

# CONNECTION

## Around the City *with Madam Clerk*



### **Welcome to the City of Belle Isle!**

I hope that you enjoy reading our Connection quarterly newsletter. I also hope that it inspires you to explore our wonderful City. We invite you to become empowered, engaged, and active in

your city government and hope that your dreams for the future include being part of the City of Belle Isle.

### Municipal Clerk Early Beginnings!

A city clerk is one of the oldest public service positions, dating back to Ancient Greece. In the United States, the office of city clerk was one of the first to be established when early colonists set up local governments. Today, a city clerk is an elected or appointed senior official responsible for many administrative functions relating to maintaining a municipality's public records. Although the power and responsibility of a city clerk vary by location, the office of the city clerk typically serves the mayor, the city manager, the city council, and all other administrative departments of the city government. Depending on the structure of a city's government, the position may include the roles of public relations, office manager, purchasing agent, and customer service representative. (con't on Page 2)

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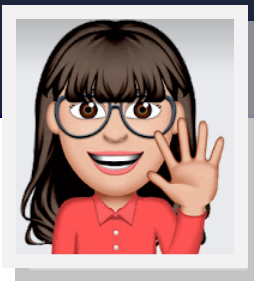
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In addition, many cities with small staff require the office of the city clerk to assume responsibilities previously performed by other city departments. This may include issuing zoning permits, vehicle stickers, and other types of licenses; maintaining a record of planning commission actions and the Elections Office.

A typical day in the life of a city clerk might include some or all of these activities:

- Preparing agendas and recording proceedings;
- Certifying and recording resolutions, regulations, and ordinances passed by the council;
- Overseeing city elections and administering oaths of office; and maintaining custody of the city seal.

### Around the City

In this edition, I would like to show you Around the City (virtually) and share some upcoming events and programs that are available to you and keep you informed,

- **100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration**



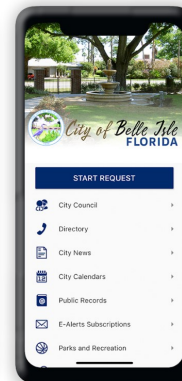
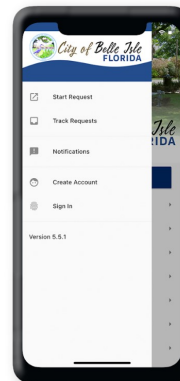
In 1924, Belle Isle was incorporated as a town.

By ballot vote of more than two-thirds of those present, the name "Belle Isle" was chosen. The name means "Beautiful Island." Mr. C.H. Hoffner was elected the first Mayor.

In 2024, one hundred years later, the City is preparing to celebrate a milestone anniversary with fanfare and a focus on community. Helping to coordinate the 100th anniversary of attaining city status is The Mayor, Council, Staff and the Special Events Committee, and You.

The centennial celebration will provide a way to acknowledge the central role that the City has played in creating a community that offers the continuation and preservation of its natural resources and beautiful oak trees-as an introduction to a beautiful life setting - Celebrating 100 years of community.

At the Clerk's Office, we would like to kick start the upcoming celebration by establishing a time capsule. The City will accept letters, pictures, and other commemorative items about the size of a deck of cards for submission. **We will begin accepting submissions for the time capsule in January 2023. The time capsule will be displayed at city hall and request for it to be opened in 2074.** ■



## GoGov.app—Government Made Simple

- **City to launch New Citizen Engagement Mobile App—July-August 2022**

The City of Belle Isle is making customer service and engaging with our citizens a priority moving forward and we are excited to announce that we are partnering with [GOGov](#), a government software company, to launch a new free mobile application for our city.

Residents will be able to submit service requests on the fly from their smartphones or on the web and access important city information regarding event, alerts and more. If a question arises, city workers will be able to have direct communication with residents to resolve issues together.

The newly created App will feature access to the following city resources:

- Submit Requests/Concerns with the easy access "Start Request" button
- Provide multiple photos when submitting a request
- Track requests and send messages to City Hall Staff regarding the status of a request.
- Access Frequently Asked Questions through the fully searchable knowledge base. ■

### FAQ's

**About GoGov?** GOGov is a leader in providing software and apps to local governments of all sizes. GOGov specializes in providing CRM, Code Enforcement, Citizen Notifications and Mobile software. We built our software from the ground up working with the departments and staff that now use our products every single day. Learn more at [www.gogovapps.com](http://www.gogovapps.com)

**When will the App be available to residents ?** The App will be available to residents mid July-August 2022!

**Do we have to subscribe and pay a fee?** The App is FREE and will be available for download at Google Play and Apple App Store.

**County 311-**Much like the County 311 App, the **Belle Isle GoGov App** can be used to report potholes, tree issues, code violations, and **much more.**



## Important Numbers

### Mayor

Nicholas Fouraker  
[mayor@belleislefl.gov](mailto:mayor@belleislefl.gov)  
407-868-1317

### Council Members

District 1  
Ed Gold  
[egold@belleislefl.gov](mailto:egold@belleislefl.gov)  
407-717-6772

District 2  
Anthony Carugno  
[acarugno@belleislefl.gov](mailto:acarugno@belleislefl.gov)  
689-500-8508

District 3  
Karl Shuck  
[district3@belleislefl.gov](mailto:district3@belleislefl.gov)  
407-717-7846

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Bob Francis  
City Manager  
[bfrancis@belleislefl.gov](mailto:bfrancis@belleislefl.gov)

Belle Isle Police Department  
Office: Mon-Fri (407) 240-2473  
Non-Emergency (407) 836-4357  
Police Emergencies 9-1-1

Code Enforcement Officer  
407-849-8450

Public Works Department  
Derreck Adkins  
[dadkins@belleislefl.gov](mailto:dadkins@belleislefl.gov)  
689-500-3473

Universal Engineering  
Building Permits  
(407) 581-8161

Zoning Permit Review  
Raquel Lozano, Planner  
[planner@belleislefl.gov](mailto:planner@belleislefl.gov)  
407-793-5348

## What to plant for wildlife in June

# Pineapple Sage

## Salvia elegans

Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. Provides birds with seed, nectar and insects.

With a sweet fruity scent, pineapple sage is a tender perennial and is best grown in rich, evenly moist, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates light shade, poor soils and some drought. May appreciate some light afternoon shade in the heat of summer.



**UF** | IFAS Extension  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



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CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

### What to put in your—Recycling Bin – THINK 5

- PLASTIC. Bottles, jugs, and tubs labeled #1 - #5 [Leave the LID on].
- METAL CANS. Tin, aluminum, and steel.
- GLASS. Bottles and jars [Take the LID off].
- CARDBOARD. Flattened corrugated boxes.
- PAPER. Newspapers and advertisements. Paper bags. Junk mail. Magazines and catalogs. Office/notepaper.

**NO plastic bags!!!**  
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**NO plastic bags!!!**

# CITY OF BELLE ISLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1521 Nela Avenue \* Belle Isle, FL 32809 \* phone 407-240-2473 \* fax 407-240-2222 \* www.belleislefl.gov

**Non-Emergency Dispatch Number 407.836.4357**



## BELLE ISLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCES

CH 10, ART III, SEC 10-61 THROUGH 10-69

### Do you know the NEW FL S.S. 316.293(2) on Vehicle Noise:

(a) No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle or any other noise-abatement device of a motor vehicle operated or to be operated upon the highways of this state in such a manner that the noise emitted by the motor vehicle is above that emitted by the vehicle as originally manufactured.

### Are you tired of the noise coming from the lake?

The Belle Isle Police Department is committed to enforcing the new noise ordinance, but we need your help! If you are tired of the noise coming from the lake, talk to your neighbors and help put a stop to the loud, vulgar music coming from the lake.

### See Something Say Something

Police officers cannot be the victim of a noise complaint! However, per [Belle Isle City Ordinance](#), "When two or more persons residing in separate residences...are in general agreement as to the times, durations, and disturbing nature of the noise, such testimony will constitute prima facie evidence of a noise disturbance."

### Shared Evidence

Residents must be willing to make a statement for officers to be able to take any law enforcement action. With two or more complainants, the officer can only ask the violator to turn the music down—SS 162.21(3)(b).

## False Alarm Program

Provide a layer of security  
and peace of mind

**If you have an alarm system in the City of Belle Isle, you MUST register it.**

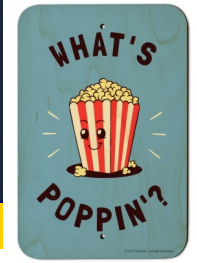
The City Council of the City of Belle Isle passed Ordinance 18-14 amending Chapter 15-75, which provides for the installation, maintenance, and operation of security alarms and regulations designed to inhibit the occurrence and re-occurrence of false alarms.

The City of Belle Isle requires residents to obtain an alarm installation permit to install security alarms. When functioning correctly, home security alarms provide homeowners a layer of security and peace of mind. Please review these suggestions to avoid false alarms at your home or business:

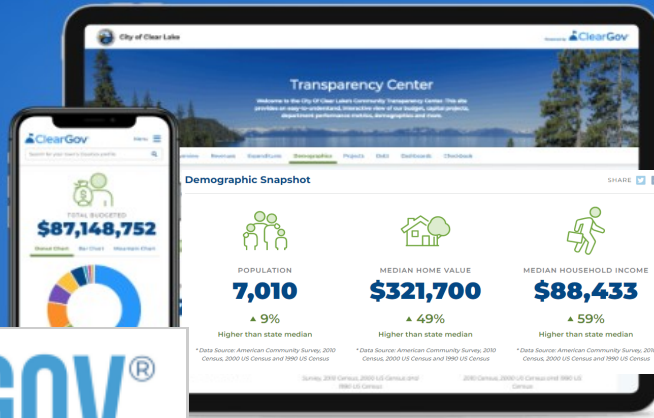
- Ensure you have obtained a City of Belle Isle Alarm Installation Permit
- Request your alarm company to inspect your system annually and regularly check the batteries on your system, particularly after power outages.
- Routinely check contacts on your doors and windows to ensure they are in good condition and adequately adhered to the surface.
- Ensure there is a sufficient pet path to avoid activation when your pet walks around your home.
- Everyone with access to the system must know the proper Code and how to arm and disarm the system.

If the alarm is set off accidentally, immediately contact the alarm company and be available until they have contacted you so you can alert them the activation is accidental. More information can be found in Chapter 15-75 (b) of the City Code at [www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov). Please review the entire Code to ensure you comply. ■

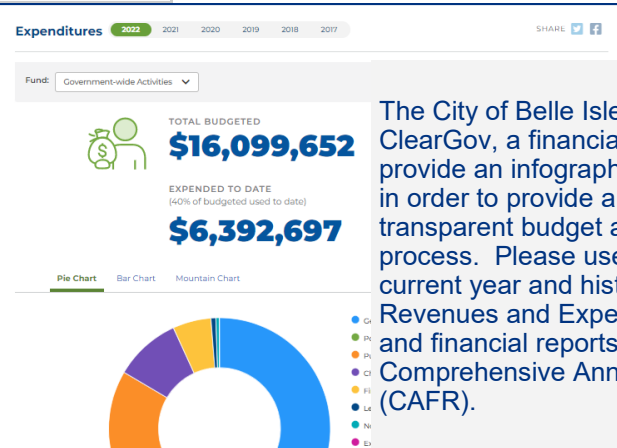
Call the Belle Isle Police Department non-emergency number at 407.836.4357. Tell the operator you are a Belle Isle resident, you need an officer dispatched, and you want to meet with the officer!



# Financial Information Made Easy



Residents want to know how their tax dollars are being spent and they don't want to scroll through complex financial documents to figure it out.



The City of Belle Isle has partnered with ClearGov, a financial transparency platform, to provide an infographic-based fiscal dashboard in order to provide a more inclusive and transparent budget and financial process. Please use the link below to view current year and historical budget data, Revenues and Expenditures, City Check Book and financial reports, including the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

In addition, the city partnered with ClearGov to provide financial transparency and a business intelligence tool that dynamically presents the city's check book, revenues and expenses, from historical trends to line item level details. Community members can utilize ClearGov to gain a better understanding of the city's budget and actual financial data.

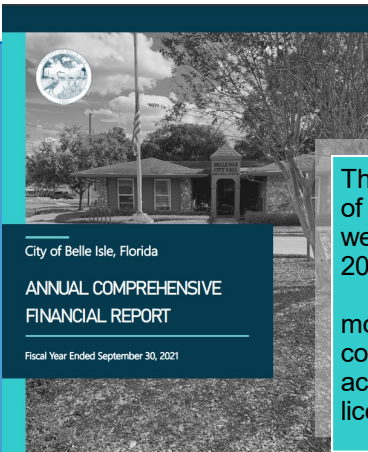
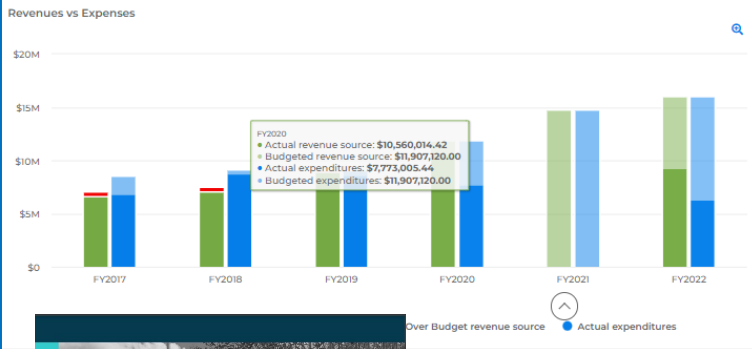
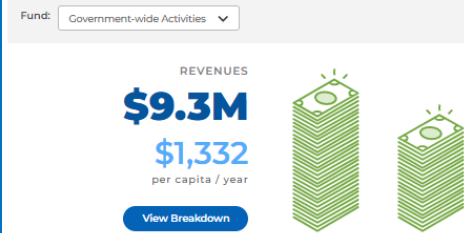
Visit ClearGov at:

<https://cleargov.com/florida/orange/city/belle-isle>

Or the City's website at

<https://www.belleislefl.gov/finance/page/financial-transparency-center>

## Financial Overview



The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report-ACFR, (formerly known as CAFR) of the City of Belle Isle, Florida for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 is available on the City's website and the Auditor Generals website at [https://flauditor.gov/pages/mun\\_file%20pages/belle%20isle%20city%20of.htm](https://flauditor.gov/pages/mun_file%20pages/belle%20isle%20city%20of.htm).

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish, within nine months of the close of each fiscal year, a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.



# Ever Want to Know Why or Why Not ?



Visit: [https://library.municode.com/fl/belle\\_isle/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/belle_isle/codes/code_of_ordinances)  
Or the City's website at [https://library.municode.com/fl/belle\\_isle/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/belle_isle/codes/code_of_ordinances)



CodeBank

## New Code Updates

### **ORDINANCE 22-01—Annexation Sienna Condos—Adopted**

RELATED TO ANNEXATION; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND PROPOSING TO ANNEX THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS SIENNA PLACE CONDOMINIUM CONSISTING OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT (168) INDIVIDUAL CONDO UNITS

### **ORDINANCE 22-02—Noise Regulations on Waterways—Adopted**

AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III SECTION OF THE BELLE ISLE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE NOISE GENERATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND VESSELS WITHIN THE CITY AND USE OF SOUND EMITTING DEVICES ON WATERWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-

### **ORDINANCE 22-03—Amending Golf Cart Ordinance—Review**

### **ORDINANCE 22-05—Judge/Daetwyler Prohibitions—Adopted**

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC UPON MUNICIPAL ROADS, AMENDING THE BELLE ISLE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE I, SECTION 30-3 – HEAVY TRUCKS PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS TO PROHIBIT HEAVY TRUCKS FROM TRAVELING ON JUDGE ROAD AND DAETWYLER DRIVE

### **ORDINANCE 22-06—Artificial Turf Moratorium—Adopted**

ADOPTING A 180-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR LANDSCAPING; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT ACCEPT, PROCESS, OR CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF DURING THE MORATORIUM

*Have you ever wondered,*

- ? what home repairs need a permit;*
- ? if a tree can be removed,*
- ? is the sidewalk in front of your home the City's responsibility. Or,*
- ? Ever wanted to know what other Cities are doing with their code.*

**Anyone can answer those questions with a simple click at [https://library.municode.com/fl/belle\\_isle/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/belle_isle/codes/code_of_ordinances)**

The codification – or organization – of ordinances is essential to the governmental function. It provides local governments and citizens with a body of current, enforceable laws that makes the code easy to use and reference.

Abiding by the City's [Code of Ordinances](#) helps all of us to be good neighbors and encourages pride in neighborhoods and the City. The codes are in place to establish and maintain standards for the community's health, safety, and aesthetics. City staff periodically reviews the ordinances to ensure the regulations are functioning effectively. If improvements can be made to the existing rules, amendments are proposed by City staff for consideration by the Mayor and City Council. Once the Council approves the modifications or new regulations, these ordinances become law and are enforced by staff.

## DID YOU KNOW?

What is the difference between an Ordinance and a Resolution?

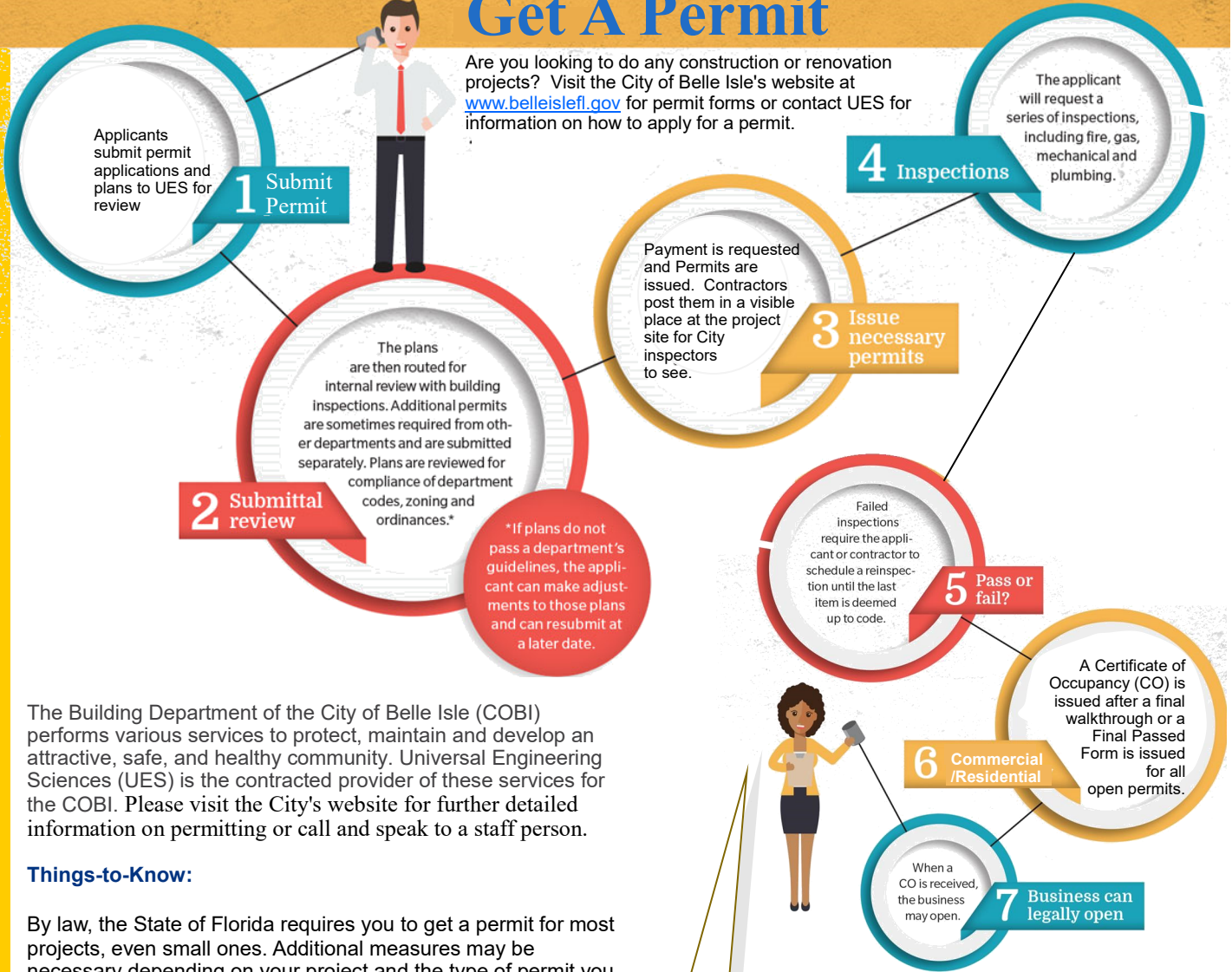
A resolution generally states a position or policy of a city.

An ordinance is more formal and authoritative than a resolution. An ordinance is a local law that usually regulates persons or property and usually relates to a matter of a general and permanent nature



# Get A Permit

Are you looking to do any construction or renovation projects? Visit the City of Belle Isle's website at [www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov) for permit forms or contact UES for information on how to apply for a permit.



The Building Department of the City of Belle Isle (COBI) performs various services to protect, maintain and develop an attractive, safe, and healthy community. Universal Engineering Sciences (UES) is the contracted provider of these services for the COBI. Please visit the City's website for further detailed information on permitting or call and speak to a staff person.

## Things-to-Know:

- By law, the State of Florida requires you to get a permit for most projects, even small ones. Additional measures may be necessary depending on your project and the type of permit you need.
- Please allow 24-48 hours to process after your applications have been submitted. Please email them to [COBIPermits@UniversalEngineering.com](mailto:COBIPermits@UniversalEngineering.com).
- If your project value exceeds \$2,500, you will need to file a Notice of Commencement (NOC) with the Orange County Comptroller's Office before issuing the permit.
- Payment is due upon receipt and is acceptable through checks made payable to the "City of Belle Isle" or credit card.
- Different permits need inspections at various points in the project. It will expire if your permit is open for six months without an inspection. For next-day inspections, please send your request by 3:00 p.m.
- Once you complete and pass your inspections, the permit will be final. If you don't close out your permit, this could cause issues later when trying to sell your property.
- If you need to submit any changes to the approved plans, upload corrections for review and approval to [COBIPermits@UniversalEngineering.com](mailto:COBIPermits@UniversalEngineering.com)

### Zoning Permits issued at City Hall include:

Fences, ROW, Driveways, Pavers, Tree Permits, Golf Cart Permits, Business Tax License, Rental License, Boat Ramp Decals and Parking Passes.

**City Hall**  
1600 Nela Avenue  
Belle Isle, FL 32809  
T(407) 851-7730  
F(407) 240-2222

**Universal Engineering Services**  
3532 Maggie Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32811  
T(407) 581-8161 \* F(407) 581-0313

[www.belleislefl.gov/business/buildingdepartment](http://www.belleislefl.gov/business/buildingdepartment)

Permit Applications  
Application for Building Permit (Land Use)  
Application for Electrical Permit  
Application for Gas Permit  
Application for Mechanical Permit  
Application for Plumbing Permit  
Application for Roofing Permit  
Application for Low Voltage Alarm System  
Application for Window/Door Permit (size-for-size)  
Application for Permit Extension  
Application for Certificate of Occupancy/Completion  
Application for Swimming Pool Permit

Miscellaneous Forms  
Swimming Pool Safety Affirmation Form  
Owner-Builder Disclosure Statement  
Pre-Power Agreement Form  
Product Approval Form  
Revision Application Form  
Power of Attorney Form  
Notice of Commencement Form  
Certification of Service Disconnect Form

Permits Submittal: [COBIPermits@UniversalEngineering.com](mailto:COBIPermits@UniversalEngineering.com)  
Inspection Requests: [BDscheduling@UniversalEngineering.com](mailto:BDscheduling@UniversalEngineering.com)

Pay by Credit Card: Credit Card Payment Authorization Form



# IS YOUR CONTRACTOR ON THE LEVEL?

## BEWARE

While they might look the same, **THERE ARE CRITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A LICENSED CONTRACTOR AND A FRAUDULENT OR UNLICENSED ONE.** Recognizing these differences can save you significant stress, time, money, and legal hassle.

Recently, unregistered tree companies have been coming into the City and contracting property owners for work, especially on weekends when they know City Hall is closed. All tree companies have to be registered with the City. Unregistered companies may not have insurance and may charge you for extra work that you didn't ask for. If you use an unregistered tree company, you may be subject to a fine; not the tree company. Before using a tree service, we ask that you contact City Hall, and the City staff will tell you if that company is registered. Under the Belle Isle Municipal Code, Section 48-63 (d)(4): **Use of unregistered tree removal service and landscape architect prohibited.** No commercial tree removal service shall be used by the owner or occupant of the property unless the service has first registered with the City. In addition, all Contractors shall remove all debris (yard or building) from the residence. JJ's Waste and Recycling nor the City are responsible for removing debris. A violation of this subsection (d)(4) may be brought before the city code enforcement magistrate according to section 14-31 et al., as an irreversible violation subject to the imposition of a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 per violation.



## WARNING SIGNS OF AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR



**A REQUEST IS MADE FOR FUNDS UP FRONT.** Payments should only be for portions of work or services already provided.



**YOU ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THE PERMITS YOURSELF.** If an owner obtains their own permits, the owner is responsible for the entire permitting process—including acquiring a certificate of occupancy or notice of commencement, if required.



**BUSINESS CARD DOES NOT DISPLAY A LICENSE NUMBER.** Licensed contractors are required by law to include their license number in all advertising.



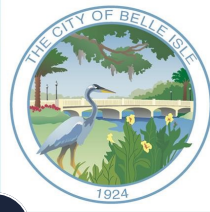
**THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT WILLING TO PUT ALL TERMS IN WRITING AND OFFERS ONLY A VERBAL CONTRACT.** It is paramount to have a written contract signed by both parties that includes the contractor's license number and description of work.



**THE CONTRACTOR INFORMS YOU THE PROJECT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT.** Make a quick call to Belle Isle City Hall at 407-851-7730 or Universal Services Building Inspections at 407-581-8161 to verify the scope of the job.



**THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDED A LICENSE BUT YOU'RE NOT SURE IT'S VALID.** An Occupational license or Tax certificate does NOT qualify an individual to act as a contractor.



## Red, White, and Blue No Bake Ice Box Cake

(By Admin Assistant, Heidi Peacock)

- 19 oz graham crackers
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 (3.4 oz) packages Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 2-1/2 cups cold milk
- 12 oz Cool whip (or homemade whipped cream)
- 3 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1-1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 oz white chocolate chips

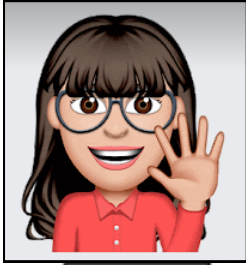
1. Beat cream cheese and dry pudding mixes in large bowl with mixer until blended.
2. Gradually beat in milk.
3. Gently stir in Cool Whip or homemade whipped cream, reserving 1/2 cup.
4. Spread a thin layer of cool whip in a 9x13 pan just to coat the bottom.
5. Layer 5 graham crackers across the center of the pan, then 2 more, breaking them as needed to fit around the top and bottom edges.
6. Spread a layer of pudding mixture over graham and top with a layer of blueberries and sliced strawberries.
7. Place graham crackers on top of berries, then pudding mixture, then layer of berries again.
8. Repeat the graham-pudding-berries layers 1 more time (3 times total) and you should reach the top of the pan.
9. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight until the graham crackers have softened completely.
10. When ready to serve, melt white chocolate chips in a bowl as directed on package and drizzle over dessert. ■





# Around the City

with Madam Clerk



The Office of the City Clerk is dedicated to connecting residents to their local municipal government. Below are a few of the services that we provide. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at 407-851-7730 or via email at [cityclerk@belleislefl.gov](mailto:cityclerk@belleislefl.gov). The Office of the City Clerk is here to serve you.

## Inside the City Clerk's Office



Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BOOKS  
CITY  
CLERKS  
CONTRACTS  
COUNCILPERSON  
DOCUMENTS

INFORMATION  
NOTARY  
OFFICE  
ORDINANCES  
PASSPORTS  
PUBLIC

RECORDS  
RESIDENTS  
RESOLUTIONS  
RESOURCES

Visit the City's website or call City Hall to learn about other programs available to our Residents.

[www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov) or call 407-851-7730

# POPCORN FRIDAY

CITY HALL—1600 NELA AVE  
3:00-4:30 PM  
The **First Friday** of every month starting August 2022.





*Preserving and enhancing buffers and berms & swales are great stewardship practices to protect your lake, even when not required for the original development.*

# Best Management Practices

## CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, BUFFERS AND BERMS & SWALES

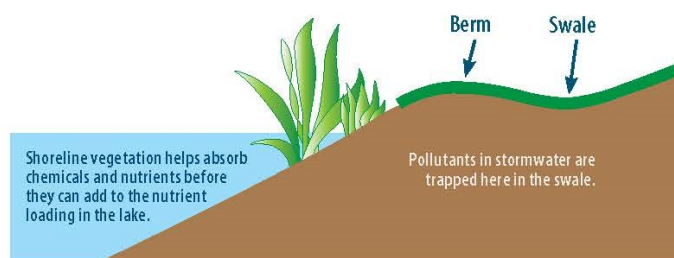
Often installed by the developer as a condition of their building permit, homeowners may be required to maintain a conservation easement, buffer or berm & swale just upland from the normal high water line. These areas are designed to mitigate the impacts of the homes within a subdivision on a lake or wetland, and protect the near-shore ecosystem. You may be restricted from or be required to obtain permits for any activity within these areas. You can contact EPD at 407-836-1400 to find out what is and isn't permitted. Many times, this information gets lost in the shuffle when buying a home, so it is important that homeowners are proactive in determining if their property has a conservation easement, buffer or required berm & swale. This information should be on the property plat and is also available through the Orange County Property Appraiser, [www.ocpafl.org](http://www.ocpafl.org).

### What are Buffers and Conservation Easements?

Buffers and conservation easements are restricted places on a piece of property designed to protect the adjacent natural resource, such as your lake. These areas are intended to be left natural to provide a buffer between the development and the surrounding ecosystem. Buffers and conservation easements may exist between your yard and a lake, stream or wetland.

### What is a Berm & Swale?

A berm and swale is a low hill and associated depression incorporated into the landscape, typically parallel to the shoreline. This area slows and captures runoff and allows water and pollutants to percolate into the ground. This prevents pollutants and excess nutrients from entering the lake from your yard. Homeowners should maintain their berm and swale. Swales should not be filled in or planted with trees, shrubs or other woody plants. Plants and fill material will prevent the swale from functioning as designed.





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# Best Management Practices

## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

### Pools & Spas

Orange County prohibits the discharge of pool and spa water into storm drains and the stormwater system. Pool chemicals like chlorine can be toxic to fish and other aquatic life. To properly drain your pool or backwash your filter system, do the following:

1. Use a test kit to check that chlorine level is 0.01mg/L or less. If chlorine level is not ZERO, wait at least 48 hours and test again.
2. Check to ensure water is clear and free of debris and algae.
3. Test to be sure pH of discharge water is between 6.5 and 8.0.
4. **KEEP DISCHARGE WATER ON YOUR PROPERTY** by pumping slowly onto your yard. Keep discharges out of neighbors' yards and streets.
5. Rinse filters over yards and **NOT** over driveways or paved areas.
6. Dispose of all filter media such as diatomaceous earth in the trash.



**A Code Violation can lead to a fine.**

### Saltwater Pools

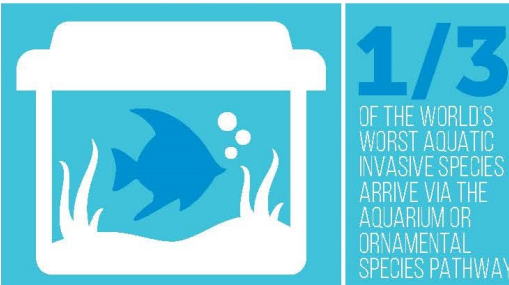
**High concentrations of salt can kill vegetation.** A pump truck may be needed to draw down large amounts of water. Small amounts can likely be diluted and be put on a lawn without killing plants, but never directed to the street or into ditches, stormwater ponds or storm drains.

### Aquariums

Local municipalities and the State of Florida spend billions of dollars each year trying to control exotic and invasive plant and animal species. Once released into the wild, these species can spread disease, outcompete native species, and decimate populations of native plants and animals. They may seem harmless but introduced exotic plants and animals can change entire ecosystems and lead to the loss of native species and habitats.

# STOP

NEVER DUMP PLANTS AND ANIMALS FROM AQUARIUMS INTO YOUR LAKE!



## Fertilize Responsibly! New Rules Effective June 1, 2022

Many fertilizers contain nitrogen and phosphorus, also known as *nutrients*. Pollution from nutrients harms our natural waterbodies – springs, lakes and rivers – by causing algae blooms and poor water quality.

**June 1-Sept 30**  
Apply only fertilizer with zero nitrogen and zero phosphorus

**Oct 1—May 31**  
Fertilizer containing nitrogen is permitted. However, it must contain at least 65% slow release nitrogen.

Always do the following: (1) Keep fertilizer at least 25 ft from natural water bodies, (2) Limit each application to 1 pound total nitrogen per 1,000 sqft (max 3 pounds per year); and (3) Use zero phosphorus unless a soil test shows a deficiency.

Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors.

Sign up for elerts at the city's website [www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov).





# GET INVOLVED IN CITY BOARDS & COMMITTEES


Meetings are open to the public. Need more information? Contact the City Clerk at [yquiceno@belleislefl.gov](mailto:yquiceno@belleislefl.gov).  
*A connected and involved community makes a stronger and happier place to live.*

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Questions to any Board or Committee can be forwarded to the City Clerk at [yquiceno@belleislefl.gov](mailto:yquiceno@belleislefl.gov)

**CITY COUNCIL** (Seven Districts—Elected At Large)  
Meet on the first and third Tuesday every month @ 6:30 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue

Mayor—Nicholas Fouraker <a href="mailto:mayor@belleislefl.gov">mayor@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-868-1317	District 4—Comm Randy Holihan <a href="mailto:district4@belleislefl.gov">district4@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717 7855
District 1—Comm Ed Gold <a href="mailto:egold@belleislefl.gov">egold@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717-6772	District 5—Comm Beth Lowell <a href="mailto:district5@belleislefl.gov">district5@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-457-2427
District 2—Comm Anthony Carugno <a href="mailto:acarugno@belleislefl.gov">acarugno@belleislefl.gov</a> / 689-500-8508	District 6—Comm Stan Smith <a href="mailto:district6@belleislefl.gov">district6@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717-8017
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**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD:** Appointed by District by City Council  
The Board is responsible for overseeing the compliance of the city ordinances.  
Meet on the fourth Tuesday every month @ 6:30 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue

Attorney: Dan Langley	District 3—Michael Stratham	District 6—Andrew Thompson
District 1—David Woods	District 4—Vinton Squires	District 7—Dr. Leonard Hobbs
District 2—Christopher Shenefelt	District 5—Rainey Lane	

**TREE BOARD** (Seven Members: Appointed At-large by City Council)  
The Tree Board protects our tree canopy, offer educational and informational speaking events on environmental issues.  
Meet on the second Monday every month @ 6:30 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue

Board member—Doug DeYoung	Board member—Richard Weinsier	Board member—Darcy Fritz
Board member—Hannah Wooten	Board member—Emily Wakely	Board member—Christopher Stalder
Board member—George Travis		

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD:** Appointed by District by City Council  
The Advisory Board assist our Police Department with communication throughout the community.

District 1—Ted Spruill	District 4—Randy Holihan	District 5—D. Dennis
District 2—Horton Johnson	District 6—Andrew Dunigan	District 7—Charlotte Hobbs
District 3—Allen Haskins		

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE:** Appointed At-large by City Council  
Meet Quarterly on the second Thursday @ 6:00 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue  
The Committee assists Staff to compare service proposals from various solid waste companies and present a recommendation to Council.

Board Member—Steve Jackson	Board Member—OPEN	Board Member—OPEN
Board Member—OPEN	Board Member—Frank Noge	Board Member—OPEN
Board Member—Richard Weinsier		

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Appointed At-large by City Council  
Meet on the third Wednesday every month @ 6:00 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue  
The Committee plans and executes special events (I.e., Holiday Tree Lighting Event) for our citizens.

Board Member—Maggie Burdette	Board Member—Betty DeJarnette	Board Member—Lora Brannan
Board Member—Holly Bobrowski	Board Member—Kathy McCoy	Board Member—Craig Huff
Board Member—Nicholas Fouraker		

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Appointed by District by City Council  
Meet on the Friday before the 2nd CC Tuesday meeting @ 3:00 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue  
The purpose of the Audit Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council in the selection of an auditor to conduct the City's annual financial audit and for other purposes as directed by City Council

District 1—Nate Davenport	District 4—Kevin Pierre	District 6—Nash Shook
District 2—Jackie Hoevanaar	District 5—Greg Platt	District 7—Ralph Yarbrough
District 3—Thad Taylor		