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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

February 2009

P. D. TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY SAFETY SEMINAR – THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 6 P.M.

Have you ever asked yourself questions like these: “Is this person suspicious?” “Should I call the police about this?” “Does my family have an emergency action plan?” “What do I do about that coyote I see in the neighborhood?” “What if I am a victim of identity theft?”

The Belle Meade police department hopes to answer these questions and many more when it hosts its first Safety Seminar on February 26th at Belle Meade City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Chief Tim Eads and his staff will give talks and answer ques-



tions about neighborhood safety and crime prevention. Topics will include the Neighborhood Watch program, child safety, online predators, urban coyotes, identity theft, and many other relevant safety concerns. Chief will also be unveiling a new program for Belle Meade residents concerning homes under construction or being remodeled.

Please partner with the Belle Meade police department for this event and find out what you can do to help make your home and this community a safer place to live.

COYOTE ALERT

The City continues to receive calls and emails from citizens about coyote sightings. We want to inform and educate our residents concerning urban coyotes and pet safety. We do not have any reports of coyotes attacking people in the Belle Meade area, but do have several accounts of pets being attacked. The Police Department has a contact person at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and the USDA that can assist with coyote problems. 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.

Ridding a neighborhood of coyotes is not a simple task. Coyotes will increase their population proportionate to whatever is a manageable size within their surroundings, so their numbers cannot be controlled by extermination. Coyotes must be made to feel unwelcome, which is especially important if they have begun to lose their natural fear of humans. You must act aggressively towards them to show who is dominant. Should you come in contact with a coyote, make every attempt to avoid it. Be a threat by waving your arms and shouting or throw rocks or sticks at it. If you are outdoors frequently, keep pepper spray, an air horn or even balloons (blow up and pop them) handy. 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.

In addition, do not feed coyotes or leave pets unattended. Do not leave pet food outside and avoid overflowing bird feeders. Garbage cans containing food scraps should be tightly closed. (Adding ammonia or pepper spray to the trash may discourage rummaging by coyotes and other wildlife.) To discourage den building on your property, seal crawl spaces, keep sheds closed and inspect brush piles, especially in the spring. If you find a den in a brushy area, thin the brush if possible.

Society of Ceres Donations Fourth Quarter 2008

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In Honor of Contributions

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lenderman
(In Honor of Mr. James Bass)

COMMISSIONER MEET & GREET UPDATE

The Commissioners want to thank the citizens who attended the Meet & Greet sessions for taking the time to come and talk about their concerns. There was plenty of space in the Multi-Purpose room for more folks, but those that came brought interesting questions and comments and had the full attention of their elected officials! Sign up sheets for future citizen committees were available. If you were not able to attend these Meet & Greets, you can still volunteer to be on a committee by calling or emailing the City Manager with your preference(s). The following committees are available: Communications, Finance, Long Range Planning, Special Events, Recycling, and Safety. Please contact Beth Reardon at 297-6041 or breardon@citybelle-meade.org to sign up.



RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the January 21, 2009 meeting:

- Accepted the revised proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. to prepare engineered design and construction drawings and bid specifications for the most critical storm water infrastructure deficiencies.
- Appointed Mr. Jim Hastings as a new member of the Municipal Planning Commission for a three-year term.
- Accepted the bid from Keystone Business Solutions for website development and consulting.
- Re-engaged Crosslin & Associates as the City's audit firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.
- Approved Resolution 2009-01, adopting a general workplace harassment policy.
- Approved Resolution 2009-02, adopting an indemnity policy for employee work-related injuries.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

HARDING PLACE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT – Metro Water Services (MWS) is currently in the process of preparing bid specifications for the replacement of aging water lines on Harding Place from Granny White Pike to Belle Meade Boulevard. At a MWS meeting attended by Belle Meade staff on February 6, it was reported that the section between Estes Road and Belle Meade Boulevard would be completed first. MWS has not issued a start date for this project, but it is anticipated that the work will begin this spring. Please call Public Works Director, George Bartlett, with any questions – 297-6041.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

We are so grateful to all those who donated this past year to the Ceres Society. The annual fund drive letter was sent to all residents in November and as you can see by the Society of Ceres Donations article in this newsletter, we received a tremendous response. Thank you! These donations will enable the City to continue its tradition of maintaining and enhancing all the planted medians, triangles and pocket parks around the City. The Committee chairperson, Liz Bass, along with staff from the City and Landscape Services, Inc., will complete a citywide evaluation by car this month to determine landscaping needing removal, replanting, etc. We are still in the process of replacing plantings that were lost due to the 2007 drought, as well as identifying areas that could have low maintenance and drought resistant plantings.



REMINDER - PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE!

Belle Meade Property Taxes are due by the last day of February each year. 2008 property taxes must be received and/or postmarked by February 28, 2009. If the 2008 taxes are not paid before March 1, 2009, the City will begin imposing a 2 percent penalty for each month/portion of month that they are delinquent. Tax payments can be hand-delivered on Saturday, February 28 to the Police Department at city hall. The dispatcher will accept them and deliver them to the City Recorder Linda Berner on the next business day. If you have questions about Belle Meade property taxes, please call Linda at 297-6041.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVES



Due to budget constraints this year, Goodwill was forced to reduce the number of collection drives at Belle Meade City Hall. Please make a note that Goodwill will have a truck at the City Hall parking lot on the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations of usable clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated.

DONATION DATES 2009:

APRIL 18, SEPTEMBER 19, and DECEMBER 19.

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2009**

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org