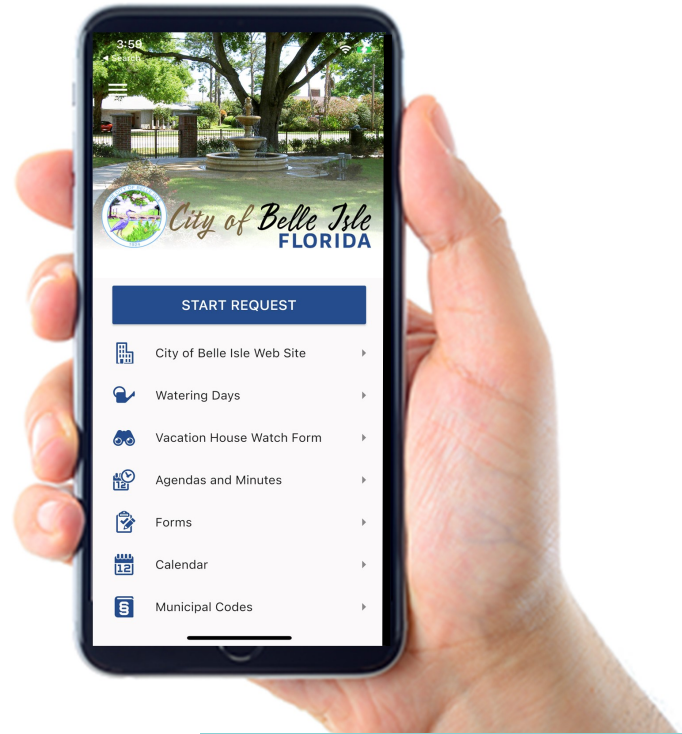


# CONNECTION

## New Citizen Engagement Mobile App



### Belle Isle Launches New Citizen Engagement Mobile App

The City of Belle Isle has launched a new App through GoGov, a government software company providing an official 311 service for the public called “MyBelleIsle”. This new platform will improve how residents receive

information, report problems, and track service requests remotely and on-location through Apple and Android smartphones.

The new MyBelleIsle-GoGov Platform will make it even easier for Belle Isle residents and visitors to communicate with City staff and request City services while on the go. By adopting the GoGov platform we can provide better City services for everyone, deliver exceptional customer service and enable City Departments to react, repair, and address quality of life issues. (continue on page 2)

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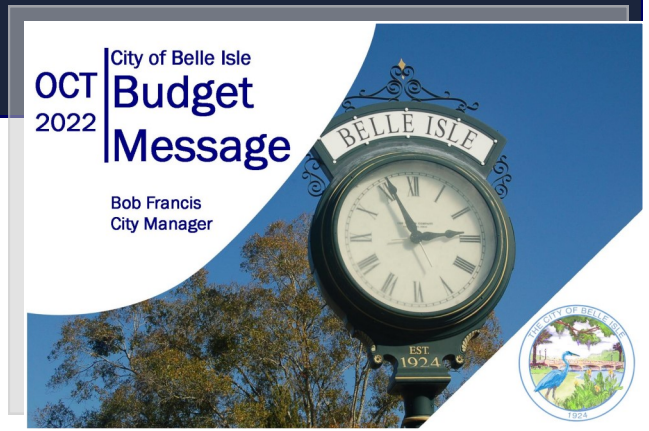


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New Citizen Engagement  
App- GoGov

We are very excited about this new platform because it will share with the public the knowledge database used internally by our staff, providing convenient online access.

The new App allows Belle Isle residents and visitors to Belle Isle to quickly and easily report issues by sending pictures, a brief description, and a map-based location. Whether reporting issues such as graffiti, potholes, or street cleaning, the City's new App simplifies and streamlines the process, ensuring it routes directly to the appropriate servicing department for quicker response time. The user can view the status of their case in the App and receive a notification of its completion. The App offers one more way users can communicate with City staff for non-emergency City services and information.

The new App is available on both Apple iPhone and Android platforms and can be downloaded free from the Apple iTunes App Store and the Google Play Store, respectively - Search "MyBelleIsle-GoGov" to find the App or scan the QR Code.



**H**onorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, and Citizens of Belle Isle, I am pleased to submit the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budget in accordance with the City Charter.

Over the last year, the City worked to make its way out of the pandemic and has worked to re-open City facilities. I am proud to present this annual budget, which reflects our efforts to bring the City and the community out of the pandemic successfully and seamlessly.

As part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the City of Belle Isle received approximately \$3.6 million in federal stimulus relief. In September 2021, the City received its first tranche disbursement of approximately \$1.8 million. City staff recommended that Council allocate federal stimulus relief to support stormwater infrastructure, general fund projects, premium pay for first responders, fill staffing shortages and to restore revenue that was negatively impacted by the pandemic.

In accordance with this recommendation, of the total \$3.6 million, \$740,148 was allocated to the Stormwater Fund for infrastructure projects (Barby Lane Project, Cross Lake Rebuild Project, and the Sol Avenue Rebuild Project). These projects are current in either construction or design. The remainder of these funds were placed in the General Fund for fiscal recovery, first responder premium pay, and general fund projects, one of which was the Swann Beach Deck Renovation. The second tranche of funds is expected in September 2022 to be included in the FY2022-2023 Budget. These funds are allocated to public works projects such as additional street paving and park development.

Over the past year, the City installed Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) on Hoffner Avenue and

improved the RRFB on Daetwyler at Seminole. The RRFB at Seminole also has an in-road lighting system that adds an additional warning to this crosswalk. We are working with Orange County to provide in-road lighting as at the Hoffner/Monet crosswalk as a pilot project for Orange County.

The City continues to repair and replace much needed infrastructure and equipment that was in very poor shape; we completed projects that will benefit the citizens for years to come; we continued to fund many one-time projects such as rebuilding the Swann Beach Deck, improving crosswalks on busy thoroughfares, and paving our streets. This next year, the City's Public Works Department will focus on reconditioning the grass swales on Nela Avenue to reduce the flooding. To enhance roadway safety, the City will install four additional red light cameras at busy intersections and the City will install license plate readers to assist the BIPD with instant notification of vehicles passing through Belle Isle that have outstanding warrants associated with the vehicle owner.

In FY21-22, the City had several personnel changes. At City Hall, the City Planner changed from a contracted position to a full-time in-house position and a new Finance

# Important Numbers

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Technician position was created to assist the Finance Director. In Public Works, the City authorized two additional positions. One of those positions was filled and the other remains vacant. Once the vacancy is filled, the Public Works Department will go to a 7-day schedule. The BIPD also increased its staffing with three additional officers. Part of this increase is due to the annexation of Sienna Place Condominiums with anticipating annexing the Conway Shopping Plaza (Publix). These additional officers also add to the marine patrol and regular patrols.

For this budget, as in past budgets, the City continues to account for expenses in the fund in which they occur. This provides a more accurate accounting of expenses in the fund. For example, the City Manager, Finance Director, and Public Works provide services to stormwater and the charter school, and this budget distributes those costs to the other funds based on a percentage of time spent in those funds. Different from last year, CCA is expected to refinance the City's 2012 bonds. When this occurs, the Charter Debt Service Fund will end and some of those expenses will go back into the General Fund.

This budget maintains the current level of service from FY21-22. Using the assumptions that are presented, this budget represents a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year without raising property taxes.

**THE BUDGET**

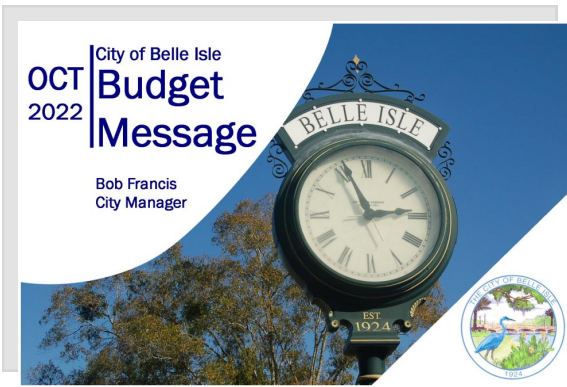
The City of Belle Isle's budget provides a financial plan that integrates Council goal-setting and supports the City Council Priorities and Initiatives. It also represents the official organizational plan by which City policies, priorities and programs are implemented. The budget serves as a planning and communication tool with residents, businesses and employees about how the City's financial resources are allocated to provide services to the community.

The budget details all of the expenses and revenues that the City needs to provide quality services for its citizens for a full fiscal year (October 1st - September 30th). The fiscal year name is based on the calendar year when the fiscal year ends. The budget is one of the City's most important work product. The budget serves a number of functions. At the most basic level it is a legal document that gives local government officials the authority to incur obligations and pay expenses. The City does not have as many funds as other cities. The two main funds are the General Fund and the Stormwater Fund.

The General Fund provides approximately 86% of the total operating budget for all governmental funds. The total preliminary City budget (all funds), including reserves, is \$15,263,289, a decrease of \$1,254,476 (-7.6%) from the FY21-22 amended budget of \$16,517,765. We attribute this to the closing of the Charter School Fund. (continued on page 4)

| FUNDS                          | REVENUES         |                   | EXPENDITURES     |                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                | FY 21/22 AMENDED | FY 22/23 PROPOSED | FY 21/22 AMENDED | FY 22/23 PROPOSED |
| General Fund                   | 11,931,633       | 13,177,192        | 11,931,633       | 13,177,192        |
| Transportation Impact Fee Fund | 150,388          | 111,288           | 150,388          | 111,288           |
| Stormwater Fund                | 1,562,192        | 1,247,197         | 1,562,192        | 1,247,197         |
| LE Education Fund              | 17,995           | 15,495            | 17,995           | 15,495            |
| Charter Debt Service Fund      | 2,393,940        | 0                 | 2,393,940        | 0                 |
| Equipment Replacement Fund     | 19,516           | 270,016           | 19,516           | 270,016           |
| 2020 Bond Project Fund         | 442,101          | 442,101           | 442,101          | 442,101           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                  | 16,517,765       | 15,263,289        | 16,517,765       | 15,263,289        |





**THE BUDGET PROCESS**

The budget process started in June with the city staff receiving guidance from the City Council on goals for next year during a workshop. These goals include hiring a consulting firm to put together detailed plans for traffic improvements to Hoffner Avenue, Judge Road, Daetwyler Drive, provide more enforcement of traffic especially on the major roads in the City (Hoffner, Judge, Daetwyler and McCoy) and also increased enforcement by the BIPD Marine Patrol. The Council also wants to start the planning for two significant events that will occur in 2024: updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan which will set a roadmap for the City for the next 15-20 years, and to hire a consultant to assist the Special Events Committee to plan for the City’s Centennial Anniversary Celebration.

Departments submitted their budgets to the Finance Director in June and the proposed budget was presented to the Budget Committee for review in July. The Budget Committee, made up of citizens from each of the City’s seven voting districts appointed by the City Council, is responsible to review and make recommendations on the annual operating budget as proposed by the city manager and to review and make recommendations on annual capital expenditures as proposed by the city manager.

The following individuals serve on the Budget Committee: District 1-Nate Davenport, District 2-Jackie Hoevenaar (Secretary), District 3-Thad Taylor (Chair), District 4-Kevin Pierre, District 5-Greg Platt, District 6-Nash Shook (Vice-Chair) and District 7-Ralph Yarbrough.

The Committee held two workshops in July to review each fund. City staff attended the workshops to answer questions. The Committee reviews and may revise the proposed budget before it goes to the City Council for adoption. At the final workshop held on July 15, 2022, the Committee made final recommendations to be sent to the Council.

The City Charter requires that on or before the first council meeting in August of each year, the city manager shall submit to the council a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and an accompanying message. The Council holds a series of workshops on the budget (August 11, August 18, and August 25) then will hold two Public Hearings on the budget (September 6 and September 20). The Council adopts the budget at the second public hearing. These meetings are designed to give the public ample opportunity to participate in the budget process. Any person may appear to discuss any item in the budget.

To read more about City Funds and their allocations, please visit our website and view the Proposed Budget at <https://www.belleislefl.gov/finance/page/annual-budget-and-capital-improvement-program>

**FUND OVERVIEW:**

- General Fund (Fund 001)
- Transportation Impact Fee Fund (Fund 102)
- Stormwater Fund (Fund 103)
- Law Enforcement Education Fund (Fund 104)
- Charter School Debt Service Fund (Fund 201)
- Capital Equipment Replacement Fund (Fund 301)
- Capital Improvement Rev Note 2020 Project Fund (Fund 303)

**Notable Financial Assumptions:**

- No tax millage increase for the 14<sup>th</sup> year
- The City will receive the second tranche of ARPA funding (\$1,813,000)
- Use of ARPA funding for additional paving and stormwater projects
- Maintains current excellent levels of service to the community
- Maintains a 25% reserve in the General Fund as recommended by the Budget Committee
- City expects to use FY2022-2023 to plan for major road improvements and Centennial Celebration in 2024
- Start the planning for updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan in 2024
- Partner with Orange County on road and stormwater projects
- Salaries for BIPD are in accordance with the Police Pay Plan (approximately 4% increase)
- 4% COLA and 1% merit is programmed for Non-uniform Employees
- Increase Non-uniform retirement to 16%
- Increase Police retirement to 18.5%
- The City expects rent to be received from Cornerstone Charter Academy (CCA)
- CCA will remove \$8 million in debt from the City by refinancing the 2012 bonds
- Provide a major investment in sidewalk repair and replacement city-wide
- Invest in social media to provide a better platform for communication

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**FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)**

The capital program consists of a clear general summary of its contents; a list of all capital improvements which are proposed to be undertaken during the five (5) fiscal years next ensuing, with appropriate supporting information as to the necessity for such improvements; cost estimates, method of financing and recommended time schedules for each such improvement; and the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired. The plan may be revised and extended each year with regard to capital improvements still pending or in process of construction or acquisition.

For this fiscal year, the following projects are included in the CIP:

| <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 2020 BOND PROJECT FUND</b> |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Land Purchase – TBD                               | 442,101          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>\$442,101</b> |

| <b>STORMWATER FUND</b>      |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| LCERA Lake Lot Drainage     | 325,000          |
| Seminole/Daetwyler Drainage | 25,000           |
| Barby Lane Upgrade          | 196,250          |
| St. Partin Pipe Replacement | 25,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$571,250</b> |

| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                          |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Paving in District 3 and District 5          | 453,000            |
| Gene Polk Park (Delia Beach) Sidewalk & Deck | 45,000             |
| Sidewalk Replacement (City-Wide)             | 500,000            |
| Park Equipment                               | 52,000             |
| PW Warehouse Improvements                    | 40,000             |
| Refurbish City Tower Clock (at BI Commons)   | 28,700             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>\$1,118,700</b> |

**CONCLUSION**

This budget has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, Section 5.02. It includes details and explanations of proposed budget items as well as a line by line comparison of the proposed budget and current budget.

This fiscal year, FY 2022-2023 will be a planning year for the events that will occur in calendar year 2024. In 2024, the City will observe its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration, the City will update its' comprehensive plan, and the City will make traffic improvements on Judge Road and Daetwyler Drive and work with Orange County to make road improvements on Hoffner Avenue.

I would like to thank the Council for all of your efforts and leadership during this past year. We have a terrific city staff and they displayed remarkable dedication throughout the year and as a Council, you recognized their efforts.

The City is very fortunate to have a healthy reserve in the General Fund but this reserve will not last without additional sustaining revenues added to the General Fund. Through ARPA, the City has been able to restore some of its lost revenues and complete important infrastructure projects, but these will be a one-time restoration that will not sustain the City in future years. We also cannot depend on assessed values on property to continue to rise.

There has been little discussion about sustaining revenues at the Budget Committee level over the past year but they will start the discussions soon so we can be ready for next year. The annexation of commercial property will not be enough to sustain the City. The Council discussed many goals that they want to accomplish to provide the high level of service that the residents of Belle Isle have come to expect.

A copy of this budget has been filed with the City Clerk and is available for inspection at City Hall. Notice of submission of this budget and the public hearing will be provided to the media as required by law. A copy of this budget will also be available on the City's website to facilitate its examination by our citizens.

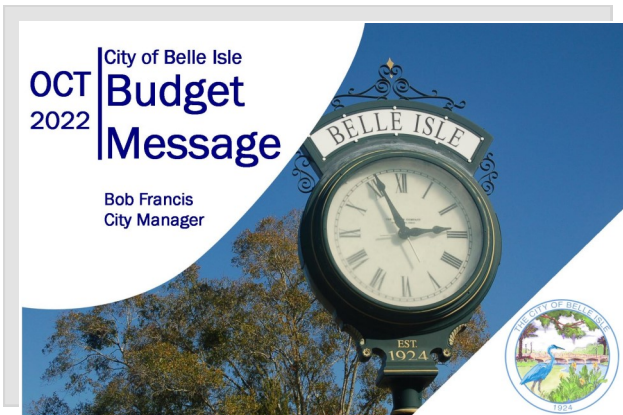
In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Budget Committee Members for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment to producing this budget and to Finance Director Tracey Richardson for her exceptional institutional and financial knowledge, and to the department heads for their efforts in preparing this budget.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Bob Francis, ICMA-CM  
 City Manager ■



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# What can the Planning Department *Do for you?*



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## New Code Updates

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-07**—AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE I TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS RELATED SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AND REQUIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE MAINTAINED BY ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND CREATING ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM FOR THE SAME.

### Hurricane Ian Emergency Ordinances

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-08**—AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN IDLE SPEED, NO WAKE ZONE TO REGULATE THE WAKE CREATED BY BOATS, VESSELS, AND WATERCRAFT PROPELLED OR POWERED BY MACHINERY ON THE CONWAY CHAIN OF LAKES; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN OPERATION STANDARD FOR THE BOATS, VESSELS, AND WATERCRAFT IN THE IDLE SPEED, NO WAKE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 22-09**—AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE WITH THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR; ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS PREPARATION FOR AND THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IAN; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVEN DAYS EXPIRATION UNLESS TERMINATED EARLIER OR EXTENDED FURTHER.

Please welcome Raquel Lozano, your City Planner. Ms. Lozano was hired as the full-time in-house Planner and is available to answer zoning questions residents and local businesses may have. i.e., Not sure if you need a permit for a home project? Are you looking to install a new pool or boat dock on your property but don't know whom to call to ensure your plans comply with Code?

The Planning Department also researches Code material, reviews permits to meet City regulations, and imparts information and counsel to the Planning and Zoning Board and City Council. We encourage all Belle Isle residents to contact the Planning Department if there are any questions or concerns regarding a permit application. We can guide you through the application process for City permits and provide commentary on building permit proposals related to the City Code.

To review the Land Development Code for Belle Isle, type in a quick search online for [https://library.municode.com/fl/belle\\_isle/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/fl/belle_isle/codes/code_of_ordinances). Anyone can access the criteria for boat docks, sheds, swimming pools, new single-family homes, and other Code considerations. As Staff works to refine the Code as necessary, we rely on the direction of the people and our City Representatives to shape the future of this community. That is why following land use decisions and developments within and around the City is so important.

Thinking about the future of our community means understanding the planning policies set forth to shape the City for the long term. The land use decisions set forth by the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Council affect your options to build and use your property. Community engagement has many forms, but you can start by speaking with your City Commissioners and government departments, reading the City's online newsletter, and following our social media page on Facebook.

### Public Opinion Survey: Artificial Turf on Residential Lots

A moratorium has been set on artificial turf until the Planning and Zoning Board can determine if the synthetic product should be allowed within City limits for residential properties. For example, the public demand for artificial turf has recently come under scrutiny by City Staff and City Representatives.

We encourage all residents to complete a public opinion survey on artificial turf <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BelleIsleArtificialTurf> or visit our website for a link [www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov).

City staff and the P&Z Board will review the results, which may impact the recommendation of said board members. To read a Staff Report regarding artificial turf, go to <http://www.belleislefl.gov> to check the meeting minutes of the Aug 3, 2022 P&Z Meeting.

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/](https://library.municode.com/fl/belle_isle/codes/)



# CITY OF BELLE ISLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Non-Emergency Dispatch Number 407.836.4357**



## Marine Patrol



The Belle Isle Police Department, Marine Patrol Unit, is committed to keeping the Conway Chain of Lakes safe and enjoyable for all boaters. Officers are on the water 12 hours per day on the weekends and all three days during holidays. While spending the day on the water may appear to be an easy job, working conditions for these officers are extremely taxing with the sun, heat, and storms and in full uniform. While they write tickets to lawless boaters, they also educate boaters about proper boating etiquette. Please take a moment to thank these officers for their unwavering commitment to your safety! ■

## Belle Isle Police Vehicle/ Boat Design Contest

**December 1, 2022, through June 1, 2023**

**PRESS RELEASE: October 1, 2022**

**MEDIA CONTACT: Deputy Chief Grimm**  
407-240-2473, [tgrimm@belleislepolice.org](mailto:tgrimm@belleislepolice.org)

The Belle Isle Police Department is looking for talented artists who want to see their personal designs/photos on some of the new police vehicles! While we love the look of our current vehicles, we are looking for a design that reflects the beauty and landmarks of Belle Isle (i.e., Lake Conway Horizon, Nela Bridge, or City Hall Clock). Since we have so many talented artists in Belle Isle, we thought this was a great opportunity to ask for their help!

From December 1, 2022, through June 31, 2023, we will accept designs from any interested resident who would like their design displayed on the City Police Department vehicle/boat. Photos submitted will be used exclusively for City purposes, and all photos will be credited to the photographer.

There is no age requirement to enter the contest, but you must be a resident of Belle Isle. More general rules and vehicle templates for design can be found at [www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov) on December 1, 2022.

As this is a public contest, we will announce the winner's name on our website, and social media pages after the vehicle have been outfitted with the design. The winner will be contacted before the public announcement.

We look forward to seeing what your creative minds come up with! After viewing the general rules on our website, further questions from artists can be sent to City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno, [yquiceno@belleislefl.gov](mailto:yquiceno@belleislefl.gov). ■



# CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

## FOOD Waste

Do you feel uncomfortable about throwing your food waste in with your trash that goes to the landfill, where it will increase greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to global warming?

Putting your food waste into the trash makes you think it doesn't have a cost to all of us, but it does. Landfills must provide materials to combat the greenhouse gases produced by food waste, plus we pay more on our Belle Isle non-ad Valorem taxes for trash pickup because of all the extra weight that food creates.

Consider buying food with more thought about how and when you will use it. That way, you will have less food waste.

Still, no matter what we do, there will be food waste. We can give more love to our planet by **not** sending food waste to landfill, but it will also come with a cost differently.

So, if you care about your family's future, consider these options before putting your food waste in the trash that goes to the landfill.

1. **Front door food waste pickup:**
  - ◇ O-town Compost
2. **Compost Systems.**
  - Indoor Electric Composters
    - ◇ Lomi by Pela Earth
    - ◇ FoodCycler by Vitamix
    - ◇ Tero Composter
    - ◇ FoodCycler by Breville
    - ◇ Zera Food Recycler by WLabs
    - ◇ Electric Tumbler Composter by BeyondGreen
    - ◇ Small-Scale GG-02 Electric Composting Unit by Oklin
  - Non-Electric Indoor Composters
    - ◇ Worm Factory Indoor Composting Bin
    - ◇ Bokashi Indoor Microbial Composter
  - Outdoor Composter
    - ◇ Jora Compost Tumbler
    - ◇ Compost Wizard Tumbler
    - ◇ Garden Tower Vertical Garden w/Composter System

## What the dates on food items mean:

- Stores use "**Sell By**" dates to determine when to sell an item. The Sell By date is not a safety deadline but may indicate products are sitting on the shelf longer.
- Even if a "**Best By**" date has passed on the food you have at home, it should be safe to consume if stored and handled correctly. The Best By date is recommended for the best flavor or quality.
- When a product reaches its "**Use By**" date, it means it's no longer at peak quality, according to the manufacturer.
- Visit <https://www.webmd.com/diet/features/do-food-expiration-dates-matter> to learn more about food expiration dates.

# CITY OF BELLE ISLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belle Isle Police Department is proud to introduce our three new police officers. These officers successfully completed the police academy and are currently in field training. All three are bilingual and bring valuable life skills to our agency.



The Belle Isle Police Department has five full time crossing guards who are committed to the safety of all Cornerstone Charter Academy students and their families. Not only do they help students cross roadways, they are part of the overall school safety plan. Crossing guards provide extra eyes and ears around the school. They must complete annual certification training that includes classroom and practical exercises. **Please take a moment to thank a crossing guard!**



Neither excessive heat nor rain and storms nor gloom of day stays these wonderful crossing guards from ensuring your kids are safe!





# Around the City

with Madam Clerk



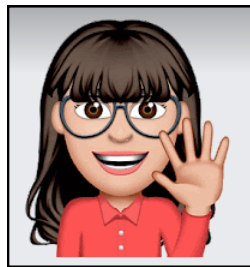
**Slow-Cooker  
Apple Pudding Cake**  
(By Heidi Peacock)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cups plus 1/4 cup sugar, divided
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 1 cup milk
- 2 medium tart apples
- 1-1/2 cups orange juice
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

In a small bowl, combine the flour, 2/3 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in milk just until moistened. Spread into the bottom of a greased 4- or 5 -qt. slow cooker; sprinkle apples over batter.

In a small bowl, combine orange juice, honey, melted butter, cinnamon and the remaining 1/4 cup sugar; pour over apples. Cover and cook on high 2-3 hours, until apples are tender.

Serve with a scoop of ice cream or glass of milk. ■



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## CALL FOR MEMBERS

The City of Belle Isle has a few openings on City Boards and Committees. If you live in the City of Belle Isle and you are interested in becoming part of your City Government, send a [letter of interest](#), [resume](#), and [application](#) for City Council consideration via email to the City Clerk at [yquiceno@belleislefl.gov](mailto:yquiceno@belleislefl.gov). Applications can be found on the City's website at [www.belleislefl.gov](http://www.belleislefl.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!

### CURRENT OPENINGS:

- [Planning & Zoning Board](#)—Appointed by City Council, District 3
- [Solid Waste Committee](#)—Appointed At-Large: 4-openings
- [Tree Board](#)—Appointed At-Large: 1-opening

## EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

- CCA Ductoberfest—October 15, 2022
- Halloween—October 30, 2022
- General Election—November 8, 2022
- Veterans Day—November 11, 2022 (City Hall Closed)
- Qualifying for Districts 1 & 7—November 14-18, 2022
- Thanksgiving Day—November 24-25, 2022 (City Hall Closed)
- Light the Way, Christmas Event—December 7, 2022
- Santa Ride—December 14-15, 2022
- Boat Parade—December 16, 17 & 18, 2022
- Christmas—December 25, 2022 (City Hall Closed Dec 26)



## POPCORN FRIDAY

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



**CITY STAFF**

City Hall (Mon-Fri: 8:00 am—5:00 pm)  
1600 Nela Avenue  
Belle Isle, FL 32809  
Facebook: cityofbelleisleflorida  
Website: www.belleislefl.gov  
Phone: 407-851-7730 / Fax 407-240-2222

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Administrative Office (Mon-Fri: 8:00 am—4:00 pm)  
1521 Nela Avenue  
Belle Isle, FL 32809  
Facebook: belleisleflpolicedepartment  
Administrative Office: 407-240-2473  
Non-Emergency Number: 407-836-4357

# Best Management Practices

## SUSTAINABLE POOL

Pool and spa discharge water often contains algaecides, bromine, chlorine, muriatic acid, salt, diatomaceous earth (DE) powder, and sand at harmful environmental levels. When not properly managed, pool and spa discharge waters can pollute our lakes, rivers, springs, and wetlands, harm aquatic animals and plants, and reduce water quality. Learn how to prevent pool pollution of our surface waters.

**Important:**

- **Never** drain pool or spa water into a septic system as this may cause a system failure.
- **Never** discharge directly into a street, storm drain, creek, pond, lake, river, or other surface water body.
- Pool construction sites must apply best management practices (BMPs) to keep all materials and chemicals onsite.
- Homeowners are responsible for violations on their property; enforcement and fines could result from illicit discharges.
- Dewatering activities may require a separate permit from Orange County Public Works, Orange County Development Engineering Department, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and the Water Management District.

**I need to drain a pool. Can I drain pool water into a storm drain, ditch, pond, or lake behind the home?**

No. Pool water typically contains hazardous chemicals, and when discharged into a storm drain, ditch, canal, inlet, or any other portion of a stormwater management system, wetland, or waters of the County, it is considered an illicit discharge into the County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and is a violation under Chapter 15, Article IV, Section 15-115.

**How do I prepare pool water for discharge?**

Follow the steps below before draining your pool:

1. STOP adding chlorine or salt for several days before you plan to discharge pool water onto a grassy area. Ten days is adequate to dissipate chlorine before discharge onto a lawn.
2. Use a test kit to check that Total Chlorine levels are 0.01 mg/L (ppm) or less. If Total Chlorine is not zero, wait at least 48 hours and test again. If chlorine levels are high, you can consider using dechlorinating additives such as Sodium Thiosulfate to neutralize chlorine.
3. Test pool water to be sure pH is between 6.5 and 8.0 s.u.

**What not to do?**

**Never** drain pool or spa water into a septic system, as this may cause a system failure.  
**Never** discharge directly into a street, storm drain, creek, pond, lake, river, or other surface water body.

**What is Pool Pollution?**

Pool and spa water may contain harmful chemicals such as algaecides, bromine, chlorine, muriatic acid, salt, diatomaceous earth (DE) powder, and sand. These contaminants pollute our lakes, rivers, springs, and wetlands, harm aquatic animals and plants, and reduce water quality.

**What are best management practices (BMPs)?**

- Best management practices (BMPs) have been determined to be effective and practical means of preventing or reducing non-point source pollution to help achieve water quality goals. BMPs include both measures to avoid pollution and to measures from mitigating pollution.
- Before draining your pool, test the water quality.
- When draining your pool, pump water at a low rate across your lawn. A recommended discharge rate of 25 gal/min or less will allow your lawn to absorb discharge water.
- In the trash after draining your pool, dispose of all filter media, such as diatomaceous earth (DE).



# 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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**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

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| Mayor—Nicholas Fouraker<br><a href="mailto:mayor@belleislefl.gov">mayor@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-868-1317               | District 4—Comm Randy Holihan<br><a href="mailto:district4@belleislefl.gov">district4@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717 7855 |
| District 1—Comm Ed Gold<br><a href="mailto:egold@belleislefl.gov">egold@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717-6772               | District 5—Comm Beth Lowell<br><a href="mailto:district5@belleislefl.gov">district5@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-457-2427   |
| District 2—Comm Anthony Carugno<br><a href="mailto:acarugno@belleislefl.gov">acarugno@belleislefl.gov</a> / 689-500-8508 | District 6—Comm Stan Smith<br><a href="mailto:district6@belleislefl.gov">district6@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717-8017    |
| District 3—Comm Karl Shuck<br><a href="mailto:district3@belleislefl.gov">district3@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717-7846    | District 7—Comm Jim Partin<br><a href="mailto:district7@belleislefl.gov">district7@belleislefl.gov</a> / 407-717-6545    |



**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

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| Attorney: Dan Langley            | District 3—OPEN           | 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

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| 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.  
Meet on the first Wednesday every month @ 3:00 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue

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| District 1—Ted Spruill   | District 4—Bruce Lincoln  | District 5—Dale Dennis     |
| District 2—Woody 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.

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| 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.

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| 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

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| 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      |                         |                            |