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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE FEBRUARY 2023

COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE SELECTION OF NEW CITY MANAGER



Jennifer Ward Moody has previously served as City Administrator for the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee. As the city's top administrative official, Ms. Moody oversaw the day-to-day operations and worked with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) to chart the strategic direction of the City. Moody

led the adoption of the City's North Jackson Streetscape Plan, Community Mobility Plan, and Downtown Tullahoma initiative, which guided the City's capital initiatives to enhance the economic vibrancy, walkability, and overall quality of life that continues to make Tullahoma a regional hub for retail, restaurants, arts, and entertainment. Under Jennifer's leadership, the City of Tullahoma upgraded technology, programs, and processes city-wide to ensure responsive local government and cost-effective service delivery. Moody focused on strategic projects, built upon public-private partnerships with local educational institutions and local industries, which helped to

cultivate entrepreneurs and secure Tullahoma's reputation as the best rural community in Tennessee to start a business.

Prior to this appointment, Moody served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee from 2015 through October 2018. Murfreesboro continues to be one of America's fastest-growing cities of communities over 50,000 in population and, in response to anticipated growth, Moody lead such projects as the Murfreesboro 2035 Comprehensive Plan, two downtown redevelopment area plans, a special census, and an economic impact study of the arts industry.

Moody's career in public service has also included five years as Assistant City Manager in Columbia, Tennessee, including serving 5 months as Interim City Manager and leading economic revitalization and tourism enhancement strategies. This year, Ms. Moody is celebrating her 15th year in local government. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Indiana University and is a proud graduate of the University of Virginia's Senior Executive Institute and Leadership ICMA, Class of 2013. She is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and is looking forward to returning to the area with her husband, Jason, son, Maxwell, and daughter, Selina. Jennifer will begin work at City Hall on Monday, February, 27th.

CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODES OFFICE

With the departure of Lyle Patterson, the City entered into an agreement with Andrew Pieri of Municipal Inspection Partners to conduct building inspections, permitting, and plans review for building and zoning as well as stormwater management for the City. Mr. Pieri will have office hours at city hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 1pm. He can be reached at 615-297-2364 or 615-716-8111 or email him at inspector@citybellemeade.org.

Contractors may request an inspection appointment online at inspectmyproject.com. Files can also be uploaded to this site, if needed.

If you have any questions about these changes or new processes, please contact Beth Reardon, City Manager at 615-297-6041 or breardon@citybellemeade.org





FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



On February 1, 2023, the Belle Meade Police Department was awarded its second Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) award. The TLEA program was created under the direction and authority of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, which supports and endorses the continued improvement of law enforcement and emergency communications operations. To achieve accreditation with TLEA, an agency voluntarily submits to a three-year process of enhancing the agency's professionalism and effectiveness by utilizing 164 law enforcement standards and participating in a thorough on-site assessment. The standards evaluate an agency's policies which address various areas, including organizational, operational, and budget management practices. The program is intended to encourage cooperation, recognize professional standing, develop professional services, and ensure public safety throughout Tennessee.

The TLEA program is a valuable and cost-effective way to enhance overall agency effectiveness and professionalism. Currently, approximately sixty agencies are accredited in Tennessee.

I am proud of this agency for its continued commitment to delivering exemplary law enforcement service to our community and would like to thank Accreditation Managers Kim Huffines, Court Clerk, and Sgt. Chris Roark for their diligent work with the state assessors throughout this process.



Kim Huffines



Sgt. Chris Roark

CITY OF BELLE MEADE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



The Police Department's 2022 Annual Report is posted on the City website. Click [HERE](#) to read the Report, which includes information on the administration and patrol staff, services provided and statistics on citations issued, crime and more. Please don't hesitate to contact Chief Williams if you have any questions or suggestions about this publication. 615-297-0241 or cwilliams@citybellemeade.org

BELLE MEADE PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The Metro Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 9th to hear the Belle Meade Plaza land rezoning proposal has been postponed.

Next community meeting: Feb. 15th at 6:00 pm; location TBD



01/30/23 District 24 Community Meeting - YouTube
<https://youtu.be/ovT7CzKx7CI>

Link to Developer, AJ Capital Partners' website:
<https://www.bellemeadplazaredevelopment.com/>

This site also contains YouTube recordings of the meetings on December 21, 2022, January 5, 2023 and January 21, 2023 as well as links to the Preliminary Rezoning Submittal and the Traffic Study.

Link to Metro Council Members:

Kathleen Murphy:

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/council/people/kathleen-murphy/>

Councilmember Murphy's [Belle Meade Plaza Rezoning Request Feedback form](#)

Thom Druffel:

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/council/people/thom-druffel/>

Read Councilmember Druffel's thoughts [HERE](#) on the Belle Meade Plaza project

COYOTES

(COUNCIL MEMBER THOM DRUFFEL GAVE PERMISSION TO REPRINT THIS ARTICLE FROM HIS AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER)



Captain Russell Boles of the State of Tennessee TWRA spoke about coyotes in our area. Captain Boles

was energetic and full of great information about coyotes. Did you know that they have a 25 square mile home range?

In response to questions about the wisdom of trapping and exterminating the population he described how coyotes simply have exponentially more pups when their population is reduced. More pups then get pushed out of the packs and then the number of packs increases. So, with such a huge range area and their litter adaptability, trapping and killing is not an effective option.

We are seeing more coyotes because development has driven them into cities and suburbs. They are very smart and have become at home in our neighborhoods.

His solution to coexistence is behavior modification and practical safeguards.

Coyotes are watchful and are aware of patterns. They notice when people come and go, what pets might be in yards, when cars come up driveways, etc. The key is to change up our patterns to make them uncomfortable and encourage them to move on.

Here are some of his suggestions:

- Make noise. There are compressed air horns you can

buy, or you can put screws or pennies in a metal can and shake it when you see coyotes or when you take your pets out. He worked with one neighborhood that used paintball guns. Tambourines are good. Again, he advised varying it up so they don't become comfortable with your routine.

- Don't leave cat or dog food out overnight, and secure trashcans. Like any animal, they will gravitate toward good meals.
- Motion sensor lights can be effective, but remember to move them around occasionally.
- Don't leave pets unattended. Keep an eye on your pets when outside, and keep them securely enclosed and protected at night. A fenced yard can be effective if it is at least 6 feet high and goes 6 inches below ground.
- If you encounter a coyote, make noise and have your dogs on a leash. Pick up small dogs and walk away.
- Coyotes fear people, and it is extremely rare for any sort of attack. But, they are not domesticated animals, and if they feel too comfortable in an area they may become habituated. We need to make sure that we use these behavior modification techniques and general safety tips to protect ourselves and our pets.

Captain Boles left his contact information and is happy to answer your questions.

Office: 615-781-6580 and Cell: 615-934-7505.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the January 10, 2023 special meeting:

- Approved the hiring of finalist candidate, Jennifer Moody, as the new City Manager after formal interview and review of comments from staff interviews.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the January 18, 2023 regular meeting:

- Approved estimate for the culvert repair at Jackson Blvd. and Gerald Pl. from Walker Building Group in the amount of \$18,733.95.
- Approved request to extend the Street Maintenance Contract with Gibbs Brothers Construction for one year through December 31, 2023, at current unit prices for labor, equipment and materials.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Commonwealth Chemical \$27,600.00

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| o Music City Electrical Eng. | \$18,150.00 |
| o Sammie Gibbs Construction | \$35,124.00 |
| o Sessions Paving Company | \$ 8,865.00 |
| o SkyCop Inc. | \$42,500.00 |
| o Straeffer Pump & Supply | \$21,717.94 |

- Approved Resolution 2023-01, Authorizing Participation in the Cyber Security Partners Matching Grant Program
- Approved Resolution 2023-02, Amending Ordinance 2022-3 to Provide for the Increase or Decrease in the Various Expenditure and Revenue Appropriations

The Commissioners took action on the following item at the January 26, 2023 special meeting:

- Approved the Agreement for Professional Services for Municipal Code Enforcement with Andrew Pieri of Municipal Inspection Partners of Franklin TN, who will be performing building inspections and plans review for building and zoning.

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

MARCH & APRIL 2023

Meetings Are Held at Belle Meade City Hall
& Livestreamed

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, March 14th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, March 14th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 21st at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, March 21st at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 18th at 5:00 pm

"Find Agendas and Livestream Link at
www.citybellemeade.org"

REMINDERS:

PROPERTY TAXES – are due by February 28, 2023. Tax payments must be received or postmarked by this date or they are considered delinquent and subject to a 2% per month interest penalty. Contact City Recorder Rusty Terry 615-297-6041 or rterry@citybellemeade.org if you have any questions.



City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Presidents Day. In case of emergency, call the Police Dept.

615-297-0241. Report a non-emergency concern at www.citybellemeade.org.

Metro Councilman Thom Druffel - Stay In Touch with what's happening in our District 23. Sign up for Thom's newsletter here:

<https://www.thomdruffel.com/staying-in-touch>

Please DO NOT dispose of liquid paint in the city dumpsters. Our contractor, Franklin Disposal can be fined if liquid paint is dumped at the landfill, and it can also ruin their equipment. Please inform your contractors of this. If you need to dispose of paint, please let it dry in the can first.

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