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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JANUARY 2025

NEW CODE REGULATES LOCATION AND TIMES FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS – BELLE MEADE’S NEW “NO KNOCK” LIST



Belle Meade Residents may now sign up to have their address listed as a “No Knock” or “No Solicitations” property to avoid unwanted door-to-door sales employees from coming to your door.

In November, City Commissioners created this new program at the request of several residents seeking relief. All residents may opt-in to be added to a list of properties not authorized for soliciting. The list will be provided each time a solicitor’s permit is issued. Additionally, the new city code limits the hours for door-to-door solicitations to only occur during daytime or typical business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Violations may result in a company losing its permit to solicit within the City of Belle Meade.

Registration is easy and online. Please visit the City of Belle Meade Police Department’s webpage at citybellemeade.org/police-department/ and scroll to the bottom, where you will be asked to submit only your name and address to join the registry. If you prefer, please call to be added to the list at Belle Meade City Hall, 615-297-6041, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

PAGE ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

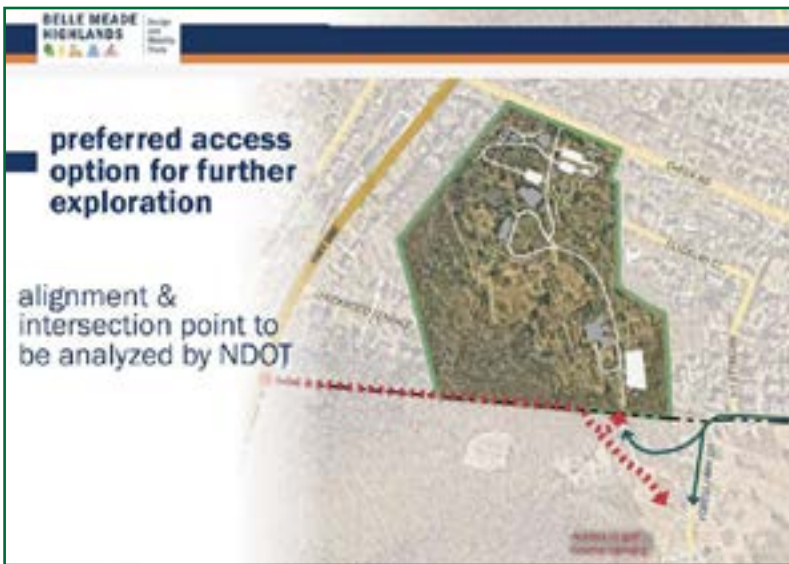
By now you may have driven over the new speed humps installed on Page Road between Belle Meade Blvd and Highway 100. Metro Nashville’s Neighborhood Street Traffic Calming Program, under their Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT),

installed these traffic calming measures after a lengthy application, study and public engagement process. Page Road residents participated in surveys and public meetings to determine the most feasible solution and locations for the speed humps. For more information on Traffic Calming application process, visit www.nashville.gov/departments/transportation/plans-and-programs/traffic-calming

STUDY RECOMMENDS NEW ACCESS ROAD FOR CHEEKWOOD VISITORS

Over many months, Metro Planning, Metro Parks, and Cheekwood have been working together with the greater Belle Meade community to study traffic impact on neighborhood streets, including Cheek Rd, Page Rd, Belle Meade Blvd and several others, in the “Belle Meade Highlands Study”.

During a recent public meeting at Brook Hollow Baptist Church, the study’s consulting engineer reported that residents living near Cheekwood often experience as many as 3,000 cars on their street on a busy Saturday. Meanwhile, they offered that the rule of thumb in traffic management is that a maximum of 1,000 cars a day is understood to be the acceptable volume to preserve the quality of life on a neighborhood street. They also reported that the majority of cars are arriving to Cheekwood from either Page Road or Belle Meade Boulevard.



The image shown illustrates the study's key recommendation. The study recommends that NDOT (Nashville's Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure) study the feasibility of a new, alternate access road from Highway 100 to Cheekwood that would reduce the volume of traffic on existing neighborhood streets. Of five scenarios for new access points considered as part of the study, the preferred option is for an entirely new road along the northernmost edge of the Warner Parks from Highway 100. This access would require a new partnership with Metro Parks to develop a new road from Highway 100 (south of Cheekwood Terrace) to likely serve as a new access and entrance to Cheekwood, Warner Parks, and the Percy Warner Golf Course. NDOT would need to study the feasibility of the project in consideration of many factors, including but not limited to topography, environmental and historical

preservation, and legal constraints. This image was taken from slide 30 of 47 from the recent public meeting; to view all slides, please visit the city's homepage at citybellemeade.org and follow the instructions to click the link to the slides.



TREE RECYCLING

Residents may also consider recycling options available at 13 locations across Nashville, including Edwin Warner Park and Richland Park convenient to Belle Meade.

The Nashville Department of Transportation has teamed up with Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation and their vendor, Living Earth, to offer all Davidson County residents an environmentally friendly and convenient way to dispose of trees. Additionally, this program keeps trees from filling up landfills; instead they are mulched and composted.

Edwin Warner Park and Richland Park are two of the 13 drop-off locations, for more information please visit: <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/transportation/news/ndot-announces-christmas-tree-recycling-program> Locations will be accepting tree from December 26th – February 14th.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

In Belle Meade, the city's brush collection vendor, Clean Earth, will collect trees left curbside during the first few weeks of January on your regular collection day. Please place trees separate from trash and without lights and decorations. No stands and no plastic bags. Flocked trees, with artificial snow or frosting, cannot be accepted.

Trees must be cleaned of wooden stands, watering bowls, ornaments, lights, wires, string, and decorations before drop-off. No artificial trees will be accepted. Artificial trees can be dropped off at any of [Metro Nashville's four convenience centers](#) for disposal. Please do not dump any other items at these drop-off locations.



The City Hall staff wishes to thank all our residents who generously sent in Employee Fund donations and many delicious treats throughout the holiday season.

We truly appreciate your kindness! It is a pleasure to provide services in Belle Meade and please do not hesitate to call on us for assistance.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



Please remember that reflective clothing or a vest is required when walking or jogging on Belle Meade Boulevard or any other streets in the city. Belle Meade Code section 15-123 states this is always required during the period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise and when vehicles are required to have their lights on.

In 2023, the Metro Nashville Police Department reported thirty-one (31) pedestrians had been killed by motor vehicles in Davidson County. Many of those killed were walking at night without reflective gear. Please ensure you wear enough high-visibility clothing/lights when you walk at night.

We all know the dangers of the increased traffic in Belle Meade, and our officers enforce traffic violations daily. Please be aware of your surroundings when walking or jogging in Belle Meade.

From a visibility standpoint, the illustrations show how safe it is to wear reflective gear at night. Stay Safe!



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **December 18, 2024** meeting:



- City Commissioners presented a Resolution Naming “Caldwell Meadow” in recognition of the generous land donated by the Caldwell family for the conservation of green space in Belle Meade
- Approved a one-year contract extension with Clean Earth Collections for brush and chipper services
- Approved a one-year contract extension with Sammie Gibbs for snow and ice removal
- Approved the purchase of traffic safety equipment, with a grant award from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, including equipment from Applied Concepts Inc totaling \$10,136, one new speed sign, totaling \$4,285.62, from All Traffic Solutions, and three police tablets, totaling \$10,200, from Route 1 utilizing a collaborative pricing agreement of Omnia Partners
- Approved the purchase of ten (10) myers grinder pumps, totaling \$17,440, from Straeffler Pump and Supply (sole distributor) for sewer system maintenance
- Approved a Master Services Agreement with LDA Engineering for general consulting services on the City’s sewer collection system
- Accepted delivery of the annual Financial Audit report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024 (Municipal Audit conducted by KraftCPAs PLLC).
- Approved a Bid Award and 3-year Contract with Crosslin, PLLC for municipal audit services for upcoming fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
- Reviewed all checks issued in November and approved all invoices over \$5,000.
- The Board of Commissioners next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 p.m.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – December 2024

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson Allen
Mrs. James C. Bradford, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Buford Ortale

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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Isaacs



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Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stuart
In Memory of Richard “Dick” B. Hart

Belle Meade Newsletter

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

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, February 19th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, January 14th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, February 11th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, January 21st at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, February 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, January 21st at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 18th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

NOTICE TO BELLE MEADE RESIDENTS A public hearing will be held during the regular Historic Zoning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, for consideration of proposed amendments to the Belle Meade Citywide Conservation Overlay (Historic) Design Guidelines. Copies of the proposed Citywide Design Guidelines for Belle Meade are available for inspection at City Hall during normal business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am to 4pm, or online on the City's homepage at www.citybellemeade.org.

Public comments will be accepted in writing prior to the meeting and in-person during this public hearing. Parties wishing to speak on these issues shall be present at the meeting or submit comments to Belle Meade's Planning Director, Mary Samaniego, 4705 Harding Rd, Nashville TN or via email to Msamaniego@citybellemeade.org on or before the public hearing date and time.

PROPERTY TAXES are due by February 28, 2024. If you mail your payment, make sure it is postmarked no later than Feb. 28th. On March 1st, taxes are considered delinquent and incur an additional 2% interest fine each month until paid. You may pay by e-check, credit card or PayPal utilizing our new online portal at www.citybellemeade.org and, for assistance, contact Belle Meade City Recorder Rusty Terry, rterry@citybellemeade.org or 615-297-6041.

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