

City Hall—Wall Hangings

The City is looking for historical documents, maps or artwork that has a connection to Belle Meade, Nashville, or the region, to be displayed at City Hall. Donations will be accepted as gifts, loans, or permanent contributions and may be tax deductible. While we will accept these items at any time, it would be preferable to have them by July 1st. Please contact Beth Reardon, City Manager at 297-6041 if you have questions or an item for display.

BARK LESS, WAG MORE

Now that warm weather is here and people and pets are spending more time outdoors, the City staff receives many complaints about barking dogs. While we have laws in place to address noise and nuisance issues when a particular pet owner has a barking dog, it is almost impossible to enforce the law when many random dogs in a neighborhood bark continuously. If you are a pet owner that chooses to leave your dog outside for long periods, please be considerate of your neighbors and make sure the dog is not barking excessively at nothing. There are various bark control collars on the market for less than \$100 that can painlessly train your dog to bark less. If you know of a specific problem dog, please call City Hall and we will notify the owner of the City's regulations.

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

GOODWILL DONATION REMINDER

The next Goodwill Industries Donation Drive will be on Saturday, June 16, 2007, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Your donations of clothing and household items are greatly appreciated!





COMMISSIONERS: George W. Crook, *Mayor* • Thomas F. Corcoran, *Vice Mayor* • Gray O. Thornburg
Beth Reardon, *City Manager/Treasurer* • Tim Eads, *Chief* • Dottie Wheeler, *City Recorder*

NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

May 2007

Ordinance 2007-2 Regulating Dumpster Usage, Adopted

For many years, the City has provided several large dumpsters behind City Hall for residents to use when they have items too large or numerous for the regular, twice-weekly trash collection service. Over time and as evidenced by the photograph (at right) taken last month, there seems to be more and more abuse of what and how much is put in these dumpsters. Accordingly, Ordinance 2007-2 makes it unlawful for non-Belle Meade citizens to utilize the dumpsters. It also makes it unlawful to dispose of certain materials including, but not limited to, yard waste, construction debris, paint cans, batteries and other hazardous materials, large appliances, mattresses, large pieces of furniture and other items that cannot fit inside the dumpsters. Passage of this ordinance now gives the staff the ability to cite violators into Belle Meade City Court where they may be fined.

Within the next several weeks, lockable gates will be attached to the fencing around the dumpsters. The gates will be locked before dark and/or when all the dumpsters are filled to capacity. No dumping will be allowed once the gates are locked. We realize that the dumpsters are an important and valuable service to our citizens. This was clearly evi-

denced during the recent City Hall construction when the dumpsters were temporarily removed for several months and the staff received many phone calls asking when they would return. We ask that you be mindful of the new rules so that further restrictions or elimination of this service will not be necessary.



NEWS FROM EMILY EVANS, DISTRICT 23 METRO COUNCIL MEMBER

Dear Neighbor,

There are a few pieces of legislation that are working their way through the Metro Council. First and foremost is the budget. The good news is that the Mayor's budget does not call for any property tax increase. The bad news is that it calls for some cuts to services. The most troubling of those cuts is the loss of Sunday hours at the Public Library. I am working with other Council Members and with Donna Nicely, the Libraries Director to develop alternatives that will preserve this important service.

Also of interest to residents of Belle Meade is a proposal from the administration to codify wholesale sewer rates. Belle Meade residents are retail customers of Metro Water Services for water service but the City of Belle Meade is a wholesale customer for sewer service. The wholesale sewer rates in the past have been set by a contract with Belle Meade. That contract terminated last year and the new rates went into effect in December. So, this proposed bill, were it

to become law will not change your water and sewer bills. A discussion between Metro and Belle Meade regarding the appropriateness of the sewer rate is ongoing.

Another bill of interest is one that will formally and officially move storm water management from Public Works to Metro Water Services. Storm water management has been part of Metro Water Services since 2002 but the law was never updated to reflect that. The bill also requires a funding study for storm water be completed by February 2008. Whatever funding mechanism that is identified and adopted by Metro Council **will not apply** to Belle Meade residents and property owners. Storm water management in Belle Meade will continue to be handled by Belle Meade Public Works unless and until the Commissioners change it.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 356-6294 or Emily.Evans@nashville.gov.

RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS, April 18 & May 16, 2007 AND SPECIAL MEETING, May 3, 2007

The Commissioners considered, approved or awarded the following items:

- Purchase of an underground Odor Control Tank for the Park Hill location, in the amount of \$14,771.
- Contracts for completion of the Park Hill Odor Control Tank installation as follows: the electrical work to Westmeade Decorating in the amount of \$2,970.76, the lowest of four proposals received, and the plumbing work to Wheby Plumbing in the amount of \$9,265, also the lowest of four proposals received.
- Purchase of Satellite Telemetry System for 4 Underground Chemical Feed Tanks in the amount of \$23,183.75 from Wascon Sales and Service.
- Declared eight Chevy Impala police vehicles year 2000 as surplus property and authorized their disposal according to City regulations.
- Authorized the City Manager to research and prepare a policy for citizen use of the City Hall meeting facilities.
- Request from Barge, Cauthen, consulting engineering firm, to revise the fee schedule for Belle Meade Zoning Appeals Calculations, from a "lump sum" amount to "actual cost" for each review. The Commissioners also agreed that each homeowner be advised, in writing, of the work to be performed and billed at a rate based on the complexity of the plans and time spent.
- Appointment of Nick Spiva to Municipal Planning Commission.
- At special meeting, no motion was made to pursue an appeal of the Court's decision in the *City of Lakewood, et al. v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County*.
- Approved, on second reading, Ordinance 2007-2, (adding regulations for City Hall dumpsters), and Ordinance 2007-3 (procedures for disposal of surplus property).
- Proposed Ordinance 2007-4, on first reading, adopting a Code of Ethics policy.
- Proposed Ordinance 2007-5, on first reading, tax rate for Fiscal Year 2007-08.
- Proposed Ordinance 2007-6, on first reading, appropriations ordinance for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

(Note: Ordinances 2007-1 through 2007-6 can be viewed at www.citybellemeade.org.)

From Chief Eads, Belle Meade Police Department



I would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents, those of many years and those that are new to the City, about a program called the House Check Program. This program was created for the residents of Belle Meade to provide extra police patrol on their home and property when they are out of town. This program is an excellent and proactive approach to deterring crime. Once a resident notifies the Police Department of the dates they will be away, a patrol officer is assigned to ride by the property twice during each shift (6 times a day) to check that all is secure. The officer will physically walk around the exterior of

the home to ensure all windows and doors are secure and check any other specific items requested by the resident.

Many of you currently utilize the House Check Program each time you travel. I am encouraging everyone to take advantage of this excellent safety program. In an effort to make this easier and more effective, we have put the House Check Request Form on the City website. Simply go to www.citybellemeade.org, click on "POLICE", "PROGRAMS and SERVICES", "HOUSE CHECKS". Once there you can access the Request Form, which allows the option to type in your information and print a finished copy or print a blank form to complete by hand. The site contains detailed instructions and a section with frequently asked questions. The completed Request Form can be dropped off at the Police Station, or you may request an officer to come by and pick it up in person.

I hope everyone will find this change convenient and helpful. If you have any comments or questions about the House Check Program or the Request Form, please call me at 297-0241 or email me at teads@citybellemeade.org.

SOCIETY OF CERES

DONATIONS - FIRST QUARTER 2007

Renewals

Mr. & Mrs. C. Dale Allen
Dr. Joseph H. Allen
Mr. & Mrs. David Amiot
Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Anderson, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Clay F. Bailey, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Banker
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bartholomew
Mr. James O. Bass
Dr. & Mrs. E. Dale Batchelor
Mr. & Mrs. Niles Borop
Mr. & Mrs. James C. Bradford, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Brown
Mr. & Mrs. William J. Bryan

Mr. & Mrs. Neely Coble, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas Curtis

Mr. & Mrs. Harry G. Demetros

Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Finney

Dr. & Mrs. David M. Glassford
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Goldner, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Randall R. Harness
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Houser

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Karpos
Mrs. Catherine Killebrew

Mr. & Mrs. Monte Lusky

Mr. & Mrs. Layng Martine, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Scott McKean
Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. McKinney
Mr. & Mrs. Martin McNamara
Mr. Ned Ray McWherter
Mr. & Mrs. William Minkoff

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Palmer, III
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Powell, Sr.
Mrs. David Y. Proctor, Jr.

Mrs. Christine M. Rehnke

Mr. & Mrs. James L. Shaub, II
Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Stack
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Steele
Mrs. B. B. Steiner
Mrs. Thomas C. Summers

Mr. & Mrs. John Fred Tarkington, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen C. Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. James S. Turner, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Ridley Wills, III
Mr. & Mrs. David K. Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Toby Wilt
Mr. & Mrs. Taylor M. Wray

Mrs. Shirley A. Zeitlin

New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Filson

Mrs. Cornelia S. Kelly

Dr. & Mrs. R. Stewart Shofner

Memorial Contribution

In Memory of Mr. James W. Hofstead
(Mrs. Tana Wehby Lewis)