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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JULY 2023

Swearing In of new Commissioner Marty Dickens



The City of Belle Meade is honored to announce that Mr. Marty Dickens was unanimously appointed to fill the remaining, unexpired term of former Mayor and Commissioner Jim V. Hunt. Mr. Dickens will serve until August 2024. The next regular municipal election is scheduled for August 2024 when residents will elect two Commissioners to serve new 4-year terms.

Marty Dickens brings a wealth of leadership experience to the City Commission and an similarly vast record of community service and involvement in bettering the community, particularly for children.

Marty retired in 2007 as President of AT&T Tennessee after serving in his position for nearly a decade. His career included time as Executive Vice President of BellSouth International, where he was part of a senior team responsible for overseeing the management and growth of BellSouth foreign operations. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the BellSouth operations in Brazil, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Denmark, Belgium, Israel, China and New Zealand.

He is a current board member of Pinnacle Bank and Smith Seck-

man Reid, Inc. and past chairman of the board of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee, Lee Company and Harpeth Companies. He is a founding member of Avenue Bank and past chairman of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Nashville Convention Center Authority.

Marty is most recently past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Belmont University and has served on the board of Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music. He serves on the executive committee and is a past chair of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee. His other service includes involvement on many community boards, including the Baptist/St. Thomas Hospital Foundation Board, Boy Scouts of Middle Tennessee, The Nashville Symphony, Adventure Science Center, the Arts and Business Council, PENCIL, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Family and Children's Services.

Marty and his wife, Betty, have two grown sons. John, wife Sherri, and daughter Ally Grace and son Bo live in Atlanta as do Jamey, wife Sara, and son Cashman and daughter Peyton James.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS

CRIME ALERT – Mail Thefts on the Rise

Recently, Nashville and the surrounding areas have fallen victim to a new money-making fraud where criminals drive around looking for mail to steal out of residential mailboxes. Use of flags to indicate that mail needs to be picked up may attract these criminals looking for a quick way to make cash. Belle Meade residents have experienced several mail thefts in recent weeks. The suspects are stealing mail, washing any checks in the mailbox, and cashing them. Many victims do not notice the name changed on the written checks. Therefore, it takes a long time before victims realize any loss occurred. However, we do have some good news! Belle Meade Police Detective Tom Sexton arrested two suspects and recovered mail from Belle Meade and the surrounding areas. This outstanding work will hopefully send a message to others attempting to commit crimes in Belle Meade. This case seems to involve several suspects operating across multiple states. Be proactive and consider taking any mailed checks inside the post office instead of putting checks in the mailbox at your residence. For additional helpful information, please visit www.uspis.gov/tips-prevention/mail-theft.

SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS? Schedule 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/>.



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RECYCLING NEWS FROM BELLE MEADE PUBLIC WORKS

Pledge to Be “Plastic Free” for July



Each year, roughly 400 million tons of plastic are produced. That weighs more than 64 million school buses! Plastic Free July is a movement that encourages people to change their habits and reduce their plastic usage throughout the month of July.

While recycling can turn some plastic materials into new products, there are better and more efficient ways to manage plastic waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle come in that order for a reason. This July, follow these easy and affordable tips to reduce your use of plastic.

By reducing the amount of plastic you produce, you don't have to worry about it where it goes! Here are some easy ways to reduce plastic:

- ✓ Skip the straw if you don't need one.
- ✓ Buy bulk packaged goods to reduce packaging waste.
- ✓ Bring a reusable bag instead of using single-use bags.
- ✓ Save money by using a reusable water bottle.

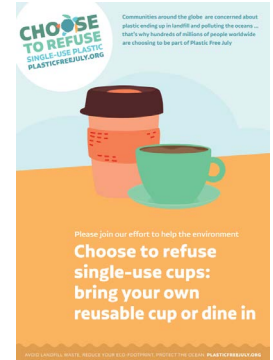
It's only single-use if you use it once.

If you do end up with single-use plastic, use it again! Here are some easy reuse options:

- Plastic bags can be reused as pet-waste bags.
- Plastic utensils and take-out containers can be washed and used again.

Ready to take action? Join the Plastic Free July Challenge by visiting

www.plasticfreejuly.org



RULES FOR RECYCLING IN BELLE MEADE



YES - ACCEPTABLE RECYCLE ITEMS: (see above)

- Paper, junk mail, newspapers, paper containers
- Cardboard boxes for cereal, crackers, paper towel and TP rolls, shipping boxes (small)
- Food and drink cans - aluminum and tin
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and jars ONLY - no other plastics

NO - UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLE COLLECTION:

- Takeout containers, Styrofoam, plastic cups, plastic food tubs, OJ and drink cartons etc.
- Glass bottles, jars, etc. (You can take glass items to the Metro Recycling drop-off sites)
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap
- Pizza boxes, soiled paper towels or paper plates

PLEASE NOTE: If your recycle can contains a large number of unacceptable items, the entire contents will be thrown out with the trash and will not be recycled. The Davidson County recycle processor will not accept recycle loads from contractors who have large amounts of unacceptable items in the load.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the, **June 21, 2023** meeting:



- Presented Police Officer David Read and Police Sergeant David Wright with the David and Cindy Wilds' Exemplary Service Awards.
- Approved Amendment 1 to a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to redistribute

the grant funds, without any change the total awarded amount, for the Harding Pike Sidewalk Project. The project remains in the first of four project phases: 1) environmental review; 2) preliminary engineering design; 3) final design and bidding; 4) construction and project close-out.

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- Approved a contract with NashComm for a mandated patch to update police radios.
- Approved a state grant award of \$666,588 from the Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation for Sewer System Improvements estimated to total \$866,565, utilizing 23% local funds.
- Awarded a contract to Sanitech (under Sweeper Corporation of America), in the lump sum amount of \$37,569 for sewer collection system (gravity line) inspection and cleaning performed every 5-years as part of the City's preventative maintenance program.
- Approved the appointment of Carter Dawson and Ashley Levi to the Municipal Planning Commission.
- Approved the reappointment of Erick Clifford and appointment of Ron Farris to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Approved the appointment of Ray Hayles to the Historic Zoning Commission.
- Received an update on the Belle Meade Connect App from the City Manager and nearly 500 residents have downloaded the app to-date.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Local Government Corporation \$28,411.60
 - o Municipal Inspection Partners \$ 6,025.00
 - o Wascon Inc. \$ 7,389.56
 - o Wright (Flood Insurance – Public Works) \$ 4,321.00
 - o Wright (Flood Insurance – City Hall) \$11,184.00
 - o H.E. Parmer Company, Inc. \$14,662.00
- Received a presentation from Beth Thomasen and Steve Thompson with Burris, Thompson and Associates regarding their recommendations from the Employee Salary/Wage Study.
- Received an update from the City Manager on the recruitment of a Planning Director with final interviews to be held with a citizen interview panel on Friday, July 7 from 8am – 2pm at City Hall.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-05 amending Ordinance 2022-03 to provide for the increase or decrease in the various expenditure and revenue appropriations for the FY 2023 annual budget.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-3 on final reading to appropriate funds for the FY 2024 budget year.
- Held a Public Hearing on the FY 2024 Property Tax Rate Ordinance 2023-4 (no change/increase in the property tax rate for FY 2024).
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-5 on final reading amending the Sewer Charges for FY 2024 (adopted a 2% increase for FY 2024 in accordance with the city's most recent rate study)
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-6 on first reading to clarify the number for a quorum of BZA members due to the recent change from 5 to 7 members.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-7 on first reading to adopt plumbing and mechanical code and the international gas and mechanical code and provide for enforcement by the City of Belle Meade rather than Metro Nashville Codes.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-8 on first reading to amend the Building Code for Buildings other than one- and two-family dwellings and provide for enforcement by the City Building Official independent of the State Fire Marshal.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-9 on first reading to amend the Stormwater Ordinance to renumber sections that have previously been mis-numbered and amend provisions concerning billing, delinquencies, and collections.
- Adopted a settlement agreement with the Belle Meade Historic Site related to outstanding building permit matters.
- The Board of Commissioners next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 12th at 4:00 p.m.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JUNE 2023

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Anonymous Donor
Mr. & Mrs. David Mastran
Mr. Russell Bates & Mr. Ben Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Wilson

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. John Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hale
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Herbert
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas King
Mr. & Mrs. John Rochford
Mr. & Mrs. Gar Wong

CERES SOCIETY – UNDER \$250

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023

***Due to Early Voting, please check dates and location of meetings on the website or call us at 615-297-6041.**

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 16th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 20th at 4:00 pm*

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, August 15th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 19th at 3:00 pm*

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 8th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12th at 4:00 pm*

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 8th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12th at 5:00 pm*

Agendas are available online at

www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



St. George's Farmers Market – each Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot along Harding Road.

EARLY VOTING JULY 14 – 29th at CITY HALL

Early Voting for the August 3rd Metropolitan General Election will be Open from Friday, July 14th through Saturday, July 29th and the Belle Meade City Hall. All Early Voting Locations will open at 8 a.m. and closing times will vary as follows:

8:00 am - 4:30 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays;

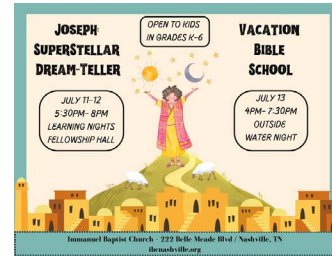
8:00 am - 5:30 pm on Mondays and Fridays; and

8:00 am - 7:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All locations will be closed on Sundays.

Belle Meade City Hall is located at 4705 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205. For more information, please visit Davidson County Election Commission at

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/elections>



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