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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MARCH 2018

WELCOME, SPRING!

SPRING REMINDERS:



- **BRUSH & CHIPPER SERVICE** - A benefit of your property taxes is the once-a-week brush & chipper service that is contracted for roadside pick-up of bagged leaves and clippings, small limbs and normal yard waste debris. This service contract does

NOT cover the pickup and removal of large trees that have been cut down on your property – that is the homeowner's responsibility. If you set out a large amount of trimmings, the contractor may only take a portion on his weekly stop. Please understand that the contract requires pickup of all residential properties and the contractor has a limited amount of time that his crew can spend at each stop. Also, please do not bring yard waste to the dumpsters behind city hall.

- **GARAGE / ESTATE SALE PERMITS** - If you are planning to have a garage or estate sale, you must first obtain a permit from the City. You may either stop by City Hall and complete the form or obtain it from the website, www.citybellemeade.org, under the "How Do I . . ." tab. The City does not charge a fee for this permit. You are allowed ONE sign to be posted on the day(s) of the event at the property where the sale is being held.
- **LAWN CARE REMINDERS** - Please remind your landscapers and lawn care services not to block access to the street with

their vehicles and equipment while working. Also, they should not blow grass clippings and other yard debris out into the street, which is a violation of Belle Meade Code section 16-107. NOTE - If you have a sewer grinder pump, please make lawn service crews aware of the location of the green grinder tank lid, to avoid damage from mowing equipment.

- **DOGS RUNNING LOOSE / BARKING DOGS** – With warm weather and pets being outside more often, the City staff receives an increase of complaints about dogs running loose or barking excessively. The City has ordinances prohibiting dogs from running freely in the neighborhood and disturbing the peace and quiet of a neighborhood with loud and frequent barking. Please be considerate of those living around you. The City will send a letter to the pet's owner requesting compliance with the ordinances if a complaint is received, but if violations continue, the owner can be cited to appear in City Court.
- **WALK, JOG SAFELY** – Remember to walk, job and bicycle single file: walkers and joggers against traffic and cyclists with the traffic flow. Per City ordinance, reflective clothing must be worn dusk to dawn, and bicycles must have warning lights on the front and rear. Enjoy your time outdoors and be SAFE.
- **FREE SHRED DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 7th** from 9am to 12 noon at city hall. Bring your sensitive documents for a secure and safe disposal. Limit of 8 boxes/bags per person. (Service provided by Shred On The Run.)



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

- **Battery check** - Make a habit of checking the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice each year when the time changes.
- **Spring Break trip?** Remember to utilize our House Check Service, as we will conduct extra patrols of your residence while you are out of town. Sign up at www.citybellemeade.org and look under the "How Do I" tab. You can also call our dispatch center 615-297-0241 for assistance in getting signed up. Always remember to activate you home alarm

system even if you are going to be away for a short period of time. Make sure Belle Meade Police is listed as the first responder - we answer every alarm call!

- **Coyotes & bobcats** – We are aware that there has been an increase in sightings of these animals, not only in Belle Meade, but all over West Nashville. Protect your pets and do not leave them unattended



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outdoors or leave their food out where wild animals can get to it.

- **Scams** – Phone, internet and mail scams are constantly occurring. Beware of any unsolicited requests for money or personal information. If you are contacted by someone demanding this and are concerned, please give us a call and we can assist you in determining if the business or person is legitimate.
- **Suspicious activity** - call the police immediately at 615-297-0241.

Note - There are times when we will forward crime alert information from the Metro Police Department West Sector through the Neighborhood Watch Program. We do this to help keep you informed of crimes that are occurring in the West Sector which may affect where you work or shop. Keep in mind that the West Sector is a very large area that surrounds Belle Meade. Also remember that it does not necessarily mean that we believe these crimes are going to occur in Belle Meade. We forward the information to keep you aware of what is going on in the surrounding area.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **February 7, 2018 special meeting:**

- Approved the use of written ballots and other specific procedures for the nomination and election of a commissioner to fill the vacancy on the Board
- Approved the nomination of six candidates: Charlie Atwood, Bunny Blackburn, June Bogle, Nate Greene, Douglas Henry and Tom Nesbitt
- Call for Votes occurred four times, with no candidate receiving a majority. Commissioners will hold another special meeting.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **February 9, 2018 special meeting:**

- Approved the nomination of six candidates: Charlie Atwood, Bunny Blackburn, June Bogle, Douglas Henry, Tom Nesbitt and Blair Wilson
- Call for Votes resulted in the election of Blair Wilson, who received three out of four votes.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **February 21, 2018 regular meeting:**

- Newly elected Commissioner, Blair Wilson, was sworn into office.
- Approved request for a Parade Permit from Ragnar Relay
- Awarded the contract for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at Belle Meade Blvd. and Iroquois Ave. to the



low bidder, Smith Landscaping & Excavation, for \$55,500.00

- Awarded the contract for Electrical Services/Connections for the Video Surveillance Camera System to Kerr Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$46,333.51.
- Approved payment to TDOT for Belle Meade's portion of the Hillwood Bridge Rehabilitation estimated construction costs in the amount of \$45,960.00
- Approved (by vote of 3 aye/2 no) to have City Attorney draft an Ordinance to lower all speed limits in the City to 25 mph, with the exception of Belle Meade Blvd. and Chickering Road, which would be lowered to 30 mph.
- Deferred for 30 days, request to purchase police accreditation software
- Approved request for Activities Permit from St. George's Episcopal Church for a Farmer's Market from May to October 2018
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000.00:
 - o Civil & Environmental Consultants - \$7,782.10
 - o Commonwealth Chemical, Inc. – \$21,280.00
 - o Kerr Electric, Inc. - \$1,111.31 (required commissioner approval)
 - o Kraft CPAs – \$1,000.00 (final payment on \$20,500 contract)
 - o Sammie Gibbs Construction - \$16,050.00
 - o Sammie Gibbs Construction - \$22,152.50
 - o Wascon Inc. - \$6,671.70

BELLE MEADE COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS – NOVEMBER 2018

Three commissioner terms will expire this November. Each of the five commissioners serve a four-year term. Any Belle Meade resident interested in becoming a candidate for commissioner may obtain a petition from the Davidson County Election Commission (862-8800) 1417 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37217, beginning May 18, 2018. The deadline

to qualify and turn in the signed petition is noon on Thursday, August 16, 2018. The City will be hosting an information session soon for citizens interested in running for commissioner or serving on one of the Boards (Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, or Building Code Appeals). More information on this will be forthcoming.



EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE
DAVIDSON COUNTY
PRIMARY & REFERENDUM ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 THROUGH THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 12	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 13	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 14	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 16	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 17	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 19	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 20	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 21	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 23	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 24	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 26	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
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 STATION FIFTY FORWARD	301 MADISON STREET, MADISON, TN 37115
HOWARD OFFICE BUILDING	700 2ND AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37210
SOUTHEAST LIBRARY	5260 HICKORY HOLLOW PKWY, ANTIOCH, TN 37013

DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION | 1417 MURFREESBORO PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37217 | 615-862-8800 | WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV/VOTE

PUBLIC WORKS / STORMWATER

GUIDELINES FOR DRAINING POOLS & SPAS

You can help keep our creeks, streams and rivers clean by properly draining your swimming pool or spa. **It is illegal in Davidson County to drain your filter backwash water, saltwater or chlorinated pool water, or spa directly into the stormwater drainage system or a creek unless it is de-chlorinated. (see CITY OF BELLE MEADE STORM WATER ORDINANCE – SECTION 8, ILLICIT DISCHARGES).**

DO NOT drain the water into the sanitary sewer. You may drain the water onto grassy areas following these guidelines:

- * De-chlorinate the water by allowing it to stand untreated for 7 to 10 days before you drain the pool/spa.
- * Drain the water directly onto the grass in your yard. Be a good neighbor – allow the water to only drain onto your property so that it does not cause erosion or flooding in your neighbor’s yard.
- * Drain the pool water slowly to allow it to be absorbed into the ground and to prevent erosion and ponding. Standing water can lead to mosquito problems in as little as 48 to 72 hours and may be a code violation.

Note: draining saltwater onto grass and landscape can damage plants and soil due to high salt content.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * High levels of chlorine in pool water can kill wildlife, fish, crayfish and other aquatic animals.
- * A saltwater swimming pool system uses pool salt to make chlorine. The chemicals and salt in saltwater pools can kill plants, wildlife, and aquatic animals such as fish and crayfish.
- * Stormwater drainage systems (catch basins in the streets, ditches, etc.) drain rain water directly to creeks and streams.

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP OUR CREEKS, STREAMS AND RIVERS CLEAN! REMEMBER:

- * Drain only de-chlorinated water onto grassy areas. Drain the water slowly.
- * And **NEVER** drain pool and spa water directly into street drains or drainage ditches – they lead directly to our creeks, streams and rivers.

Questions concerning pool guidelines and saltwater pools should be directed to: Larry Smith, Dir. of Public Works, 615-297-6041 or lsmith@citybellemeade.org

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2018

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 17th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, April 10th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 8th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, April 17th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, April 18th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 16th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 30TH, FOR GOOD FRIDAY.
IN CASE OF SEWER, STREET, OR OTHER EMERGENCIES,
CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 615-297-0241.
BRUSH/CHIPPER SERVICES WILL RUN AS NORMAL ON
MARCH 30TH.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – FEBRUARY 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Fridrich

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hunt

Mr. Mark Nicol Family Trust

FREE SHRED DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 from 9 am to 12 noon at city hall. This community event is limited to private individuals with no more than 8 boxes or bags and is not intended for commercial purposes. Some items to consider for shredding include: credit card statements, old checks, tax returns and anything a thief can use to steal your identity. **No need to remove paperclips or staples.** (Service provided by Shred On The Run.)



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return service requested