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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

September 2011

FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

There are two proposed ordinances scheduled for first reading at the Board of Commissioners September meeting that are of interest to the Citizens of Belle Meade. These can be viewed in their entirety on the City website, www.citybellemeade.org.

Proposed Ordinance 2011-10, Belle Meade Maintenance Code – Property & Premises

Even in an area that is named Beautiful Meadow, there are those whose property is not kept to the standards that make Belle Meade the charming area that it is. The Mayor and City Commissioners are reviewing a property standard ordinance that will replace the current outdated property maintenance ordinance.

The adoption of this ordinance will regulate and govern the conditions and maintenance of all properties, buildings, and structures in order to assure and maintain the health, safety, welfare and appearance of the premises and property within the City of Belle Meade, and to impose certain minimum standards of care for the maintenance of such property and premises. While City staff will be responsible for determining if code violations exist, the Board of Building Code Appeals will have the authority to take action and impose remedies.

With passage of this ordinance, the City will encourage owners to keep their property in the best condition possible, promoting property values and ensuring the quality of life that many have come to expect living in a Beautiful Meadow.

Proposed Ordinance 2011-11, Establishing a Stormwater Utility

The August newsletter discussed stormwater and the legally mandated responsibility of the City to manage it. Establishing a stormwater utility is a way to identify stormwater projects and prioritize them, address the level of service that the City will provide to maintain the stormwater system, and establish a funding source. As the August newsletter article stated, many other governmental agencies in Tennessee have completed or are in the process of establishing a stormwater utility. The City staff has been compiling a list of proposed stormwater improvement projects over the last several years, but funding from the existing General Fund balance has been very limited due to budget constraints and declining revenue collections. A stormwater utility with a defined user fee rate structure would allow the City to utilize these resources in addition to designated General Fund monies and begin to address list of pending stormwater projects and maintenance activities.

TRASH & RECYCLE REMINDERS:

- Please tie all bags before your pick up day – especially the bags containing glass. If the recycle bag contains loose glass, PDQ will not pick up the recycle.
- Loose trash in the garbage cans is a “No-No”. If PDQ continually finds loose trash in your cans, they can refuse to take your trash under the terms of their contract with the City.
- Please do not put food waste and/or food-stained paper plates and towels in the recycle container. These items should go in with your bagged trash.

NOTE: Thanksgiving Holiday Pickup: The Thursday route households will be picked up on WEDNESDAY before Thanksgiving Thursday. The Friday route will run as usual.

Waste Collection (In Tons)

Month	Co-mingle	Recycle Cardboard	Glass	Total	Trash	Waste Total
JULY	12.68	1.96	2.72	17.36	80.60	97.96
AUGUST	13.31	1.92	2.54	17.77	73.05	90.82

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

From Chief of Police Tim Eads:

The Belle Meade Police Department is pleased to announce that citizens can now gain access to neighborhood level crime incident data in near real time. Providing reliable, timely information to our citizens is one of our top priorities, because an informed public is a safer public. Partnering with **CrimeReports** gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in the community.

You can access the free crime information through the website. There is also a free download available for **CrimeReports** for the iPhone from the Apple iTunes store. This new service even lets you sign up for free customizable e-mail alerts. Information is power

and we hope that giving the community this information will help them understand crime trends and lower or prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

You can access the crime map by going to the City of Belle Meade website at www.citybellemeade.org. At the menu, click on "Police Dept.", and then click on "Crime Reports". This will give you the map and will contain information and instructions on how to use the map and sign up for police related alerts 24/7.

We have just brought this service on-line, so please be patient with us while we are in the startup process.

Please continue to report all suspicious activity to us by calling 615-297-0241 immediately and remember to Park Smart!



The **Annual Safe Halloween Event** will be held on Thursday, October 27th starting at 5:00 p.m. in front of the Public Works garage next to City Hall. Reflective trick-or-treat bags will be given to all the kids along with treats! Come join us for a fun and safe time.

Dress up your Little Spooks and have their picture made at our event. Refreshments will be available for everyone to enjoy.

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