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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JUNE 2022

SECOND ANNUAL PARADE OF CLASSIC CARS

Once again, Cheekwood Estate and Gardens will sponsor the Tour d'Elegance through the streets of Belle Meade, on Sunday afternoon, June 19th beginning at 3:45 pm. Catch a glimpse of these impeccably maintained classic cars from the early to mid-twentieth century as they slowly drive the 11-mile route up Belle Meade Blvd. from Page Road, down Lynwood Boulevard, then Harding Place to Harding Pike, and back down Belle Meade Blvd. before heading back to Cheekwood. This year's parade will feature more and many different antique cars and promises to be a spectacular show of elegant classic cars! Residents are encouraged to gather in their front yards along the parade route. Have your phones and cameras ready! St. George's Episcopal and Immanuel Baptist churches are allowing parade watchers to park in their parking lots to view the procession of cars from the parking lot or the grass medians, as they cruise up and down the Boulevard.





FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



Solicitors - The warmer weather has brought solicitors out to Belle Meade and the Police Department has received several calls from residents over the past couple of weeks. The City requires ALL solicitors, whether they are selling goods or services, or collecting money for charity, to get a permit from the City. If a solicitor comes to your residence, you do not have to answer the door, but if you choose to speak with them, you have the right to ask to see their permit from the City. If they do not have one, please call dispatch, 615-297-0241 and we will ensure that the solicitors go through the proper channels to secure the necessary permits, or be banned from the City until a permit is obtained.

A resident can also post “No Soliciting” signs on their property, which a solicitor must honor, whether they have a permit or not.

The City of Belle Meade is also examining a Do Not Solicit Registry. The Do Not Solicit Registry will work similarly to a "Do Not Call" list and prohibit solicitation at addresses where residents have notified the City that soliciting is not permitted on their premises. All solicitors will receive a list of the registry when they apply for a Solicitor's Permit from the City, along with a copy of the Municipal Code regarding solicitation. Once this function is live, we will notify the residents and have it posted on the City's website at www.citybellemeade.org.

House Check Service - When you plan to travel, always consider utilizing the House Check service that we provide while you are out of town. Details on how to sign up online can be found on the City website at https://citybellemeade.org/police-department/

STORMWATER FEES TO INCREASE THIS YEAR

Ordinance 2022-2 was deferred on second and final reading at the May Board of Commissioners meeting and will be taken up again at the June meeting. The annual stormwater fee has not been adjusted since its inception eleven years ago. The fees collected currently from residential and commercial properties bring in \$101,800 in revenue annually. This is intended to fund the street sweeping contract, the creek debris removal contract, maintenance of infrastructure in the right-of-way, emergency repairs and state MS4 compliance (ordinance revisions, reporting and applying for new state permits every 5 years, required stream monitoring, and mapping of input and outfalls). If there are any funds left in the budget, the City may do a small capital improvement project. For almost all of the eleven years, the City has had a budget deficit in this line item. Stormwater issues continue to increase, the City is subsidizing more and more stormwater-related projects out of its general fund. Below is a table showing the new annual fee based on the proposed new ERU monthly rate.

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER FEES@ \$22.41 PER LOT AREA FACTOR

Table with 4 columns: Total Lot Area (sq. ft.), Factor x ERU Monthly Rate, Monthly Fee, Annual Fee. Rows include categories 0-40,000, 40,000-70,000, and > 70,000.

An ERU or "Equivalent Residential Unit" is used to compare the stormwater runoff generated by different size properties with different amounts of impervious surfaces. Based on the city engineer's analysis of lot sizes, residential properties were divided into three categories according to square footage. The ERU was determined to be 12,200 square feet of impervious area.

In addition to the fee increase, the City will start invoicing individual condominium owners an annual stormwater fee, based on the lowest lot area shown in the table. This practice is common in many other municipalities.

Click HERE to view the draft Ordinance 2022-2. For questions about the stormwater fee, or any other stormwater issue, please call City Hall, 615-297-6041.

**RESIDENTIAL TRASH & RECYCLE COLLECTION CONTRACT
AWARDED TO FRANKLIN DISPOSAL**



The City Commissioners awarded the new contract for household trash & recycle collection to the lowest bidder, Franklin Disposal, who is the City's current contractor. Owner Ray Burghard and his crew do an outstanding job each week servicing the 1,100-plus homes in Belle Meade, and they are thrilled to be able to continue working in the City.

PLEASE NOTE: the new contract, effective July 1st, allows for each residence to have up to six (6) 32-gallon containers OR two (2) 96-gallon wheeled toters OR a combination of the two types of containers that do not exceed a total of 192 gallons.

Contact City Hall if you have any questions about the trash & recycle collection service.

COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE INFORMATION - 2022

is an election year for Commissioners. If you are interested in running for commissioner and are not sure what the duties of this position are or how the City government operates, please feel free to contact

City Manager Beth Reardon, 615-297-6041 or breardon@citybellemeade.org. June 20th is the first day to pick up a petition from the Davidson County Election Commission, and the qualifying deadline is Noon on August 18th.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the meeting on May 18, 2022:



- Approved the extension of the Creek Debris Removal Contract for one year, July 1 – June 30, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Jim Hunt to the Board of Building Code Appeals
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Wascon Inc. \$13,498.64
- Deferred on second reading, Ordinance 2022-2, Amending Section 12-302 (5) of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Increase the Stormwater User Fee from \$7.47 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) to \$22.41 per ERU
- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2022-3, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2022-4, Fix Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- Approved Resolution 2022-06, Amending User Charges for Users of Wastewater Collection System of the City of Belle Meade

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – MAY 2022

OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more

Mr. & Mrs. John Howard
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Weller

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fouce
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hazen
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hull
Mr. & Mrs. David Mastran
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pirtle, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Sternberg

Mr. & Mrs. Clay Whitson
Mr. Christian Wilkison

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. John Abbott
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Dawson
Mr. & Mrs. Gavin Duke
Mrs. Martha Goldner
Mr. & Mrs. Bzur Haun
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kirby
Ms. Priscilla McKeenan

Mr. & Mrs. Richard McKinney
Mr. & Mrs. John Rochford
Ms. Rachel Gardner Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomichek

CERES SOCIETY – UNDER \$250

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Darken
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Topping

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

JULY & AUGUST 2022

Please check website for meeting locations

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, July 20th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, July 12th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 9th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, July 12th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 9th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 19th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, July 19th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, August 16th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH. FOR SEWER OR OTHER EMERGENCIES, CALL THE POLICE DISPATCHER AT 615-297-0241.

Trash & Recycle Collection:

Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5th.

Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, July 6th

Brush & Chipper Collection:

Monday's route will run on Tuesday, July 5th

WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
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return service requested