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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MAY 2026

LEFT LANE ENFORCEMENT ON THE BOULEVARD

As many long-time Belle Meade residents know, driving in the left lane of Belle Meade Boulevard is for passing and turning only; otherwise, all vehicles should maintain the right lane. Many will also add that vehicles in the left lane are expected to turn left at the next closest opportunity. Despite local ordinances, signage, and the threat of citations from officers of the Belle Meade Police Department, each month many drivers continue to disobey the left lane regulations.

Last year, City Commissioners received recommendations from the Boulevard Advisory Committee, made up of 15 Belle Meade residents, to look at greater enforcement through consideration of new signage, pavement markings, and rumble strips. After months of reviewing possible solutions in consultation with engineers, the City intends to begin hosting public meetings to share final concepts and get feedback from residents. With resident support, the City would like to move forward with new pavement markings,

including painting on the left lane itself, and new signage to replace existing signs on the Boulevard. This summer is optimal for testing out these ideas, as it would allow for these to be studied ahead of planned repairs and repaving work. We anticipate that the new markings, potentially including testing out of “mumble strips” that use a more shallow wave pattern to reduce exterior notice, while still creating the same in-car alertness as the louder rumble strips, and new signage could be studied for effectiveness for a few months. Then, the success or failure of these enforcement tools, would be used to decide whether these changes are kept permanently, or to be removed, when Belle Meade Boulevard is repaved in spring 2027.

Please check the city’s website and meeting calendar for updates. Additionally, the City’s email system will be used to alert resident’s to upcoming meetings on this project. If you do not currently receive emails, such as this newsletter, please contact City Manager, Jennifer Moody at jmoody@citybellemeade.org to have your email address added to the e-mail list.

CONSTRUCTION FENCING - NEW REQUIREMENT FOR PROJECTS IN BELLE MEADE

In response to requests from residents, City Commissioners have adopted a new fencing requirement for construction projects in the City of Belle Meade. The new city code requires that “All properties that are issued building permits for the demolition or new construction must place a locking security fence around the entire property or for sites larger than 2 acres around the construction area. The fence must be a minimum of 6 feet in height but no more than 8 feet in height from natural grade and be green or black opaque.” No advertising of any type is allowed on the fence. Additionally, any and all necessary workman vehicle parking, materials, portable restrooms, and dumpsters must be behind the fencing.

The new fencing requirement specifically applies to the construction of new homes and whenever a demolition permit is granted. These regulations should help to minimize nuisances

to surrounding neighbors such as dust, debris and visual clutter. Additionally, it could reduce safety hazards for pedestrians and enhance security from unauthorized access to these sites.



REGISTER TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF CITY BIDS

City of Belle Meade is now using BidNet Direct, an online, centralized location, to post all bid opportunities. All vendors are invited to register on the Tennessee Purchasing Group. To register at no charge, simply follow the registration path and select

the “Limited Access” option to receive automatic e-mail notices at no charge. The option will alert registered vendors anytime they match with the new bid opportunities from the City of Belle Meade and any other participating agencies.

Visit www.bidnetdirect.com/tennessee/cityofbellemeade

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CHEEKWOOD Community Celebration June 4 – 7

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, Cheekwood invites the community to gather for a four-day festival celebrating art and music in America. Daytime visitors Friday through Sunday can enjoy the American paintings exhibitions in the Historic Mansion, the expanded outdoor train display, and Cheekwood's blooming

gardens and walking trails. Evening concerts highlight musical traditions connected to Tennessee landmarks featured in America the Beautiful: National Parks & Landmarks by Rail. With free daytime admission for members and half-price daytime tickets for general guests, Cheekwood welcomes everyone to celebrate creativity, shared experiences, and the American spirit.

EXPOSITION OF ELEGANCE: Classic Cars & Motorcycles at Cheekwood June 20 – 21 | 9 am – 5 p.m.

Cruise into Cheekwood for a dazzling two-day celebration of automotive history. Stroll among beautifully preserved classic cars and vintage motorcycles representing decades of 20th-century design. Enjoy era-specific tunes, grab a drink from bar stations, and tasty bites from the city's favorite food trucks. In addition to informational car talks and lectures, and hands-on activities for kids, the weekend culminates with a Tour d'Elegance through the city streets of Belle Meade. Bring the whole family and make it a Father's Day weekend to remember.

Please see the City's homepage at www.citybellemeade.org to view the Parade Route Map.



CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – APRIL 2026

OAK SOCIETY- \$1,000 or more

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Baum
Dr. David Bayer
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blackmon, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bovender, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Byrd
Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Colclasure
Ms. Jane Corcoran
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Frist, III
Mr. & Mrs. John Hawkins
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Dr. & Dr. Jimmy Kerrigan
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Lawrence
Mr. Joseph Ledbetter
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Majors
Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCabe, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pitts
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Scarola
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Settle
Julia Stadler
Mr. & Mrs. William Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Taylor

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. David Amiot
Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker*
**(In Memory of Connie King Brothers)*
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Beller
Ms. Lillian Bradford

Mr. & Mrs. David Brown
Mr. & Mrs. George Bullard
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rolfsen
Dr. Anne Russell
Mr. & Mrs. John Sangervasi
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sheffield
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stack
Mr. & Mrs. James Stadler
Ms. Diana Thompson

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Mr. & Mrs. H. Lee Barfield, II

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Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Cheadle
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Clement
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Crumbo
Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Davis
Mr. & Mrs. William DeLoache
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Demetros
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dickerson
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Elcan
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Farris
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Finley
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Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hensley
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Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Riven
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**(In Memory of Mr. Douglas Henry)*
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rolfe
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Rupert
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Adelman
Mr. David Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rolfe
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramsey
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Sherrard

NES's ENHANCED TREE TRIMMING POLICY

Nashville Electric Service (NES) has recently shared information about its enhanced strategy for tree trimming and vegetation management in an effort to improve emergency preparedness and provide more reliable power for all customers. In summary, here's what you need to know about the new tree trimming program:

➤ NES intends to transition from a 4-year to a 3-year trimming cycle and to increase their efforts from 1,200 to 1,600 miles of lines trimmed annually.

- Clearance standards have been updated to include trimming limbs within 15 feet of power equipment and removing underbrush within 10 feet.
- Customer communication has been enhanced to include advanced notifications, on-site engagement by crews, and access to NES's Tree Trimming Hotline at 615-695-7400.

For more information, visit the NES website at: www.nespower.com/electrical-safety/tree-trimming.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

HONORING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATORS

Each year, communities across the country pause to recognize the unseen professionals who serve as the vital link between the community and the officers. This year, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week was celebrated April 12 – 18, 2026. While patrol officers and first responders are often the visible face of public safety, emergency communicators are the calm, steady voice on the other end of the line that begins every call.



Here in our community, the dispatchers of the Belle Meade Police Department exemplify the very best of this profession. They are the ones answering the non-emergency line when residents call 615-297-0241. They truly care about this community and the officers they work with. We are grateful for each of them, and they are a huge part of the success we have in the Belle Meade Police Department. Thank you, Toni, Mason, Jodi, Lisa, Jordan, and Jenni, for the job you do!

GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS

Belle Meade residents receive brush collection and chipper services each week. The chipper service is designed for pickup of grass, shrubbery, cuttings, leaves, and small branches, created in the care of gardens and lawns by our residents. Tree trimmings must not exceed 4 inches in diameter and not more than 8 feet in length or 6 feet across in the lap or crown.

Twigs, leaves, small debris and grass clippings must be bagged, but **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC**. Bags cannot exceed 50 lbs. and must be brown, kraft paper bags, like the one pictured, specifically for yard waste and clippings. The City's contractor, Clean Earth, can no longer accept any materials in plastic bags as they are not allowed at the disposal site.

Lawn care and landscaping businesses should be advised that they must remove any brush or yard clippings that they generate as this collection service is intended to serve our residents and not their businesses. Please do not dispose of yard waste with your household garbage and it is not accepted in the dumpsters behind City Hall.



HARDING PLACE SIGNAL

Underground work for the new signal infrastructure at Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard is nearly complete. The remaining drainage work and construction of a new traffic island should be complete in early May. Next, new mast arms, new signal heads and a new controller cabinet will be installed as soon as materials are delivered. We anticipate this project to be completed by

the end of summer. The new upgrades include traffic cameras that will detect traffic conditions, such as congestion, in real time and allow for the timing of lights to be coordinated to optimize the flow of traffic. This project is being completed in partnership with the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure and is funded primarily from federal funds awarded to the City of Belle Meade from the American Rescue Plan Act.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **April 15, 2026** meeting:

- Special Presentation and Approved a Parade Permit for Cheekwood's annual Classic Car Parade.
- Adopted on the 2nd and final reading, ORDINANCE 2026-01 to Amend Title 12 (Building Code) to Adopt the 2024 International Residential Code in place of the 2018 International Residential Code, to take effect on July 1, 2026.
- Adopted on the 2nd and final reading, ORDINANCE 2026-02 to Amend Ordinance 2025-4, "Budget Amendment No.2", to Provide for the Increase or Decrease in Various Expenditure and Revenue Appropriations. This budget amendment primarily reflects \$1.4 million in emergency and recovery expenditures related to the winter storm with an offsetting increase in revenue from a transfer from reserve funds.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2026-04 to Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to Engage with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Regarding Recovering the City's Share of Local Option Sales Tax Revenues and to Evaluate the Recovery of Prior Amounts that may have been withheld.
- Approved Video Security System purchases to support three (3) new locations, from Kerr Electric, \$16,449.69, and SkyCop, \$4,355, for electrical work and installation of poles.
- Set a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-3 Amending Title 14 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Reduce the Number of

Municipal Planning Commission Members (from 10 to 7). The Public Hearing was set for 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2026.

- Approved an increase of \$60,000 in the purchasing authority with WASCON, Inc. (total increase from \$140,000 to \$200,000 this fiscal year) for pumps and pump parts for the Sewer System.
- Approved a one-year contract extension with Franklin Disposal, totaling \$433,363, for FY 2027, for dumpster and trash collection services.
- Approved turf repairs to Belle Meade Blvd, damaged from Winter Storm Fern, with LSI totaling \$4,000.
- Approved irrigation repairs to Belle Meade Blvd, damaged from Winter Storm Fern, with LSI totaling \$9,185.75.
- Consider a change order, in the amount of \$52,091.45, to the Paving Contract with Four Star Paving to add Walnut Drive for the current fiscal year.
- Adopted Resolution 2026-03 to Amend, Reaffirm and Re-adopt the Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Plan of the City of Belle Meade.
- Received monthly reports from all departments, including monthly and quarterly financial reports, investment schedules, and reviewed the monthly check register for March.
- The City Board's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS MAY & JUNE 2026 All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 20th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 12th at 3:00 pm

Wednesday, June 9th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

No May Meeting due to Lack of Business

Wednesday, June 9th at 4:30 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, May 19th at 4:30 pm

Wednesday, June 16th at 4:30 pm

Agendas are available online at

www.citybellemeade.org

Reminders:

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR
MEMORIAL DAY ON Monday, May 25, 2026.**



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