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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

August 2007

From the City Manager - Water Usage

Prior to the publication date of this newsletter, Metro Water Services (MWS) had not placed mandatory water restrictions due to the drought conditions on its residential users. However, MWS is requesting that customers voluntarily make every effort to conserve water usage. Since the second week of August, they estimate approximately 40 million gallons of water per day are being used for irrigation purposes. Unfortunately, most of this water does not make it back into the system for treatment and re-use. The tremendous demand for irrigation has put a strain on the water system and has lowered the water pressure in many homes in Belle Meade.

Therefore, we are asking Belle Meade citizens to cut back on their irrigation, if possible, or at least change the times and days that the irrigation system is set to run. Most systems operate early in the morning before 6:00 a.m. You may want to change that schedule to later in the morning or sometime in late evening or during the night. Also, the most popular days to water are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so switching to other days may help. If you are experiencing low water pressure, know of a water leak, or have other water problems, please call City Hall at 297-6041. We will contact Metro Water for assistance with these issues.

From the Public Works Department:

Creek Cleaning – J. R. & Associates will continue with creek debris removal for several more weeks. Please call George Bartlett, Director of Public Works, with questions or comments – 297-6041.

Park Hill Odor Treatment Tank – Installation is complete and all disturbed areas have been restored or re-landscaped. The tank has been filled with a Potassium Permanganate solution that is odorless, tasteless and non-toxic. A pump-powered drip system continuously dispenses the odor treatment solution into the pressure sewer lines. Please call Larry Smith, Collections Operator, at 297-6041 if there are any questions or odor issues.

Stormwater Best Practices – The recent dry weather has forced many trees into survival mode and they are dropping leaves as though it is October. Please remember to bag all leaves and other yard debris and place at the street for collection each week by the brush and chipper contractor, The Parke Company. Do not rake leaves into the creekbeds or drainage ditches, as this inhibits water flow and contaminates the storm water system.

Property Tax Reminder:

The City of Belle Meade will mail property tax statements to all residents just prior to October 1st. Payment dates are October 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008. Belle Meade offers taxpayers a 2 per cent discount on taxes if they are paid/post-marked on or before October 31st. The City does not mail tax statements to mortgage companies. The property owner is responsible for making arrangements with their mortgage company for payment of property taxes.

In Remembrance of Dottie McEwen Wheeler, City Recorder



We are deeply saddened to report that Dottie passed away on August 22nd after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. For over 23 years, Dottie served the citizens of Belle Meade and was most often the first face they saw or the first voice they heard when contacting City Hall. Dottie knew many citizens by name and was a vast source of information to everyone when questions arose about city services, regulations, or Belle Meade history. She will be missed immensely by her friends and co-workers at City Hall, the Commissioners and board members she worked with each month in her capacity as Recorder, and the many, many citizens who relied on her kindness and knowledge when they needed assistance.

RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 18, 2007

The Commissioners took action on the following items:

- Awarded the annual Creek Debris Removal Project to J. R. & Associates in the amount of \$184,450. (See related article.)
- Approved the proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. to prepare the City's fourth annual NPDES Stormwater Report to the State of Tennessee for a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.
- Deferred action on proposed Ordinance 2007-7, Historic Zoning Code amendment, until recommendation is received from the Municipal Planning Commission.
- Approved proposed Ordinance 2007-8, on first reading, updating Belle Meade building code to 2006 International Residential Code.
- Adopted Resolution 2007-03, authorizing participation in the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool Loss Control Matching Grant Program.

From Chief Eads - A New Look for the Police Department

The Belle Meade Police Department is in the process of obtaining new patrol cars to replace an aging fleet. Currently, nine new Dodge Chargers have been purchased and are being readied for street duty. The new vehicles will still be white and retain many of the design features of the older vehicles. They will be marked with high visibility, reflective striping on both sides of the vehicle. This new design concept allows the vehicles to be seen at a greater distance in low light conditions where accidents are more prone to occur. This provides our Police Officers and passing motorists with an increased margin of safety.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite the residents, especially those with children, to drop by the police department and inspect our new cars.

The Police Department encourages all Belle Meade residents to utilize the services provided to them by the City of Belle

Meade. All calls, regardless of the nature, are taken seriously and responded to in a prompt fashion. We need your help by alerting us to anything that may appear suspicious or out of place. With your help, we can continue to be a proactive police department that our residents can be proud of!



FROM THE ZONING & CODES DEPARTMENT

In recent months, code violations for signage and parking at construction sites have increased. Many homeowners and contractors that are new to Belle Meade may not be aware of the City's regulations. We ask that workers park on the property at the construction site or be shuttled from somewhere else. We do not allow all-day parking on the street, but short-term for deliveries is permissible. The City has strict rules concerning signs. The Belle Meade Code states that only signs indicating the lease or sale of a building and not exceeding 8 square feet in area can be placed on a property and must be removed within 5 days of the close of the sale or lease. Signs, billboards, or other similar structures (excluding street and road signs) erected solely for advertising purposes are not permitted in Belle Meade. Please call the Building Official, Terry Franklin, at 297-2364 if you have questions about parking or signage.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVES



Too HOT to enjoy the great outdoors? Stay inside, keep cool, and clean out closets and storage areas. Goodwill Industries will conduct donation drives at City Hall on the third Saturday of each month. 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, September 15th, October 20th, and November 17th.

SOCIETY OF CERES

DONATIONS - SECOND QUARTER 2007

Renewals

Dr. & Mrs. Allen Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bass, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Blair, Jr.
Mrs. Peaches Gunter Blank
Dr. & Mrs. Glenn S. Buckspan
Mr. John E. Cain, III
Mrs. Elizabeth Carré-Pirtle
Mr. David Caldwell
Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Carell, Jr.
Mr. Fred Cassetty
Mr. & Mrs. William Cochran
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Corcoran
Mr. & Mrs. George Crook
Mrs. Arnold E. Curtis
Mrs. Nancy Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Marty Dickens
Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Doochin
Dr. & Mrs. Leslie Doss
Mr. & Mrs. Edward T. Edwards
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Falk
Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Fish
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fleischer
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hanselman
Mr. Marshall Hix
Mrs. Eleanor L. Hoover
Mr. & Mrs. James V. Hunt
Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Jones
Mrs. Cornelia S. Kelly
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Laine
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ledbetter
Mr. & Mrs. Monte Lusky
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hill McAlister
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McAllister

Mr. & Mrs. John McBee
Mr. & Mrs. Mark McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. John McDougall, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Wylie McDougall
Mr. & Mrs. French R. McKnight, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Meyer
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller, Sr.
Dr. & Mrs. Denis O'Day
Mr. & Mrs. David Perdue
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pitts
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin B. Raskin
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rick
Mrs. Martin Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Scruggs, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Owen G. Shell, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Greg Sikes
Mr. & Mrs. W. Lucus Simons
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Strang
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Warner, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Weaver, III
Mr. & Mrs. James A. Webb, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Weaver
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Woodard
Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. Zelle

Memorial Donations

In Memory of Mr. Charles Byrn, III
(Mr. & Mrs. Lambeth Lester)

In Memory of Mr. David K. Wilson
(Mr. & Mrs. George Crook)

New Member

Mr. F. Michael Minch

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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR
TO NOTE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2007**

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 18th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Thursday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: City Hall offices will be closed Monday,
September 3, 2007 in observance of *Labor Day*.
Garbage pick-up days will remain as usual.

Please visit the City website for agendas and minutes:
www.citybellemeade.org

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**METROPOLITAN GENERAL ELECTION – RUN-OFF
EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL:**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2007
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED