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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE OCTOBER 2015

## FROM BUILDING & CODES DEPT. – BUILDING MATERIALS STANDARDS



One of the items on the agenda for last month's Commissioners meeting not only created some lively conversation but several emails and confusion. The introduction of the Building Materials Standards Ordinance 2015-9 only applies to a NEW single family home. It DOES NOT apply to existing homes

or an addition to an existing home. If you were to make improvements to your existing home or add an addition, you, of course, would want to match the existing appointments. This Ordinance is not meant to penalize NEW home construction but to help preserve the property values generally, as well as the beauty of the City. The City currently regulates construction under the adoption of the 2009 IRC building code, but the purpose of the IRC code is to establish the MINIMUM requirements in building, not the standard.

The Ordinance was recommended by Building Official Lyle Patterson and will be heard on 2nd and final reading at the October 21st Commissioners meeting. The Commissioners feel that these standards will ensure quality construction and preserve property values. Questions? Please call or email Lyle at 615-297-2364 or lpatterson@citybellemeade.org.

**Roofing Materials.** Asphalt shingles that are not of a minimum weight of at least 300lb per square, and/or that use 3-tab shingles. All metal roofs shall be of a quality to include a 60 year guarantee on finish, and shall not use exposed screws.

**Paint.** Painting of unfinished surfaces shall consist of a minimum of (3) coats, one primer, two finish coats, and only the primer may be applied with sprayer. All paints shall be of a better quality than contractor grade paint.

**Windows.** New construction shall not incorporate storm win-

dows. Windows shall not incorporate vinyl or aluminum frames of contractor grade.

**Front doors.** No front door shall be of steel, aluminum or vinyl.

**Deck Material.** No deck shall be constructed of vinyl materials.

**Fascia (Gutter Board) Material.** No fascia board shall consist of wood refaced with vinyl or aluminum.

**Siding Material.** No siding material shall be vinyl, aluminum, or wood refaced with vinyl or aluminum.

**Veneer.** No outside materials shall be thin veneer brick, stone, cultured stone or synthetic stone, unless wrapping an interior chimney flue chase that penetrates the roof.

**Chimneys.** Chimneys located on exterior walls constructed of materials other than masonry or Isokern may not be constructed.

**Mechanical / Plumbing Vent Stacks.** No vents shall be located on the portion of the structure's roof facing to the "front" as defined in the Zoning Code. All vents must be painted to match roof color.

**Gutters.** No gutter shall have less than a 6 inch opening. Minimum downspouts to be 3x4 inches.

**Shutters.** No shutters shall be plastic, vinyl or aluminum.

**Garage Doors.** No garage doors shall be vinyl, fiberglass or aluminum. No steel garage doors shall be less than 24 gage thickness.

**Front Porch.** No front porch steps visible from the street shall be "Broomed Finished" concrete.

**Fence.** Chain link fences are forbidden beyond back right and left corners of home to the street. No fence shall be constructed of razor wire or barbed wire, of synthetic stone or concrete panels, or of plastic panels

**HVAC Units.** Any HVAC unit visible from the street shall be screened by a 3' porous fence or landscape screening.

## FALL REMINDERS

The City completed its annual Creek Maintenance project a few weeks ago, which helps to reduce 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 4 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.



## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Halloween is right around the corner, so please be safe and only trick-or-treat at places you know and trust. Make sure the kids are supervised while out and have something reflective on their costume and a flashlight. We will have officers stationed on Nichol Lane again this year, so be sure and stop by to say hi and grab some treats!

Most alarms that we respond to each month are false or are accidentally set off. In one sense, this is a good thing because no actual burglary has occurred, but on the other hand it does tie up officers from performing other tasks. Good alarm management is the responsibility of the alarm holder. I encourage you to be familiar with your system and report any trouble with your system immediately to your alarm provider to reduce false calls. On a safety note, please remember that Tennessee is a call verification state which means the alarm company will attempt to call you first before they call us to verify if the alarm is legitimate. If you are not certain there is a malfunction, always tell them to send the police and allow us to check the alarm to be safe. Also, confirm with your alarm provider that we are listed as the first responder to your alarm. This will ensure that we called without delay. If the call goes to Metro PD, it may take it a while to work itself through the system before we are notified. We do send out notification letters when this happens.

Remember to always Park Smart by locking your vehicles and removing or hiding items of value. Always lock your house and set your alarm system even if you plan on being away for just

a few minutes. If you are going to be away over night or longer, take time to sign up for our Close House Watch list. We will conduct frequent patrols by your house during each shift.

Suspicious vehicles and persons or activity should always be called in immediately to us at 615-297-0241. When calling in vehicles or persons, please attempt to get as much information as possible such as tag numbers, clothing description and direction of travel. However, never put yourself or others at risk when doing so. We will take whatever information you do provide and do our best to locate the person or vehicle.

One scam that is occurring across the state is the credit/debit card skimmer scam. The criminal will attach a device to a gas pump/ATM machine and when you make a legitimate transaction, it will record all the information needed to commit a fraud. Always take an extra few seconds to inspect any card reader before swiping your card. If it looks like it has been tampered with or is unusually thick/protruding, it may have been altered. Do not use it and notify the retailer so they can inspect and verify that the device has not been tampered with. Some gas pumps will have an inspection seal around the reader.

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st. When you adjust your clocks, remember to take time and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors if they are battery powered. This is also a great time to have chimneys inspected and cleaned if you have a wood burning fireplace.

## *Have A Safe & Fun Halloween!*



## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the September 16th regular meeting:

- Extended the Street Sweeping contract with Clean Earth Collections for one year. This will be the last extension available, and the contract will be up for bid next year.
- Extended the Snow/Ice Removal contract with Johnson Lawn and Landscape for one year. This will be the first of two one-year extensions allowed by the contract.
- Approved two police vehicles to be declared surplus property so they can be sold.
- Approved the purchase of two police vehicles; a marked unit-VW Passat from Hallmark of Rivergate for \$25,875, and an unmarked Ford Interceptor for the investigator from the state contract for \$27,421.
- Approved the request to purchase emergency equipment for the new police vehicle from On-Duty Depot for \$3,804, to be installed by Blue Lightning for \$1,140.00



- Approved the purchase of GPS tracking equipment for police and public works vehicles from Verizon for a total of \$6,127.20. The City applied for a TML Safety Partners Matching Driver Safety Grant which, if received, would offset the cost by 50%.
- Deferred appointing a new member to the Municipal Planning Commission to replace John Hall who is moving out of state.
- Deferred action on a proposal from Just.Glass to provide glass recycling for Belle Meade residents.
- Deferred action on Ordinance 2015-9, Amend Section 12-103, Building Materials Standards, on second reading.

Commissioners took action on the following items at the September 28th special meeting:

- Approved the appointment of James Edwards to the Municipal Planning Commission.

**FALL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:**

- **Upgrades to the Belle Meade Horse Street Name Signs & Poles:** TW Tisdale Construction was awarded the contract to prep and paint all Belle Meade horse sign poles, bridges with decorative railings, and the water crossing gates, as well as install new street name signs on the poles. The new street name signs will be considerably larger than the current ones, with bigger lettering and a much higher reflectivity at night, all of which is required under new federal law. The contractor will have protective screening around each sign pole during the sandblasting and painting phase as well as safety cones/signage in the work zone. Please be aware that they will be working at various intersections for the next 4-6 weeks and drive safely.
- **2015 Paving Project:** Sessions Paving Company was awarded the contract for milling and resurfacing streets this year. They are scheduled to begin work on Monday, October 12 (weather permitting) on the following streets.

Bellevue Drive W., Harding Pl. between Belle Meade Blvd. and Westover, Park Hill Dr., Signal Hill Dr., Cornwall Ave., Lynwood Terrace between Westhampton Pl. and Lynwood Blvd./Lynwood Ln. intersection, and removal of curbing and island at intersection of Glen Eden Dr. and Jackson Blvd. Please avoid unnecessary travel on these streets during the construction phase. The contractor does not anticipate closing any streets during this project, but will have the option to close one lane or temporarily block traffic as needed.

- **Modifications to Clarendon Ave. and Sutherland Ave. intersection:** Gibbs Brothers Construction will be working at this intersection to widen the road for two-way traffic. The “One Way Traffic” sign will be replaced with a Stop sign. New striping and a stop bar will be added. Residents had complained that the current design was confusing and a safety issue.



*Sandblasting Screen*



*Old Street Name Sign*



*New Street Name Sign*

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In Honor of Rob Ledyard, United States Marine Corps

**Shell, Bob and Mary Ruth**

In Memory of James J. Trammell - WWII



**Notice:**

Property tax statements are being mailed the week of Oct. 12th. Taxes are due on or before February 29, 2016. 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.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015**

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

**Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Oct 20th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 17th at 5:00 pm

**Board of Building Code Appeals**

Tuesday Oct 20th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 17th at 6:00 pm

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tuesday, Oct 20th at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 17th at 7:00 pm

**Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, Oct 21st at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 18th at 4:00 pm

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

**WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION –  
EVERY MONDAY**

**REMEMBER:**

WHITE BAGS = garbage

BLACK BAGS = recycle

If your trash is missed on Monday, please notify us Tuesday morning at 615-297-6041 or send an email from the City website [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org), using the Trash/Recycle comment form found on the home page.

**Recycle Reminder:** RR Waste has asked us to remind everyone to **flatten all cardboard boxes** that are set out for recycle collection. Boxes that are not broken down take up too much room in the recycle trailer and slows down the collection process. If boxes are not flattened, the contractor may not take them with the bagged recycling

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return service requested