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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

April 2007

Zoning — Related Ordinances Approved

At their February, 2007 board meeting, the Commissioners approved the passage of Ordinances 2006-6 and 2007-1. Ordinance 2006-6 amended the Zoning Code based on recommendations from a committee organized to make a comprehensive review of the Code. The Revisions Committee included former Commissioner Julia Landstreet, the late City Attorney Vance Berry, Acting City Attorney Jim Murphy, City Building Official Terry Franklin, Board of Zoning Appeals Chair Larry Wieck, and BZA members Carole Nelson and Charlie Atwood. Most changes to the Code were of a housekeeping nature such as reorganizing content, grouping similar topics, reworking definitions, and clarifying confusing and overly-revised passages. Some of the significant changes include: allowing for a three-car garage; amending mechanical equipment to include solar and geothermal; allowing fence posts or columns to extend up to 8 inches above the permitted height of fence; clarifying the permitted size and placement of certain accessory structures; post-

ing signs on properties that have a pending appeal before the Board of Zoning Appeals; renaming Special Exception areas to Special Impact areas and expanding existing Special Impact areas to Glen Eden Drive, Sunnybrook Drive and Signal Hill Drive. The newly revised Zoning Code, which became effective April 1, 2007, can be viewed and downloaded at the City's website, www.citybellemeade.org.

Ordinance 2007-1 amends existing sections of the Belle Meade Code relative to the methods for appointment and removal of members of the Municipal Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Previously, the Mayor held the power to appoint, dismiss, accept resignations, and fill vacancies on both boards, with the exception of the alternates to the BZA. Under the new law, the Mayor must have the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to appoint, replace, or remove a Municipal Planning Commission member or a Board of Zoning Appeals member.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS From the Desk of Chief Tim Eads

COYOTE ALERT

During the first part of February, a cherished family pet was attacked and killed at a home on Westview Avenue. The attack occurred in the backyard of the resident's home, during the early morning hours, while the pet was let outside for just a few minutes. There was evidence suggesting that the attack was by a coyote, due to tracks left in the snow and wounds the pet received. We are issuing this Alert in order to inform and educate our residents concerning urban coyotes and pet safety.

We have not had any reports of coyotes attacking people or any other pets in the Belle Meade area. The Police Department is currently working with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and the USDA to develop a strategy that will better protect our residents and their pets. They recommend that the City maintain a log of all coyote sightings. **PLEASE CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 297-0241 AND REPORT THE TIME AND PLACE WHERE A COYOTE IS SEEN.**

Here are a few suggestions that might help until we can get more information from these two sources. Do not feed coyotes



or leave pets unattended. You should also keep all pets on a leash while walking them. Do not leave pet food outside and avoid overflowing bird feeders. Do not leave compost bins open and keep all garbage containers tightly closed.

Also, adding ammonia or pepper spray to trash may discourage rummaging by coyotes and other wildlife. To discourage den building on your property, seal crawl spaces and keep sheds closed. If you find a den in a brushy area, thin the brush if possible.

Should you come in contact with a coyote, make every attempt to avoid it. If confronted, be a threat by waving your arms and shouting at it. You may also be able to arm yourself with a stick or a rock. Due to the dense number of homes in the area, we discourage the use of a firearm, unless it is a life and death situation.

If you would like to learn more about urban coyotes please visit the following websites: www.nwf.org/nationalwildlife/article.cfm?issueID=110&articleID=1401 (see City Slickers story), or www.desertusa.com/june96/du_cycot.html

**RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING, January 25, 2007,
February 21, 2007, and March 27, 2007 and SPECIAL MEETING, March 7, 2007**

The Commissioners approved/awarded the following items:

- Purchase of nine 2007 Dodge Chargers police cruisers from Cardinal Chrysler-Dodge in the amount of \$183,961.44.
- Purchase of police vehicle equipment and installation from Truckers Lighthouse, in the amount of \$29,602.30, the lowest bid of four.
- Purchase of used 2004 Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck in the amount of \$9,500 for the Sewer Department.
- Request from The Temple for the temporary display of a 4' by 10' banner from April 5th to April 16th, advertising their Arts Festival.
- Removal of the two small traffic islands on Lynwood Boulevard. The work will be done under the Street Maintenance Contract unit prices.
- Temporary installation of traffic calming devices on Herbert Place to be determined after neighborhood meeting.
- Request to obtain bids for the installation of trench drains at two locations on City Hall property.
- Proposal from Nashville Carpet Center to install VCT tile floor in the Police Department in the amount of \$5,491.
- Proposal from Fence Designs in the amount of \$4,820 for installation of fencing on City Hall property and \$2,884.20 for lockable gates at dumpsters.
- Proposal from Architectural Signage Consultants for the installation of exterior signage on City Hall property in the amount of \$4,525, the lowest of four proposals received.
- Contract for City Hall Cleaning Services to TM Janitorial in the amount of \$1,245 per month, the second lowest of five bids received.
- Request to obtain bid specifications for replacing the damaged concrete curbing located at the island on Georgian Place and the corner of Lynwood Boulevard and Abbott Martin.
- Approved the request to add Electronic Payment Options with applicable fees for payments received for City fines, fees, and taxes.
- Appointment of Robert Rolfe to Municipal Planning Commission.
- Ordinance 2006-6 (revisions to the Zoning code) and Ordinance 2007-1 (power to appoint or remove members from boards and committees).
- Proposed Ordinance 2007-2, on first reading, amending Municipal Code adding regulations for use of City Hall dumpsters.
- Proposed Ordinance 2007-3, on first reading, relative to procedures for disposal of surplus property.

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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR
CITY OF BELLE MEADE
APRIL & MAY 2007**

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available at: www.citybellemeade.org

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**PRESERVING OUR
WATER QUALITY**

Many people think water pollution comes from factories and commercial sites. These are examples of "point source" pollution. NPS or "nonpoint source" pollution is actually the biggest factor affecting water quality. Nonpoint source pollution occurs when water from storms picks up pollutants and carries them into our rivers and streams. Many NPS pollutants are found around the home. These include household chemicals, yard waste (such as grass clipping, and leaves), household trash, pesticides, grease, auto products, and excess nutrients (including fertilizers, septic system, and pet wastes). We can control water quality by proper disposal of household chemicals, placing leaves and other yard waste in bags to be picked up by the City's brush & chipper contractor (never use streams or street ditches as disposal sites), using organic fertilizers, and protecting the stormwater inlets to the storm sewers during all construction and building projects.

SOCIETY OF CERES

DONATIONS - THIRD QUARTER 2006

Renewals

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bellar
Mr. & Mrs. J. William Blevins
Mr. & Mrs. James H. Bond
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Dickson, III
Mrs. Laura Doolittle
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Echols
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Franks
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Frist, Jr.
Mrs. Edwyna H. Griscom
Mrs. Grace Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hutton
Dr. & Mrs. E. Palmer Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Randall L. Kinnard
Mr. & Mrs. Vaden Lackey, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph M. Lagasse
Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Latour

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. H. Mathews
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Neff
Mr. & Mrs. Mac E. Ozier
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Pearson
Mr. & Mrs. W. Brian Reames
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen S. Riven
Mrs. Walter M. Robinson, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Henry M. Sherwood, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Martin E. Simmons
Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel Stevens, Jr.
Ms. Frances S. Stribling
Dr. & Mrs. Clarence S. Thomas, Jr.
Mrs. Alice Warfield Tyne
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Tyrrell
Mr. & Mrs. Mal L. Wall, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. John W. White

New Member

Dr. Gary S. Gutow

Memorial Contributions

In Memory of Dr. Ben Alper
(Mrs. Ben Alper)
In Memory of Mr. James I. Vance Berry
(Mr. & Mrs. William F. Blaufuss)
(Mr. & Mrs. George Crook)
(Mr. & Mrs. Richard B. Hart)
(Mrs. Ellen Warner Hudson)
(Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. H. Mathews)
(Mrs. David Y Proctor)
In Memory of Dr. Irwin Eskin
(Mr. & Mrs. G. Marshall Trammel, Jr.)

DONATIONS - FOURTH QUARTER 2006

Renewals

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas C. Altenbern
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen E. Blackmon, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Ray Caldwell, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Cheadle, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Neely B. Coble, III
Mr. & Mrs. John Eakin
Mr. & Mrs. T. Scott Fillebrown
Dr. & Mrs. Robert A. Frist
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. Granbery Jackson, III
Mr. Paul H. Kennerley

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lazenby
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Lea, IV
Mrs. Ellen H. Martin
Mrs. Jack C. Massey
Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Nelson
Mrs. Mary Hall Pirtle
Dr. & Mrs. Albert W. Shean, III
Mr. & Mrs. Frank B. Sheffield, Jr.
Mr. E. Dan Smith, II
Dr. & Mrs. John S. Warner
Mr. & Mrs. Earl W. Wendell
Mr. & Mrs. George L. Yowell

Memorial Contributions

In Memory of Mr. James I. Vance Berry
(Mr. & Mrs. Karl E. Haury, Jr.)
In Memory of
Mrs. C. Runcie Clements and
Dr. Benjamin Franklin Byrd
(Mr. & Mrs. John W. Clay)
In Memory of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Byrd
(Mrs. Mary Hall Pirtle)



MADD Partnership

The Belle Meade Police Department has partnered with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) to try and help reduce the statistics of drunk and impaired driving accidents. We would like to join forces with the local community in order to make our effort more effective. With the help of the community we feel we can make a difference and save lives. Belle Meade Police Department will now be able to assist members of the community that wish to be a part of the MADD program to come by the Police station and sign up to be a member, volunteer, make donations, or obtain valuable information about MADD.

Officer Caroline Russell is the local coordinator for the program and can be contacted Thursday through Monday 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 297-0241. We encourage anyone interested in the MADD program to contact Officer Russell.

HERBERT PLACE TRAFFIC CALMING

After more than five months of study by the City and several neighborhood meetings, the Commissioners approved temporary traffic calming measures for Herbert Place and Georgian Place. In early April, the City will install stop signs at Herbert and Georgian Place, making the intersection a new three-way stop. The City will also install two speed bumps on Herbert Place, one at the bridge near Chickering Road and another in the curve.

The City staff looked closely at the traffic and public safety issues on Herbert Place before making a recommendation to the Commissioners for traffic calming. The portable speed monitoring machine gathered data on traffic volume and speed. The Police Department also employed selective enforcement methods using individual officers to collect data. Valuable input was received from residents at neighborhood meetings. The excessive volume of traffic on Herbert Place in conjunction with the unanimous consensus of the residents in favor of traffic calming led to the final decision. The City will continue to closely monitor Herbert Place and gather traffic data in order to determine the timing for the removal of the traffic calming devices.



Metro Introduces New Bus Link Program

Effective April 2, 2007, Nashville Metro Transit Authority began Bus Link, a new on-demand shuttle that picks up and drops off at over 60 stops in the Green Hills and Belle Meade area. Shuttles run Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the locations of stops, call 862-LINK (5465) or visit NashvilleMTA.org. Bus Link is free to all riders through April 30th!

The Bus Link program is a result of extensive study and public comment and data will be collected in its initial stages to determine if and how Belle Meade will be served in the future. Please read the following message from your Metro Council Member, below:

Dear Belle Meade Resident:

The Metro Nashville Transit Authority has developed a new transportation program called Bus Link to replace the traditional, large, diesel-fueled city buses that had been used to provide service to Belle Meade and Green Hills.

As is the case with all of our government programs, it will be important for me to know how effective and responsive the

Bus Link service is. The Metro Transit Authority will be collecting data on the number of riders and frequency of use. I encourage you, however, to contact me directly with your criticisms, your praise, and your questions. I can be reached at 356-6294 or via email at Emily.Evans@nashville.gov. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Emily Evans
Metro Council Member, District 23



GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVES

Do you need a good reason to stop procrastinating and clean out those closets, attic or garage? Goodwill Industries will conduct donation drives at Belle Meade City Hall on the third Saturday of each month in 2007. A truck will be in the City Hall parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to accept donations of usable furniture, clothing and household items. Donation drive dates for the next several months are as follows:

Saturday, April 21st, May 19th, and June 16th. Get up and get cleaning!

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED