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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE APRIL 2019

SPRING REMINDERS:



BRUSH & CHIPPER SERVICE - A benefit of your property taxes is the weekly brush & chipper service for roadside pickup 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. 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 City 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 www.citybellemeade.org, under the "How Do I . . ." tab. There is no fee for this permit.

- **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. If a complaint is received, the City will send a letter to the pet's owner requesting compliance. If violations continue, the owner can be cited to appear in City Court.
- **WALK, JOG SAFELY** - Remember to walk, jog 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 the outdoors and be SAFE.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF TIM EADS:

SAFE CITY - I am proud to announce that the City of Belle Meade has been rated number one out of the top 20 safest cities in Tennessee for the second time by www.Safewise.com, a site that promotes home, auto, family safety and other security matters. Here is a link to their article. <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-tennessee/>. Belle Meade has very little internal crime which greatly contributes to us being able to maintain this rating. Credit also goes to our residents that Park Smart, set their alarms and utilize the House Check Services when out of town, and to our Commissioners and City management who promote public safety as a priority and keep the police department appropriately staffed and well equipped. It takes everyone working together to form a safe community.

SCAM ALERT - a resident reported the following attempted scam on Craig's List. After placing an item for sale, they were contacted by a "buyer" that wanted to purchase the item and wanted to pay with a "certified" check. The amount of the check was for twice the amount of the item. The scam was to entice the seller into returning the "overpayment" before the check cleared. The resident recognized this as a scam and did not go through with the sale. If you are selling on-line, always use a secure site to transfer payment or receive payment such as a Pay-Pal.

Don't hesitate to call 615-297-0241 if you need the police or to report suspicious activity. Learn more about our services at www.citybellemeade.org.



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Preventing Lead in Drinking Water – a resident who recently had to replace old lead service lines to her house asked if the City staff knew the status of the water lines throughout Belle Meade and if any were still the old lead lines. First, Belle Meade does not own or maintain any water lines – these belong to Metro Water Services (MWS). However, Belle Meade does own and maintain all of the pressure sewer lines in the City. The Public Works Director contacted MWS regarding the existence of any old lead water lines in Belle Meade. The MWS representative stated that most of the main and secondary water lines in their service area have been replaced in the last several decades. MWS stopped using lead pipes for service lines in 1955 and in 1986 Congress required the use of

lead-free materials for public water systems and any drinking water plumbing connected to the public system. Because of the lack of detailed historical records prior to the mid-1950s, Metro is not able to identify an exact number of old lead water pipes that remain in the system. If any old lead pipes are discovered during construction or repair activities, MWS will replace their portion of the water line between the meter and the water main. Service lines from the meter to a home or other building are the owner’s responsibility. If you have additional questions, contact MWS directly at 615-862-4600 or visit their webpage at <https://www.nashville.gov/Water-Services/Community-Education/Lead.aspx>

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the March 27, 2019 Regular meeting:

- Approved application for a grant from Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for \$60,000 to purchase four wireless tablets and twelve tablet access point mounting systems. The grant would also pay for a part time officer to work traffic enforcement during peak traffic times.
- Approved treatment & fertilization of Boxwoods on City Hall property by Landscape Services Inc. for \$1,344.00.
- Approved repairs to flagstone terrace at City Hall by low

bid from Anthony Thompson Masonry for \$1,500.00.



- Approved One (1) invoices from: Wascon Inc. - \$5,223.97
- Deferred Ordinance 2019-1 for 30 days. An Ordinance to Close, Vacate and Abandon the Right of Way of Pendleton Avenue between its intersection with the Right of Way of Lynwood Blvd. and its terminus in the Turner Subdivision.
- Approved Resolution 2019-01, Establishing Amounts of Fees to be Charged by the City of Belle Meade for Permit Applications and Other Fees.

From The Society of Ceres Beautification Committee

Article by Gavin Duke, member, Ceres Society Beautification Committee



One thing that tastes outstanding in the summer is fresh food from the garden, like a fresh sliced tomato or some fresh herbs diced up and thrown into a recipe. It can be healthier for you and possibly create a connection with

future generations. More and more people are now growing their own vegetables, herbs and flowers at home. What better way to get off cellular devices and into nature?

Many landscape contractors often offer services to help complete the task and some even maintain the crops. I researched Nashville Foodscapes and think they have a clever approach of introducing vegetables and herbs into the landscape. Check out www.Nashvillefoodscapes.com for a lot of cool ideas.

There are several ways to start. It could be in the form of pots, raised beds or in a portion of an existing planting bed. First, choose the area for containers, raised bed or an existing plant bed. Just remember the best spot to raise produce will need about eight hours of summer sun per day. The recommended depth of planting should be about 10 – 12 inches deep. The soil composition should be approximately 60% top soil, 30% compost and 10% peat moss, perlite or vermiculite (via www.compostcompany.com). In doing raised beds, it’s a good idea to install a tight wire mesh at the bottom to prevent digging pests from plucking your produce.

Very popular plants for raised beds are tomatoes, pepper, squashes and corn. Some people like the simplicity of salad greens and herbs. There are also the root crops which include potatoes, carrots, turnips and radishes. Some plantings such as tomatoes, peas, etc., require systems such as a wire basket or poles to support the plantings.

Pros for doing a raised/container garden are: you have more control of the soil structure, absence of rock, good drainage,

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less erosion, easier access and maintenance because it's higher off the ground, and you can plant earlier in the year so you have an extended season. The raised beds also prevent tree root zones from being disturbed. Additionally, it's a great way to teach kids where food comes from, not to mention that this food is better for you! It also benefits nature: bees in pollination and other microorganisms for the soil. With a container garden or raised bed, there inevitably will be failures, but there will also be successes, and the benefits are so rewarding!

It is encouraging and exciting to see the interest in citizens growing produce and sharing with neighbors. Who knows, we may find some common areas to plant food together! It is proven that this makes for a stronger community. It is wonderful to show and share this process with the younger generation, show them the importance of where their food comes from and the health benefits it provides. It's not too late - get outside and grow something!

BELLE MEADE'S SOCIETY OF CERES

How familiar are you with Belle Meade's Society of Ceres? Most residents would answer not very much. One of the main goals of the recently revamped Ceres Committee is to change that! In recent newsletters, we introduced you to our new Committee members and told you about our partnership with Belle Meade Plantation for the Weed Wrangle held on March 2. The Society of Ceres annual fund-raising campaign kicked off this month with a mailing to all residents of Belle Meade. To the many residents who have already responded with generous donations, the Committee thanks you!

Your tax-free contributions are used to finance many beautification projects around the City, including:

- Seasonal planting of medians on Belle Meade Boulevard and pocket parks
- Replacing dead trees and shrubs in pocket parks and medians
- Paying a portion of turf maintenance costs for medians
- Trimming of trees in medians and pocket parks
- Purchasing holiday wreaths for street sign posts
- Purchasing flags for display on Belle Meade Boulevard

There are always new projects to consider and current projects that need additional funding. We are also working on neighborhood-specific events, educational resources and strategic partnerships. If you have a great idea for a beautification opportunity or would like to suggest an event, please email SocietyofCeres@gmail.com.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS - APRIL 1-12, 2019

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Niles Borop
Mrs. James C. Bradford, Jr.
Mr. David Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Crumbo
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Dr. & Mrs. Albert W. Shean, III
Dr. & Mrs. Manuel Sir
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Mr. & Mrs. Craig Wise

OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above

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MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

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Dr. & Mrs. David Bayer
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Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Eskind
Mr. Burton Jablin & Mr. Barron Patterson
Dr. & Dr. Jeffrey Marvel
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Mr. Henry Sherwood, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Stengel
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Sternberg
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Mrs. Eleanor Whitworth
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Wilson

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

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Dr. Leslie Doss
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hooper
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Dr. & Mrs. John Lea, IV
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**"IN MEMORY OF"
CONTRIBUTION**
Mrs. Sylvia Hartzog
Mr. Mark Hartzog

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS MAY & JUNE 2019

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 15th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 19th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 21st at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, May 21st at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, June 18th at 5:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 11th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



ST. GEORGE'S FARMERS' MARKET will open for the 2019 season beginning Thursday, May 9th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The Market will be open every Thursday through October in the small parking lot along Harding Road, near City Hall.

DRUG COLLECITON BOX – available 24/7 in the Police Dept. for the safe disposal of unused or expired medication.



THRIFTSMART DONATION BOX – behind City Hall. Acceptable donations include clothing, shoes, linens, CDs, DVDs, books, toys and other non-breakable household items. Call 615-833-8200 for pickup of large items.

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return service requested