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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE APRIL 2020

COVID-19 AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

FROM MAYOR HUNT

Earlier this week, my cabin-fever coupled with the spring weather, begged me to take a short walk in my neighborhood and on the Belle Meade Golf Course. As beautiful as it was, no street traffic except for a man and his son on bicycles and walkers on the golf course maintaining adequate social distancing of at least 100 feet. No conversations but a quiet time for reflection and gratefulness. The photos were taken on Enquirer, Leake and Golf course #12 green.

The past few weeks have been challenging both social and business relationships. Virtual meetings, home schooling and remote office from home, have taken the place of the hustle and bustle of the “old days”. Maybe some of this will become the new normal. Yes, the near-term outlook is uncertain but what has remained constant is the resiliency of Belle Meade and its determination of our residents to support one another. I am extremely proud of our City, Belle Meade. I know of several who are struggling to keep their businesses viable and individuals caring for loved ones. Governor Lee’s “Stay at Home” Executive Order will hopefully result in a faster than expected recovery for Tennessee, Nashville and Belle Meade. It does however require discipline: daily planning of safe activities, including goals you now have more time accomplish, playing a musical instrument, reading a new book, trying your “skill” at DIY projects (or maybe not).

This brings me to the updating, editing and re-energizing of the Neighborhood Watch Program (NW). Initially it was designed to provide notices from the Police (BOLOs, lost dogs and other safety information). Expansion of this program will include more frequent and relevant content from all departments of the city. Volume of notices will be kept to a minimum.

A little on the workings of NW;

- 40 Watch Captains have been assigned or re-assigned to a particular street and/or neighborhood
- 75 Streets, Condominiums, HOAs, Church’s, Synagogue, Country Club
- 1221 residences including over 2500 residents (spouses included)
- Collection of email addresses for both spouses/ caregivers/adult family members/significant others, along with mobile phone numbers for each (emergency contact only)
- Operation Blue Light will identify those residents considered to be “at risk” and vulnerable creating a safety net for those needing extra protection and enhanced “free” services by police. (more to come)
- Email me, jhunt@citybellemeade.org if you need to know who is assigned as your Watch Captain or if she/he has not contacted you.

There are many great sources for more information on COVID-19. Be careful to avoid rumors by using these effective sights:

- www.cdc.gov Center for Disease Control
- www.sba.gov Guidance and Loan Resources – Small Business Administration
- NICHG.org
- NAMI.org
- idsociety.org
- IHME Institute for Health University of Washington
- Healthdata.org





FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



During the current State of Emergency due to COVID-19, the Belle Meade Police Dept. shall strive to provide enhanced services, including a new program, "Operation Blue Light". This new service will include the pick-up and delivery of essential items such as food, medicines and/or other items deemed essential. This program will be available to residents that have been identified as vulnerable and that have completed an application.

For further information about this program and the application, visit the City Website.

At the time this newsletter was printed, we had eight applications.

Be aware – phone and email scams are still active and now some are associated with COVID-19. Always stay alert and to call us if you need assistance in checking a possible scam.

FROM THE BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT

Applying For Permits During Covid-19 - The office of Building and Zoning has received many calls and emails concerning how to apply for a permit or to discuss plans while social distancing is the order. Normally you would call to make an appointment and bring in your plans and have a face to face meeting. All that has changed over the last few weeks. Emailing your application to this office is the new temporary normal, and sending in your applications, drawings/plans is perfectly acceptable.

patch at City Hall. The actual building permit or placard will be scanned and emailed, or you can pick it up at dispatch upon your request.

I get many inquiries on "how large of an addition can we add to an existing home", or "what size home can be constructed on a lot". All of these and more can be answered by going to the City website citybellemeade.org and clicking on the "Department" tab, scroll over to "Building Permits" where you will find the building application near the bottom of the page. On the application, you need to know the square feet of the property, and the rest is simple math. You still must know how many square feet is currently constructed if you're trying to figure for an addition.

Now with the Covid-19 also comes a teleconferencing platform called "Zoom" that is being utilized widely and by this office to replace those face to face meetings. You can now share your drawings/plans on Zoom and annotate during the conversation. If you wish to use Zoom, an invitation will be sent to your email. Once you click on the supplied link, you will be connected to the meeting automatically.

Currently all building inspections are suspended until further notice, but as always, letters and pictures from engineers are acceptable and can be submitted by email.

Once plans and applications are submitted and reviewed, the total cost will be added to the application and emailed back to you. You can then mail or drop off a check to the police dis-

For further information or to apply for permit please email Lyle Patterson lpatterson@citybellemeade.org or call (615) 297-2364

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the March 18, 2020 meeting:

- Removed from the agenda the proposal to install pavement markings on Belle Meade Blvd. for Pass/Turn Only. This project will be incorporated into the Master Plan.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Tenn. Dept. of Transportation (Hillwood Bridge) \$6,214.70
 - o Omnigo Software \$6,870.24
 - o Wascon \$5,639.50



- Approved the RFQ recommendation for checking account banking services with Truxton Trust and Pinnacle Bank.
- Approved Amendment 1 to Ordinance 2019-11 (Tree Ordinance), which detailed proposed changes to the Ordinance. See related article in this newsletter.
- Deferred action for 60 days on Ordinance 2019-11, to amend Title Twelve of the Belle Meade Municipal Code and add a new Chapter Five thereto adopting building regulations for the management and protection of trees.

TREE ORDINANCE UPDATE

Second and final reading of Ordinance 2019-11 (“tree ordinance”) is scheduled for the May 20th Board of Commissioners meeting. The draft ordinance with proposed amendments (highlighted in blue and red) is posted on the

City website homepage, under “Headlines”. Please mail or email your comments or questions to Beth Reardon, breardon@citybellemeade.org or Lyle Patterson, lpatterson@citybellemeade.org.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Now that the weather is nice, the Public Works staff will be doing preventative maintenance checks on individual sewer grinder pumps throughout the City. We have over 900 pumps to service, so this will take time. All Public Works staff (Larry, Nathan and Dylan) have marked City trucks, and City identification. Please understand they will be on your property for a short time, most likely in your back yard.

DUMPSTERS – Unfortunately, we are getting a large amount of trash in the dumpsters that is not considered household garbage. Signs are clearly posted on the gates to the dumpster that list prohibited items, but residents seem to be ignoring this and

throwing many items in the dumpsters or leaving things on the ground that should be taken elsewhere in Metro, such as:

Furniture – recently a couch and ottoman, wood coffee tables, bookcases

Electronics – large flat screen TVs

Construction material – large wooden interior doors, wood panels, 2x4s, bucket of drywall mud

Miscellaneous – large RV windows, liquid paint

Disposing of these prohibited items is costing the City and its contractor, Franklin Disposal, extra expense. Please be mindful of the dumpster regulations and take large items to the proper disposal sites in Metro/Davidson County.

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Ms. Dana Zukierski

OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above

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Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Lawrence
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blackmon, Jr.

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Karl Haury, Jr.
In Mem: Mrs. Mildred Moore Haury
Mrs. Sandra Welborn, Jr.
In Mem: Master Gardener, Mr. Samuel K. Welborn, Jr.)

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

MAY & JUNE 2020

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 20th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 12th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 9th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, May 12th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 9th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 19th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, May 19th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 16th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDER

City Hall offices will be closed on Friday, April 10th for the Good Friday Easter holiday. In case of a sewer, traffic, or other emergency, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241 and the dispatcher will contact city staff if needed.

The Brush & Chipper service will run on Friday as usual.

Please submit your 2020 Census information
click here:

<https://2020census.gov/en.html>



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return service requested