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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2025

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Several Belle Meade Officers attended the Warner Place Neighborhood Back to School Bash. We enjoyed speaking with residents and enjoying shaved ice.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this a great success!



NEW CHARGES ON SEPTEMBER WATER BILLS

Beginning with September's water bill, Belle Meade residents will see a new monthly charge to support the City's stormwater management program. The fee itself is not new, but it will be the first time it is being calculated as a monthly rate and combined onto a water bill. Belle Meade stormwater fees were previously collected as an annual bill. Belle Meade residents will no longer receive a bill due and payable directly to the City of Belle Meade. Instead, beginning with September's water bill, Metro-Nashville's Water

Department will include the fee at a monthly rate on each bill. Please note that the charges represent fees due for fiscal year 2026, which began July 1st. The first bill will reflect stormwater charges for July, August and September to catch up collections that were missed due to the delay in setting up this new billing system. All subsequent bills will reflect a true monthly rate. We anticipate that paying a combined monthly bill will be more convenient for all residents. Please contact our City Recorder, Rusty Terry at City Hall with any questions regarding this new billing system.

UPDATE ON 105 LYNNWOOD BLVD SUBDIVISION REQUEST

This past spring, St. George's Parish purchased the residence at 105 Lynwood Boulevard. It was the intent of the church to split the property into three lots with one containing the existing residence, one vacant lot to be sold for the construction on a new residence,

and the third lot for the construction of a parking lot to be used for church overflow parking.

At their regular meeting on July 15, the Belle Meade Municipal Planning Commission denied the request for the lot split. Due to the lot split being denied, the parking lot project cannot be approved at this time. The City is unaware of the future plans for the property or whether St. George's intends to apply for another lot split.

CELEBRATE ALL THINGS FALL AT CHEEKWOOD – Cheekwood Harvest runs September 13 – October 30, 2025

New this year, the fun continues after dusk at Harvest NIGHTS on Thursdays throughout the festival. A towering Jack-o'-Lantern Topiary, adorned with an estimated 160 faux jack-o'-lanterns will be front and center in the Bradford Robertson Color Garden. Enjoy a spooky Scarecrow Trail complete with perfect photo opportunities next to jack-o'-lanterns, large cauldrons, and magic lanterns. Musical performances, food trucks and seasonal libations complete the perfect fall evening.

The popular **Pumpkin Village** returns to Arboretum Lawn. More than 75,000 pumpkins provided by local farms will be nestled throughout the gardens, while 5,000 yellow, red and orange chrysanthemums add an extra pop of fall color. Guests can snap a photo in front of three charming houses made of pumpkins featuring thatch and cedar roofs adorned with chartreuse and dark purple Ipomoea vines. A wide variety of pumpkins in various colors including orange, light pink, green and white will be available for purchase and ready for you to carve at home.

Tickets at cheekwood.org. Reserving a timed-entry ticket in advance is required for all guests.



EXPLORING BELLE MEADE HISTORY: The Incorporation of Belle Meade, 1938

Most of the land once part of the Belle Meade Plantation was purchased and developed by the Belle Meade Land Company in the early 20th century. By the 1930s, the area had grown into an exclusive residential community, its character safeguarded largely by private deed restrictions that prohibited apartment buildings and commercial activity. Those restrictions, however, were set to expire at the end of 1938.

That year, a developer submitted a proposal for a new apartment building in Belle Meade, the first since the Helena Court apartments had been constructed on Belle Meade Boulevard in the 1920s. Renewal of deed restrictions was left to individual property owners, and many were tempted to sell to developers. With no guarantee of uniform enforcement and with Davidson County lacking a zoning ordinance, residents feared that the community's distinctive character could quickly be lost.

The solution was incorporation. On October 25, 1938, 397 poll-tax-paying residents voted to establish the City of Belle Meade "for the purpose of protecting property values by zoning and planning, and for no other purpose." The city government's first action was to pass a zoning ordinance that banned apartments and commercial uses. Beyond basic street maintenance, its primary function was to preserve Belle Meade's identity as a residential enclave.

The 1938 vote secured Belle Meade's autonomy. Today, it remains one of Tennessee's most exclusive municipalities, geographically surrounded by Nashville, yet self-governing.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



OFFICERS TAKE A REFRESHING BREAK FROM THE HEAT

Master Patrol Officer Mike Germany competed at the 2025 Hendersonville Motor Skills Competition held at Triple Creek Park in Gallatin, TN. There were forty-nine motor officers representing fourteen agencies from five different states. MPO Germany placed seventh overall and finished in first place in the team competition.



2025 motor awards

OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Officer Hayley Doty and Master Patrol Officer Billy Scarbrough received the David and Cindy Wilds Outstanding Service Award at the August 20th Commissioner Meeting.

On July 18, 2025, Officers Doty and Scarbrough responded to a traffic crash on Harding Pike and Hillwood Blvd. Someone failed to stop at the red light and collided with Ms. Headrick. Her caretaker, Ms. Hudson, called me and commended the compassion that Officer Doty and MPO Scarbrough showed to Ms. Headrick during a crash investigation. The crash was quite a traumatic experience for Ms. Headrick, and both officers could tell she was distraught. Instead of just completing the investigation and doing the report, they ensured that she got home safely and had someone at home to take care of her. Mrs. Hudson said the officers were unbelievably friendly and represented our agency remarkably well.

Thank you, Hayley and Billy, for representing Belle Meade Police well. Your professionalism and compassion are greatly appreciated.



Ofcs Scarbrough and Doty



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **July 23, 2025** meeting:



- A Special Presentation was made to honor Officers Haley Doty and Billy Scarbrough with Wilds' Outstanding Service Awards.
- Held a Public Hearing for a new code restricting provisions for a pickleball conditional use; and
- Approved Ordinance 2025-7 amending Title 14 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Restrict the Provisions for a Pickleball Conditional Use; primarily creates a new requirement for a 500 ft setback for any new pickleball courts requested in the city limits.
- Approved Ordinance 2025-8 amending Title 11 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Limit Hours for Jackhammering activity to weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., no holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays.
- Postponed consideration of Ordinance 2025-9 amending Title 5 to authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts on behalf of the City, to be added as authorized signatory on checks, drafts, or other withdrawals on city bank accounts, and to further provide that vendor invoices may be paid without Commission approval.
- Approved the final design and engineer's cost estimate for West Tyne Drive and Lynnwood Boulevard traffic calming islands.
- Approved a Change Order no.2 with CEC, not to exceed \$14,500, for two stormwater repair projects (Walnut Drive and 600 block of Lynnwood Blvd).
- Approved purchases with SkyCop Inc., totaling \$89,225, replacing end-of-life cameras at 10 locations.
- Approved expenditures totaling \$24,000 for city-wide landscaping services for August and September with LSI.
- Approved purchases, not to exceed \$97,400, with Keystone Business Solutions for city-wide equipment replacements for FY 2026.
- Received a presentation of financial statements and investment schedules from Finance Director Leigh Mills, reviewed all checks issued in July, and approved all invoices over \$5,000.
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – AUGUST 2025

OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more
Dr. David Bayer
Mr. & Mrs. David Brown

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499
Mr. & Mrs. John Chadwick

DONOR
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Grote, III
Mr. & Mrs. David Proctor, III
(In Honor of the Belle Meade Police Dept.)

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025 All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, September 17th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 15th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, September 9th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 14th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

No September meeting due to Lack of Business

Tuesday, October 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, September 16th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 21st at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of the holiday



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