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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JANUARY 2026



LYNNWOOD BOULEVARD NEIGHBORS DELIVER PETITIONS FOR SIDEWALKS

At the Belle Meade Board of Commissioners' regular meeting in November, several residents of Lynnwood Boulevard spoke to City Commissioners regarding their desire for sidewalks along their street, described as one of the city's busiest streets. The residents shared the number of signatures they had each collected from their neighbor-

hood blocks along with expressing their support for sidewalks that will enable residents and their children to walk and bike more safely in the neighborhood. Currently, only a small section of sidewalk has been constructed along Lynnwood Terrace from Westhampton Place to the 3-way intersection of Lynnwood Lane and Lynnwood Boulevard. This street has previously been identified as a priority for such improvements. Belle Meade's 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan proposed sidewalks to be constructed primarily along one side of Lynnwood Boulevard for the entirety of its length connecting from Harding Pike to Harding Place. The recent petition from residents reiterated the importance and support for the Commission to act on redesigning their street to create a safe place for moving people as much as moving vehicles. The Belle Meade Together Plan, also adopted in 2021, additionally recommends that sidewalk connections look at treatments that provide safe and visible crossing opportunities at busy intersections and midblock locations. City Commissioners will likely take up further discussion of the matter at their January board meeting and in annual budget meetings with the City Manager.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNAL UPGRADES AT HARDING PLACE and BELLE MEADE BLVD

Belle Meade Commissioners and NDOT have partnered on a project to upgrade the traffic signalization equipment at the intersection of Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard. At their December board meeting, City Commissioners gave final approval for the project to begin. NDOT has selected Stansell Electric to be the contractor and we are currently discussing a schedule for the work. The contractor will be responsible for traffic control and there may be some temporary lane closures or detours during construction. More specifics will be shared once a schedule is available.

Construction will include installing conduit under the roadway and replacing the current equipment with new

poles, signal heads, controllers, and adding pedestrian signals at the two, eastern corners of the intersection. If you would like to review the design plans, please see the link of the City's homepage titled "Harding Place Signal Upgrade Design Plans" at www.citybellemeade.org .

The project replaces the existing traffic signal controllers to be capable of automated, adaptive response, adding the use of traffic monitoring cameras, so that the traffic signal timing will adjust in real time to traffic congestion. Automated, adaptive signals have been proven to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow so that drivers are less likely to look for alternative routes suggested by the apps. In this way, the project is anticipated to help reduce cut-through traffic on Belle Meade's local residential streets by improving the ability for traffic to flow most efficiently through the signalized intersection at Harding Place.

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BELLE MEADE EMPLOYEES 2025 SERVICE AWARDS



The City of Belle Meade employs a dedicated staff of 29 full-time and four (4) part-time employees, who collectively have contributed 277 years of service in the community. The majority of our employees are police officers and emergency communications officers (dispatchers) complemented by administrative, finance, public works, planning, zoning and building codes staff.

This year, the City of Belle Meade recognized the significant

years of service of the following employees celebrating a 5-year milestone anniversaries in 2025 (pictured above with the City Manager, from left to right): Administrative Assistant Judy Begley for 25 years; Master Communications Officer Mason Cauthen for 5 years; Communications Officer Jordan Parrish (not pictured) for 5 years; Master Patrol Officer Tyler Parrish (not pictured) for 10 years; Master Patrol Officer David Read for 5 years; and Police Chief Charles Williams for 15 years. The City of Belle Meade experienced nearly no turn-over in 2025 with no new employees nor new positions, no employee retirements, and only one resignation that resulted in a part-time employee moving into the vacant full-time position. We celebrate and reward longevity as a value for our organization and a contributing factor to providing excellent services to Belle Meade's residents.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



BELLE MEADE OFFICER EARNS PhD

We celebrate and applaud Sgt. Kate Cloxton on her dedication to continuous learning most recently earning her PhD from Liberty University. Her area of study was Criminal Justice and Homeland Security, and she will be graduating with a 3.95 GPA having completed all 60 credit hours. She will walk the graduation line in May 2026. Congratulations, Dr. Cloxton!



Sgt. Kate Cloxton



TRAVELING? FOLLOW THESE HOME SECURITY TIPS Many people will be traveling over the next few weeks. Please take a few moments to review some helpful tips about keeping your home secure while you are away:

Try to make your home look occupied:

- **Timers:** Use smart plugs or timers for lights and TVs to mimic activity.
- **Neighbors:** Ask a trusted neighbor to collect mail/newspapers, park in your driveway, or watch for suspicious activity.

Physical Security:

- **Lock Everything:** Double-check all doors, windows, and garage doors are securely locked.
- **Security System:** Arm your alarm system and alert the company you'll be away; use signs/stickers as a deterrent.
- **Cameras & Lighting:** Install motion-sensor lights or cameras, especially around entry points, and set them to record.
- **Secure Valuables:** Store important documents, jewelry, and cash in a home safe or bank safety deposit box.

Technology & Digital Discretion

- **Smart Home:** Use smart locks and remote monitoring apps for real-time alerts and control.
- **Social Media Blackout:** Avoid posting vacation plans or live updates; wait until you return.

The Belle Meade Police Department offers a free house check service. You can sign up by visiting the Police Department's Webpage found at <https://citybellemeade.org/police-department/>

EXPLORING BELLE MEADE HISTORY: Sledding in Belle Meade's Hills



As the cold days of winter are fast approaching, we thought we would share a story from Belle Meade – a Legacy of Land, Lives, and Love by Ridley Wills II (pg. 113) that highlights the children of Belle Meade. “There was considerably more snow in Nashville during the 1940s and 1950s than in more recent decades. Most families in Belle Meade with children had sleds in their garages in those years. A favorite place to sled was Signal Hill on Westview Avenue. The biggest danger was that the sledding run went past Glen Eden near the bottom of the hill. I remember once sledding all the way to a house where Sam Davis Bell Jr. later lived. To prevent accidents at the intersection of Westview and Glen Eden, the teenagers or their fathers would post

guards there to alert cars on Glen Eden to stop and proceed cautiously.” This story reminds City staff that Belle Meade is more than a collection of beautiful residences but rather a collection of neighbors and families.



NDOT STUDIES SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 70 AT HIGHWAY 100

Metro Council Members Thom Druffel (District 23) and Sandy Ewing (District 34) recently hosted a community meeting for residents to learn more about NDOT's project at the intersection of Highway 70 (Harding Pike) and Highway 100. The NDOT project manager and consulting engineers shared that since 2020, the

intersection has experienced 85 crashes. Common causes include running red lights, failing to yield at the cross-over, and drivers attempting to turn into and out of driveways. These existing conditions led to some short-term solutions being immediately identified, such as more signage and flexible delineators around the traffic island at the split, restriping of the stop bars near the split, and repainting turn lanes at Page Road, as well as new signage at Highway 70 and Page Road that reads "Don't Block Intersection". Long-term solutions for safety and operational improvements are currently being developed with community feedback.

To provide feedback please visit the website for Engage Nashville at engage.nashville.gov and take the project survey. Additionally, comments may be sent directly via email to hw70hwy100@publicinput.com and voicemails may be left at 855-925-2801 using project code: 2222. This project is one of many under Nashville's Vision Zero initiative with the goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on Metro Nashville roads, to learn more this initiative, visit visionzero.nashville.gov.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **the December 17, 2025 meeting**:



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- Postponed two legislative items for first consideration next month:
 - RESOLUTION 2025-10 – A Resolution to Rescind Resolution 2018-02 establishing criteria for the construction of sidewalks at the request of property owners and neighborhood groups
 - ORDINANCE 2025-14 – Amending Section 12-103 Modifications to Dwelling Code of Title 12 (Building, Utility, Etc., Codes) of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Require Security Fencing at Demolition and New Construction Sites
- Approved expenditures with SkyCop, totaling \$31,825, for video security system equipment and installation at three (3) locations in Belle Meade

- Approved a final cost proposal, not to exceed \$611,758.74, for construction of signal upgrades and intersection improvements, with NDOT, at Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard.
- Adopted a regular meeting calendar for 2026 Board of Commissioners' meetings
- Received monthly reports from all departments, including monthly financial reports, investment schedules, and reviewed monthly check registers for November
- Received a draft meeting calendar for 2026 and will consider adoption of the schedule next month.
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 4:00 p.m., with a quarterly board study session held immediately prior beginning at 2:00 p.m.



GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees are usually collected in the first few weeks of January. Trees will be collected curbside by

Clean Earth, our brush and chipper service, 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.

TREE RECYCLING

Additionally, the Nashville Department of Transportation has teamed up with Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation to offer Davidson County residents an environmentally friendly and convenient way to dispose of their Christmas Trees. Trees must be cleaned of wooden stands, watering bowls, ornaments, lights, wire, string, and other decorations before drop-off. The Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off program will run until February 13, 2026 at Edwin Warner Park (additional locations listed at <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/>

[transportation/news/ndot-announces-christmas-tree-recycling-program-0](https://citybellemade.org/streets/transportation/news/ndot-announces-christmas-tree-recycling-program-0)). No artificial trees will be accepted. Artificial trees may be donated or taken to any of the four Metro-Nashville convenience centers for disposal.

ROADS, SNOW AND ICE

Belle Meade Public Works currently contracts with Sammie Gibbs Construction for on-call snow and ice removal services. The Public Works Director provides direct supervision of the contractor's crew while they are in the City. The City maintains a list of priority street segments, hills and curves that will be cleared. The list, and a map, is available on the city's website at: <https://citybellemade.org/streets/>

Additionally, outside of Belle Meade, the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) crews will clear primary and secondary routes first during winter weather events to provide a network of access for emergency response vehicles and public transportation. NDOT crews continue to run 12-hour shifts 24/7. All road crews, TDOT, NDOT, and private contractors like ours, are able to work more safely and effectively when roadways are clear of motorists traffic. If you must travel, please go slowly and give plenty of room to the crews at work.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 21st at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, January 13th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, February 10th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, January 13th at 4:30 pm
Tuesday, February 10th at 4:30 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, January 20th at 4:30 pm
Tuesday, February 17th at 4:30 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



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.

REMINDERS:

New Schedule for City Boards in 2026 The Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will follow new meeting schedules beginning in January 2026. Municipal Planning Commission will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. and the Board of Zoning Appeals has moved their start time to 4:30 p.m., while it will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. The Belle Meade Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) meets on the second Tuesday each month at 3:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at Belle Meade City Hall unless otherwise noticed.

Cardboard Dumpster We remind you not to place any cardboard or other items on the ground outside of the dumpsters at City Hall. If the dumpsters are temporarily full, you must take the boxes back with you to return another time or consider disposing of boxes in the garbage dumpsters on site.

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