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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE AUGUST 2026

Protecting Our Community Through Technology: Belle Meade's Commitment to Public Safety

On July 9, the Belle Meade Police Department received a report that a resident's vehicle had been stolen from the driveway of their home. Officers responded immediately and began their investigation.

Using the City's integrated security camera and License Plate Reader (LPR) system, investigators determined that the vehicle had actually been stolen the previous day, July 8, and had exited Belle Meade via Davidson Road. As officers reviewed additional video footage, dispatchers identified a suspect vehicle believed to have dropped off the individual who stole the vehicle.

A "Be On the Lookout" (BOLO) alert was immediately distributed to surrounding law enforcement agencies for both the stolen vehicle and the suspect vehicle. Within 24 hours, officers located the suspect vehicle in Hendersonville, and the victim's vehicle was recovered from a storage unit.

The investigation revealed that the suspects had extensive criminal histories in Florida and Texas and were currently out on bond for a similar vehicle theft involving a \$300,000 Rolls-Royce. Investigators also recovered additional stolen property from the suspect vehicle, linking the suspects to other property crimes in Texas. The suspects were arrested and are currently being held in the Sumner County Jail.

This case is an excellent example of how technology, combined with professional police work and regional cooperation, can quickly lead to the identification of suspects and the recovery of stolen property.

A Long-Term Investment in Public Safety

For many years, the City of Belle Meade has embraced technology as an important part of its public safety strategy. While highly trained police officers remain the cornerstone of crime prevention, modern camera technology provides investigators with valuable tools to deter crime, identify suspects, recover stolen property, and solve cases more efficiently.

In 2018, the City began implementing a citywide security camera and License Plate Reader (LPR) program designed to enhance officer awareness and strengthen investigative

capabilities. Rather than relying solely on officers being in the right place at the right time, the camera network allows investigators to reconstruct events after crimes occur and, in many cases, provides real-time information that helps officers respond more effectively.

The original vision was to install cameras at each major entrance into the city. Since then, the system has continued to expand and improve.

- **2018:** Initial deployment began at major city entrances.
- **2022:** Upgraded two (2) locations to try new night vision cameras.
- **2023:** Three (3) additional locations were added, along with three security cameras at City Hall/Public Works to enhance the safety of employees and visitors.
- **2024–2025:** Every existing camera location was upgraded with new equipment and improved technology.
- **2026:** Six (6) additional camera locations were added to further strengthen citywide coverage and two new software applications were added to enhance investigations.

Today, Belle Meade's security camera and LPR network includes **30 locations** strategically positioned throughout the city.

Since the program began, Belle Meade has invested **\$897,898.25** in equipment, upgrades, and maintenance. This figure does not include the initial electrical infrastructure required for installation or the ongoing costs associated with power and network connectivity.

Looking Ahead

The Belle Meade Police Department remains committed to combining well-trained officers with modern technology to provide exceptional public safety services. The City's security camera and License Plate Reader network has become an invaluable investigative resource, helping deter criminal activity, recover stolen property, identify suspects, and improve situational awareness for responding officers.

Technology is most effective when paired with professional policing and strong community partnerships. Belle Meade's continued investment in its security camera system reflects the City's ongoing commitment to protecting residents, visitors, and businesses while preserving the safe community that residents have come to expect.

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BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Belle Meade residents will have the option to elect three (3) City Commissioners to serve new 4-year terms. August 20th is the qualifying deadline for interested candidates to turn in their petition to be placed upon the ballot for election. (Please contact the Davidson County Election Commission for more information.)

The City of Belle Meade is chartered as a City Manager – Commissioner form of government. The Board of Commissioners

are the policy-making body with an appointed City Manager who is the Chief Administrative Officer overseeing day-to-day operations. Residents of Belle Meade elect a total of five (5) Commissioners to serve staggered four-year terms of office. Following each election, which are held in November of even numbered years, the Board's members appoint a Mayor and Vice-Mayor to serve for two-year terms.

Current City Commissioners Rusty Moore, Louise Bryan, and Neal Clayton all have expiring terms. At the first Board of Commissioners meeting following the November election, November 18th at 4:00 pm, the newly elected Commissioners will officially begin their terms of office, and two Commissioners will be appointed to the roles of Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

Early voting for the November election begins on October 14, 2026, and ends on October 29 at the former Hillwood High School building. Please find the link below to the Election Commission's website for early voting times and locations: <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/elections>

GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS

Belle Meade residents may use the large dumpsters at City Hall for overflow household garbage. We prefer that all items be in bags to limit fly-away litter from the dumpsters. As a general rule, no items that would not be eligible for pick up at your home should be left at the dumpster. The dumpster is collected by the same vendor that collects garbage at your back door and follows the same rules.

Examples of items that we do not accept and that create a hardship on city staff to find proper disposal locations are: metal objects, mattresses, furniture, bicycles, tires, and any hazardous items such as paint, oil, batteries, appliances (of any size or type), and signs (with metal posts). In addition to the three garbage dumpsters, there are two cardboard recycling dumpsters available for residents' convenience. Our current weekly collection service limits what can be picked up at your home to ten (10) broken-down boxes.

SAFETY CONCERN AT TYNE BLVD/W. TYNE DRIVE AND BELLE MEADE BLVD

New All-Way Stop Under Consideration

City staff and traffic engineers have been evaluating Belle Meade Boulevard for the last few years seeking solutions to reduce speeding, improve lawful compliance with the left lane restrictions, and enhance pedestrian and drivers' safe use of the roadway. The intersections of Tyne Boulevard and W. Tyne Drive with Belle Meade Boulevard have particularly caught the traffic engineers and city leaders' attention due to the increasing number of accidents. Over the last 3 years, accidents have become more frequent and nearly all drivers reported sight-distance issues, meaning difficulty seeing the other vehicle. Vehicles traveling north and south on Belle Meade Boulevard do not currently stop and drivers in these crashes have been hit by vehicles attempting to turn across Belle Meade Boulevard from both Tyne Boulevard and West Tyne Drive.

Commissioners supported incremental changes to be made first,

prior to considering any more significant measures being taken. As an initial step, the stop sign at Tyne Boulevard now has an additional sign that notifies drivers "cross traffic does not stop". City staff and adjacent homeowners have cut back vegetation and tree limbs to improve visibility at the intersections. However, physical impediments such as a bridge and a stone wall near these intersections contribute to sight distance issues. Based upon the sight distance challenges and vehicle crash data, Commissioners are considering whether to install stop signs on Belle Meade Blvd to create an all-way stop. An all-way stop would mean that both north-bound and south-bound traffic on Belle Meade Boulevard would have to come to a stop and therefore it would allow for the turning traffic from the cross streets to complete their turns without opposing traffic.

Public comments are welcome and should be sent to Commissioners or the Belle Meade City Manager at jmoody@bellemeade.org. To learn more and make comments in-person, please attend either the upcoming August 12th public meeting or the next regular monthly board meeting on August 19th.



CHICKERING ROAD PROJECT

Chickering Road from Page Road to Old Hickory Boulevard will be closed for a stormwater infrastructure project beginning on Monday, July 13th. This is a Metro Nashville Water Services project to repair stormwater pipes and erosion control. Residents are asked to use alternative routes around this section of Chickering Road as only residents who live in this section will be given access during the closure. The road work is anticipated to be completed by August 18, 2026.



PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED BELLE MEADE BLVD PROJECTS

Wednesday, August 12 at 4:00 pm, Belle Meade City Hall

City staff and project engineers with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. will be presenting concepts for new street markings and signage intended to improve enforcement of the City's laws left lane laws on Belle Meade Boulevard. Additionally, city leaders are seeking input from residents about a proposal to add a new all-way stop at the intersection of Tyne Boulevard and Belle Meade Boulevard. It is the City's intent to take public comments, revise design plans based upon those comments, and then hold another public meeting prior to voting on whether to fund the proposed roadway markings and signage at a future Board of Commissioners monthly meeting. We invite all to participate and learn more about these new traffic control measures under consideration.

WINTER STORM FERN RECOVERY UPDATE

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has obligated funds to reimburse the City of Belle Meade for 75% of its expenses related directly to damages from the Winter Storm Fern. It is anticipated that the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) will share in the local costs by providing funding to reimburse half of the remaining 25%. City of Belle Meade's final expenses will be the 12.5% of all storm recovery costs and those expenditures have been covered by a one-time use of the City's reserves. Below is a summary of the anticipated cost sharing for recovery:

Winter Storm Damages:	FEMA and TEMA Estimates for Reimbursement	City of Belle Meade Local Share of Costs	TOTAL Costs:
Emergency Storm Debris Removal	\$ 883,046	\$ 126,150	\$ 1,009,196
Storm Response (including opening roadways, generator use at City Hall, and emergency sewer pumping)	\$ 22,531	\$ 3,219	\$ 25,750
Sewer Utility repairs due to storm damage	\$ 23,673	\$ 3,382	\$ 27,055
Total of all Eligible Recovery Costs:	\$ 929,250	\$ 132,751	\$ 1,062,001



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **July 22, 2026** meeting:

- Approve a road closure permit from Drew Place (and Warner Place) neighbors for a block party from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on August 16, 2026.
- Approved a Resolution 2026-09 to support a 50/50 matching grant program "Safety Partners" with Public Entity Partners and Belle Meade Police Department for purchase of police vests.
- Approved an expenditure not to exceed \$51,750 with Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC) for a stormwater asset management project.
- Approved a professional services agreement with Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC) for design of Lynnwood Terrace sidewalk and stormwater improvements for a total fee not to exceed \$158,000.
- Approved an expenditure not to exceed \$140,000 for annual creek debris removal and maintenance work with JR and Associations for the city's FY 2027 stormwater management program.
- Approved a purchase agreement with WASCON, Inc. for FY 2027, not to exceed \$185,000, for sewer de-partment pumps and related parts.
- Adopted Ordinance 2026-9, on final reading, amending Title 15 to require Traffic Control when vehicles are blocking traffic due to loading and unloading, delivery, or similar activity.
- Adopted Ordinance 2026-10, on final reading, amending Building regulations of Title 12 to clarify International Building Code applicability and remove inconsistencies.
- Adopted Ordinance 2026-11, on final reading, directing the Davidson County Election Commission to Call a Municipal Election to fill the terms of three (3) Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade (Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026).
- Postponed to next meeting a Resolution 2026-02 to support a public safety project and reduce vehicle crashes by establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Belle Meade Boulevard and Tyne Boulevard.
- Approved an expenditure totaling \$5,166.03 for legal services in special matters.
- The City Board's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at 4:00 p.m.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026 All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 19th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, August 11th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

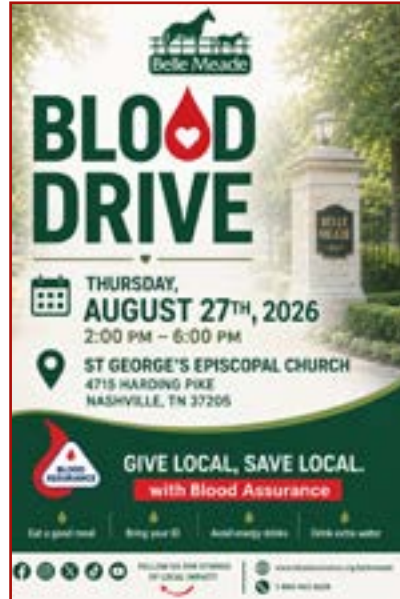
No August meeting due to lack of business
Tuesday, September 8th at 4:30 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 18th at 4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 15th at 4:30 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

Belle Meade Police and St. George's Church 2nd Annual Community Blood Drive



Thursday, August 27th
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Hampton Hall at St.
George's
4715 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205

www.bloodassurance.org/bellemeade
1-800-962-0628

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