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A message from Mayor Fouraker

Happy Thanksgiving and Season's Greetings, Belle Isle!

I am very grateful to be in the holiday season especially seeing conditions improve dramatically since the pandemic. What a difference two years makes. This is also, such a great time of year to reflect on all that has been accomplished during this year despite things not being normal so I thought I would offer a summary of a few stand out accomplishments your local government achieved. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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Mayor's Message

Mayor Nicholas Fouraker

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For starters, City Council and I worked very hard to engineer ways to keep higher taxes at bay (see budget message later in the newsletter) in a time when we are seeing a 30 year high inflation rate. Costs are rising across the board. How did we do this? One initiative started last year when we instituted a budget committee and are seeing dividends from having awesome citizen involvement on this committee to review expenditures and investigate best practices that can lead to smarter ways to save money. Another initiative was to separate the City and Cornerstone financially into two separate stand-alone entities.

For the last few years, the City Council has been working on improving the relationship with Cornerstone Charter Academy(CCA): a marquee asset for our City in educating and raising the next generation of Belle Isle and Central Floridians. Early in my term, we held the first joint school board and City Council (to which I am on both) meeting to thaw tensions and promote unity between two important bodies that share many common interests. From there, since the inception of the school, the first landmark joint project was announced. This new partnership was able to create a master plan improving Wallace Field. The school will be able to use the field, and in return, they are investing in the improvements with the City. The school provided architectural drawings, civil engineering, and capital to add restrooms and an improved field with artificial turf. Wallace Field is going to be the first public park of its kind in Belle Isle, both in size and what it has to offer the community in wide-open green space with on-site parking and restrooms, all ADA compliant. I am proud to have been part of this project since before I was even the Mayor and cannot wait to use the field with my family and friends making memories and seeing others doing the same.

Shortly after this new deal and expansion were announced I attended a celebration at the CCA football homecoming for the first game on our new turf field while participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony with the other school board members and chief school officials.

In addition to the above two strategic initiatives, this City Council tackled other important endeavors: (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

This joint effort was a win for the school, City, and residents, which paved the way for a second landmark joint project with a major expansion of the Cornerstone campus and facilities, refinancing the current Belle Isle municipals bonds. The City was able to retire almost \$9,000,000 of debt, be relieved of the maintenance and capital expenditure burdens, and receive \$450,000 annually of rent for the almost 14 acres the City owns. This new deal included the former Bank of America (6300 Hansel Avenue) the City purchased, which the school's rent now covers most of the debt service for that real estate. This deal means the school will be able to increase the quality of programs, both academic and athletic, and improve the facilities and overall experience for each student, teacher, and staff. I am profoundly grateful to have worked closely with the school board, City Council, and leadership in making this next phase of CCA's growth and emergence as one of the top schools in the region.



Apple Coffee Cake

(By Admin Assistant, Heidi Peacock)

1/2 cup butter, softened
1-1/2 cups sugar, divided
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 medium apple, peeled and thinly sliced

In a large bowl, cream butter, and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla.

Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition.

In a small bowl, combine the nuts, cinnamon, and remaining sugar.

Spread half of the batter in a well-greased 10-in. tube pan with a removable bottom. (If you do not have one, a bundt pan will work, be sure it is well-greased). Top with apple slices and sprinkle with half of the nut mixture. Top with remaining batter, then with remaining nut mixture.

Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 30 minutes. Carefully run a knife around the edge of the pan to loosen. Enjoy with a warm cup of coffee or a chilled glass of milk. ■



Redistricting Belle Isle 2021

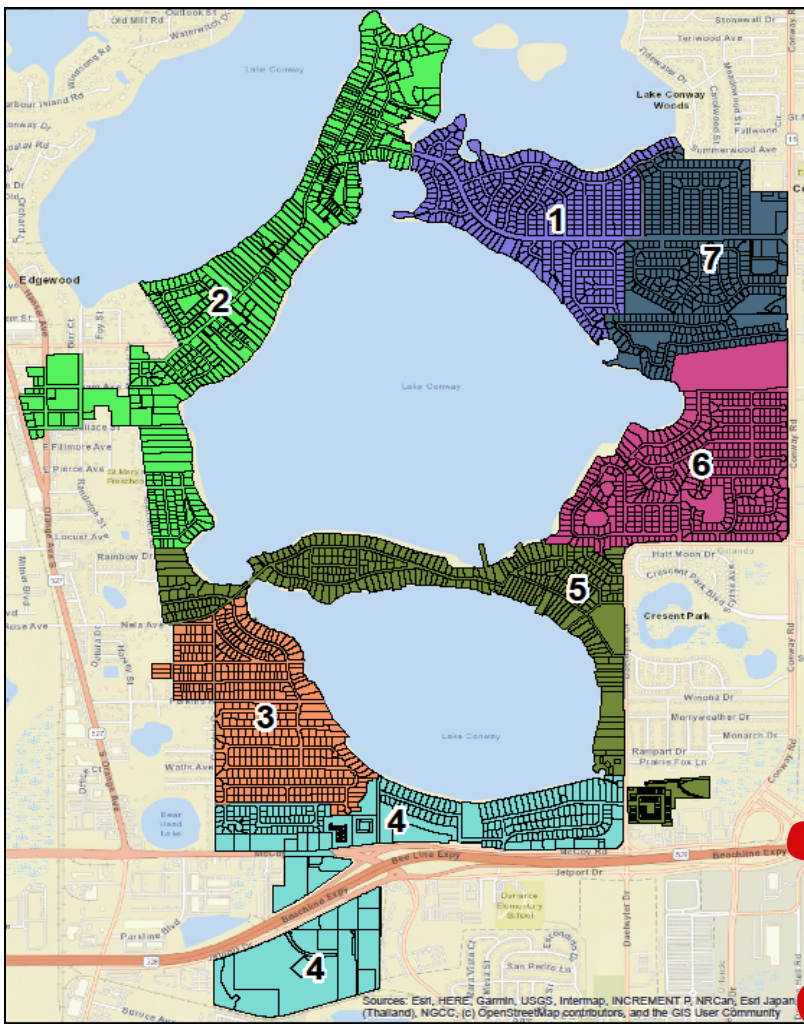
Draw the lines for fair & equal representation

Let's Talk Redistricting

City Manager Bob Francis

Under the City Charter, after every 10-year census, the City is required to look at its Districts to determine if there is equal representation in the Districts. A committee of citizens, appointed by the City Council, recently finished providing a report to the Council on how the Districts will change. To determine what District you are now in, please review the map below.. If you are not sure of the District you are in, please call the City at 407-851-7730 or email yquiceno@belleislefl.gov.

It is important to note that the City Council does NOT get involved in this process, and the City Manager and City Staff only provide the support necessary to the Redistricting Commission. The Commission alone has the responsibility to keep or redraw the Districts. ■



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Public Safety

- Addition of two new police officers for a total of 21 to the police department;
- A new additional marine patrol boat and entire new fleet of police vehicles;
- Lobbied the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (NAV Board) for an extra 200 hours of patrol time on the lakes provided by MSTU (Municipal Special Taxing Unit dollars).

Capital Improvements: Significant storm water improvements and paving projects.

Redistricting: Thank you to the redistricting committee that did an exceptional job balancing the City's districts.

Our staff at the City deserves to be commended for their prodigious work ethic, resourcefulness, and high level of care. We have a strong team that is fortunate to have such a longstanding commitment to the City. It also tells how good this City Council is. I am proud to be working alongside such consummate professionals that I am also fortunate enough to call neighbors. Thank you to our entire City team for all you do to make Belle Isle a wonderful place!

Another reason I am excited this holiday season is the return of special events. Our special events committee (of which I am a member) and City Council has dreamed up a special lineup of events and activities. We kick things off on December 8th at City Halls with our annual Light the Way event. Next is the Boat Parade Dec 17-20, followed by the Citywide Santa ride on December 21st and 22nd.

Thank you for reading this and for supporting the City of Belle. Come out and show your holiday spirit and City pride by participating in our wonderful holiday events. I love Belle Isle!

Happy holidays from your ever grateful Mayor, Nicholas Fouraker ■



Light the Way

CITY ORDINANCES — 2020-2021

Belle Isle Code of Ordinance



https://library.municode.com/fl/belle_isle/codes/code_of_ordinances

ORDINANCE 21-13—Change to Parking Code—Adopted

The City Council read Ordinance 21-13 for the first time at the October 5 Council meeting. This ordinance amends the parking section of the City Code. This change authorizes the BIPD to send a list of persons who have three or more outstanding parking violations to the Orange County Tax Collector. The Orange County Tax Collector will not issue a license plate or revalidation sticker to any person whose name appears on the list until the tickets are paid in full. The Ordinance was adopted by City Council on October 19th. ■

ANAC—Airport Noise Abatement Complaint Hotline

In the last several weeks, city commissioners have heard a lot of questions and complaints about increased aircraft noise due to the implementation of the FAA's new flight plan. We did the best we could during the objection period. Still, now the only effective way to reduce the noise levels impacting your peaceful enjoyment of your property will be for each of you to call the Orlando airport Noise Complaint Hotline. Messages left at this number are monitored regularly, and efforts are made to correct the problems.

To submit a noise complaint, please contact the Noise Abatement Officer kevin.thompson@goaa.org or at 407-825-2674. ■

Sec. 48-63. - Tree protection.

Use of unregistered tree removal service and/or 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. A violation of this subsection (d)(4) may be brought before the city code enforcement magistrate pursuant to [section 14-31](#), et al., as an irreversible violation subject to imposition of a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 per violation.

Registration requirements for tree removal service and/or landscape architect. Any commercial tree removal service which desires to provide tree removal services within the city must first register with the city by providing its business name, occupational license number, contact person, address and telephone number. Upon registration, the tree removal service shall be provided information regarding the city's permitting requirements as set out in this [section 48-63](#). ■

Visit the City's website for a copy of the Ordinances at www.belleislefl.gov

WAKE RESPONSIBLY

- 1 Stay at least 200 feet away** from the shoreline, docks, or other structures.
- 2 Keep music at reasonable levels.** Sound travels well over water. If it's loud enough to hear at 80 feet back, it is likely loud enough for homeowners to hear, too.
- 3 Minimize repetitive passes** on any one portion of shoreline. Once you've run the same line for a while, move on to another area.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WAKE

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"To Promote & Protect"

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The American
Rescue Plan
Act of 2021



Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, and Citizens of Belle Isle:

I am pleased to submit the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budget in accordance with the City Charter.

We are in unprecedented times. It is important to note that the FY21-22 budget still includes financial impacts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It is likely we will not know the full financial impact of COVID-19 for the next few years to come. The City did receive notice that we will receive a total of \$3,626,180 over the next two years from the State under the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). The City received its first tranche (disbursement) of funding (\$1,813,090). Of this amount, \$498,693 was allocated to the General Fund to replace the revenue lost during the pandemic shutdown. The remainder of the funding totaling \$1,314,397 was allocated to the Stormwater Fund for ARPA-eligible projects.

Before I go into more detail about the budget this year, I want to recognize and commend all of our City staff; Administration, Public Works, and Police for their commitment and dedication to the residents of Belle Isle during this past year. Working under strict COVID protocols and guidelines and by taking the necessary steps to keep themselves, their families, and our residents safe from COVID 19, their commitment to the City is truly commendable. They worked long hours under very strenuous conditions to keep the City safe and operational.



The staff put together a "needs" list and submitted to the Council as part of the draft proposed FY21-22 budget. It consisted of

personnel, equipment, and projects that would meet the Council's goals if the resources are available to fund them. These are needs that the City staff requires to provide the level of service to the City that the Council wants to see and what residents have come to expect.

Using the assumptions that are presented, this budget represents a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year without raising property taxes. The Budget Committee decided that it would be Council's decision to use reserves for these projects.

Notable Financial Assumptions:

- No tax millage increase for the 13th year
- Maintaining current excellent levels of service to the community
- Salaries for BIPD are in accordance with the Police Pay Plan (approximately 4% increase)
- 3% COLA is programmed for non-uniform employees
- Increase of non-uniform retirement from 14% to 15%
- Health Insurance increased by 10.5%; Dental has no increase; Vision increase of 5%
- Hiring for new positions will not occur unless additional funding is received
- Budgeted revenue will exceed expenditures by \$16,833 in the General Fund
- Prioritized needs list is available for review in the event additional funding is received
- The City expects ARPA Funds and possibly rent received from Cornerstone Charter Academy (CCA) to replenish reserves prior to the end of the fiscal year
- The City received its first tranche of \$1,813,090 from the ARPA Program. We will receive the second equal tranche next fiscal year for a total payment of \$3,626,180.
- \$498,693 of ARPA was allocated to the GF; \$1,314,397 was allocated to the SF.
- A prioritized "needs" list was created to determine what may be added to the Budget if additional revenues were received or to use reserves for specific projects (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

The budget process started in May with the city staff receiving guidance from the City Council on goals for next year. These goals included 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 discussed using the vacant Bank of America property for either a new police station or part of the CCA expansion. Traffic calming was also a goal of the Council.

Departments submitted their budgets to the Finance Director in June and the 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, is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on the annual operating budget and annual capital expenditures as proposed by the City Manager.

The Budget Committee held four workshops in July to review each fund. City staff attended the workshops to answer questions. The Committee worked at a disadvantage in that they did not have a quorum for one of the meetings and there has not been a full committee for some time. Most meetings have been with a minimum needed for an in-person quorum (4) with one member attending remotely.

As a quick overview, here is the adopted budget for FY21-22 for all funds compared to the FY20-21 amended budget:

FUNDS	REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
	FY 20/21 AMENDED	FY 21/22 ADOPTED	FY 20/21 AMENDED	FY 21/22 ADOPTED
General Fund	6,791,149	7,822,002	6,870,513	7,805,169
Transportation Impact Fee Fund	4,000	500	64,500	55,100
Stormwater Fund	392,087	1,720,238	560,155	1,491,850
LE Education Fund	2,500	2,000	6,200	6,000
Charter Debt Service Fund	1,050,141	1,037,341	958,588	1,419,173
Equipment Replacement Fund	1,000	500	0	0
2020 Bond Fund	0	0	2,057,900	442,100
TOTALS	8,240,877	10,582,581	10,517,856	11,219,392

With the direction from the Council and other needs of the City as determined by the City Manager and key staff members, the proposed budget could not provide the necessary resources to achieve the direction and goals set by the Council. The staff put together a "needs" list consisting of personnel, equipment, and projects that would meet the Council's goals if the resources are available to fund them. This list prioritized the needs that the City staff requires to continue to provide the exceptional level of service to the City that the residents have come to expect. At the final workshop held on July 23, 2021, the Committee made final recommendations to be sent to the Council along with the prioritized needs list. The Committee believed that the Council should decide what items to include from the needs list in the budget and where those funds will come from. The Committee also recommended that if reserves are to be used, they be used to fund "one-time" projects so a needs list item is

not funded over multiple years. The Committee also recommended that reserves should be 25% of the operating budget in the General Fund. Currently, the reserves are at 39%.

With the exception of the ARPA funds, this budget calls for no new revenues in the General Fund and an increase of the non-ad valorem stormwater rate by \$5 per residence. The Committee also recommended that the City Manager investigate the possibility of adding a fee to businesses; however this was preempted by the recent bill that the Governor signed into law this past year.

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. This past year, the City completed the stormwater projects at Delia Beach and we resolved a flooding issue on Stafford Avenue, Colleen Avenue, and at the corner of Seminole and Daetwyler that was a problem for residents for many years. With the ARPA funding received over the next two years, the City will make many improvements to the stormwater system. At the top of this list is the stormwater project on Sol Avenue. The City is also partnering with Orange County EPD and the Lake Conway Navigation Advisory Board to move other stormwater projects to the front of the priority list. Those will include Barby Lane, East Wallace Street, and other smaller projects.

Flooding problems, renovating the Bank of America property, annexation, working on Wallace Field, and continuing to work with Cornerstone Charter Academy on its expansion will be the focus for this fiscal year. The City has identified many places in the City where flooding continues due to inoperable grass swales or corroding pipes. This next year, the City's Public Works Department will focus on reconditioning the grass swales and replacing pipes. The City will look to

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install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) on Hoffner Avenue this year in the vicinity of Pleasure Island Road and Peninsular. The City also has scheduled to install permanent speed humps on Seminole Drive, Barby Lane, and Indian Drive. This project was requested by the residents as a way to stop cut through traffic and reduce speeding in this area.

This budget maintains the current level of service from FY19-20 and FY20-21. We are concentrating our resources on maintaining our current level of service, the safety of our employees (from the Delta variant), and completing some smaller projects that may have been delayed from last year. 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.

The budget is balanced with revenue from ad valorem and non-ad valorem taxes (franchise fees, state shared tax receipts; solid waste collection fees; fees for stormwater management; reimbursements for law enforcement; and development and review fees) and reserves.

A copy of the 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.

CONCLUSION

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

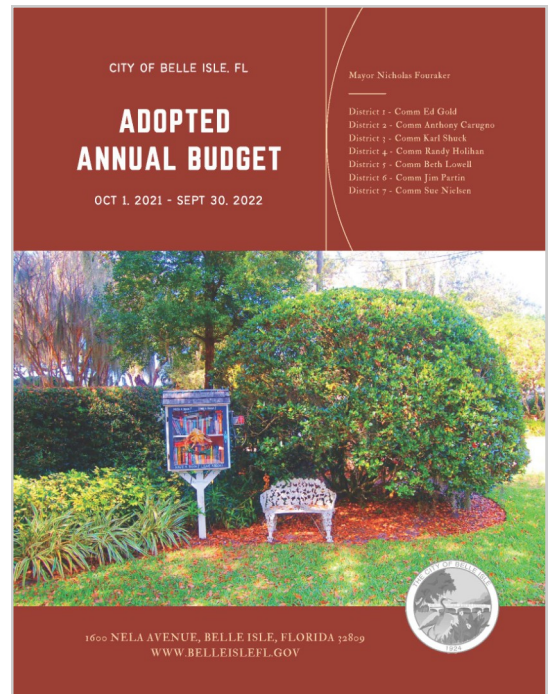
I would like to again thank the Council for all of your efforts and leadership during this continuing pandemic and the resurgence of the Delta variant. Your commitment to our employees has been exceptional and the response of the community as a whole to the COVID-19 pandemic has been truly amazing. I want to thank a great city team (administrative staff, Police, and Public Works) for all the hard work during this pandemic to keep the City safe and operating. We all hope for an end soon.

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. Although the City may be able to restore some of its lost revenues due to ARPA funding, this 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 until the final Budget Committee Meeting on July 23, 2021 which was too late for the City to enact any tax increase or establish any non-ad valorem assessments. In order for these to move forward, the Budget Committee or Council has to start now 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. As of this budget, we can provide basic services to the community as we do not have the resources to do more.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks 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
City Manager ■



Dana Sussmann, Senior Forester, Florida Forest Service

Mulch

The use of mulch in residential landscapes can be very beneficial. However, if mulch is applied improperly, it can cause problems that affect the health and stability of a tree.

The benefits of mulch include:

- Inhibiting weed growth
- Maintaining soil moisture
- Protecting the lower trunk from injury
- Buffering soil temperature
- Improving soil fertility
- Creating a finished look at the landscape.



Guidelines for proper application of mulch



Proper application of mulch

If applied incorrectly, mulch can

- Cut off oxygen to the roots
- Limit water availability
- Cause trunk decay
- Keep roots too wet in poorly drained soils
- Cause stem girdling roots
- Prevent access to required nutrients

Never pile mulch against the trunk of the tree.



Improper mulching is one of the easiest landscape maintenance mistakes to correct.

Correcting improper application of mulch requires removing the excess mulch and pulling mulch away from the base of the trunk.

The 'extra' mulch can be used elsewhere in your landscape.

Some residents prefer inorganic mulch such as landscape rock or shredded tires rather than organic mulch. However, inorganic mulch provides fewer benefits than organic mulch and may hinder tree growth.

The use of landscape rock can inhibit weed growth and protect the lower trunk from yard equipment damage. However, it WILL NOT help retain soil moisture, improve soil fertility or buffer soil temperature. Inorganic mulch may absorb heat during the day and then release this heat later. This "heat island" effect can be detrimental to plant health.

Inorganic mulch can damage the trunk if piled against it and create a dark, moist area for decay organisms to live. Stray rocks can become projectiles if run over by a lawnmower. Although the use of inorganic mulch may provide a more finished appearance to the landscape because it doesn't improve the condition of the soil or help conserve moisture, the use of organic mulch in residential landscapes is recommended. ◻ 0



For information about the use of mulch and other aspects of Florida Friendly Landscaping: <http://floridayards.org/index.php>

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MORE DETAILS

New Florida Code Enforcement Law

**F.S. 125.69 Penalties;
enforcement by code
inspectors.**

(b) A person designated as a code inspector may not initiate an investigation of a potential violation of a duly enacted code or ordinance by way of an anonymous complaint. A person who reports a potential violation of a code or an ordinance must provide his or her name and address to the governing body of the respective board of county commissioners before an investigation occurs. This paragraph does not apply if the person designated as a code inspector has reason to believe that the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources.



Code Enforcement Update



The City of Belle Isle transferred all Code Enforcement duties under the Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD) **effective October 1, 2021.**

BIPD is pleased to announce that Matthew Rabeau and Christian Rodriguez will serve as the Code Enforcement/Community Service Officers who will cover the City seven days a week. The Code Enforcement/Community Service officers' primary duties include;

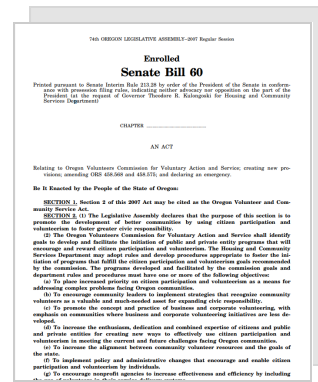
- Investigating all code violation complaints, including residential rentals, building permits, overgrown lots, inoperable vehicles.
- Issuing Notice of Violations to educate and solicit compliance
- Responding to non-hazardous calls for service and directing traffic
- Patrolling City streets, parks, and boat ramps looking for parking violations or other suspicious activities

Please direct all future calls and questions regarding Code Enforcement issues to the Belle Isle Police Department at 407-240-2473. The City will be implementing a system soon which will enable residents to text code complaints to the Code Enforcement Officers. Please watch for more details coming soon.

Senate Bill No. 60

Effective July 1, 2021 Senate Bill No. 60 was passed prohibiting code enforcement officers from addressing complaints that are submitted anonymously. Below is a summarization of the newly enacted bill:

"A person designated as a code inspector may not initiate an investigation of a potential violation of a duly enacted code or ordinance by way of an anonymous complaint. A person who reports a potential violation of a code or an ordinance must provide his or her name and address to the governing body of the respective board of county commissioners before an investigation occurs. This paragraph does not apply if the person designated as a code inspector has reason to believe that the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources." ■



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Best Management Practices

Virtual Connections

The City is going entirely virtual with the newsletter. Due to the City's continued commitment to the environment and with cost-effectiveness in mind, the City will no longer be mailing out hard copies of the quarterly newsletter. We are particularly mindful of creating Connections with our residents and their families and are happy to present you with the following electronic format that provides news, updates, articles, and upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help in any way. Contact information for the Mayor, City Council, Staff, and Boards are included in this edition.

Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors and encourage them to sign up for Belle Isle e-lets by visiting our website at www.belleislefl.gov.

YOUR GUIDE TO BACKYARD COMPOSTING



WHAT IS COMPOSTING?

Composting is the process of turning kitchen and yard waste into usable, nutrient rich soil through natural decomposition. Inside the composter, organic waste is broken down through a controlled process by micro organisms. By utilizing the correct material, these micro organisms will create a soil product that is incredibly nutrient dense and great for your garden plants.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING?

- Diverts food and yard waste from the landfill, leading to reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Creates an enriched soil which can be used in your garden
- Suppresses plant diseases and pests
- Saves you money by reducing the need for chemical fertilizer



24% of the municipal solid waste stream is comprised of food waste and yard trimmings. Recycling and composting are good ways to keep material out of the landfill.



WHAT IS COMPOSTING?



WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH COMPOST?

- Amend your garden soil by working compost into it
- Sprinkle compost on your lawn to foster healthy and robust soil top-dressing
- Improve the soil around trees and shrubs by spreading compost near the base of the tree trunk

A typical household throws away approximately

474 pounds

of food waste per year, or 1.3 pounds per person per day.

WHERE SHOULD YOU PUT YOUR BACKYARD COMPOSTER?

- Place The Earth Machine on exposed soil in a dry, shady or moderately sunny spot that is near a source of clean water.
- Use the four provided plastic screws to secure the backyard composter to the ground.
- Make sure it's convenient to get to the composter, as you'll be taking your food waste out often!



For more information, go to: http://www.cityoforlando.net/solidwaste/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2015/02/CompostBooklet_WEB.pdf

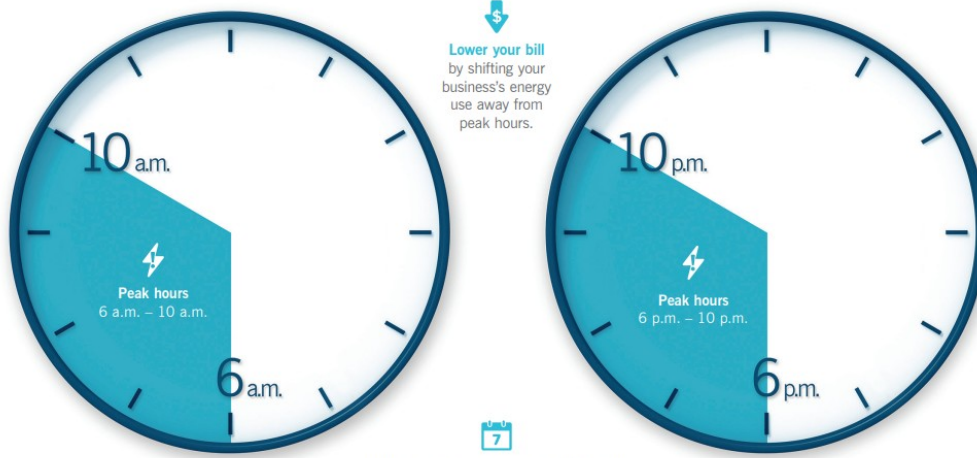
The City of Belle Solid Waste Committee will be sponsoring an electronic survey to see if Belle Isle residents have any interest in the benefits of a backyard composter,

- For your food waste
- For your home
- Reduces your landfill trash
- Keeps Belle Isle's waste costs low
- Creates an enriched soil that can be used in your garden
- Diverts food waste from the landfill, leading to reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- It saves you money by reducing the need for a chemical fertilizer

TO TAKE THE SURVEY PLEASE VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE OR GOTO:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COBIComposte>

Time-of-use rate peak hours

NOV. 1 – MARCH 31
6 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.



Saturdays, Sundays and specified legal holidays are off-peak periods.



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Peak hours for winter: 6-10 a.m. and 6-10 p.m.

Since you're on a Time-of-Use rate schedule, your business pays less for electricity when you shift energy use away from peak hours. These peak hours are different for winter and summer since the times of highest energy demand shift with the season.

Beginning Nov. 1, peak hours change to **6-10 a.m. and 6-10 p.m.** for the winter. These hours are in effect until Jan. 1, 2022. **These winter holidays are considered off peak:** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day* and New Year's Day*. Weekends and major holidays are excluded.

Please note: Peak hours will change again in January due to revisions to the Time-of-Use rates in 2022. You will receive more information about these rate changes in December from Duke Energy. ■



Orange County's 3-1-1 has been overloaded with calls. In order to best serve citizens, *we are encouraging residents to download the 3-1-1 app.*

OCFL 311 assists Orange County, Florida residents in reporting local non-emergency community issues conveniently and efficiently by submitting reports regarding animals, traffic signs, potholes, graffiti, sidewalk repair, and many other common issues. Many of these reports can be submitted quickly and anonymously. Residents who provide their contact information can view the status of their reports to ensure proper resolution.

OCFL 311 conveniently maps locations of important community issues so residents can be aware of events that may impact their neighborhood. ■

**CENTRAL
FLORIDA
EXPRESSWAY
AUTHORITY**

**2045 Master
Plan: Public
Input Survey**

The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) is updating its regional long-range plan to help guide its transportation future. Known as the *2045 Master Plan*, it will serve as a blueprint for how we will build, operate, and maintain a safe, reliable tolling system for residents, businesses, and visitors in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake and Brevard counties over the next 25 years.

We invite you to take this survey and share your ideas on a range of topics. Your input will allow us to produce a 2045 Master Plan that keeps pace with the regional demand for an integrated mobility network to serve Central Florida's expanding population and offer improved access for generations to come.

Please visit the City's website for a copy of the Presentation www.cityofbelleislefl.gov

The survey takes 7 to 10 minutes—<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5854174/2045-Master-Plan-Survey> ■



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.

CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

Questions to any Board or Committee can be forwarded to the City Clerk at 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
mayor@belleislefl.gov / 407-717-7868

District 1—Comm Ed Gold
egold@belleislefl.gov / 407-717-6772

District 2—Comm Anthony Carugno
acarugno@belleislefl.gov / 407-717 6947

District 3—Comm Karl Shuck
district3@belleislefl.gov / 407-717-7846

District 4—Comm Randy Holihan
district4@belleislefl.gov / 407-717 7855

District 5—Comm Beth Lowell
district5@belleislefl.gov / 407-457-2427

District 6—Comm Jim Partin
district6@belleislefl.gov / 407-717-6545

District 7—Comm Sue Nielsen
sn Nielsen@belleislefl.gov / 407-717-8017



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—Michael Stratham
District 4—Vinton Squires
District 5—Rainey Lane

District 6—Andrew Thompson
District 7—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—George Travis

Board member—Richard Weinsier
Board member—Emily Wakely

Board member—OPEN
Board member—Christopher Stalder

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD: Appointed by District by City Council

Meet on the fourth Tuesday every month @ 6:30 pm at City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Avenue

The Advisory Board assist our Police Department with communication throughout the community.

District 1—Horton Johnson
District 2—Andrew Dunigan
District 3—Allen Haskins

District 4—OPEN
District 6—Alexa Dowlen

District 5—Joshua Brown
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—Steve Jackson
Board Member—OPEN
Board Member—Richard Weinsier

Board Member—OPEN
Board Member—Frank Noge

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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—Maggie Burdette
Board Member—Holly Bobrowski
Board Member—Nicholas Fouraker

Board Member—Betty DeJarnette
Board Member—Kathy McCoy

Board Member—Lora Brannan
Board Member—Craig Huff

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Appointed by District by City Council

Meet on the Friday before the 2nd CC Tuesday meeting every month @ 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—Julia Frey
District 2—Jackie Hoevanaar
District 3—Thad Taylor

District 4—Kevin Pierre
District 5—Katherine Stinton

District 6—Nash Shook
District 7—Ralph Yarbrough

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Light the Way



THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE
Light the Way

Silent Auction

November 22, 2021 through December 8, 2021 - 7:00 pm

The City of Belle Isle Special Events Committee will be hosting a Silent Auction to help fund the Light the Way event, Santa Ride, and other events for our residents.

The auction will start on November 22, 2021, and end at 7:00 pm on December 8, 2021, at the Light the Way Event.

Auction items will be on display at City Hall during business hours on those dates, along with bid sheets. A list of items can be seen on the City's website www.belleislefl.gov with bid sheets not at the Light the Way event will be mailed by December 8, 2021, and can claim their items at City Hall. Cash or check will be accepted for winning bids. (Credit Cards will be accepted with a 3% surcharge.)

The Special Events Committee is seeking donations of auction items for this event: restaurant or retail gift cards, themed gift baskets, socks, airline tickets, theme park, car care, wine tickets, travel packages, and sporting event tickets, rounds of golf, hotel or beach condominium stays, and fine art or wine or any other item you think a resident would enjoy.

If you have an item, you would like to donate or know someone who can help make this a fun and successful event, don't hesitate to contact:

Holly Bobrowski
City of Belle Isle Special Events Committee Chairman
407-851-7730
or via email at speialevents@belleislefl.gov

The Belle Isle Police Department is also accepting donations for this event. Please contact Chief Houston at 407-851-7730 or via email at houst@belleislefl.gov

Don't hesitate to contact Holly Bobrowski at 407-851-7730 or speialevents@belleislefl.gov or Chief Houston at 407-851-7730 for questions or further information.

Items are required to be donated to the Light the Way event.

THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE
Light the Way

Bake-Off

It's that time of year again, and everyone is invited to participate. Baking holiday is a time-honored tradition, and nothing makes a holiday more festive than making cookies with the kids or grandkids unless it is making gingerbread houses with them. Please share the fun by participating in our Bake-Off.

This year's Bake-Off will feature cookies and cookie houses. We hope to bring families and neighbors together for a lot of fun and yummy culinary adventures. Anyone can enter their homemade creations and bring them to City Hall to show for the "Light the Way" Event on December 8. To avoid traffic, you may drop your entry off at City Hall earlier in the day.

Please make enough cookies for judges to taste and sale. Cookie houses will be judged on their appearance and holiday appeal rather than taste.

Extra cookies will be for sale after the judging; cookie houses may be kept with their family or be donated for sale.

Make a card with the name(s) of the bakers, your contact information, and the name of your cookie.

There will be prizes, including a Manna Vanilla basket valued at \$25, donated by Mike Mannix of Belle Isle.

If you have questions or would like to donate a prize, help at the event, or recommend a judge, don't hesitate to contact Sue Nelson at 407-717-8017 or email at sue@belleislefl.gov.

Holidays AROUND the WORLD

Write the Way!

Whether you say Hanukkah, Hannukah, Sherry Christmas, Joyous Kwanzaa, or Happy Doying Day, we would like to hear how you celebrate!

The artwork should be 11x14 or smaller, and essays should be 750 words or less. Your name should be on the front or back, your choice.

All submissions will need to be at City Hall by December 3rd to be displayed at the Light the Way event on December 8th.

Don't hesitate to contact the Special Events Committee via email at speialevents@belleislefl.gov or call City Hall with any questions at 407-851-7730.

The Special Events Committee invites you to tell us how you might "Write the Way!"

Submit a short essay or original artwork to City Hall. All submissions will be displayed at City Hall's "Gallery Walk" through December. A couple of the best submissions will be posted on the City of Belle Isle Facebook page. The committee will select the top two, one essay and one artwork, which will be shared with the city by a silent.

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Adopt Me!

These cuties are looking for a forever home. Our furry friends aren't just for the little ones — they make thoughtful gifts for grown-ups, too!

Supplies are limited, and the "adoption fee" of \$4.00 will help fund this year's Holiday Events. They are ready for adoption at City Hall if you want to have them under your Christmas tree.

For more information, don't hesitate to contact Holly at 407-340-9131, speialevents@belleislefl.gov, or call Belle Isle City Hall at 407-851-7730.

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and we invite you to come to Light the Way with friendship, food, and fun!

Join us on **December 8th at City Hall from 5 pm—8 pm** for visits with Santa, Attractions, Food Trucks, and the lighting of our Christmas Tree.

The Santa ride through the City will be on **Tuesday, December 21st and Wednesday, 22nd**. Stay tuned for the route and times which will be published soon.

The City of Belle Isle Special Events Committee will be hosting the following,

- Silent Auction
- Adopt a Stuffed Animal
- Bake-Off
- Holidays Around the World Contest

Sponsorships are needed and appreciated. If you want to be part of the celebration, please contact the Special Events Committee at speialevents@belleislefl.gov or call City Hall at 407-851-7730.

Stay up-to-date with the event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CityofBelleIsleFL>

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