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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE AUGUST 2021

From Mayor Hunt - Beautiful View of the Beautiful Meadow

Monday of the first week in August, I experienced new technology to be used in creating photos for the upcoming Ridley Wills Book on History of Belle Meade. Using the talents of drone pilot, Aaron Moses, I was able to observe Belle Meade from 100-400 feet above. What a thrill to see the beautiful trees, homes, and historical sites that make up this phenomenal neighborhood called Belle Meade. All of this at an angle revealing some hidden gems one may never enjoy. Below are few samples of the images taken. We will soon be taking orders for the History of Belle Meade to be available before Christmas.



Parmer Park



Belle Meade Historic Site



Belle Meade Country Club

Belle Meade Together Master Plan



City staff continue to prepare cost estimates and project prioritization/ phasing for the Final Plan Document that will be presented to the Commissioners for approval at their September 15th board meeting. Stay tuned for news about this presentation of the final draft of Belle Meade Together Master Plan. The City has

applied to TDOT for a grant for a proposed sidewalk along Harding Road that would complete the gap between Belle Meade Blvd. and where the Metro sidewalk begins just east of Lynwood Blvd. If approved, this sidewalk would be a great connector to the retail corridor on Harding Road, schools, St. Thomas Hospital, and the greenway entrance behind Publix.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Storm Cleanup - Many thanks to Public Works Director Larry Smith, the Police Officers on duty, NES workers and the City's brush and chipper contractor, The Parke Company, for their diligent work the night of Saturday July 31st and early Sunday morning, August 1st as the storm rolled through Belle Meade and brought down many trees and large branches. Thankfully no one was injured, but damage was incurred all over the city and electrical lines were brought down in several areas due to falling trees.



Residents are often confused as to who is responsible for the cleanup after storms like this. The city has a rule that if the fallen tree is in the public right-of-way, then the city is responsible for the cleanup of all the debris. However, if the tree is growing on private property, it is the homeowner's responsibility for cleanup and disposal of the debris. Often a tree on private property will fall into the roadway. When this happens, the city assumes responsibility for clearing the street so traffic can safely pass through, and the Public Works staff and brush contractor will pile the debris on the side of the road for the property owner to dispose of. Large amounts of storm debris do not qualify for the weekly brush and chipper service, as this is not considered normal yard waste.

High Water Bills? If you are experiencing much higher than normal water bills during the summer months and you also use your irrigation system regularly, you may want to consider add-

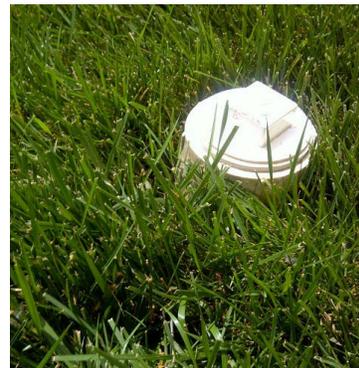
ing an extra water meter just for the irrigation system. Metro Water Services (MWS) adopted a new water and sewer rate structure in January 2020 that is based on a tiered rate table. This means the more water you use, the more you will pay as you advance into the higher level rate tiers. That is why it may make sense to have your household and irrigation water on separate meters, so that the water usage for each meter will stay in a lower tier than if all water and sewer were on one meter. The 2021 MWS rate table is illustrated below. It is important to note that the first 2 ccf of water are included in the fixed charges, as a lifeline rate to provide necessary water needs for all customers at a low cost.

MWS RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES BY VOLUME	
0-2 CCF	\$0
3-6 CCF	\$3.64
7-10 CCF	\$4.37
11+ CCF	\$5.46
1 CCF = 100 Cubic Feet or 748 gallons.	
Note: MWS bills in ccf	

The volumetric rate for water is determined by how much water you use. This [simple rate calculator \(Excel spreadsheet template inside zip file\)](#) on the MWS website will help you determine how increased water use will affect your bill. If you are curious enough to explore the rate calculator, please note that Belle Meade's sewer rate is different than the Metro sewer rate shown on the example. Belle Meade's sewer rate is \$3.14 per 1 ccf.

Yard Maintenance Reminders – Often during the mowing season, it becomes apparent to the maintenance staff that the 4-inch sewer cleanout caps on the sewer service laterals are missing or damaged by lawn mowers. It is the homeowner's responsibility to fix or replace these caps. Most cleanout caps are located between the house, the splitter box and the grinder pump tank. Please contact Larry Smith lsmith@citybellemeade.org or Nathan McVay nmcvay@citybellemeade.org if you have any questions about this or your grinder pump system.

Annual Stormwater Invoices – Stormwater invoices will be mailed to each residential property this month and will be due in September. The stormwater fee is not a tax; it is a user fee which funds the City's stormwater infrastructure projects, the annual debris removal in the creeks throughout Belle Meade, engineering fees, and management of the City's stormwater permit with TDEC.





FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



On most roads, [bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles](#), but bikes can be hard to see. Here are some safety tips for drivers to practice:

Bicyclists must also practice safety and never assume drivers can see them. They must stop at stop signs and only enter an intersection after making sure no vehicles are approaching at the same time.

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and bicyclists can share the road safely.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door
- Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.
- Take extra time at stop signs to ensure the cyclist is going to stop

The police are often asked, **“CAN THE CITY’S CAMERA SYSTEM BE USED TO ENFORCE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS?”** The simple answer is “NO”. State law allows cameras to record data that can be preserved for up to 90 days, but has stipulated that the recorded footage can only be used for the purpose of criminal investigations and not for issuing traffic citations. At this point in time, a police officer must witness a traffic violation in order for a driver to be cited.

Do you have a question for the Police Department? If so, please submit your question(s) to Chief Williams, cwilliams@citybellemeade.org, and we will publish it with the answer in the monthly newsletter.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS

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



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the low estimate from Weald Tree Care for tree removal on Deer Park Circle at Jackson Blvd. in the amount of \$1,800.00. • Approved estimate from KCI Technologies, traffic engineers, for \$2,800.00 to conduct a Sight Distance Analysis at the intersection of Tyne Blvd. and Belle Meade Blvd. KCI will also prepare a Memorandum outlining results as well as recommendations for improvements or modifications to this intersection. • Acknowledged the list of citizen donors who gave monetary donations for the purchase of Police equipment (Body-worn cameras and AED’s). A complete list of donors will be published in the newsletter once the donation campaign has ended. • Approved the following invoices over \$5,000.00: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Commonwealth Chemical, Inc. \$19,600.00 ➢ J. R. & Associates Inv. #1 \$ 9,906.00 ➢ J. R. & Associates Inv. #2 \$15,240.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Mobile Communications America \$ 5,094.00 ➢ Public Entity Partners
(Workers Comp.) \$38,328.00 ➢ Public Entity Partners
(General Liability) \$39,234.00 ➢ Public Entity Partners
(Property) \$15,432.00 ➢ Stansell Electric Company Inc. \$51,668.74 ➢ Wascon Inc. \$ 1,572.96 ➢ Wascon, Inc. \$12,244.80 ➢ Wascon, Inc. \$ 6,149.50 |
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CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JULY 2021

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gavin Duke
 Mr. Peter Grimaldi, VP of Gardens
 & Facilities – Cheekwood

Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Guy, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kerr

BELOW \$250
 Mr. & Mrs. Alex Wade

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:
 Mr. & Mrs. Alex Wade
In Memory of George Bartlett

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2021

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, September 15th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 20th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, September 14th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 12th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, September 14th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, October 12th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 21st at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, October 19th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, September 21st at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 19th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH & BRUSH PICKUP

**WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION –
MONDAY ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON
TUESDAY, SEPT. 7th
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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8th**

**BRUSH & CHIPPER COLLECTION –
MONDAY ROUTE WILL BE PICKED
UP ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 7th.**

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