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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE OCTOBER 2016

PAGE LOT CLOSURE

FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT . . .

You may have seen the October press release from Metro Parks announcing the November 1 closure of lot at Page Road and the entrance to Percy Warner Park. If not, here is the official release. . . .



PERCY WARNER PARK - PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

—Nashville, TN — Metro Parks and the City of Belle Meade announced today that the overflow parking area at the corner of Page Road and Belle Meade Boulevard will close on November 1.

Parks Director Tommy Lynch said the popularity of the park coupled with an increasing number of users is taking its toll on one of the city’s premiere destination parks. “We have an obligation to be good stewards of the land we manage,” said Lynch. “This is about protecting the parks’ natural and cultural resources for future generations, enhancing the user experience, while also being cognizant of those who live in the immediate vicinity.”

The City of Belle Meade presented a preliminary plan to the Parks Board that would convert the overflow parking space into a landscaped green space. However, there are still some steps in the process that need to be addressed before anything is final, said City of Belle Meade Mayor Jim Hunt. “This conversion will create a pleasing and more appropriate entrance to Percy Warner Park and also benefit the neighbors by adding to the beauty of the City of Belle Meade”

In addition to the parking that is available currently, future parking lots are planned behind Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse, at Gaucho Road near

the Steeplechase, at the Chickering Road entrance and in two locations at Deep Well off Highway 100. These sites were selected because they offer easy access to the trail and road systems, and parking can be integrated without significantly impacting the character of the landscape. The total number of new spaces in these lots is 150. Each lot will include a trailhead with map and a Portajohn and will utilize pervious surfaces. The Gaucho Road and Chickering lots will each include new connector trails to the Mossy Ridge (red) trail loop. —

History on the Page Lot. . . .

Since the late 1990’s, the City of Belle Meade and Metro have disagreed regarding appropriate use of the lot at the intersection of Page Road and Belle Meade Boulevard. The property, which consists of roughly one acre of land, lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Belle Meade. However, the land is owned by the Metro Parks having been given by Susan Warner for the “beautification and protection of the entrance” to Percy Warner Park. Until the mid-to late 1990’s the property was used for children’s soccer and football practice and pick-up games. After that – no one is sure when – the property began to be used for overflow parking for visitors to Percy Warner Park and certain non-visitors that used the lot as a starting point for a bike ride or run on Belle Meade Boulevard. Meanwhile, Metro Parks identified additional parking as a long range need of Percy Warner Park.

Since 2008, the Belle Meade Commissioners have worked with the Parks Board and the City of Belle Meade to reconcile their differences regarding use of this property. About 4 years ago, we began an effort to explore the circumstances under which Metro Parks might consider alternative uses for this Page Road property. Metro Parks made clear that before parking would end at the Page lot, alternative parking locations would need to be identified and developed. Furthermore, there would need to be a concerted effort to educate and inform park visitors of the alternatives available for parking elsewhere in the park prior to any change.

In the FY2012 Metro capital budget, the Parks department requested a capital appropriation to expand parking at the nine-hole golf course with a trail head connecting the park directly to the 5.8 mile paved route. The City of Belle Meade actively supported this appropriation that was ultimately approved. The project was completed in 2015 plus a number of other areas were identified for more parking and are now available. This effort is designed not just to replace the places lost at the Page road location but to create a net increase in parking throughout the park while at the same time distributing visitors more evenly to all entrances. The City of Belle Meade has and will stay supportive of multiple parking locations.

Even after conversion the property continues to be under the control of Metro Parks and its use will ultimately be designed to meet the intent of Susan Warner’s gift to the City.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE, HOME ALARM SYSTEMS, CITY SPEED LIMITS – SURVEY COMING!

An email survey will be conducted in the next few days using SurveyMonkey that will contain questions regarding the proposed video surveillance system, home alarm systems and speed limits in Belle Meade. A sample of this survey can be found on

the website and included in the mailed copies of this month’s newsletter. In order for the survey to be relevant we need a strong representation from our residents. Be sure to take the short time to complete.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Halloween will be here in a few weeks and we want everyone to be safe when Trick-or-Treating. Some safety tips to remember:

- Always supervise your children when they are out,
- Wear bright colors and stay in well-lit areas when possible,
- Always inspect your child’s candy before allowing them to eat it,
- Don’t go anywhere you do not feel safe, and
- Trick-or-Treat with people that you know.

We will have FREE high visibility Trick-or-Treat bags available at the police station. See the Dispatcher for the bags. Also, we will be on Nichol Lane again this year assisting residents if needed, and handing out treats at the corner of Nichol and West Brookfield. REMINDER: Nichol Lane will be closed to through traffic beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st and will re-open at 10:00 p.m.

Identity Theft continues to be on the rise everywhere. Be

vigilant about routinely checking your various bank and credit card accounts. Check with your financial provider to see what is available through them to deter fraudulent withdrawals or unauthorized purchases. There are also third party services available that can provide protection against identity theft and in most cases, they are affordable and worth the investment. If you think you are a victim of identity theft, call us immediately at 615-297-0241 to file a report.

Please continue to Park Smart by always locking your vehicle and removing items of value. Practice good alarm management by knowing how to properly operate your home alarm systems in order to get the most out of your system and reduce false alarms. Your alarm provider can provide you with the proper training for your system. In addition, make sure everyone is properly trained as well.

Never be hesitant to call in suspicious activity or persons when you see it. Quick reporting to us at 615-297-0241, could help prevent or solve a crime.

Street safety is very important to us, so remember to always obey the posted speed limits and rules of the road. Watch out for people standing in a cross walk and come to a stop to allow them to cross safely. When using the streets, particularly Belle Meade Boulevard, remember to walk and bike in single file. We have a strict enforcement policy on these rules that enhance the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the September 21, 2016 meeting:

- Approved the annual parade permit for the Thanksgiving Day Boulevard Bolt.
- Approved the request from Chief Eads to participate in Volkswagen’s Buy-Back Program for (12) Passat vehicles.
- Approved (6) invoices over \$5,000 as follows:
 - o Gibbs Brothers Construction, Inc.- \$7,277.10

- o J. R. & Associates- \$11,016.00
- o J. R. & Associates- \$12,800.00
- o J. R. & Associates- \$12,240.00
- o J. R. & Associates- \$5,256.00
- o KraftCPAs- \$7,500.00



- Approved Ordinance 2016-7, to Amend Zoning Code, Title 14-204, (1) (h) (ii) and Title 14-103, Corner Lots, on second reading.

American Flag Sponsors



The American Flags will be displayed again beginning one week prior to Veterans Day (November 11, 2016) and will remain displayed for one week following. It is encouraging that thirteen new families have participated in the

2016-2017 sponsorships, but only nine of last year’s sponsoring families have renewed. We have been anticipating fifty new and renewal sponsorships so we need another twenty nine sponsors before November. Please help to keep the flags flying!

Ceres Society Donations September 9th through October 6, 2016

American Flag Sponsorship

Echols, Mr. & Mrs. Robert

(WWII: Capt. Edward G. Abernathy (MD)

Sgt. John R. Abernathy, Sgt. Edward Abernathy

Sgt. William Abernathy, Sgt. Richard Abernathy

Vietnam: Seaman Tom Austin, Jr.)



Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Torry

(Greg Sirko, CPT, Army)

Nevin, Mr. & Mrs. Robert

(Mem: Robert L. Howell, 15th Air Force

301st Bomb Group B-17 WWII)

Wendell, Mr. & Mrs. Earl W.

Wilds, Mr. & Mrs. David

CANDIDATES FOR BELLE MEADE COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 2016



This year Belle Meade voters will elect TWO commissioners. Mayor Jim Hunt and Vice-Mayor Cathy Altenbern have completed their four-year term, and have decided to run for office again.

JAMES V. HUNT. (JIM)



Since they were the only two candidates that qualified by the deadline, they are running unopposed for the two open commissioner positions.

CATHY ALTENBERN

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE
PRESIDENTIAL, STATE GENERAL,
BELLE MEADE, FOREST HILLS &
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016 THROUGH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

BELLE MEADE CITY HALL	4705 HARDING PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37205
BELLEVUE LIBRARY	720 BAUGH ROAD, NASHVILLE, TN 37221
BORDEAUX LIBRARY	4000 CLARKSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37218
CASA AZAFRÁN COMM. CENTER	2195 NOLENSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211
EDMONDSON PIKE LIBRARY	5501 EDMONDSON PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH	1109 32ND AVE N, NASHVILLE, TN 37209
GOODLETTSVILLE COMM. CENTER	200 MEMORIAL DR, 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
SONNY WEST AUDITORIUM	700 2ND AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37210
SOUTHEAST COMM. CENTER	5260 HICKORY HOLLOW PKWY, STE 202, ANTIOCH, TN 37013

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Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2016

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Nov 15th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, Nov 8th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 13th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Nov 15th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 20th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Nov 16th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 21st at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMEMBER:

WHITE BAGS = garbage

BLACK BAGS = recycle



NOTICE:

Property tax statements were mailed to all residents during the first week of October. Taxes are due on or before February 28, 2017. The City does not mail tax statements to mortgage companies. Contact your mortgage company if you are unsure of who is responsible for payment of the taxes. The City accepts payment by check or credit card. Credit card payments can be completed over the phone. (There is a convenience fee charged for credit card payments.) Please call Kemishia Sadler at 615-297-6041 if you would like to make payment over the phone or if you have any questions about your property taxes.

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return service requested