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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE APRIL 2025

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

***Citizens to be appointed to review proposed plans for beautification and safety improvements to Belle Meade Boulevard***



City Commissioners are inviting nominations for residents to participate in open, collaborative discussions on the proposed Plan. The nominated individual should be a Belle Meade resident who can participate in at least three meetings (dates to be determined in April and May). Self-nominations will be accepted. City Commissioners intend to appoint at least 10, but no more than 20, residents to review key elements of the Plan for proposed safety improvements to Belle Meade Boulevard.

The deadline for nominations is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7th, 2025. Nominations should be sent in writing to City Manager Jennifer Moody at [jmoody@citybellemeade.org](mailto:jmoody@citybellemeade.org). Please provide the nominee's name, their address, and a few sentences to describe your nominee and how they would be best suited for this role. City Commissioners intend to make these appointments at their next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025, 4:00 p.m., at Belle Meade City Hall.

## COMMISSIONERS HALT WORK ON HARDING PIKE SIDEWALK

City Commissioners voted, in a 4-1 vote, at their March meeting to “pause” or temporarily halt any further work on a proposed sidewalk along Harding Pike for a time period up to six months. The intent of this delay is to allow the Commissioners adequate time to revisit whether the project continues to have community support in light of these planned new developments.

In the many months since the grant award was originally awarded, in January 2022, Belle Meade and its surrounding area have learned of multiple mixed-use projects with significant potential impacts on the quality of life in Belle Meade. Residents have shared concerns about the consequences of growth and increasing visitors to Cheekwood, Warner Parks, Belle Meade Historic Site, and other local destinations. During this temporary pause, Commissioners intend to learn whether

these new developments have changed residents' support for this sidewalk project.

To-date, the project has progressed slowly through a rigorous historical, cultural, and environmental assessment process required by state and federal mandates in the grant contract. In February 2025, the City received official notice that the project could begin engineering design. If the project proceeds as initially proposed it would result in a sidewalk on the east side of Harding Pike connecting the existing sidewalk just beyond the Hillwood Blvd/Lynwood Terrace intersection, running in front of St. George's Church, to the intersection with Belle Meade Boulevard. The project funding is provided with 95% support from a state grant program, nearly \$800,000, from the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Multimodal Access Grant Program. This application was advanced after support from a citizen ad hoc committee on traffic calming and requests for this sidewalk connection, most significantly from residents of Lynnwood Boulevard.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

GERMAN LAW ENFORMENT OFFICERS VISIT BELLE MEADE



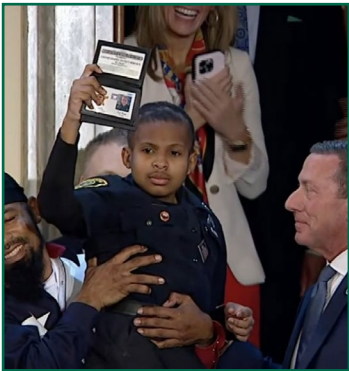
PD with Germans

We never know who will stop by and visit. On March 6th, five police officers from the towns of Oberviechtach and Roth, in Bavaria, Germany stopped by the Belle Meade Police Department. They were visiting Nashville and decided to check out our police facilities. We

officer, and he is now raising awareness about children battling cancer during his meetings with law enforcement agencies and the public. Theodis Daniel, DJ's father, explained to us that D.J. was given five months to live following his diagnosis. Mr. Daniel believes that D.J.'s meetings with law enforcement officers are why his son has lived past the five months he was initially given to live. D.J.'s doctors have also confirmed that these meetings have positively impacted D.J.'s health. He has superseded his goal by becoming a "police officer" at more than one thousand agencies. In March 2025, D.J. was sworn in as an *honorary Secret Service* agent during President Donald Trump's State of the Union address. We are honored to know D.J. and stand with him in his fight. Congratulations, D.J., on this great accomplishment!

enjoyed swapping stories, patches, and other collectibles with the gentlemen. They also shared their passion for the Tennessee Titans! It was a great visit, and we are glad they decided to drop in.

BELLE MEADE'S "HONORARY OFFICER" SWORN IN DURING PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS



Honorary Secret Service

In November 2022, Chief Williams swore in honorary police officer (then ten-year-old) Devarjaye "D.J." Daniel. D.J., who is battling terminal brain cancer and traveling across the country to be sworn into law enforcement agencies. D.J. is from Pearland, Texas, and started his mission to be sworn in as an *honorary police officer* by at least 100 agencies. D.J. was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer at eight years old

RESIDENTS SEEK RELIEF FROM CONSTRUCTION NOISE

A group of neighbors from Royal Oaks Drive, represented by their block captain, requested that the City Commissioners consider revisions to the noise ordinance. Specifically, Commissioners have been asked to reduce the hours for excessively loud and repetitive construction activities. Under the current noise ordinance, construction activities may occur from 7 am to 7 pm on weekdays and between 8 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Neighbors shared that noise from jackhammering for new pools has become too frequent a disturbance and recounted how families have been distressed during recent projects in their neighborhood.

Commissioners will consider revisions to prohibit jackhammering on Saturdays and to prohibit noise from jackhammering except between the weekday hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All residents of Belle Meade are invited to share comments on this ordinance revision through the City Manager or during the public comments section of the Commissioners' meeting. City Ordinances must be presented and approved at two monthly meetings before taking effect, with the first consideration scheduled for the Commissioners' meeting on April 16, 2025.

and has undergone at least ten brain surgeries. This remarkable young man has always dreamed of becoming a law enforcement

NEW POLICE FLEET CARS



New Patrol Car

At the February Board of Commissioners meeting, the Belle Meade Mayor and Commissioners approved the purchase of seven new police vehicles, consisting of four patrol vehicles and three unmarked vehicles. These vehicles will replace the last few Dodge Chargers in

the full-time fleet, which have high milage and have experienced several mechanical issues over the past year. Six of the new vehicles are already on the street, and the seventh is scheduled to be delivered by mid-April. This was a much-needed upgrade, and they will be a great addition to our fleet. Several of the Dodge Chargers will be auctioned off in May of this year.



New Unmarked Cars

## CERES SOCIETY HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL GARDEN VISITS APRIL 26 and MAY 17, 2025

Belle Meade garden enthusiasts are cordially invited to meander through luscious gardens and verdant vignettes in Belle Meade and meet the owners whose thumbprints are beautifully reflected in a variety of plants and designs.

Garden Visits are open to Belle Meade residents and their guests. For descriptions of this year's host gardens, please visit the city's website, scan the QR code with your phone or follow links for Ceres Society from your phone using the Belle Meade Connect app (the app's icon looks like the City's logo).



**3RD ANNUAL**  
CITY OF BELLE MEADE'S SOCIETY OF CERES PRESENTS  
**2025**  
**GARDEN Visits**  
APRIL 26 FROM 1-3PM  
GARDEN OF JOELLYN AND ERIC HELMAN  
MAY 17 FROM 10AM-12PM  
GARDENS OF ASHLEY AND JOE HOWELL  
AND JEANNE AND GINO MARCHETTI  
Garden Visits are open to Belle Meade residents and their guests.  
Information and registration at  
<https://citybellemeade.org/ceres-society/ceres-events/>  
or scan the code.  
A donation of \$20 is requested per person for each Garden Visits event.

## WHO PUT IN THE SPEED CUSHIONS AROUND BELLE MEADE?



Page Rd Speed Cushions

Page Road, Leake Avenue, and Lynwood Boulevard are all local roads that have recently been involved in traffic calming studies completed under the Neighborhood Street Traffic Calming (NSTC) Program Team of the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT). In each case, the study is possible because

the road segment being studied is outside the city limits of Belle Meade and under the jurisdiction of Metro-Nashville. The first step is an application process for study that requires support from the neighborhood and notice is provided to the Metro Council Member for the requesting district. Next, a multi-step evaluation process begins and only about a dozen projects are selected from more than 500 applications currently submitted. In the case of Page Road, as shown in the google maps image provided, you can see that the project was

been successfully completed. However, in the public support portion of the study for Leake Avenue, speed cushions were not supported by the required minimum of the residents so there will not be any speed cushions installed.

This year the section of Lynwood Boulevard between Tynne Boulevard and Harding Place has been selected to begin a NSTC study. This segment of Lynwood Boulevard road/right-of-way is entirely in the city limits of Nashville and the Belle Meade city limits line is directly to the west of the road. At this time, a specific/final traffic calming method has not yet been determined for this road. The next step is that NDOT staff will schedule a community meeting to share data, give an overview of the NSTC program, and share a preliminary design for community feedback. The NSTC program team will be in contact with the Traffic Calming for Lynwood Boulevard group within the next couple of weeks with potential dates and times for the meeting.

## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **March 19, 2025** meeting:

- Approved a Permit for St. George's Farmers Market, May 1 – August 28, 2025
- Failed to approve authorization for additional work, totaling \$30,800, for landscape design services for the proposed Belle Meade Blvd beautification and safety project – the item failed after receiving no motion from any City Commissioner.
- Approved a motion directing the City Manager to seek landscape architectural services related to any beautification project in the city and specifically for any proposed work on the Boulevard.
- Approved establishing an ad hoc committee in an advisory role for Belle Meade Boulevard project
- Adopted Resolution No. 2025-04 amending the fees to be charged by the City for secondary employment work by Belle Meade Police; the Resolution created new rates for secondary work on city holidays, effective July 1, 2025.
- Approved proposal with LSI, totaling \$19,000, for spring color plantings throughout the city
- Approved establishing an ad hoc committee on city communications
- Approved a “pause” (Stop Work) for up to six months on the City's TDOT-grant-funded sidewalk project on Harding Pike/US-70
- Approved directing the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a revision to the noise ordinance to limit the hours of construction activity such as jackhammering and other loud disturbances
- Received a monthly report from the City Manager, including a review of the status of all capital and grant projects.
- Received a presentation of financial statements and investment schedules from Finance Director Leigh Mills, reviewed all checks issued in February, and approved all invoices over \$5,000.
- Approved Ordinance 2025-01, on 2nd and final reading, to amend the current year's annual budget (FY 2025 Budget) to provide for the increase or decrease in various expenditures and revenue appropriations.
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 4:00 p.m.

# *Belle Meade Newsletter*

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS APRIL & MAY 2025

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

### Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, April 16th at 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 21st at 4:00 pm

### Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, April 8th at 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 13th at 3:00 pm

### Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 15th at 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 20th at 4:00 pm

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 20th at 5:00 pm

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

## REMINDERS:

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR A CITY HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025**

**STORMWATER PUBLIC WORKSHOP** Belle Meade residents and design professionals are invited to attend an informational workshop on the City of Belle Meade's new Stormwater Ordinance and its stormwater management program in general. Public comments and questions will be accepted at this workshop.

**Stormwater Public Workshop**  
Friday, April 4, 2025  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

**PROPERTY TAXES PAYMENTS.** Beginning March 1st, all remaining unpaid property tax bills began incurring a 2% penalty and on the first of every month moving forward an additional 2% will be added until the bill is paid. You may pay online at <https://paycitybellemeade.us/payTaxes.html#/> by echeck or credit card; you may also drop your payment in the green drop box located by the main entrance to City Hall. **Please note, if you pay late and do not pay the penalty you will remain delinquent until the penalty fee is paid.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our City Recorder, Rusty Terry, at 615-491-1645 or by email at [rterry@citybellemeade.org](mailto:rterry@citybellemeade.org).

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