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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MAY 2017

PAGE ROAD LOT UPDATE

From the Mayor



On Monday, May 1st, a meeting was held at Belle Meade City Hall with representatives from Metro Parks, Friends of Warner Parks, Mayor Hunt, Commissioners Thornburg, Bogle and Weigel, Police Chief Eads and City Manager Reardon.

After a lengthy discussion of parking needs, concerns of neighbors and challenges facing all parties, a tentative compromise was reached. This will result in the rear two-thirds of the lot to be landscaped with trees and shrubs to create a “greenspace”, as well as installation of boundary screening. The City of Belle Meade would be responsible for financing the landscaping and maintenance of this area. The front one-third of the property would be transformed into a lot with an attractive entrance containing no more than thirty parking spaces surrounded by trees and/or shrubs that would contain the parking and not allow encroachment on neighbors. Metro Parks would be responsible for financing and maintenance of this portion of the lot. This compromise will be formalized into a separate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Metro Parks and the City of Belle Meade. Design plans must be presented to the Parks Board for approval before implemented. It will be several months before design plans are presented, reviewed and finalized. I will continue to keep our residents informed of the progress of this plan.



ATTENTION BELLE MEADE HOMEOWNERS! **IMPORTANT TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTION SERVICE UPDATES**

EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, the new contractor for trash & recycle collection is Franklin Disposal, LLC.
The city will be split into 2 zones for pickup on Mondays and Tuesdays**

BLUE IS THE NEW BLACK!!

All recycling will now require **BLUE** bags.

Come by city hall and pick up your FREE BLUE RECYCLE BAG STARTER KIT!

- Continue to use the same trash/recycle containers and put trash in black or white bags and recycle in **BLUE** bags. *The contractor is not accepting glass for recycle at this time. Please put glass in the trash bags.*
- If you desire a second pick-up day each week, you will need to set this up with Franklin Disposal, 615-794-8964. They will invoice you directly for this extra service.

** You will receive a postcard in the mail soon indicating your weekly pick-up day.**



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



- Vacationing during the Memorial Day Weekend? Sign up for our House Check Service. Officers will provide extra patrol while you are away. The application can be found at www.citybellemeade.org under the police tab. If you currently participate in the program, call dispatch to update your information.
- Please use your home alarm systems when you are away from home, even for a few hours. Make sure Belle Meade is listed as the primary police responder. If you have a gate code, make sure we have it so we can respond to emergencies or alarms at your residence. If your gate is equipped with a police radio activated sensor, we would be happy to send an officer to test it and ensure it is functioning properly. You may provide the Dispatcher with your gate code (615-297-0241), or you can send the information to our Communications Supervisor, Sgt. Tomlin at tomlin@citybellemeade.org.
- Phone and internet Scams are still on the rise everywhere. If you get any type of call wanting personal information or requesting you to purchase gift cards to make payment for making bond for a missed Jury date, a loved one that has been arrested or injured, IRS matters, etc., obtain call back information and call us immediately. We are happy to have an officer assist you in determining if it is legitimate.
- All Solicitors are required to have a permit from the City of Belle Meade. A permit it is NOT an endorsement from the City. Beware of making purchases or donations to unknown charities. If a solicitor cannot show proof of a permit, we recommend you call the station to check.
- Park Smart, be aware of your surroundings, and call in suspicious activity immediately at 615-297-0241.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



- Approved the proposal from Kerr Brothers for pavement re-stripping of Bellevue Drive S., Drew Pl., Evelyn Ave., Iroquois Ave., and Leake Ave. for the price of \$9,776.50.
- Approved purchase of a Hand-Held LIDAR “Laser Speed Measuring Device” that is reimbursed at 100% under the GHSO Grant.
- Approved purchase of (1) unmarked 2017 Dodge Charger AWD Police Package from Nashville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for the price of \$24,150.36.
- Approved purchase and installation of emergency equipment for the un-marked Dodge Charger by On-Duty Depot for \$3,248.00.
- Deferred action to appoint Board of Zoning Appeals and Municipal Planning Commission members.
- Awarded bid for Trash/Recycle Collection & Disposal Contract to Franklin Disposal for the monthly cost of \$20,525.00.
- Approved (2) invoices over \$5000:
 - o Gibbs Brothers Construction, INC 9,322.22
 - o Wascon 5,050.70
- Approved Resolution 2017-04 To Amend Ordinance 2016-06, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
- Approved Resolution 2017-05, Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC).
- Approved Resolution 2017-06, Recognizing and Honoring the Contributions of Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman Brian Smallwood.



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

For the safety of pedestrians and motorists, the City does not permit property owners to place or install rocks, stakes, posts, chains or other similar semi-permanent objects in the public right-of-way. If you wish to prevent vehicles from parking in

the right-of-way, you may use landscape flags or plastic cones, which will easily move or bend if struck. Please contact the Public Works Director, Larry Smith, if you have any questions – 615-297-6041 or lsmith@citybellemeade.org.

INVASIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH: PRIVET (Second in a series of articles)

Privet (*Ligustrum* sp.), is a genus of plants that were brought to the US from Europe and Asia by gardeners and landscapers. In this area, Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) is the most common type of privet found growing wild in our parks and greenways—and backyards. Privet is a fast growing plant, relatively disease-free and will quickly grow to provide a privacy screen in the landscape. The reason why Privet is fast-growing and disease-free is that it is not native and has few natural enemies like insects or fungi to keep its growth in check.

Privet is semi-evergreen to evergreen that forms thickets up to 20 feet in height. The plant has long slender branches, and leaves are opposite and glossy green on the top and pale green and sometimes hairy underside. The plant blooms in late spring, with abundant clusters of white flowers that are often fragrant. In late summer to fall, the plant will be full of dense dark purple fruit. Birds feed on the drupes and spread the invasive pest plant further.

The USDA Forest Service estimated in 2008 that **16% of Tennessee forests are covered with nonnative invasive plants**. Even in the local “natural areas,” like North Chickamauga Creek State Natural Area, up to 15% of the species are not native. Within urban areas, the news is just as bad — according to the Urban Forests of Tennessee 2009 report, **Chinese Privet is the most common urban tree species** as a percent of total tree species (10.2%). While Kudzu seems like it is everywhere in this area, **Privet actually covers almost 8 times as much area as Kudzu** (over 84,000 acres versus 10,900 acres in Tennessee forests). While Kudzu stays along the forest edge, Privet continues into our woodlands and wetlands, grow-



ing in dense stands that not only crowd out wildflowers and shrubs but prevent new trees from germinating and growing to replace older trees when they die.

Controlling

Thoroughly wet all leaves with one of the following herbicides in water with a surfactant (August to December): a glyphosate herbicide as a 3-percent solution (12 ounces per 3-gallon mix) or **Arsenal AC®** as a 1-percent solution (4 ounces per 3-gallon mix). For stems too tall for foliar sprays, apply **Garlon® 4** as a 20-percent solution in commercially available basal oil, diesel fuel, or kerosene (2.5 quarts per 3-gallon mix) with a penetrant (check with herbicide distributor) to young bark as a basal spray. Or, cut large stems and immediately treat the stumps with **Arsenal AC®** or **Velpar L®** as a 10-percent solution in water (1 quart per 3-gallon mix) with a surfactant. When safety to surrounding vegetation is desired, immediately treat stumps and cut stems with **Garlon® 3A** or a glyphosate herbicide as a 20-percent solution in water (2.5 quarts per 3-gallon mix) with a surfactant.

Mechanical removal is another option but the entire plant and root ball must be removed since Privet will re-sprout vigorously if simply cut. It is almost inexhaustible.

Native Plant Alternatives

An excellent evergreen hedging plant is **Wax Myrtle** and native evergreen hollies like American Holly and Yaupon holly. Many deciduous native shrubs can also fill your landscape with flowers and fruit that support our wildlife like native **Viburnum** (Mapleleaf, Possumhaw, Arrowwood), **Virginia sweetspire**, **Clethra** (Summer-sweet), **Spicebush** and **Ninebark**.

(Article courtesy of Tennessee Valley Wild Ones).



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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR JUNE AND JULY 2017**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 20th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, July 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, June 13th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, July 11th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, June 20th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 21st at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, July 19th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day. In case of a sewer, traffic, or other emergency, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241 and the dispatcher will contact city staff.

Trash & Recycle will be picked up on Memorial Day, May 29th. Please have your cans out by 7:00 a.m.

LETTERS FOR DELINQUENT STORMWATER USER FEES WERE MAILED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. Fees were due in September 2016. Avoid being summoned to City Court for non-payment! The City accepts payment by check or credit card by phone or at City Hall. There is a small convenience fee for credit card use. Questions? Please call Kemishia Sadler at 615-297-6041.

St. Georges Episcopal Church Farmers Market – every Thursday from 3:30-6:30 pm in the church parking lot.



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