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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JULY 2020

From Mayor Hunt - FY 2021-It's Here

June 30th marked the end of fiscal year 2020—WHEW! We leave behind unfinished challenges and opportunities:

- COVID -19-total disruption of everyday life including the economy
- Social unrest-protests and rioting-concerns over safety
- Neighborhood Watch- in its infancy to be a main source of communication between residents and city hall



Fiscal Year 2021 promises to be full of hope, excitement and remaining challenges:

- New streetlights for Belle Meade Blvd- come see the sample in parking lot at City Hall. (see photo)

- Unveiling of the long-awaited Master Plan for the City
 - Schools returning?
 - Calming of social unrests
 - November State/Federal general election:
 - o Presidential – Will it be Biden or Trump
 - o State and Federal senatorial and representative
 - o Belle Meade Commissioner – vote for two
 - Three Grants from State of Tennessee, Tennessee Highway Patrol and Historic Preservation will fund capital projects, part-time officer for traffic patrol and professional services.
 - Memorandum of Understanding from Metro will provide funds for most of if not all street resurfacing for the year
- Stay tuned for more specific information to follow in future Newsletters.

EARLY VOTING DURING COVID-19

Pursuant to the June 4, 2020 Order of the Davidson County Chancery Court, if you are a registered voter and do not wish to vote in-person due to the COVID-19 situation, you are eligible to request an absentee ballot by mail. You also have the option to vote in-person during early voting or on Election Day.

Early Voting for the State and Federal Primary & County General Election begins on Friday, July 17th. The complete schedule is posted in this newsletter or [CLICK HERE](#)

VOTE IN-PERSON: COVID-19 will require additional screening and restrictions in order to vote in-person at Belle Meade City Hall, as follows:

- ✓ Fewer than normal election workers and voting machines.
- ✓ Election workers will wear masks, gloves and gowns.

- ✓ Only 4-6 voters allowed inside at a time. Voters will line up outside and inside using social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- ✓ An Election worker will screen voters prior to entering the building, including asking screening questions, taking temperatures, and requiring a mask. Anyone with a temperature at or above 100 degrees or who fails any of the screening questions will not be allowed to vote inside.
- ✓ If voter refuses to wear a mask, they have the option to vote by paper outside with poll worker or go to another early voting site.
- ✓ Voters will not be allowed in city hall other than to enter to vote, then leave. They will not be allowed to use the restroom, water fountains, etc.
- ✓ Voters will use a coffee stirrer, rather than their finger, to push the voting machine buttons and each voter will be given a single-use pen to sign the paperwork.



REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY JULY 30TH The Tennessee Secretary of State's website contains eligibility information to vote absentee by-mail, and a link to download the application.

<https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting>

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FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

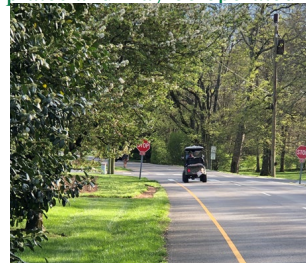


• **House Check Service** - I hope everyone is having a great summer despite the COVID world we are living in. If you have travel plans, remember to utilize our House Check service while you are out of town.

Details on how to sign up on line can be found on the City's website at <https://citybellemeade.org/police-department/>

- **Alarms** - Please remember to always set your home alarm systems when you are away from home even for short periods of time. BMPD answers every alarm call.
- **Neighborhood Watch Program** - I encourage you become a member if you are not already. We put out important information when needed through this program. Mayor Jim Hunt has been working very hard updating the Watch Captains and resident contact information over the last few months. If you would like more information on the program, you can email Mayor Hunt - jhunt@citybellemeade.org.
- **Park Smart** - Vehicle burglaries continue around the mid-state. Remember to always Park Smart by locking your vehicle and removing all valuables. Never hesitate to call us at 615-297-0241 to report suspicious activity.

Residents have reported seeing off-highway vehicles in Belle Meade and the surrounding areas. Here is some information about these vehicles. Off-highway motor vehicles (OHV) are vehicles that are not intended to be driven or moved on a public highway. However, if certain specifications are met, vehicles not intended for highway use may qualify for registration plates and may be operated on certain roads in Tennessee.



Typically, they are not allowed on the streets because they may not have the necessary safety equipment and they cannot be registered. If the OHV can be registered, then it is street legal for streets. However, all rules and laws apply, such as seat belts for all passengers and child passenger restraint devices. Here is a link

that goes into detail about these types of vehicles.

<https://www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/additional-information/off-highway-vehicles.html>

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the June 17, 2020 Regular meeting:

- Approved quote of \$1,500 from Anthony Thompson Masonry to repair Forsythe Bridge and Headwall on Westview Avenue, which was the lowest of three quotes obtained.
- Approved estimate of \$1,050 from Davey Tree Service to remove fallen tree on Manor Drive, which was the lowest of three estimates obtained.
- Deferred for one month the request for Parade Permit from The Boulevard Bolt Inc., until language addressing COVID-19 guidelines and liability can be added to Permit.
- Approved appointments to the Master Plan Steering Committee:
 - o Vice-Mayor Louise Bryan, Chair
 - o Commissioner Rusty Moore
 - o City Manager Beth Reardon
 - o Assistant City Manager/Building Official Lyle Patterson
 - o Carter Murray Dawson
 - o Randy Gross
 - o Scott Kendall
 - o Kay Lang
 - o Yvonne Ralsky
 - o Laura Katherine Wood
- Deferred review of Application of Activity Permit from Belle Meade Mansion for one month.
- Approved appointment of Chris Tardio as full member of Board of Zoning Appeals
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Gibbs Brothers Construction — \$7,668.00
- Approved on second and final reading, Ordinance 2020-1, Budget Appropriations for fiscal year 20-21.
- Approved on second and final reading, Ordinance 2020-2, Fix Tax Rate for fiscal year 20-21. The property tax rate remains at .30 cents per \$100 of assessed value.
- Approved on second and final reading, Ordinance 2020-3, regarding modifications to certain provisions for flood hazard reduction. Contact Lyle Patterson if you have questions about this Ordinance – lpatterson@citybellemeade.org



- Approved Resolution 2020-05, amending previous Resolutions establishing fees for Sewer Permits and Access Fees. The new fees for Sewer Permits are \$200 and Access Fees \$2,000.
- Approved Resolution 2020-6, making final budget amendments for fiscal year 2019-2020.



EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

STATE AND FEDERAL PRIMARY & COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN

Friday, July 17, 2020 - Saturday, August 1, 2020

FRIDAY, JULY 17	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 18	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, JULY 20	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 21	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 23	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 24	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 25	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, JULY 27	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 28	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 30	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 31	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Belle Meade City Hall
Bellevue Library
Bordeaux Library
Casa Azafrán Community Center
Edmondson Pike Library
Goodlettsville Community Center
Green Hills Library
Hermitage Library
Howard Office Building
Madison Library
Southeast Library

4705 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205
720 Baugh Road, Nashville, TN 37221
4000 Clarksville Pike, Nashville, TN 37218
2195 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
5501 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
200 Memorial Drive, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
3701 Benham Avenue, Nashville, TN 37215
3700 James Kay Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076
700 2nd Avenue S, Nashville, TN 37210
610 Gallatin Pike S, Madison, TN 37115
5260 Hickory Hollow Pkwy, Antioch, TN 37013

Metro Tree Advisory Committee Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Advisory



This growing season is the time to start your EAB management plan and the last best time to treat and save your mature ash trees.

Nashville has many beautiful native ash trees in parks, on school grounds, along city streets and in private yards. Sadly, none of these ash trees are immune to the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive pest rapidly spreading across Middle Tennessee. With an estimate of 6% of Nashville's tree canopy being ash, **this growing season, 2020**, is the time for Nashvillians to decide on how to manage their ash trees.

Managing the Emerald Ash Borer outbreak includes three options: **Treat your tree, Let it die or Remove it.** Early spring is the time to select what is right for your tree. The longer a management plan is delayed, the more it will cost.

Treat it: The best effective insecticide method is injection treatments every two years for the remaining healthy life of the tree. This option is best for medium to larger trees and should be applied as the leaves appear by a licensed professional. It's best to treat your tree before it is infested to help build resistance. Once there is more than 30% dieback of the crown, treatment may not be effective. **If this is your management option, best treatment time is in spring or summer, as the trees are actively growing and will take up chemical treatments.**



Let it die: If the tree is in the woods or on open area where its fall would not block access or cause physical or property damage, you can let it die naturally in place and decompose.

Remove it: You can be proactive and have your tree cut down before it dies. If it not accessible by a bucket truck, then it needs to be cut down before it becomes too brittle to climb. Infested ash trees can present a safety concern.

Blue Dots on Ash Trees/Blue Blazes Signs: There is an inventory in progress to find ash and other hazardous trees on public land. If one of these trees could potentially fall and cause damage, it is being marked with a blue dot and evaluations are being made for their removal.

Reference Information:

- Metro EAB website: trees.nashville.gov
- Managing the Emerald Ash Borer Epidemic in Nashville Brochure: Website or call 311 or 615-862-5000
- Schedule a free EAB speaker for your community, work or place of worship: Register on website or contact Jennifer Smith at Jennifer.smith3@nashville.gov or 615-862-8708.
- The EAB Speaker's Bureau is presented by the **Metro Tree Advisory Committee**. The program will review how to identify ash trees, management options, tree owner's responsibility and how to hire an arborist.

The Committee's mission, working closely with city departments and non-profit partners, is to **recommend** tree policies, **educate** the community about the benefits of trees and proper tree planting and care, and promote tree planting and preservation

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

The Creek Debris Removal Maintenance Contract is underway. This annual project is one of the Best Management Practices listed in the City's Stormwater Permit with the State of Tennessee. Annual creek debris removal greatly reduces flash flooding on private properties. The contractor, J. R. & Associates, will be working at the following sites over the next several weeks this summer:

1. Bridge at Jackson Blvd. and Harding Rd.
2. Richland Creek at The Temple driveway
3. Leake Ave. to Belle Meade Plantation
4. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Belle Meade Blvd.
5. Richland Creek culvert under Chancery Lane
6. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Forsythe
7. Herbert Place to Chancery Lane
8. Chickering Road to Chickering Lane
9. Chickering Road to Herbert Place
10. Belle Meade Blvd. to Enquirer
11. Culvert under Belle Meade Blvd. to Iroquois Ave.
12. Shepard Pl. to Belle Meade Blvd.
13. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Lynnwood Blvd.
14. Sugartree branch at Lynwood Blvd.
15. 407 Westview ending at St. Georges Church

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JUNE 2020

Mr. Monnie Lusky

OAK SOCIETY - \$1000 AND ABOVE

Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Scarola

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. Bob McDugald
Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Millette
Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Ortale
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Perkins

AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP

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Jim & Sarah Ann Ezzell
(In Honor of Sgt. Charles C. Ezzell)
Mr. & Mrs. Beverly Landstreet
(In Honor of Mr. Beverly Landstreet, III)
Mrs. Lacy Perry
(In Memory of Mr. Coleman R. Perry)

Mr. & Mrs. Marc Stengel
(In Honor of Kermit C. Stengel, Jr., Navy)
Ed & Hettie Stuart
(In Honor of the Belle Meade Police and City Employees)
Mrs. Sandra G. Welborn
(In Memory of Mr. Samuel K. Welborn, Jr.)

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2020

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 19th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, September 16th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, August 11th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, September 8th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, August 11th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday September 8th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 18th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 18th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



REMINDERS:

Weekly Farmers Market every Thursday from 3:00-6:00 pm. Sponsored by St. George's Church

TRASH/RECYCLE REMINDERS:

- Remember to have all trash/recycle cans out by 7:00 a.m. Do not block access to the cans.
- Line your trash cans with 33 gallon bags, black or white. Loose trash will not be picked up.
- Line your recycle can with blue plastic bags. For a list of acceptable recycle items, click [HERE](#).
- Trash or recycle missed? For quickest response, report all trash misses directly to City Hall by phone, 615-297-6041 or on website at <https://www.citybellemeade.org/report-a-concern/>

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return service requested