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## NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE OCTOBER 2014

### FALL REMINDERS

**Creek Maintenance**—Each year the City budgets significant funds for the maintenance and cleanup of the creeks in Belle Meade. Former Mayor Scott Fillebrown began this annual project almost 2 decades ago and it has considerably reduced the flooding of properties throughout the City. Residents can assist with this worthwhile project by keeping fall yard waste and fallen leaves out of the creeks. PLEASE DO NOT dispose of landscaping debris or any other outdoor items (like pumpkins, planting pots, etc.) by throwing them in the creek, thinking they will disappear harmlessly. In fact, these items become a nuisance by clogging the creeks, increasing the risk of flooding and causing

the City to spend additional funds for cleanup. St. George's Church also has had to spend funds to clean up the drainage culvert behind the Church, where a significant amount of creek debris accumulates and can cause their building to flood. Please dispose of fall yard waste properly by bagging all leaves and small clippings and piling branches and trimmings less than 3 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length at the street for the brush/chipper contractor to pick up each week. If you hire a landscaper to clean your yard, please inform them of these rules. If you hire a contractor to remove a tree, they are responsible for its disposal. Questions? Please contact city hall at 297-6041.

### RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **September 2014** regular meeting:

- Approved Jarrett Builders, Inc. to make the asphalt repairs on Harding Place near Westover Drive in the amount of \$8,775.00
- Approved the purchase of warning lights for the new sewer service truck from the low bidder, On Duty Depot, for \$1,542.00. Approved the low bidder, Blue Lightning, to install the warning lights for \$550.00.
- Deferred on first reading Ordinance 2014-7; Impose a time limit on a building permit and require continuous construction of improvements
- Deferred on second reading Ordinance 2014-8; temporary uses in connection with the construction of a structure. The Ordinance was not recommended for approval by the Municipal Planning Commission and will require further study.
- Deferred on first reading Ordinance 2014-9; amend Zoning Code regarding Playhouses.
- Deferred action on Resolution 2014-07, amend permit fees to include construction site storage units, pending final draft of Ordinance 2014-8.





## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Thank you to all that came to the National Night Out Against Crime event that was held at the Belle Meade Plantation. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. There were several hundred people in attendance and the kids had a really good time playing in the bounce houses. We are discussing the possibility of hosting it on a Saturday evening next year to better accommodate families with school age children.

Our new drug take back program appears to be quite popular. We began our program last month when we received a grant from CVS Pharmacy to fund the program. In the interest of public safety and the environment, please bring your unused prescriptions and over the counter medications and dispose of them in our drug box located at the police department. We are able to accept medications 24/7. There are no questions asked. Simply stop in and we will assist you with the proper disposal of your unwanted medications. Please help us spread the word about this new service.

Halloween is this month, so please remember to be extra careful if you are out driving while the Trick-or-Treaters are out and about. The Police Dept. will be on Nichol Lane again this year participating in the Halloween block party. We will also have treats at the police department if you want to bring the kids by for a treat, not a trick! 🍬

Please continue to practice good crime prevention habits by locking your house and setting the alarm, using the Close House

Watch Program, calling in suspicious activity immediately to us at 615-297-0241 and Parking Smart. We also recommend conducting a complete home inventory by photographing and recording serial number information on items that have one. Another thing you can do is engrave owner specific information onto items. To learn more about doing a complete home inventory, contact Officer Dee Howell at [dhowell@citybellemeadetn.org](mailto:dhowell@citybellemeadetn.org) or Detective Tom Sexton [tsexton@citybellemeadetn.org](mailto:tsexton@citybellemeadetn.org). A home inventory can be extremely helpful should you have a loss due to fire or natural disaster, not just theft.

A resident posed a good question recently concerning the use of BB guns and air rifles within the City of Belle Meade. The question was, “Are they legal to fire in the City?” While the City of Belle Meade does not have a specific ordinance to cover BB guns and air rifles, Metropolitan Davidson County does. Metro has an ordinance that prohibits the discharge of any air gun or air pistol, spring gun “BB gun”, spring pistol, or other device which is intended to propel a bullet, pellet or similar projectile within the urban services district of the metropolitan government. The City of Belle Meade is in the urban services district. I encourage people that do enjoy shooting these types of guns to do so with the proper training and to follow all safety protocols the same way you would with a firearm and in an area that is not restricted.

Have a Safe and Fun Halloween!



## STATE & FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION BELLE MEADE, FOREST HILLS & GOODLETTSVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014



### EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

**SONNY WEST AUDITORIUM @ HOWARD OFFICE BUILDING**  
**700 2ND AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37210**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014**  
**THROUGH THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2014**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
*WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
*FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*MONDAY, OCTOBER 27	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
*WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**\*SATELLITE LOCATIONS ALSO OPEN**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014**

- \*BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**  
4705 HARDING PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37205
- \*BELLEVUE COMM. CENTER**  
656 COLICE JEANNE ROAD, NASHVILLE, TN 37221
- \*BORDEAUX LIBRARY**  
4000 CLARKSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37218
- \*CASA AZAFRÁN COMM. CENTER**  
2195 NOLENSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211
- \*CROSSINGS EVENT CENTER**  
5380 HICKORY HOLLOW PKWY, ANTIOCH, TN 37013
- \*EDMONDSON PIKE LIBRARY**  
5501 EDMONDSON PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211
- \*GOODLETTSVILLE CITY HALL**  
105 SOUTH MAIN STREET, GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072
- \*GREEN HILLS LIBRARY**  
3701 BENHAM AVE, NASHVILLE, TN 37215
- \*HERMITAGE LIBRARY**  
3700 JAMES KAY LANE, HERMITAGE, TN 37076
- \*MADISON LIBRARY**  
610 GALLATIN PIKE S, MADISON, TN 37115



## FROM PUBLIC WORKS - UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

**STORMWATER**—Signal Hill Drainage Improvements—The contractor recently completed the repairs to the culvert and catch basin at the corner of Glen Eden and Lynwood Boulevard. Not surprising, they encountered rock when digging the hole for the new 14,000 pound pre-fabricated concrete junction box, which is seen being lowered in place by a crane. The box lid was lowered in place next. The contractor estimates that the underground boring on Signal Hill will start before the end of October.



**PARKWAYS & BOULEVARDS**—Richland Creek Corridor Project—The Parke Company completed the initial application of herbicide to the invasive plants in September, and will come back before the end of October to treat any re-growth that has occurred. Landscape Architect Jim Douglas is designing plans for the planting of native plants and evergreen screening near Harding Road. For pictures of the eradication project, visit the city website, [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org).



**STREETS**—Paving of Six Streets—Before the milling and paving can begin, the contractor was required to make repairs to the culvert on Chickering Lane by replacing the existing deteriorated corrugated pipe with concrete pipe and installing a new storm grate and stone headwalls. The work was just completed at the time of the newsletter publication, and the contractor plans to begin milling the streets before the end of the month.



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**JAZZ**  
UNDER THE  
**MAGNOLIAS**  
SUNDAY, OCT. 26TH/5 PM 'TIL DARK  
CELEBRATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
**THE WINERY**  
— AT —  
**BELLE MEADE PLANTATION**  
FEATURING  
[ Grammy Nominated ]  
**MICHAEL FAIR**  
bring a picnic - no outside wine or beverages

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014  
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**

**Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Nov 18th at 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 16th at 5:00 pm

**Board of Building Code Appeals**

Tuesday, Nov 18th at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 16th at 6:00 pm

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tuesday, Nov 18th at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 16th at 7:00 pm

**Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, Nov 19th at 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec 17th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)

**NOTICE:**

Property tax statements were mailed October 10, 2014. Included in the mailing is the annual storm-water user fee invoice. Property taxes are due on or before February 28, 2015. However, **storm-water user fees are due upon receipt**. The city accepts payment by check or credit card. (There is a convenience fee charged for credit card payments.) If you have any questions, please call Linda Berner at 297-6041 or email her at [lberner@citybellemeade.org](mailto:lberner@citybellemeade.org).

**Please Note:** Due to Early Voting, the October 21st meetings of the Planning Commission at 5 pm and the BZA at 7 pm will be held at St. George's Church.

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Nashville, Tennessee 37205

return service requested