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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE NOVEMBER 2019



Happy Thanksgiving to all Belle Meade Residents!

Update on the Historic Zoning Commission (HZC)

The HZC has been meeting every two weeks since its initial meeting on September 19th. With assistance from Tennessee Historical Commission's Historic Preservation Specialist, Jane-Coleman Cottone and City Attorney Doug Berry, the HZC members have been working on drafting an Ordinance for a City-Wide Conservation Overlay and developing a set of interim design guidelines so that public hearings and appeals to the HZC can be heard in the near future. The staff from the Tennessee Historical Commission prepared a Historic Resources Survey that was presented to the City in September. This windshield survey consisted of driving each street in the City and evaluating the historic character and age of each property. The survey results can be found on the city website under "Headlines" or by clicking on this link: <https://citybellemeade.org/news/historic-resource-survey-results/>.

The HZC recommended to the Commissioners that a Historic Preservation Consultant be hired to assist the HZC with the analysis of Belle Meade's architectural character, development of interim Design Guidelines and communication of this

information at the public meetings for residents. A proposal was submitted by Thomason and Associates and approved by the Commissioners at their October board meeting. Consultant Phil Thomason has already begun working with the HZC to draft interim design guidelines for demolition, new construction and additions. The final product will be guidelines in a narrative form with accompanying photographs and graphics to illustrate the design guideline principles.

The Municipal Planning Commission must review the legislation for proposed Overlay District(s) and accompanying design guidelines and recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners. After first reading of this legislation by the Board of Commissioners, public meetings will be announced so that residents can ask questions and provide feedback to the governing boards (HZC, MPC and Commissioners). Please stay tuned, as we will announce the public meeting dates by newsletter, email bulletins, website and in the Belle Meade News. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Official, Lyle Patterson, 615-297-2364 or lpatterson@citybellemeade.org.

Tennessee Real ID



In 2005, Congress passed what is called the REAL ID Act, which was a recommendation of the 9/11 Commission. The law created a series of minimum-security standards for states to im-

plement and also prohibited federal agencies from accepting IDs that do not meet such standards.

Beginning October 1, 2020, the legislation requires that anyone who wants to access certain federal facilities, such as a military base or nuclear power plant, or fly on a commercial airplane to have a REAL ID or an acceptable alternative such as a U.S. passport.

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Click on this link from the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security to view information about obtaining a REAL ID:

<https://www.tn.gov/trealid/what-is-real-id.html>

Click on this link the see what documents you must bring when applying for the REAL ID:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/trealid/documents/REALIDRequirements.pdf>

After completing the process to obtain a REAL ID compliant driver license, you will be issued a new driver's license with a gold circle with a star in the right corner of the license to indicate it is REAL ID compliant.

Don't delay – there is less than one year to complete this process. If you do not have an acceptable alternative ID, such as a valid passport, you will not be able to board any U.S. domestic flights after September 30, 2020.

CITY HALL STAFF UPDATES:



Welcome to Edie Glaser as the new City Recorder. Edie is a Nashville native and currently lives in the West End area. She graduated from St. Cecilia Academy and attended University of Mississippi. Edie is the first face you will see at City Hall and often the voice you will hear on the phone. She is excited to be here and

looks forward to assisting the Belle Meade residents.



Welcome to Leigh Mills as the new Finance and Human Resources Director. Leigh grew up in Fayetteville, TN and now resides in Lebanon. She graduated from Cumberland University and received her Master of Business Administration degree from MTSU. Leigh has many years of accounting experience, including

10 years as Finance Director of the Tennessee School Boards Association. We are happy to have her as part of our team and she looks forward to serving the residents of Belle Meade.

Congratulations to Lyle Patterson, Building Codes Official. Effective January 1, 2020, Lyle will add the title of Assistant City Manager to his credentials. Lyle has done a terrific job in the 6 years he has worked at Belle Meade to streamline the procedures in the building codes department. He has also been instrumental in passing several amendments to the City's Zoning Code that would be beneficial



to residential construction, while preserving the character of Belle Meade. These amendments include replacing the complicated volume requirements formula with the F.A.R. (floor area ratio), adoption of building materials standards, and amending the code for treatment of corner lots, flat and low slope roofs, height limitations for residential structures, and changes in the elevation of a lot. The Commissioners and City Manager look forward to Lyle's participation in future City projects.





FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



• **Boulevard Bolt** - Be aware of the following road closures that will occur during the event.

- o 6:45 a.m. Belle Meade Blvd. will close to thru traffic Harding Rd. to Jackson Blvd.
- o 7:30 a.m. Belle Meade Blvd. will close to thru traffic from Jackson Blvd. to Page Rd.
- o 7:45 a.m. Jackson Blvd. and Harding Pl. will close to cross traffic. Belle Meade Blvd. will close to ALL traffic.

Belle Meade Boulevard residents and their guests will be able to access driveways until 7:45 a.m. unless an unusual circumstance develops. Residents or guests will need to provide an address to officers stationed at a post or call the police department at 615-297-0241 to request entry after 6:45 a.m. Belle Meade Boulevard and other streets are generally open for through traf-

fic around 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions about the road closures please contact Chief Tim Eads at teads@citybellemeade.org or Sergeant Jon Carter at jcarter@citybellemeade.org

- **Park Smart** - Holiday shopping has begun. Remember to always Park Smart - lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables inside. Put bags in the trunk or conceal them to deter a vehicle break in. Remain alert when out shopping and have your keys ready to enter your vehicle. If you have many items or you feel uncomfortable going to your vehicle, request an escort from store personnel or security.
- **Home Alarms** - Use your home alarm systems effectively. If you are not sure who your first responder is, contact your alarm vendor to verify that Belle Meade Police is listed as your first responder.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019:

- Approved a one-year extension for the Street Maintenance Contract with Gibbs Brothers Construction through December 31, 2020, at the same pricing.
- Approved a one-year extension for the Landscape Maintenance Contract with Landscape Services, Inc., through December 31, 2020, at the same pricing.
- Approved a proposal from Thomason & Associates to consult with the Historic Zoning Commission and prepare Interim Design Guidelines for the City-Wide Conservation Overlay in the amount of \$13,560.
- Approved the removal of Mal Wall from the Municipal Planning Commission, and the appointment of Gavin Duke to take his place.



- Approved the purchase of 140 Holiday Wreaths from Boy Scouts of America, Troop 6, for a cost of \$3,430.00. Wreaths are placed on every street sign pole. This project is paid for by the Beautification Fund.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000.00:

o Commonwealth Chemical Inc.	\$ 22,400.00
o Kraft CPAs	\$ 10,000.00
o SkyCop	\$ 13,338.00
o Sessions Paving Company	\$229,017.00
- Deferred Ordinance 2019-9, Amend Title 14 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Apply a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay to All Four Zoning Districts in the City, on first reading.

Ceres Official Logo



The Society of Ceres is delighted to announce that we have an official logo! Our interpretation of the Tri-Star design on the Tennessee state flag features three blooms: the Tulip Poplar, which is Tennessee's state tree; the Bearded Iris, our state flower; and the Dogwood, a native species and one of the most popular in cultivation in Tennessee.

The new logo was conceived by Ceres Committee members Gavin Duke, Michael Dixon and Peter Grimaldi, and brought to fruition by graphic artist Blair Bego. Blair is a native Nashvillian who describes herself as a one-woman show. She has clients nationwide including Julie's Real and the Nashville Golf Open, benefitting the Snedeker Foundation. She studied Industrial Creative Psychology and specializes in the ways in which adults learn and recognize branding. She provides an introspective level of business acumen to her clients which is unique to her industry. Blair also has a heart for charity work, as exemplified by her

volunteering with Saddle Up and the Charity Holiday Bazaar at Golf Club. We knew she would be a perfect creative partner with Ceres, as her goal is to beautify clients' websites and designs, just as the goal of Ceres is to beautify Belle Meade. You can find more information about Blair at www.bcreativepro.com. Thank you, Blair, for your expertise and your talent and for providing this work as an in-kind donation!

Much like our flowering plants, the Ask A Gardener article is going into dormancy. As soon as our bulbs begin to bloom, the Ask A Gardener article will be back in full swing! In the meantime, if you have any gardening or horticultural questions, please feel free to email them to SocietyofCeres@gmail.com.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – October 2019

Mr. & Mrs. Ron D. Farris
TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499
Mr. & Mrs. Clay Whitson

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020**

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, December 18th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, December 10th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 14th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 17th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, December 17th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 21st at 5:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Monday, November 25th at 3:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holidays. In case of sewer, street, or other city emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-6041.

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REMINDER: Please utilize the new cardboard recycle dumpster. Any cardboard that cannot fit in your household trash container should be brought to the recycle dumpster behind City Hall.

Please do not put liquid paint into the trash dumpsters. This is illegal, and our trash contractor incurs fines when paint is in the load taken to the landfill.

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return service requested