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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE AUGUST 2024

HARDING PLACE INTERSECTION UPGRADES PLANNED FOR FALL 2024

Belle Meade's Commissioners recently approved an Interlocal Agreement with Metro-Nashville's Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure to upgrade the traffic signals and crosswalks at the intersection of Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard. Design of the intersection improvements will be lead by NDOT and consulting engineers from KCI Technologies, who have been additionally working with the City of Belle Meade on projects following the Belle Meade Together Master Plan, including proposed pedestrian safety improvements and traffic calming on Belle Meade Boulevard. The City of Belle Meade will have final approval of the intersection design prior to advertising of bids for construction. The project timeline project anticipates completion of these improvements by the end of calendar year 2024.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



BELLE MEADE ANNOUNCES A “DO NOT SOLICIT REGISTRY”

I am excited to announce that the City of Belle Meade is exploring a “Do Not Solicit Registry”. The “Do Not Solicit Registry” will work similarly to a “Do Not Call” list and prohibits solicitation at addresses where residents and businesspersons have notified the City's Recorder's Department that soliciting is not permitted on their premises. All solicitors will be provided with a list of the registry when they apply for a Solicitor's Permit from the City. Please look for more information in next month's newsletter. We are working now to update the City's website to allow for online registrations.

MISSING TOOLS?

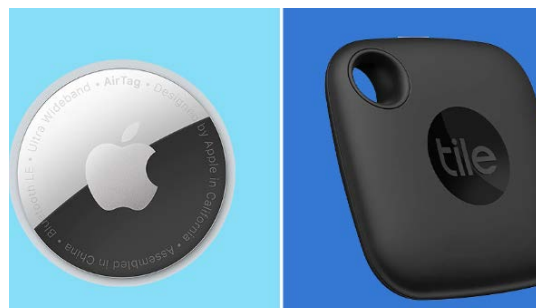
We have had several reports of thefts from construction sites over the last couple of weeks. The suspect/s are stealing trailers and tools from these sites. If you see someone or a vehicle at a construction site after working hours, please call the Belle Meade Police Department at 615-297-0241 immediately!

Additionally, please encourage any construction crews that are doing any construction jobs for you to hide an apple air tag

or some type of a GPS device on their trailers or on their tools if they are leaving them overnight.

CRIME WATCH

Did you know that the City of Belle Meade has more than 40 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains? These captains share information with their streets/blocks as they receive alerts from the police department. Thankfully, we have not had much crime in the past, but we are starting to see an uptick in thefts. If you do not know who your captain is, please reach out to Chief Williams (cwilliams@citybellemeade.org) to be connected.



COMBINATION BUILDING INSPECTIONS FOR BELLE MEADE PROJECTS

Belle Meade's Building Official, Matthew Singleton, is a combination building inspector, meaning that he has achieved multiple certifications in not only residential building codes, but also plumbing and mechanical codes. Currently, Belle Meade building projects must apply for permits from both Metro-Nashville and the City of Belle Meade when their projects include new plumbing fixtures and/or new HVAC equipment.

At their regular meeting on August 21st, the City Commissioners will be considering, for final adoption, a municipal

code change that will allow for the City of Belle Meade to take over plumbing and mechanical permitting and inspections from Metro-Nashville. The City of Belle Meade schedules all inspections within 48-hours of the request, most often performing same day inspections, and anticipates that projects will benefit from this "one-stop shop" approach while giving our local inspector the ability to consolidate trips to the site by performing all inspections in the same visit, when the project allows. To review the proposed Ordinance, please see Ordinance 2024-11 in the agenda packet for the August 21, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting. Upon approval, the new process for Belle Meade permitting plumbing and mechanical permits is anticipated to begin on September 1, 2024.



PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS ZONING CODE CHANGES

Belle Meade Planning Commission members recently completed their review of changes to the Zoning Code. Thoughtful consideration of the new code has been ongoing since a draft was first presented in January. The Zoning Code has been edited and

revised during their public meetings with the assistance of the City's Planning Director, City Attorney, and in consideration of written and public feedback from many residents and local design professionals. In total approximately 18 hours of public meetings have been held and resulted in the proposed Zoning Code that was approved by Belle Meade's 10-member Planning Commission this July. It will now move on to be considered for final approval by the Board of Commissioners. The City Commissioners will consider approval at two separate board meetings and hold a public meeting prior to final adoption. First

consideration of the new Zoning Code will occur at the Board's next meeting set for 4:00 p.m. at City Hall on Wednesday, August 21st. Comments on the new code may be submitted to Planning Director Mary Samaniego prior to the meeting or will be welcome under "public comments" at the meeting. A full copy of the proposed Zoning Code is available on the City's website on the homepage at www.citybellemeade.org.



WHERE IS YOUR CITY TAX BILL?

It is almost Property Tax season, and we are asking that the residents of Belle Meade help us help you. Our Property Tax information is supplied to us by the Davidson County Tax Assessors Office, therefore the information they have on record is the mailing information that appears on both our Real and Personal Property Tax bills.

TAXES PAID BY MORTGAGE COMPANY?

Please also remember the City of Belle Meade mails a Real Property Tax Bill to every resident; we do not mail to mortgage companies. If you have a mortgage and are unsure if you are responsible for the tax payment, please verify who is responsible for the payment with your lender, this will aid in the prevention of duplicate payments.

You can help us by verifying that your information is correct with the tax assessors' office. You can view the Davidson County Property Map here at <https://maps.nashville.gov/ParcelViewer/> If you need to change your mailing address for your Real Property Tax billing, you may request that form from their office at <https://www.padctn.org/resources/change-mailing-address/>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES? If you have or had a business which you operate using your Belle Meade address and have questions on your Personal Property Tax you can find information at <https://www.padctn.org/personal-property/>

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact your City Recorder, Rusty Terry by phone, 615-297-6041 or email rterry@citybellemeade.org

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RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **July 17, 2024** meeting:



- Approved a change order to the Street Resurfacing Contract with Four Star Paving, LLC making additions to the scope of work, totaling \$170,000, based upon available funds in the new fiscal year budget (the following streets were added to the paving contract: Royal Oaks Place, Drew Place, Manor Drive, and Bellevue Drive South).
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement between Nashville's Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure and the City of Belle Meade for a Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement Project, with an estimated cost of \$580,000, at Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard.
- Approved a Road Closure Permit requested by residents of Warner Place for a special event from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2024.
- Approved a Professional Services Agreement with LDA Engineering, not to exceed \$763,000, for the City of Belle Meade's Sewer Asset Management Plan Project, supported by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).
- Approved the emergency purchase of a replacement computer for Investigator Sexton, totaling \$5,968.54, from Keystone Business Solutions.
- Received a monthly presentation of updates on the city's capital projects in progress and the city's financial statements.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - 1) CEC (Monthly Bill for Engineering Review) \$ 5,516.00
 - 2) KCI (Belle Meade Blvd Pedestrian Safety Project) \$15,072.50
 - 3) Keystone (annual Microsoft Licensing) \$ 9,273.12
 - 4) Keystone (PC Replacement) \$ 6,493.54
 - 5) CEC (Stormwater Ordinance Revisions) \$ 7,669.64
 - 6) Public Entity Partners (Workers' Comp Insurance) \$ 46,672.00
 - 7) Public Entity Partners (Property Insurance) \$ 21,557.00
 - 8) Public Entity Partners (General, Law Enforcement, E&O and Auto Liability Coverages) \$ 62,687.00
 - 9) Local Government Corporation (Annual Software and Support) \$ 29,149.60
 - 10) Wascon, Inc. (Sewer Fund) \$ 8,530.00
 - 11) Commonwealth Chemical Inc. (Sewer Fund) \$ 26,400.00
 - 12) MCA (Annual Support for Police Radios) \$ 5,368.00
 - 13) JR & Associates (Annual Creek Debris Removal) \$ 10,008.00
 - 14) CEC (Monthly Bill for Engineering Review) \$ 7,632.59
 - 15) KCI (Belle Meade Blvd Pedestrian Safety Project) \$ 6,375.00
- Deferred consideration of Resolution 2024-05, A Resolution to Establish a Speed Limit of Twenty-five (25) Miles Per Hour on Chancery Lane, until notice could be sent to each resident of Chancery Lane.
- Approved of the first of two readings, Ordinance 2024-11 amending Title 12 (Building, Utility, Etc. Codes) of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Create a New Chapter 6 adopting the International Plumbing Code and a new Chapter 7 adopting the International Mechanical Codes and Repealing Sections 12-101 (2) and (3) to provide for enforcement through the City of Belle Meade rather than the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance 2024-12 amending Ordinance 2024-8, the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, to provide for the increase or decrease in various expenditures and revenue appropriations.
- Approved on the first of two readings, Ordinance 2024-13 to repeal and replace in its entirety Chapters 2, 3, and 4 of Title 12 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code ("The Stormwater Ordinance") to update language and provisions within the same. The City's consulting engineer, Steve Casey with CEC, provided a brief presentation on the code revisions.
- The Board of Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and public comments will be accepted.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JULY 2024

OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more

Mr. & Mrs. Drew Lawrence
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Waltemath

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lechleiter
Mr. & Mrs. John Mackin

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Ray Caldwell, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Faber
Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Greene
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hale
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hancock
Mrs. Mary Loventhal Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Lynch
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Peffen, III
Mr. & Mrs. John Phipps
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ripley
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thompson

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024 All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 21st at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 18th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, August 13th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 10th at 3:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 20th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 20th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 17th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

HAPPY LABOR DAY



REMINDERS:

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd FOR LABOR DAY In case of sewer, traffic, or other emergency please call Belle Meade Police Dispatch at 615-297-0241.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH AND BRUSH PICKUP

Monday Routes for Trash/Recycle will be picked up on Tuesday, 9/3, and Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, 9/4. Monday Brush routes will be picked up on Tuesday, 9/3. Wednesday and Friday brush routes will run as usual.

ANNUAL STORMWATER USER FEE INVOICES

All Belle Meade residents should soon receive a copy of their 2024 Stormwater User Fee Invoice due August 30, 2024. After a 30-day grace period, a late payment penalty will be applied. For your convenience, please use our online payment system to pay by credit card or e-check at <https://paycitybellemeade.us/cityFees.html#/> There is a 2.5% credit card fee and a flat \$1.95 fee for e-checks, both additional fees are for the service provide and are not retained by the City. To avoid any additional fees, use the secure green Payment Drop Box at the entrance to City Hall 24/7 for check payments only. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rusty Terry at 615-297-6041 or email rterry@citybellemeade.org.



**St. George's
FARMERS
MARKET**
Thursdays
3:30-6:30 p.m.

All Proceeds Donated to a Non-Profit

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