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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MAY 2021

MAY IS OUTREACH MONTH FOR THE BELLE MEADE TOGETHER MASTER PLAN.

We need your input! Please participate in as many of the events listed below as possible.



1. Virtual Town Hall: Join us on Zoom or by phone on Thursday, May 6th from 6pm to 7pm to discuss the future of Belle Meade! You will hear from City and project leaders about Belle Meade Together, learn about plan recommendations, and get your questions answered.

2. Walk the Boulevard Event Part 1: Join us on Saturday, May 8th from 8am to noon along Belle Meade Boulevard between Harding Place and Percy Warner Park! We will be blocking off the inside driving lane from Harding Place to Percy Warner Park to preview the future of Belle Meade Boulevard.

3. St. George's Episcopal Church Farmer's Market: Join us on Thursday, May 13th from 3:30pm to 5pm at the farmer's market at St. George's Episcopal Church! Stop by the Belle Meade Together table to learn about the progress of the Belle Meade Together Master Plan.

4. Listening Session at Belle Meade Historic Site: Join us on Thursday, May 13th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Belle Meade Historic Site to share your thoughts on the future of Belle Meade. The session will include an introductory presentation followed by a question and answer session. You can learn more about Belle Meade Together, ask questions, learn about the process, and provide input!

5. Walk the Boulevard Event Part 2: Join us on Saturday, May 15th from 8am to noon along Belle Meade Boulevard between Jackson Boulevard and Harding Place! We will be blocking off the inside driving lane from Jackson Boulevard to Harding Place to preview the future of Belle Meade Boulevard. We'll have a table set up in the median between Leake Avenue and Gerald Place for you to learn about the progress of the Belle Meade Together Master Plan. Click here for more information: [Belle Meade Together](#).

BELLE MEADE TOGETHER - TRAFFIC CALMING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

On Wednesday, April 28th, the City installed two traffic calming demonstration projects: a chicane on Lynwood Blvd. and a center median on Jackson Blvd. These will stay in place for one week until May 5th, and traffic data will be collected in the duration. These projects are examples of options in the *Belle Meade Together* Master Plan toolkit that can be used to slow

traffic on a busy street, making it safer for pedestrians as well as other vehicles. Of course, a permanent installation of these examples would incorporate a beautification aspect, which could include a stone edging, seasonal and native plantings, and branded signage.



Jackson Blvd.



Lynwood Blvd.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS:



Earlier this year, the City announced that it had created the David and Cindy Wilds Exemplary Service Award, which is funded by Mr. and Mrs. Wilds. The criteria for this award states officers must show sustained superior performance while under threat of physical attack or harassment and/or maintaining composure under extreme turmoil, or an individual act of courage or exceptional performance at the risk of personal safety. On April 6, 2021, Detective Tom Sexton located a suspect accused of stalking a Belle Meade Resident. Detective Sexton confronted the suspect in the parking lot of the YMCA in Green Hills, as he was fleeing

from police. Master Patrol Officer Wright arrived to help restrain the suspect and place him under arrest. Detective Sexton did a phenomenal job locating this suspect and displayed great courage by confronting him before backup arrived. I want to congratulate Detective Sexton on being the first recipient of the David and Cindy Wilds Exemplary Service Award.



Detective Tom Sexton

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **April 21, 2021** meeting:

- Approved Change Order #001 for the Harding Place Sidewalk Phase II project, in the amount of \$1,550.00
- Approved quote from Stansell Electric for \$66,390.73 for signal modifications at Harding Road and Belle Meade Blvd. and completion of right turn only modifications on Jackson Blvd.
- Rejected bid from Jarrett Construction for Sewer Infrastructure Improvements



- Granted request for staff to research and obtain quote for zoning code review and rewrite
- Approved lowest estimate of \$2,000 from Nashville Landscape Systems for 8 boxwoods for Belle Meade Blvd. bridge planters
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Commonwealth Chemical Inc \$24,080.00
 - o Rate Studies \$ 5,000.00
- Approved Resolution 2021-03, amending fees to be charged for permit applications and other taxes.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION - STORMWATER APPROVAL PROCESS

By Lyle Patterson, Building Official / Assistant City Manager

Lately, many questions have risen concerning the lengthy process required to get stormwater approval to move ahead with a project. Many residents, whose projects have been approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Historic Zoning Commission to build a home, construct an addition or swimming pool, find that they have a larger hurdle ahead of them, stormwater!

In a perfect world, after receiving approval from the BZA or HZC your stormwater plan is submitted by your engineer to the City Engineer & Building Official where it will go into a queue for two weeks and then under review for a minimum, of one week. More than likely there will be review comments from the City engineer back to your civil engineer. How long will it take for your civil engineer to respond? Only your civil engineer knows the answer to that. Once off his desk back into the queue with the City engineer for two weeks and then under review for at least one more week. Are we talking 60 days? How about 75 or 90 days? I wish there were a firm answer to this, but in reality, it depends on the complexity of your lot and the complexity

of the design your engineer has submitted and the timely response from your engineer.

Newer larger homes have become more desirable along with maximizing the allowable hardscapes and driveways within the City, and stormwater has become a monster of its own. The realization and disappointment of having to wait several months after your approval is a frustrating but necessary evil.

The goal of a stormwater plan is to protect properties by capturing the first one inch of rainfall and slowly releasing a controlled flow. Contrary to popular belief, stormwater is not designed to retain 100% of the water that falls on your property. This is just not practical. Even the best stormwater designs cannot control major rain events like 2010 and this past April where several inches fell with a few hours.

The City uses a third-party civil engineer, CEC (Civil & Environmental Consultants) for the professional reviews. CEC has been the City's engineer for 20 years and does a remarkable job of filtering designs. The money that is paid to the City for CEC reviews is a pass-through fee. The City

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gets absolutely no revenue from these reviews. Stormwater is required for all new builds, large additions, swimming pools and projects that are close to a stream.

It is always recommended to engineers and contractors to ask for a pre-con meeting which can help eliminate up to 30 days of the stormwater review process. It is also highly recommended to engage an engineer familiar with the requirements of the City of Belle Meade and not necessarily familiar with the requirements of Metro Nashville, as the two have different stormwater methodologies. You are welcome to submit your engineered stormwater plans to the City before you go to the BZA or HZC. However, understand that there is a risk involved if one of the Boards requires changes to your house plan that may in some way affect the outcome of your originally submitted stormwater plan, sending you back to square one.

All information, applications and requirements are available on the City 's website under the stormwater section. This may be an everyday conversation with professional engineers or contractors, but not easy for residents to understand. A flow chart of the process is also provided in the stormwater section of the City website.

https://citybellemeade.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SKM_C25821042710390.pdf



**St. George's
Farmers Market**

Opening May 6

**Thursdays
3:30 - 6:00pm**

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Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Jr.
In Honor of Beth Reardon, City Manager

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

JUNE & JULY 2021

Meetings held at City Hall OR via ZOOM

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 16th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, July 21st at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, June 8th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, July 13th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, June 8th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 13th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 15th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, June 15th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 20th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



We wish everyone a safe & happy Memorial Day Holiday!

City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

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.

NO TRASH & RECYCLE PICKUP ON MEMORIAL DAY. MONDAY'S ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1st AND TUESDAY'S ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2nd .

NO BRUSH/CHIPPER PICKUP ON MEMORIAL DAY – THE PARKE COMPANY WILL RUN THE MONDAY ROUTE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1st. WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ROUTES WILL RUN AS NORMAL.

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