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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

April 2010

Water Main Replacement Construction Project Update

At this time, the contractor reports that work is ahead of schedule on Belle Meade Boulevard and should continue that way unless they hit rock when digging. The safety of pedestrians, motorists, and workers is a top priority! Chief Eads strongly encourages motorists to use caution and slow down through the construction zones. In the interest of safety, please adhere to a 20 mph recommended speed limit. Pedestrians and cyclists should use the opposite side of the street and not attempt to go through the construction zone.

Harding Place from Granny White Pike to the intersection of Belle Meade Blvd. is in the process of being milled and paved. Please use caution when traveling this route, as portions of the street will be closed as needed.

PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES (PRV) – Metro

Water Services states that some Belle Meade residents may have to install a PRV once their service line is connected to the new water main. This is especially true if the residential service lines have never



been upgraded from the old style galvanized pipes. High water pressure can damage fixtures and rupture pipes, as well as increase your water and energy bills. A licensed plumber can easily test your residential water pressure and install a PRV.

NOTE: Metro Water Services does not bear responsibility for damages that occur due to water pressure issues, as stated in the following passage:

Municipal Code - Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee

15.12.190 - Damage resulting from pressure changes-- Customer's responsibility.

Under no conditions shall the department be responsible for any damage caused to equipment within the consumer's or customer's premises by raising or lowering the pressure in the mains of the department's distribution system. It shall be incumbent upon the consumer or customer to install in his service line between the metropolitan government's main and the inside of his premises such pressure-regulating devices as may be necessary to prohibit excessive pressure from being transmitted from the metropolitan government's main to the inside of his premises.

(Prior code § 40-1-17)

COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS – NOVEMBER 2010

Three commissioner terms will expire this November. Any Belle Meade resident interested in becoming a candidate for commissioner may obtain a petition from the Davidson County Election Commission (862-8800) on or after May 21, 2010. The deadline to qualify and turn in the signed petition is noon on Thursday, August 19, 2010. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd.

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A COMMISSIONER?

If so, several current commissioners will hold an informational orientation meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 2nd at City Hall. They will discuss the role and duties of a Belle Meade commissioner as well as the time commitment and what to expect. A question and answer session will follow.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION FAMILIES!

We will be hosting our 4th annual Child Safety and Bike Rodeo event on Saturday, May 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The event will be held in the parking lot between St. George's Church and City Hall. We will have information on child safety issues, officers will be assisting with car seat installations, and there will be a bike safety rodeo for the children. Grilled hot-dogs and snacks will be served.



This is a Free Event!!

Hope to see you there!!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR APRIL & MAY 2010

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, April 20th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, April 21st at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the March 17th meeting:

- Deferred appointment/reappointment of members to Municipal Planning Commission for one month.
- Approved Belle Meade Plantation's annual Activity Permit, with the restriction that no more than 2 horses/ponies could be on site at one time, for a time period not to exceed a total of 90 days during the Activity Permit period from March 2010 – March 2011.
- Deferred Ordinance 2010-1, amending the description of Special Impact Area A, on second reading while awaiting the recommendation from the Municipal Planning Commission.
- Deferred Ordinance 2010-2 on second reading; An Ordinance Amending Title 11-602 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code regarding carrying hand guns.

SPRINGTIME REMINDERS!

• **BRUSH & CHIPPER SERVICE** - Spring has sprung and it's time to clean up the debris in your yard after a long winter! A benefit of your property taxes is the once-a-week Brush & Chipper service that is contracted for roadside pick-up of bagged leaves and clippings, small limbs and normal yard waste debris. This service contract does NOT cover the pickup and removal of large trees that have been cut down on your property – that is the homeowner's responsibility. If you set out a large amount of trimmings, the service contractor may only take a portion on his weekly stop. Please be patient and understand that the contract requires pickup of all residential properties and the contractor has a limit to the amount of time his crew can spend at each stop. Also, please do not bring yard waste to the dumpsters behind city hall. This is a prohibited item, as stated on the signs posted by the dumpsters.

• **LAWN CARE REMINDERS** - Please remind your landscapers and lawn care services not to block access to the street with their vehicles and equipment while working. They could receive a ticket! Also, they cannot blow grass clippings and other yard debris out into the street. That is a violation of Belle Meade Code section 16-107.

• **DOGS RUNNING LOOSE / BARKING DOGS** – Now that warm weather is here and pets are outside more often, the City staff receives an increase of complaints about



dogs running loose or barking excessively. The City has ordinances prohibiting dogs from running freely in the neighborhood and disturbing the peace and quiet of a neighborhood with loud and frequent barking. Please be considerate of those living around you. The City will send a letter to the pet's owner requesting compliance with the ordinances if a complaint is received, but if violations continue, the owner can be cited to appear in City Court.

• **GARAGE / ESTATE SALE PERMITS** - If you are planning to have a garage or estate sale, you must first obtain a permit from the City. You may either stop by City Hall and complete the form or obtain it from the website, www.city-bellemeade.org, under "Download & Print Forms". The City does not charge a fee for this permit. You are allowed ONE sign to be posted at the property where the sale is being held.

BEAUTIFY BELLE MEADE DAY - MAY 1

Various citizens have contacted the Beautification Committee and Commissioners about having a designated day to "clean up the City". With many citizens enjoying the spring weather, as well as "visitors who pass through daily", it seems appropriate to have a day to take those extra small steps to really tidy up the City. So we encourage you to pick up trash in your yard and your neighbor's, do a little extra weeding and generally put on the extra shine on this beautiful City. Steeplechase is coming!

May 1, Saturday, is the day! While we won't have a special event, we encourage you to go outside, enjoy the weather, pick up any trash, sticks and a few weeds . . . and visit with your neighbors. Enjoy this "belle meade" of a city!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED