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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE OCTOBER 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BELLE MEADE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation PRESS RELEASE

Nashville, TN- The Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) Program is pleased to announce that it has granted accreditation status to the Belle Meade Police Department. They were awarded this achievement during the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) meeting held in Franklin, TN on October 2, 2019.

To achieve accreditation with TLEA, an agency voluntarily submits to a three-year process of enhancing the agency's professionalism and effectiveness utilizing 160 law enforcement standards and participating in a thorough on-site assessment. The standards evaluate an agency's policies which address a variety of areas including organizational, operational and budget management practices. The program is intended to encourage cooperation, recognize professional standing, develop professional services and ensure public safety throughout the State of Tennessee. The TLEA program is a valuable and cost-effective way to enhance overall agency effectiveness and professionalism.

The Belle Meade Police Department successfully accomplished TLEA accreditation by meeting criteria that measured the professionalism, organizational, and overall readiness in law enforcement policy and procedures.

"The standard of excellence that is met through this process is to be admired. We are proud to recognize the hard work of the Belle Meade Police Department, its staff and community leaders," stated TACP President Richard Hall.

"I am very proud of our men and women who have worked extremely hard to achieve accreditation. I appreciate everyone in City Hall who also contributed to the process that helped us reach our goals", stated Tim Eads, Belle Meade Chief of Police.

The TLEA program was created under the direction and authority of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, which supports and endorses the continued improvement of law enforcement and emergency communications operations. This program provides a framework for Tennessee law enforcement agencies to have equal access to effective and comprehensive policies that enhance the professionalism of law enforcement and the safety of our communities.

The TLEA Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement and acknowledges the successful implementation of written directives, policies, and procedures that conceptually sound and operationally effective. It takes commitment, dedication, and hard work from the agency head, agency personnel and community leaders to meet the standards prescribed by the program.



L to R – TACP President Chief Richard Hall, Belle Meade Sgt. Jon Carter and Chief Tim Eads

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Belle Meade announces that it will provide a separate dumpster beginning October 1st just for cardboard recycling. The 2019 Citizen Survey results showed that 83% of respondents felt recycling collection was either “very essential” (60%) or “somewhat essential” (23%). Many respondents commented on their frustration on seeing so many empty cardboard boxes always filling up the trash dumpsters instead of being recycled.

All types of cardboard, not just shipping boxes, can be disposed of in this dumpster. However, **ALL CARDBOARD BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED** in order to fit into the slot in the dumpster. The cardboard dumpster will be located several parking spaces to the right of the current fenced dumpster area and will be emptied twice a week.

The City will **NO LONGER ALLOW EMPTY CARDBOARD BOXES IN THE 3 TRASH DUMPSTERS BEHIND THE GATES.** The staff and Commissioners are committed to

increase recycling awareness and participation with our residents and hope that this will encourage everyone to dispose of their cardboard responsibly. We encourage everyone to make use of the new cardboard dumpster, but if you only have a very small amount of cardboard each week, you may still recycle it with your weekly trash/recycle pickup. Thank You!



Mayor Hunt recycling his cardboard

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019:

- Approved to extend the Street Sweeping contract for one year at a monthly cost of \$1,616.16
- Approved to extend the Snow & Ice Removal contract for one year at the current rates for materials, labor and equipment
- Approved request to purchase 8 sets of tire deflation devices (stop sticks) for the Police Dept. from Stop Sticks Ltd. for a total cost of \$3,720. If a stop stick is used and run over, replacements are provided at no cost.
- Approved proposal from Queen City Disposal to provide a cardboard recycle dumpster at city hall for a monthly cost

of \$190 for twice a week pickup. (see related article above)

- Approved (2) invoices over \$5,000 from:
 - J. R. & Assoc. \$ 14,392.00 week 7
 - J. R. & Assoc. \$ 13,940.00 week 8
- Approved the proposal from VC3 for a Cyber Security Gap Analysis, in the amount of \$2,100. The analysis will identify any weaknesses in the City's computer network.
- Removed Ordinance 2019-9 from future agendas. This ordinance amended Title 16, Chapter 1 of the Municipal code, to Ban Dockless Scooters and Bicycles. The Commissioners will wait to see what Metro Nashville does before passing an ordinance.



FALL REMINDERS

STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE The City completed its annual Creek Maintenance project a few weeks ago, which helps to reduce flooding of properties throughout the City. It is critical that the stream channels be kept clear of trash and yard debris. **DO NOT DUMP TRASH, LEAVES, BRANCHES, CHRISTMAS TREES, PUMPKINS OR OTHER YARD WASTE INTO OR ADJACENT TO A STREAM OR DRAINAGE DITCH.** These materials will be washed downstream during heavy rain events and will most likely be deposited in front of culverts and bridges, causing flooding of properties or roadways, and endangering motorists. Residents can assist by keeping fall yard waste and fallen leaves out of the creeks and informing their landscape contractors of this rule.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL 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 an excessive amount of yard waste is put out for collection, it may take several weeks for the contractor to pick everything up, as they can only spend 15-20 minutes at each household on their route. 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.

Please contact Larry Smith or Nathan McVay in Public Works if you have questions or need to report a blocked stream or drainage culvert. Phone 615-297-6041 or email lsmith@citybellemeade.org or nmcvay@citybellemeade.org.

**FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:
"ASK A GARDNER"**

Dear Boscobel,

I love the beautiful flowers that grace my garden in summer. I am always sad when they start to fade. Can you recommend some flowers that will continue to bloom into fall?

*Signed,
Wistful*

Dear Wistful,

Keep your chin up . . . there are plenty of flowers that bloom into fall. My garden is full of color right now. My coneflowers, catmint, russian sage, ironweed and asters are full of purple flowers. My helenium, coreopsis and Mystic Illusion dahlias are bursting with yellow and red flowers.

Annuals such as lantana add a pop of color and feed the monarchs.

Most roses have a second bloom in the fall. They add color to the tired garden. If you plant one rose, why not plant my namesake? I am a beauty.

Grab your shovel and plant some late summer color in your garden.



*Happy Planting,
Boscobel*



CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2019

OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above
Mrs. Cynthia Sewell

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Cammack



TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Horrell

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2019 & DECEMBER 2019

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, November 20th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, November 12th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 10th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, November 19th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, November 19th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 17th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org



HAVE A SAFE & FUN HALLOWEEN!

NOTICE:

Property tax statements were mailed October 1st. Taxes are due on or before February 29, 2020. The city accepts payment by check or credit card. Online payments can be completed on the City website (www.citybellemeade.org). There is a convenience fee charged for credit card payments. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 297-6041.

- If you are going to be away from home for more than a week, please notify City Hall so that the trash/recycle contractor can temporarily suspend weekly pickup.



- If your trash or recycle is missed, please call City Hall (615-297-6041) or go to the website (www.citybellemeade.org) and click on the "Report A Concern" box.

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return service requested