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### *City of Belleview Announces Events for 2024 Florida City Government Week between October 21 and 24, 2024*

Belleview, FL – The City of Belleview is thrilled to announce events for the 2024 Florida City Government Week, taking place from October 21 to 26, 2024. This annual initiative, promoted by the Florida League of Cities, highlights the essential role city government plays in building welcoming communities and delivering critical services. During the week, Belleview will host a series of interactive events that will give residents a closer look at how their local government operates, as well as the opportunity to meet city leaders and department heads.

The Florida League of Cities created Florida City Government Week to foster civic engagement and enhance public awareness about municipal government. The statewide campaign aims to showcase how city leaders and employees work daily to enhance the quality of life for residents. It also encourages cities to engage citizens, especially young people, in discussions about how government impacts their lives.

## **Event Schedule**

The City of Belleview invites residents to participate in the following events throughout the week, learning about each area of City government and meeting with department members:

- **Monday, October 21**  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Coffee with the Mayor and Commissioners, Community Center  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Belleview Police Services with Chief Holland, Community Center
- **Tuesday, October 22**  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Understanding Permits with the City Development Team, Community Center  
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Tour of the Commission Meeting Room, City Hall
- **Wednesday, October 23**  
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Coffee with the City Administrator and City Clerk, Community Center  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Public Works Programs with the Director of Public Works, Community Center  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: City Events and Community Outreach, Community Center

In addition to these events, the city will announce the winners of the "If I Was the Mayor..." essay contest on Thursday, October 24, on its official Facebook and Instagram accounts (@cityofbelleview). This year's contest includes two categories—one for 4th and 5th graders, and another for 6th through 8th graders—giving students the opportunity to reflect on the responsibilities of the mayor's office and share their creative ideas for improving the community.

Mayor Christine Dobkowski emphasized the importance of residents engaging with their local government during this special week. "Florida City Government Week is a unique opportunity for our community to better understand the important role that city government plays in our everyday lives. From public safety to development, every department works to ensure Belleview remains a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. We encourage everyone to attend these events, ask questions, and engage with us as we continue building a strong future for our city. This week allows us to connect with residents, giving them a behind-the-scenes look at the heart of Belleview."

City Administrator Sandi McKamey highlighted the variety of activities planned for the week, emphasizing their value in fostering community involvement. "This week is all about helping residents see the inner workings of their city government. From police services and public works to permitting and community outreach, we want to showcase the dedication and commitment of our team. Florida City Government Week is a great way for residents to learn how their

local government impacts their lives and how they can play a part in shaping Belleview's future. We look forward to meeting many of our neighbors and sharing the exciting work being done in Belleview."

City Clerk Mariah Moody underscored the educational value of Florida City Government Week. "This week provides a wonderful opportunity for both residents and students to engage with local government in a hands-on way. Events like the essay contest allow our younger citizens to think critically about leadership and the responsibilities that come with public service. I believe this experience will inspire the next generation of leaders and help them understand the importance of community involvement. We welcome residents to join us throughout the week and discover how we are working together to build a better Belleview."

For more information on the events and the City, visit [www.belleviewfl.org](http://www.belleviewfl.org) or email [rvass@belleviewfl.org](mailto:rvass@belleviewfl.org).