

WINTER
2024-25

BELLMEAD BULLETIN

Happy New Year BELLMEAD!

City of Bellmead Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade



Bellmead, Texas has been hosting an annual Christmas parade and tree lighting on the first Thursday of December for over 70 years. This year, the City of Bellmead and the Knights of Columbus brought together hundreds of residents to celebrate the new season.

Mayor James Cleveland lit the Christmas Tree at 6:30 p.m., and the festive parade down Bellmead Drive at 7 p.m. was a showstopper! Guests enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies, distributed by Santa's helpers.



Santa's Special Mailbox was moved back inside City Hall, ready for all the good boys and girls to send their letters to the North Pole.

And, of course, Santa Claus came out to join us again this year to partake in the festivities.



Our Police and Fire Departments were on hand to ensure a safe and fun time was had by all. We are grateful for their presence and diligence within our community.

Bellmead's parade is one of the oldest, and longest continually running Christmas parades in the State of Texas. The parade is a tradition that the community can come together to celebrate each year.



21st Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Bellmead Chamber of Commerce, held its 21st Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament this Fall. We had beautiful weather and a great deal of fun.



More importantly, through the generous donations of our Golf Tournament participants, scholarships will be awarded to select graduating seniors of La Vega High School again this year. Scholarships will be presented by the Scholarship Sponsors at our Annual Chamber Banquet to be held at the *Bellmead Civic Center* on **Thursday, May 8th, 2025**. Our special guest will be Miss Texas 2024 Annette Addo-Yobo.

We would like to thank the following Sponsors for their support of the Bellmead Chamber of Commerce and our community. Please thank them by being faithful patrons of their businesses.

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Membership Calendar

February Monthly Membership & Networking Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

@ 12:00 Noon



Bellmead Civic Center, 3900 Parrish Drive, Bellmead, TX 76705

Sponsored by: **T-Mobile**

Come learn what T-Mobile can offer our community, and for you!

March Monthly Membership & Networking Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon

Bellmead Civic Center, 3900 Parrish Drive, Bellmead, TX 76705



Mark your calendars for the Bellmead Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Featuring the Reigning Miss Texas,
Annette Addo-Yobo

May 8th, 2025 at 6:00pm

At the **Bellmead Civic Center**

Monthly Membership Networking Luncheon Sponsorships

We are scheduling sponsors for the 2025 calendar year. If you have a special month you would like to retain, please contact the chamber office to reserve your spot. Meeting sponsor responsibilities include providing a meal for approximately 30 members, and provide a 10 minute program about your business, or some aspect of business or self-improvement. The Chamber provides the Bellmead Civic Center as the standing meeting place unless you have a preferred place to hold the meeting. Please contact the Chamber office at (254) 799-1552, or, by email at [BellmeadChamberOffice@gmail.com](mailto:bellmeadchamberoffice@gmail.com).



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN LA VEGA ISD



La Vega ISD to honor School Board in January

Thank you to our La Vega ISD School Board! This group of dedicated individuals who tirelessly serve our community as volunteers. We thank them for their work, leadership, and commitment to La Vega ISD.



Coach Don Hyde named the Waco Tribune-Herald's 2024 Sportsperson of the Year



Rachel Stolle at La Vega High School earns National Board Certification.



La Vega falls to Carthage in Texas 4A Division II State Title Football Game

Congratulations to our La Vega Pirates on a great season!



Please pardon our construction!
For La Vega Bond 2024 construction updates, renderings, and timelines, please visit <https://www.lavegaisd.org/bond-election-2024>

MAKING EXCELLENCE A TRADITION



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Bellmead Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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- Carlana Lesso - **Jack of All Trades**

Check out our new website:

BellmeadChamber.com

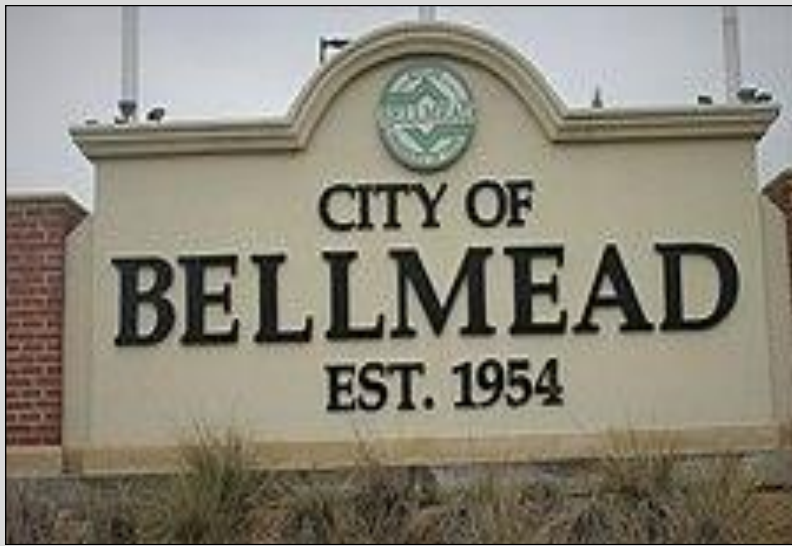
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