

Tree Board – Details for July 24, 2025 meeting

Minutes to Approve

Old business

- Contacted the residents that might be a TB member to come to meeting

New business

New resident program

- Chris/Doug: Please bring the frig magnets that Yolanda created to meeting.
- Continue to work with Yolanda on a frig magnet with QR code for a Belle Isle website that contains appropriate tree board and new resident information.
- Look at the QR code website to decide what information it should contain.
- After creating the frig magnet design and getting them made, I will create a list of new Belle Isle residents during the previous three months.
- At this point no local businesses have been forthcoming with a coupon for their business to give to a new resident.
- Tree Board will review the paperwork that we want to accompany the frig magnet before printing.
- I am hoping and will request that the commissioner will approach the new residents in their district, but if they do not want to participate then one of us will work that district.

Arbor Day 2026

- Thoughts for next year's Arbor Day event
- Date
- Add/Subtract participants

Next meeting?

City Of Belle Isle
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Tree board
March 13, 2025
6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

Belle Isle City Hall
1600 Nela Ave
Belle Isle, Florida 32809

Present at Meeting:

Richard Weinsier
Christopher Stalder
Douglas DeYoung

Absent from Meeting: Sue Nielsen

The regular meeting of the Tree board of City Of Belle Isle was called to order at 6:35 PM on March 13, 2025 at Belle Isle City Hall by Richard Weinsier.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Arbor Day Review

Richard Weinsier

Board discussed the City's Arbor day event. The board agreed that there was a good turn out of vendors and participants.

The 2 food trucks worked out great.

Face painting was enjoyed by all the kids.

Tree giveaway worked well.

Things the board would change includes a more diverse tree species to give away.

Have the art contest but announce earlier for more contestants to participate.

Have a bat/bird house vendor.

Have a kids craft give away.

Bounce house for the kids.

Start planning early in October.

The board discussed 3 potential new members but none were able to attend this meeting.

Board also thought the date worked and will review not to compete with other events.

2. Arbor Day Cost

Richard

The board spent \$700 on yard signs.

\$30 on face painting supplies.

\$95 on the 10-3 gallon trees that the board gave away.

\$280 dollars for ice cream we offered to the kids that participated and attended the event.
The signs and face painting supplies will be used again at next year's event.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Arbor Day Winners For Give Away

Richard

The winner of the \$1000 Oak tree trimming was Elissa Wolf.

Winner of the Trash can raffle was Barb Shipe.

In another raffle, 10 residents won a 3-gallon live oak for their home.

The board gave away almost 100 1-gallon crape Myrtles donated by Duke energy.

2. Council Meeting

Richard

The upcoming March 18th City Council meeting will be attended by Richard to answer any questions evolving around changes the board made to some of the tree ordinances, the tree removal permit and the fee schedule.

These changes were put before the board in the past and council had asked for 60 days to reconsider the changes.

3. New Residence Program

Richard

The board finalized the program we are rolling out to all new residence of Belle Isle. The board agreed to a motion by Chris and seconded by Doug to have a magnet with QR codes instead of a thumb drive to deliver tree information. Motion was approved by all board members in attendance.

The QR codes will direct residents to pertinent info such as phone numbers, names of council ,managers, etc. There will also be a link to the city tree ordinances and tree removal permit.

Additionally, the program will offer 2 free trees to each new resident.

The board and/or the council member from each district will hand them out 4 times per year.

Encompassing 3 months of residents at a time.

4. Newsletter Article

Richard

Yolanda has asked the board for some info or articles for the upcoming city news letter. Chris has volunteered to provide Yolanda with some information

5. Next Meeting

Richard

The board will have its next meeting when Richard acquires information from council and we decide on a date

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on May 08, 2025 at:
Belle Isle City Hall / 1600 Nela Ave. / Belle Isle, Florida 32809

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM by Richard Weinsier.

Minutes submitted by: Douglas DeYoung

As a new resident of Belle Isle, we want you to know that you are now living in a Tree City.



The Tree City USA program provides us with a four-step framework to maintain and grow our tree canopy. It also gives us an avenue to celebrate our work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that we are committed to the mission of environmental change.

Belle Isle was awarded the Tree City USA certification by fulfilling these standards:

- **An active Tree Board.**
- **A tree care ordinance.**
- **A community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.**
- **An Arbor Day observance and proclamation.**

To help us improve our Belle Isle tree canopy, consider requesting one or two free trees for your home by using these coupons.

Congratulations on being a
new resident to Belle Isle.

**This is COUPON #1 for you
to receive a free tree for
your home. Please come to
a Belle Isle Tree Board
meeting to receive
information on how to
acquire your tree.**

Congratulations on being a
new resident to Belle Isle.

**This is COUPON #2 for you
to receive a free tree for
your home. Please come
to a Belle Isle Tree Board
meeting to receive
information on how to
acquire your tree.**

Belle Isle information

New Resident informational website:

<https://www.belleislefl.gov/community/page/new-residents>

**Use this website to get all the latest new-resident information. **

Belle Isle website address: www.belleislefl.gov

**Use this website to get the latest updates on events and activities. **

Rick Rudometkin, City Manager: rickr@belleislefl.gov

Jason Carson, Mayor: mayor@belleislefl.gov

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk: yquiceno@belleislefl.gov

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Tree Board Members

- Richard Weinsier
- Doug DeYoung
- Chris Stalder
- Sue Nielson