

CONNECTION

Happy Holidays



Belle Isle Chief of Police, Travis Grimm

The holiday season is a time for Belle Isle staff to express our sincere appreciation to the community. This year was filled with many changes for the city, but your support and encouragement motivated us to develop and grow throughout the year and we would like to thank all visitors who attended Light the Way 2023!

An early expression of Christmas' "true meaning" includes bringing others the greatest happiness. I commend all our residents and employees who made a special effort this year to give back to our community. You are the inspiration for our commitment to the City of Belle Isle to serve our community through the work we do continually. We look forward to serving Belle Isle through all the challenges and opportunities 2024 will bring.

I am writing today as your Chief of Police, a role I am deeply honored and humbled to hold. Since my appointment earlier this year, I have been committed to serving and protecting the people who call this place home and upholding the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and accountability.

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Over the past few months, I was honored to be your Interim City Manager, which put my duties as Chief of Police on hold. However, with the recent appointment of Rick Rudometkin as the next City Manager, I am excited to step back into my role as your Chief of Police starting next year.

Rick Rudometkin will start on January 1, 2024, and will be a great addition to our city. Our search for a new manager was broad and extensive. Rick brings with him nearly 25 years of experience in city government. He most recently served as the deputy city manager in Huntsville, Texas, one of the fastest-growing communities outside the Houston area. As a seasoned executive, he embraces new ideas and is committed to implementing the best management practices to ensure the city's continued economic vitality, development, and growth.

I am confident that the lives of Belle Isle residents will benefit from Rick's leadership, along with that of the Mayor and City Council. His background gives him a great sense of our culture and an ability to safeguard the priority of maintaining Belle Isle's close-knit community qualities. Rick will ensure our city staff fulfills all that is expected of the city and more.

Belle Isle continues to prove that a fiscally conservative government can provide for the needs of our residents without raising taxes. Our discipline over the years has attracted like minds to help us increase the quality of our municipal services without placing the burden of increased taxes on our taxpayers' shoulders.

Rick said during the search process: "My years of municipal and county government experience, including the private sector, have given me the ability to successfully help lead the City of Belle Isle into a prosperous and sustainable future. I am very excited about joining the Belle Isle team and family. My family and I look forward to the next chapter of our lives in Belle Isle!"

Belle Isle's elected officials and staff are united behind these strategic priorities. We will continue executing our plan to benefit our citizens today and provide for the city's future for generations. Please join me in welcoming Rick!

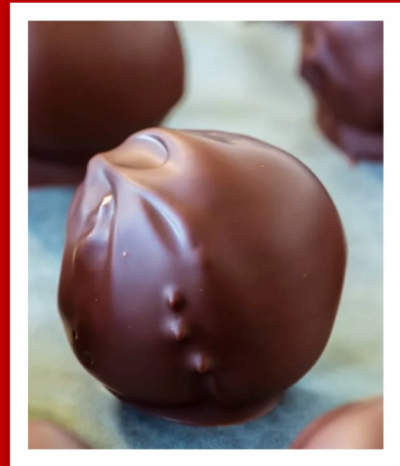
**From myself, the Mayor, Council,
Police Department, Public Works, and Staff,
our warmest wishes to you and your family
this holiday season and a happy, healthy,
and successful New Year.**

**Chief Travis Grimm
Interim City Manager**

Happy Holidays

4-ingredient Peanut Butter Balls

(By Heidi Peacock, Finance Admin)



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3 Tbsp salted butter softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 Tbsp vegetable shortening or coconut oil optional

Instructions

- Mix the peanut butter and softened butter together in a mixing bowl. Gradually stir in powdered sugar until fully combined. Cover and place in the fridge for about 15 minutes to firm up.
- Using your hands, shape the dough into 1-inch balls. Place the balls on a baking sheet, cover, and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes (this will hold its shape for dipping).
- Melt the chocolate chips according to package instructions.
- Using a fork, dip the peanut butter balls one at a time into the melted chocolate. Allow the excess chocolate to fall off. Place the chocolate balls onto wax paper, cover, and refrigerate until ready to serve. ■



Around the City

with Madam Clerk



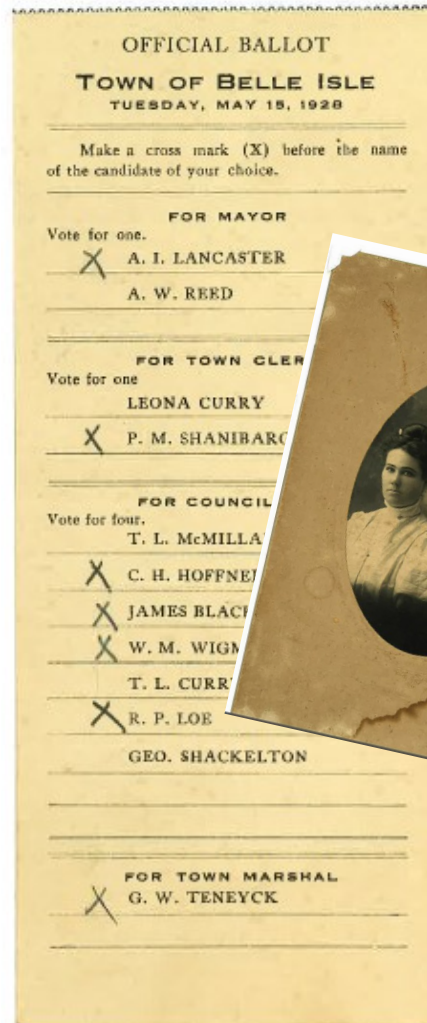
City of Belle Isle Celebrating it's 100th Anniversary—October 2024

The City of Belle Isle is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2024! The city will share highlights of Belle Isle's history all year, host contests, and encourage residents to join the celebrations by sharing photos, videos, and memorabilia. The city events will be even more spectacular while we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our beautiful city.

The City of Belle Isle has a rich and diverse history reflecting its citizens' spirit and their determination to build a strong community. Belle Isle was settled in the late 1800s, and the City of Belle Isle was incorporated in April 1924 for the purpose of protecting the waters of the Conway Lakes and the unique quality of life enjoyed by its residents.

In April 1924, a few people met for the purposes of forming their own government for this area in Orange County, and by ballot vote of more than two-thirds of those present, the name Belle Isle, meaning Beautiful Island, was chosen.

Check back often on the city's website at www.belleislefl.gov for more exciting celebration history as we move through 2024 to celebrate the city's 100th anniversary. The Special Events Committee has designed a logo for the anniversary; once released, we will invite all residents and local businesses to use the logo to promote the event. More to Come in 2024!



Venetian Gardens (Lucille Johns)

The Office of the City Clerk is dedicated to connecting residents to their local municipal government. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to call Yolanda Quiceno at 407-851-7730 or via email at cityclerk@belleislefl.gov.

So, What is a Comprehensive Plan Update? Take the Survey.

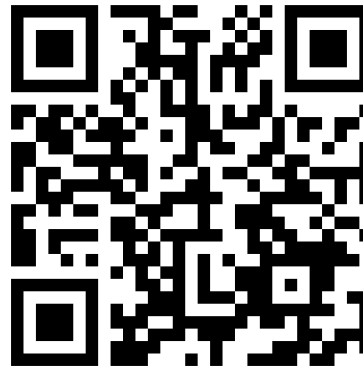
We're seeking feedback on the Belle Isle 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Comprehensive planning is an important tool for cities to guide future development, protect natural resources and ensure a high quality of life. The Plan Update shapes the City's goals over the next twenty years around housing, transportation, economic development, natural and cultural resources, land development, and more.

Hearing from you is an important part of this process! Your experiences, opinions, and goals as a member of the community will help inform the priorities of the update. This will help create a community-based plan that speaks to the aspirations of Belle Isle residents and business owners. Please keep in mind that the survey is not meant to solve daily issues that most cities face, such as garbage pickup or code enforcement. Instead, it is intended for general feedback on urban planning-related topics that may impact the City over the next twenty to thirty years.

For example, one question asks residents to prioritize the need for additional non-residential uses like commercial, office, and industrial. If most responses denote that the City's framework should remain the same, as a primarily residential community, then the Comprehensive Plan update could include policies related to expansions to the City's boundaries, while providing for policies that protect residential neighborhoods and not encourage non-residential growth within the existing City boundaries.

RVi has created this survey specifically for the City and its residents. These broad questions provide important data to support plan updates as utilized in our past projects across the State of Florida. The information gathered from the survey will be presented to the City Council and the Department of Commerce (state reviewing agency). It will help guide the decision-making process for policy updates in the Comprehensive Plan. All these topics and key issues



of concern to residents will also be explored at a Community Workshop in 2024.

To stay up to date on this important project, please visit the City's Comprehensive Plan Update webpage:

<https://www.belleislefl.gov/planning/page/so-what-comprehensive-plan-update-take-survey>



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Citizen Engagement Mobile App



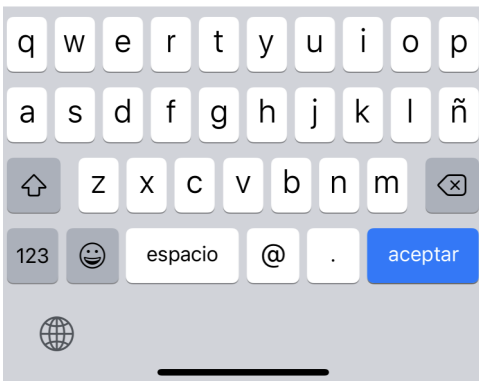
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CALL FOR MEMBERS

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. Applications can be found on the City's website at www.belleislefl.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

Let Crimeline Save the Holidays with our Porch Pirate bounty. Crimeline is offering a reward of \$500 in the month of December for any tips that lead to the identity or capture of porch pirates.

CRIMELINE
800.423.TIPS
crimeline.org

\$500 REWARD

For the month of December 2023, Crimeline is offering a \$500 bounty for anonymous tips that lead to the identity or capture of **"Porch Pirates"**.

Call 800-423-TIPS or visit crimeline.org to give a tip.

Remain anonymous.

#**crimelinesavestheholidays**

CITY OF BELLE ISLE

Questions to any Board or Committee Member can be forwarded to the City Clerk at yquiceno@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.
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

Mayor—Nicholas Fouraker
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District 1—Comm Ed Gold
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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 1—David Woods
District 2—Christopher Shenefelt

District 3—Randy Holihan
District 4—Vinton Squires
District 5—Rainey Lane

District 6—Andrew Thompson
District 7—Dr. Leonard Hobbs

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—OPEN
Board member—OPEN

Board member—OPEN
Board member—OPEN

Board member—OPEN
Board member—Christopher Stalder

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

District 1—Ted Spruill
District 2—Woody Johnson
District 3—Allen Haskins

District 4—Bruce Lincoln
District 6—Andrew Dunigan

District 5—Dale Dennis
District 7—Charlotte Hobbs

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—OPEN
Board Member—OPEN
Board Member—Richard Weinsier

Board Member—OPEN
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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—John Tremblay
Board Member—Holly Bobrowski
Board Member—Nicholas Fouraker

Board Member—Betty DeJarnette
Board Member—Kathy McCoy

Board Member—Lynne Voltaggio
Board Member—Craig Huff

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 2—Jackie Hoevanaar
District 3—OPEN

District 4—Kevin Pierre
District 5—Kirk Leff

District 6—Nash Shook
District 7—OPEN