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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE APRIL 2021

Belle Meade Together Plan Update



The Belle Meade Together (BMT) Master Plan is beginning to take shape. The planning consultant team from Kimley-Horn has been meeting regularly with Commissioner Louise Bryan, City Manager Beth Reardon and Assistant City Manager/Building Official Lyle Patterson as well as the citizen member Steering Committee to develop a “toolkit” that identifies the multitude of strategies to preserve, protect, and enhance the City consistent with its historic and pastoral brand image. This toolkit addresses five areas of emphasis:

- Beautification and branding
- Drainage and stormwater
- Public Spaces
- Walking and cycling
- Traffic calming and management

The toolkit is guided by four distinct principles that are derived from dialogue and input from staff, key stakeholders and residents.

1. **Less is More** – BMT honors the City’s unique and distinct history and character through understated design treatments.

2. **Streets as Places** – Street design should be as much about creating places for people as about moving vehicles.

3. **Speed is Fundamental** – Target speed is a conceptual approach to street design that identifies the highest speed at which vehicles should operate on a given street. Speed is the number one factor that determines the safety of a street. Target speed will be used as a tool for creating people-friendly streets in Belle Meade.

4. **Integrative and Creative** – the BMT Plan intentionally seeks out opportunities for creative solutions that integrate more than one strategy to achieve multiple objectives. For example, a median island can signify a gateway to the City, encourage appropriate vehicle speeds, provide a safe crossing location for pedestrians and incorporate stormwater drainage, all in a single application.

The consultants, key staff and the Steering Committee are making plans for public outreach in May to communicate the draft plan to the residents and obtain important feedback. Stay tuned for more information on website updates, a Virtual Town Hall meeting, a Listening Session at the Mansion and outdoor block parties as part of the BMT Plan reveal!



Welcome, Spring.

SPRING REMINDERS:

BRUSH & CHIPPER SERVICE - Brush & chipper service is contracted 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 on your property – 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. The contract 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 the website, www.citybellemeade.org, under the “How Do I . . .” tab. The City does not charge a fee for this permit. You may post signs on the day(s) of the event at the property where the sale is being held.

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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 prohib-

iting 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. The City will send a letter to the pet's owner requesting compliance with the ordinances if a complaint is received, but 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 back. Enjoy your time outdoors and be SAFE.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS:

SAFETY FIRST – BE ALERT WHILE WALKING & JOGGING

The Berry Hill Police Department assisted Metro Police on a couple of incidents involving men targeting women jogging alone. Berry Hill Police think the suspects are targeting young college students at Belmont University.



On one occasion, the suspect/ tried to grab a student while she was on her afternoon run. A second jogger was alerted to two vehicles near Walgreens on 12th Ave South that she believed was targeting her also. There have

been several vehicle descriptions given to law enforcement of suspicious behavior by joggers in the area. They range from smaller passenger cars to minivans.

During Easter weekend, a Vanderbilt student was the victim of an attempted kidnapping by a man on foot near the intersection of 21st Ave South and Grand Ave. around 9 p.m. She told Vanderbilt Police that the man grabbed her, but she was able to break free and run away.

Thankfully, all these women avoided harm and ran to safety. We are all aware of the dangers of distracted driving, but distracted walking/running can be equally dangerous. I encourage everyone that uses public roads to walk or run to be aware of their surroundings. Whenever possible, exercise with a friend or family member. If you see something that seems suspicious, report it to the Belle Meade Police Department at 615-297-0241 immediately. Stay safe!

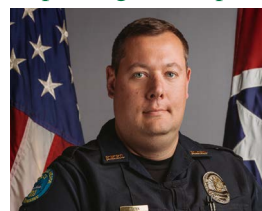
Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The Belle Meade Police Department is proud to be a participating law enforcement agency for this program. Please bring all of your expired, unwanted, and unused prescription medications to the drop off site at Belle Meade City Hall on April 24th. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

FAREWELL TO LONG-TIME BELLE MEADE POLICE OFFICERS DEE HOWELL AND SGT. JON CARTER -

After almost 25 years of dedicated service, Officer Dee Howell retired from Belle Meade on February 28th. Dee was a productive and hard-working officer who always went the extra mile to assist the residents and her fellow officers. Dee was recently given the Officer of the Month Award after locating a house fire one night, waking the resident and bringing her out of the burning house to safety. Dee is looking forward to spending a lot of time with her two grandchildren, gardening and improving her oil painting skills.



Officer Dee Howell



Sgt. Jon Carter

Sgt. Jon Carter spent just shy of 15 years with the Belle Meade Police before accepting a new position outside of law enforcement. He is excited about the change in career and is already planning his next Disney trip with his family.



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY – Saturday, April 24th from 10am to 2pm. The National Prescription Drug

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the meeting on March 17, 2021:

- Approved the purchase of two speed monitoring signs from Stalker Radar for \$5,850.00
Approved the purchase of one in-car video system for police car, in the amount of \$2,595.00
Approved the following invoices over \$5,000.00:
o Barge Cauthen \$ 7,890.00 (engineering services)
o Commonwealth Chemical Inc \$ 8,333.25 (chemical supplies)
o Datasource Mobility \$21,568.75 (police tablets)



- Kimley-Horn \$11,750.00 (professional services)
Omnigo Software \$ 7,807.16 (records mgmt. software)
Sammie Gibbs Constr. \$72,385.00 (snow removal)
Straeffler Pump & Supply \$12,455.00 (grinder pumps)
Wascon Inc. \$ 6,393.26 (grinder pump station)
Wascon Inc. \$ 6,635.50 (grinder pump station)
Wascon Inc. \$ 5,925.28 (grinder pump station)

FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. - Harding Place Sidewalk



Construction of the final sections of the Harding Place sidewalk will begin on Monday, April 12th, weather permitting. Work will take place at the Lynwood/Westview and Belle Meade Blvd. ends of Harding Place. One lane of Harding Place will

be closed and will be staged a.m. and p.m. during peak traffic hours. Iroquois Avenue will be used as a detour route during construction times. Sidewalk construction should be completed within 2-3 weeks after the start date. Please avoid this area during construction and take other routes if possible.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS - MARCH 2021

Mrs. James Bradford
Mr. David Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Corts
Mr. Thomas Cowan
Mr. Hays Estes
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Mallard
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Manning
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramsey
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Rauth
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Rolfsen
Mr. & Mrs. Arunas Vanagunas
Dr. & Mrs. Taylor Wray

OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blackmon, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Lawrence
Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCabe
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Small
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Zerfoss, III

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker
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Mr. & Mrs. William Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Taylor
Ms. Anne Wallace
Mrs. Sandra Welborn
Ms. Eleanor Whitworth
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Williams

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. Kristopher Ahrend
Mr. & Mrs. H. Lee Barfield, II
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Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bellar
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bowden
Mr. & Mrs. George Bullard
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Mr. & Mrs. Will Cheek
Mr. & Mrs. Neely Coble
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coleman
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cooper
Ms. Jane Buchanan Corcoran

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Mr. & Mrs. Randall Kinnard
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Lane
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Mal Wall
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson B. Wallace, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wieck
Ms. Diana Wilker
Mr. Bradley Williams
Ms. Laura Katherine Wood
Ms. Diana Zukierski

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker (In Memory of Patricia Frist)
Ms. Jane Buchanan Corcoran (In Memory of Sue McCarley)
Mrs. Sandra G. Welborn (In Memory of Mr. Samuel K. Welborn)

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

MAY & JUNE 2021

Meetings held at City Hall OR via ZOOM

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 19th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 16th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 11th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 8th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, May 11th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 8th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 18th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 15th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, May 18th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 15th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



Property Taxes and Stormwater Fees –

If you have not paid these items, they are considered delinquent. Property taxes incur a 2% penalty per month beginning March 1st. Payment can be made by check or on online (service fee applies)

<https://citybellemeade.org/pay-online/>. If you

are not sure if you paid these items or of the amount due, please contact Edie Glaser, City Recorder, 615-297-6041 or eglaser@citybellemeade.org

FREE SHRED DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 from

9am to 12 noon at city hall. Start gathering your paperwork!

This community event is limited to private individuals with no more than 6 boxes or bags. The free service is not intended for commercial purposes. Some items to consider shredding include: credit card statements, old checks, tax returns and any-

thing a thief can use to steal your identity. You do not need to remove paperclips or staples. (Service provided by Shred On The Run.)



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