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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE APRIL 2023

CARING FOR THE COVENANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Our community is forever changed by the events of Monday, March 27th and our unconditional love and support goes out to all who are grieving in the wake of this tragedy. There are many ways to display your support during this time.

Residents of Nashville and beyond are displaying red, or a combination of red and white or black, ribbons of support and solidarity with victims and all families affected following The Covenant School tragedy. Recently, the Nashville Predators announced the team will wear patches of The Covenant School's seal on their shoulders for the

rest of the season. The team is also encouraging fans to participate in wearing the school's red and white colors to their remaining games.

In the days and weeks ahead, there will undoubtedly be many ways to give support. One opportunity is available with The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee which established the Caring for Covenant Fund immediately following the tragic events of Monday, March 27. Donations will be directed to The Covenant School to support the healing of all survivors and affected families. <https://www.cfmt.org>



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

In response to the tragic event at Covenant School on Monday, March 27, 2023, the Belle Meade Police Department would like to thank the Metro Nashville Police Department for their heroic response to the scene. Locally, the Belle Meade Police Department has worked closely with the Temple, St. George's Episcopal Church, and Immanuel Baptist Church during this time by completing security assessments and ensuring we have the best practices in place. Our Belle Meade Police Department has implemented a heightened, daily presence at these locations and is currently working to accommodate an increased number of requests for additional security support services.

At the March meeting of the Belle Meade Mayor and Board of Commissioners, the Commissioners approved the purchase of three (3) additional License Plate Reader locations. These new readers' will be installed on Trimble Rd at Lynwood Blvd, Leake Ave at Westover Ave, and

Harding Rd at Davidson Rd. These three additional locations will ensure city-wide coverage of all roads in and out of our city limits and ensure that every vehicle entering the city must pass by one of our security camera locations. Public Works is coordinating with NES for the installation of new poles to support the new locations and we expect these additions to be on-line very soon.

The program continues to be a valuable and contributing factor to deterring and preventing crime in our community. For the month of February 2023, the City of Belle Meade's License Plate Reader program assisted in identifying a missing person, seven stolen vehicles and four stolen license plates. Additionally, when officers stopped a vehicle with one of the stolen license plates, the driver was found to be harboring a runaway juvenile. Both individuals were taken into custody and transported.



BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

March 2023 building activity resulted in issuance of eleven (11) new building permits, conducting 23 residential code inspections, and the abatement of one (1) code enforcement cases. Contractors may request an inspection appointment online at inspectmyproject.com. Files can also be uploaded to this site, as needed. All inspections are completed within 48 hours of an online request.

Additionally, the Municipal Planning Commission met at 4 p.m. on March 21, to hear one item, which was a request

to change an existing property line and that item has been denied but scheduled for reconsideration at the next month's meeting. The Board of Zoning Appeals met at 5 p.m. on March 21, and considered three items of business. A request for a variance to allow a parking area in the front yard on Lynwood Boulevard was denied. A swimming pool permit was approved on Trimble Road and applicants on Bellevue Drive South, who were initially denied a variance, presented revised plans that now require no special exemption because they comply with the municipal code.

BELLEMEADE PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – APPROVED BY METRO PLANNING



AJ Capital seeks to redevelop over 10 acres of land in Belle Meade.
METRO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Image: Metro Planning Department

Following nearly five hours of debate and citizen comments from both supporters and opponents of the proposed development, the Metro-Nashville Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve a specific plan rezoning request related to the proposed development for Belle Meade Plaza shopping center.

Next, the project will move to Metro Nashville Council for a vote. At this time, a date has not been set for the meeting. Preliminary plans for the project currently include four buildings with 388 residential units, 78 hotel rooms and ground-level retail space with building heights ranging from 8 – 13 stories; 80,000 square feet of retail space; 920 parking spaces; and 275,800 square feet of open space, park space, and a water feature.

Link to Developer, AJ Capital Partners' website:

<https://www.bellemeadeplazaredevelopment.com/>

Link to Metro Council Members:

Kathleen Murphy:

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

Thom Druffel:

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



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **March 22, 2023** meeting:



- Approved an increase of \$21,000 in the total contract for survey and engineering design services, with CEC, for the Walnut Drive stormwater improvement project.
- Approved the purchase of poles from Stansell Electric, in the total amount of \$5,625, for 3 new License Plate Readers to be installed on Westover at Leake Ave., Harding Rd. and Davidson, Lynwood Blvd. at Trimble Rd.
- Approved the purchase of a new police patrol vehicle with lighting package in the total amount of \$45,974, from Lonnie Cobb Ford, utilizing state contract pricing.
- An Ordinance was passed on first consideration to amend the municipal code to increase the number of members of the Board of Zoning Appeals from 5-members to a 7-members and delete the provisions of the Code allowing for appointment of alternate members.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:

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o Civil & Environmental Consultants	\$ 6,724.87	o Serra Chevrolet	\$ 6,457.57
o Clean Earth Collections, LLC	\$ 6,799.75	o Walker Building Group	\$18,720.47
o Clean Earth Collections, LLC	\$ 5,453.25	o Municipal Inspection Partners	\$ 5,062.50
o Omnigo Software	\$ 9,038.48	o Wascon, Inc.	\$22,433.16

CITY OF BELLE MEADE'S SOCIETY OF CERES PRESENTS

GARDEN Visits

JUNE 10
GARDEN OF LISA ELLIS
Learn about succession planting for continuous interest through the seasons.

JULY 15
GARDEN OF JACKIE BELLAR
Learn how to incorporate water features with perennial and annual plantings.

SEPTEMBER 16
GARDEN OF JILL DEBONA AND GARDEN OF MARTHA PHIPPS

Explore pollinator-friendly habitats, cottage gardens, a formal rose garden, and organic edibles.

Explore garden rooms with diverse plantings and a secret garden for grandchildren.

Garden Visits are open to Belle Meade residents and their guests. Advance registration required. Click on the Ceres Society link at <https://citybellemeade.org/>
Suggested \$15 fee donation to Ceres Society
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

*Questions?
Contact Lisa Ellis at lemaitn@comcast.net*

Date: April 21st
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Reception

JOIN US IN HONORING
RETIRING CITY MANAGER
Beth Reardon.

THANKING HER FOR
32 YEARS OF DEDICATION
AND SERVICE TO THE
RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

Location:
BELLE MEADE
CITY HALL
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee
37205

SPRING REMINDERS

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.

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 are allowed to post signage on or before the day(s) of the event at the property where the sale is being held.

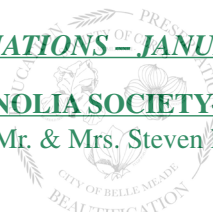
WALK, RUN, CYCLE SAFELY – Walkers and joggers should be against traffic next to the median or road edge and cyclists ride with the traffic flow. Per City ordinance, reflective clothing must be worn dusk to dawn, and bicycles must have warning lights on the front and rear. Enjoy your time outdoors and be SAFE.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JANUARY through MARCH 2023

OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more
Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Moore

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Riley

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Vaughn
Mr. & Mrs. Mark McDonald
Mr. John E. Cain



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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

MAY & JUNE 2023

Meetings Are Held at Belle Meade City Hall
& Livestreamed

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 17th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 21st at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, May 9th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 13th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, May 9th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 13th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 18th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, May 16th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 20th at 5:00 pm

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

REMINDERS:

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 7 and MONDAY, MAY 29 in observance of Good Friday and Memorial Day holidays.

Property Tax and Personal Property Tax deadlines ended February 28th! As of February 5, we have 19 property tax bills and 6 personal property tax bills that are unpaid and now past due. If you use your home address as your business address you do need to pay a personal property tax bill. Beginning March 1st and for each month thereafter, a 2% interest penalty is applied to the unpaid base tax amount.

Stormwater Invoices We currently have 8 invoices still outstanding from September 15, 2022. These residents have been receiving past-due notices. We would appreciate payment!

The Board of Commissioners is currently **seeking interested citizens to fill a vacancy on the Municipal Planning Commission**; please contact City Hall at 615-297-6041 if you are interested in serving on this or any of the City's boards or committees.

If you have questions, please call Rusty Terry, 615-297-6041 or rterry@citybellemeade.org.

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return service requested