us and sending any pictures for sharing to our email, above.

Outside of our core programming, most noteworthy this year was our advisory role to the Commissioners regarding the donation of a tract of land from Wentworth Caldwell, Jr. and Barry M. Caldwell at the entrance of the City along Harding Pike. Gavin Duke, Committee member and esteemed Landscape Architect, produced the design plans to utilize this generous land gift, henceforth known as the Caldwell Meadow. Funds donated to the Ceres Society will be used to clear the land and plant trees, as detailed above/below.

The Beautification Committee will again be a participant in the Belle Meade Holiday Parade. We look forward to seeing residents there and continuing our work of preservation, education, and beautification into the New Year.



Figure: CALDWELL MEADOW DESIGN CONCEPT - DUKE DESIGN GROUP

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **November 20, 2024** meeting:

- City Recorder Rusty Terry administered Oaths of Office for two elected City Commissioners: Haley Dale, returning for a new term, and Tom Starkey, newly elected. Both elected for four-year terms.
- Board of Commissioners re-appointed Commissioner Rusty Moore to serve a second, two-year term as Mayor and Commissioner Haley Dale to continue in a second, two-year term as Vice-Mayor.
- Mayor Moore announced the passing of former Mayor Peggy Warner (1998-2002) and held a moment of silence in remembrance of her leadership and contributions to the community.
- Approved a bid award and contract with Jarvis Award, Sign and Flag Company, not to exceed \$87,640, for the Belle Meade Street Sign Upgrade Project.
- Approved an emergency tree removal, totaling \$3,848, with Bartlett Tree Experts, for a dead tree in the city's right-of-way on Park Hill Drive.
- Approved street maintenance and roadway repair expenditures, totaling \$5,640, with Gibbs Brothers Construction.
- Approve renewal of an annual subscription, totaling \$12,730, with StarChase for continued use and support of the StarChase (live GPS tracking darts) by the Police Department.
- Approved a bid award and contract with Landscape Services Inc. for land clearing and mulching at Caldwell Meadow, total lump sum expense of \$8,950.
- Approved accepting donations, valued at \$5,000, to improve green space along Deer Park Circle known as the "Deer Park Pocket Park" with a bronze mother doe and baby deer statue set, approved subject to the City's review and approval of installation specifications.
- Police Chief Williams provided an overview of new initiatives for Neighborhood Watch.
- Received reports on capital projects and monthly financial reports and investment schedules.
- Approved ORDINANCE No. 2024-15 – An Ordinance to amend Title 9, Chapter 1 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Add Time Restrictions Upon Licensed Peddlers, Solicitors, and Salespersons and to Authorize the Creation of a "Do Not Solicit" List on the second and final reading. Residents may contact City Hall to be added to the list.
- The Board of Commissioners next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS DECEMBER & JANUARY 2025 All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, December 18th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, December 10th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, January 14th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 17th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, December 17th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 21st at 5:00 pm

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

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

REMINDERS:

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURES
CITY OFFICES CLOSED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th
AND WEDNESDAY, 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 Monday, Thursday (instead of Wednesday), and Friday the week of Christmas Holidays.

Garbage Collection routes will not change during the week of Christmas, routes will run Monday and Tuesday as usual.

Three garbage dumpsters and two cardboard dumpsters are located behind City Hall. Please flatten all of your cardboard before placing it inside the cardboard dumpsters. Also, the holiday season is a very high use time for these dumpsters and we will schedule for extra service but please understand there may be times when dumpsters are closed until they can be emptied and no items should be left on the ground or outside of the dumpster.

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return service requested