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# Belle Meade

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## NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JULY 2025



### **HARDING PIKE SIDEWALK PROJECT COMMUNITY INPUT WORKSHOP AUGUST 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at CITY HALL**

The City of Belle Meade is hosting a workshop to discuss the project and get resident input on whether it ought to continue. The proposed sidewalk would connect to existing sidewalk north of Lynnwood Blvd and extend to the intersection with Belle Meade Blvd in front of St. George's Church.

### **COMMISSION TO CONSIDER PROPOSED \$0.40 BELLE MEADE TAX RATE FOR FY 2025-2026**

Commissioners will vote on a tax rate for next year's budget at their next monthly board meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. During their June meeting, the City Manager presented Commissioners with information about how the Belle Meade tax rate is recommended to decrease from the current rate of \$0.50 to a new rate of \$0.40, but would still result in a higher tax bill for most residents as a result of the Davidson County reappraisal of property values.

Properties in Davidson County are given new values every four (4) years in a process known as "reappraisal," and the last reappraisal was in 2021. Neither Metro-Nashville nor Belle Meade has raised tax rates since 2021. The new values affect the property tax bill for the calendar year 2025, which will be mailed out after October 1st of this year. On average, property values across the Metro-Council district that

includes Belle Meade have increased 52% over the 2021 values. As a result of the new higher values, if Belle Meade Commissioners adopt a tax rate that exceeds \$0.3011 residents would likely have a higher property tax bill. City Commissioners will meet in a public meeting on July 3rd at 8:00 a.m. with the Belle Meade Budget and Finance Committee to discuss the proposed tax rate for next year. Additionally, comments from citizens are welcome in writing at any time, directed to either the City Manager or City Commissioners, and during any regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Here is an example of how tax bills are calculated so that you may see how the proposed rate could affect your individual property tax bill for next year:

For a Belle Meade home appraised at a value of \$ 3,000,000, the annual property tax bill would be calculated by first multiplying by an assessment ratio of 25% because, per state law, residential and farm property is only taxed at 25% of it's value. Next, the resulting number of \$ 750,000, which is the "assessed value", is multiplied by the tax rate. For Belle Meade, if the proposed tax rate is \$ 0.40 per \$100 of assessed value, then, \$ 750,000 is divided by 100 and multiplied by \$ 0.40 and the annual total tax bill would be \$ 3,000. Under the proposed tax rate, the average Belle Meade annual property tax bill would increase by \$500 for next year.

Last year's tax bill was based on your property's appraised value determined under the last reappraisal cycle in 2021 and a Belle Meade tax rate of \$0.50. Each individual property has a new appraised value provided by the Davidson County Property Assessor's Office and you may follow the same calculations as above to determine your home's bill.

### **BELLE MEADE ANNUAL STREET PAVING AND STRIPING**



The City has recently contracted with Four Star Paving to resurface and replace striping on Westhampton Place, Howell Place, Ellendale

Avenue, and Enquirer Avenue. Additionally, ten (10) streets will receive restriping to restore white edge lines and only streets previously with centerlines will receive centerlines: Abbott Martin Road, Millrace Lane, Carriage Hill, Georgian Place, Lillywood Road, Malone Avenue, Paddock Avenue, Parmer Avenue, Scotland Avenue, and Walnut Drive. Residents on these streets will receive individual mailed notice to their property address once specific start dates for the start of this work are provided by the contractor.

### **BELLE MEADE VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATE**

Belle Meade Village is a redevelopment project of the site formerly known as Belle Meade Plaza and intends to construct 780,000 square-feet of residential and retail spaces. The property is just outside the Belle Meade city limits and thereby falls under the jurisdiction of Metro-Nashville's Planning Department for plan review and permitting. It is our understanding that the project is

currently only permitted for demolition work. Full construction plans are currently being reviewed by Metro-Nashville's Design Review Committee. Upon completion of their review, it is anticipated that Metro-Nashville's Planning Commission will have the plans publicly available in their August or September meeting agenda packet. We anticipate that construction plans will include improvements to surrounding public streets and eagerly await the opportunity to review the plans.

## PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER NEW PICKLEBALL REGULATIONS

When the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted in September 2024, a new use was created for sports courts. A sports court is any dedicated hard-scape area used for active recreation including, but not limited to, racquetball courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts. Since adoption, there has been resident concern concerning noise impacts of pickleball courts specifically. The average noise level for pickleball play in 60 – 70 decibels. The maximum allowable noise levels in the

City of Belle Meade is 55 decibels. Therefore, the city is proposing a new zoning ordinance provision for pickleball that will limit the use to have a 500 feet setback from all property lines as a method to abate noise impacts. The draft ordinance will be heard by the Municipal Planning Commission on July 15th at 4:00 PM with a public comment period. Then, the ordinance will be heard at the July 23rd Board of Commission meeting for final approval with a public comment period. Please send any comments/questions/concerns to Mary Samaniego, Planning Director, at [msamaniego@citybellemeade.org](mailto:msamaniego@citybellemeade.org) or call City Hall to speak with her.

## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

### OFFICER SCARBROUGH RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



*Officer Scarbrough*

At the first Belle Meade Advisory Committee meeting on April 7th, I was approached by a Belle Meade resident praising Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Billy Scarbrough for his professional and caring approach to providing him assistance. The resident was stuck in the middle of Belle Meade Boulevard and could not get the vehicle to start. Billy helped the resident identify the problem and got the car back running. The resident stated that Billy went above and beyond to ensure he was cared for.

MPO Billy Scarbrough received the David & Cindy Wilds Outstanding Service award at the June 18th Belle Meade Board of Commissioners Meeting. MPO Scarbrough frequently receives praise from the community for his willingness to do the “little things” to help the community members. This was Billy’s first award. Congratulations, MPO Billy Scarbrough!



*Left to right: Albert Hutchison, T.I. Webb, James G. Stahlman with the Championship Trophy in 1971. Standing in front of Belle Meade Country Club.*

## EXPLORING BELLE MEADE HISTORY:

### T.I. Webb Jr.: Nashville's Golfing Pioneer

Thomas Isham Webb Jr. (1880–1975) played an important role in Nashville's early sporting history. Born in Brownsville, Tennessee, Webb moved to Nashville in 1883. He attended University School of Nashville (then known as University Grammar School) and Vanderbilt University, where he played fullback on the football team and earned his law degree in 1902.

In 1896, as a Vanderbilt student, Webb helped introduce the game of golf to Nashville. With three friends, he built a rudimentary nine-hole course in a field near the Vanderbilt campus. Lacking proper equipment, they ordered hickory-shafted clubs and gutta-percha balls (early golf balls) by mail and buried tomato cans to serve as holes. Grazing cattle conveniently kept the grass low.

Webb was a charter member of the Nashville Golf and Country Club, founded in 1901. The club later relocated to Belle Meade and became the Belle Meade Country Club. Webb excelled on the course, winning the club championship in 1913 and 1917, and capturing the first Tennessee State Amateur title in 1913. His contributions extended beyond competition: he endowed the T.I. Webb Trophy for junior golf champions and generously

donated his nearby home to the club when he passed away.

At his passing in 1975, Webb was celebrated as Belle Meade's oldest living member. A room in the clubhouse was dedicated in his honor the following year. More than just a golfer, T.I. Webb Jr. helped lay the foundation for organized golf in Tennessee, leaving a legacy still felt more than a century later.

# Belle Meade Newsletter

## CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JUNE 2025

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### IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. George Bullard  
(In Memory of Mr. Ridley Wills)

### IN HONOR OF:

Mr. & Mrs. John Bryan  
(In Honor of The Ceres Society)

## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 18, 2025** meeting:

- Presented an Outstanding Service Award to Master Patrol Officer Billy Scarbrough.
- Accepted Final Recommendations from the Belle Meade Boulevard Advisory Committee.
- Adopted an Ordinance 2025-6 amending Title 16 ("Streets and Sidewalks") of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Add a New Chapter 4 Governing the Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Improvements to Belle Meade Boulevard.
- Approved a bid award and contract with Four Star Paving for the FY 206 annual street resurfacing and stripping program.
- Approve a bid award and three-year contract with Gibbs Brothers Construction for street and right-of-way maintenance services for fiscal years 2026 through 2028.
- Rejected a sole bid for a three-year contract for monthly street sweeping and directed the City Manager to readvertise for 30-days.
- Approved Resolution 2025-05 to increase the fees for fingerprinting cards from \$25 to \$50 per card beginning on July 1, 2025 (fingerprinting services continue to be free for all Belle Meade residents).
- Deferred confirmation of one (1) mayoral appointment to the Historic Zoning Commission.
- Approved an amendment to an Agreement with Metro Nashville Water Department to establish monthly billing for the collection of Belle Meade Stormwater Fees.
- Approved a proposal, totaling \$34,100, for programming services necessary to initiate monthly billing and collection of the Belle Meade stormwater fees on water bills from Metro-Nashville Water Department.
- Declined a gift of land proposal from St. George's Church who offered to donate land as permanent greenspace as part of a subdivision plan for 105 Lynwood Boulevard.
- Discussed and approved a final design for the signal upgrade project at Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard; a joint project with Nashville's Department of Transportation.
- 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 April, and approved all invoices over \$5,000.
- Approved an Ordinance to amend Title 14 "Zoning Code" to restrict the provisions for a pickleball conditional use; per state law, this matter must be considered by the Belle Meade Planning Commission prior to the Commissioners holding a final vote on the matter.
- Adopted Ordinance 2025-2 to amend Sewer User Charges (an increase of 2% over last year's rate) for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- Held a Public Hearing for 4:00 p.m. on June 18, 2025 on Ordinance 2025-3 setting the Tax Rate for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- Deferred consideration of Ordinance 2025-3 to fix the Tax Rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 (the City acknowledged receipt of the state certified tax rate of \$0.3011, significantly lower than the current year's rate of \$0.50 and as a result would like more time to inform residents of a proposed tax rate adjustment to \$0.40, which is ten cents above the state certified rate).
- Held a Public Hearing for 4:00 p.m. on June 18, 2025 on Ordinance 2025-4 establishing the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- Adopted Ordinance 2025-4 adopting the Annual Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.
- Adopted Ordinance 2025-5 amending Ordinance 2025-1, budget appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 (current budget), including the adoption of amendments presented in the meeting.
- Approved a request from two Commissioners to reschedule the July meeting to the fourth Wednesday on July 23rd rather than the third Wednesday, which would have been July 16.
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m.



**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
JULY & AUGUST 2025**

**All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall**

**Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, July 23rd at 4:00 pm

\*\*\* Please note this is rescheduled;  
no meeting will be held on July 16th\*\*\*  
Wednesday, August 20th at 4:00 pm

**Historic Zoning Commission**

Tuesday, July 8th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 12th at 3:00 pm

**Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, July 15th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 19th at 4:00 pm

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tuesday, July 15th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, August 19th at 5:00 pm

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



**GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS**

Permanent and commercial signs are prohibited within the city limits. Temporary, freestanding, non-commercial signs may be placed or erected on personal property in any zoning district at any time. No signs can be placed in the public right-of-way. Common examples of temporary signs in Belle Meade include real estate, political, or special event related signage. The City requires that temporary signs may not be illuminated and cannot exceed eight (8) square feet in area.

Temporary signs that are left too long or that fall into a poor condition can become a nuisance issue in our neighborhoods. Please place signs only on your personal property, out of the public right-of-way, and collect them when its purpose is over. If at any time, city staff collects a sign that is in the public right-of-way and you would like to retrieve it; please contact City Hall as soon as possible.

**Have you planned a block party yet?**

Block parties are a fantastic way to welcome new neighbors, build community and create opportunities for information sharing on your street. Kay Lang, Neighborhood Watch Captain for the 400 block of Lynwood Boulevard shared the photo above from their recent Summer Block Party!

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