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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JUNE 2018

SIDEWALKS ARE COMING TO BELLE MEADE'S HARDING PLACE—CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY!



Sidewalks are under construction for both sides of Harding Place between Belle Meade Blvd. and Lynwood Blvd. This project gained Commissioner approval following a resident-driven effort due to safety concerns on this increasingly busy street. With the dramatic growth of Nashville in recent years, the safety of pedestrians and bikers on Harding Place has declined significantly. Following a traffic study conducted by the Belle Meade Police Department, it was confirmed that nearly 10,000 vehicles pass through Harding Place on any given day, the highest in the City of Belle Meade, aside from Harding Pike. Without a safe shoulder or separation from the road for pedestrians, Harding Place residents are currently forced to share this two-lane road with high vehicular traffic, a danger to the many residents who walk, run, and cycle—often with strollers or dogs—throughout the neighborhood.

Sidewalks were an original part of this stretch of historic Harding Place (and a number of other streets in the Belle Meade community) that was envisioned to be a pedestrian link throughout the neighborhood. These new sidewalks will be on both sides of the street, reconnecting the Harding Place neighborhood and adjoining streets. The sidewalks will be similar in style to those located on Lynwood Terrace, respectful of landscaping, driveways, and mailboxes to the extent possible.

Following criteria presented by the Board of Commissioners, the residents of Harding Place diligently pursued and organized their effort, unanimously agreeing to the need for sidewalks. Led by Neighborhood Watch block captain Jackie Bellar, the neighborhood group organized a sidewalk committee in 2016 and over the next two years held planning meetings, discussed options, met with Commissioners individually, and made formal presentations to the Board. Residents also wrote letters to Commissioners, did extensive research, attended Budget & Finance Committee meetings, met with City Staff including Beth Reardon, City Manager and Aspen Collins, Finance Director. While many residents were involved in the effort, some of those taking more active roles, in addition to Jackie, included Bunny Blackburn, Randy Gross, Kristin and Carter Paine, Doris Matthews, Laura Katherine Wood, and Marty and Betty Dickens. In the process, a side benefit was that Harding Place neighbors enjoyed getting to know each other better.

Money was budgeted for sidewalks in the 2017/2018 budget and the project was sent out for contractors to bid. The bid came in at an acceptable price and after initially rejecting it, the Commissioners approved the bid for construction on April 30th. The residents of Harding Place are especially grateful for Commissioner support of this endeavor.

This summer, Harding Place will be a safer place for its residents and for all who live in the City of Belle Meade.

BE AWARE OF THE HARDING PLACE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ZONE



During the day, from 8am to 4pm, one lane of Harding Place traffic will be detoured to Iroquois Avenue. Please avoid this area altogether if possible, and take a different

route to your destination. The sidewalk contractor expects to finish this project in 30 days, weather permitting, so we hope the inconvenience to drivers will not be for long!

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA PROJECT – UPDATE



Progress on the Surveillance Camera project has been slow but steady. Obtaining approval from NES and ATT for attachments to the utility poles was a tedious process. Once that step was completed, the Commissioners approved for a contractor

to add the electrical service to each pole, and install two decorative metal poles at locations where the NES utility pole was not accessible. NES and Metro Codes inspected the electrical service

installations, and have given their approval. In the meantime, Chief Eads has been working the wireless connectivity portion of this project and is about to have that finalized in time for a late June/early July installation of the cameras on the poles. There will be digital and license plate reader (LPR) cameras at 20 intersections surrounding Belle Meade.

The Commissioners and the Police Department are very happy to see this project finally come to completion. It will bring an enhanced measure of safety to Belle Meade citizens and surrounding areas, as other police departments may also benefit from the crime information we capture on our cameras. Please do not hesitate to contact Chief Tim Eads if you have any questions about the Video Surveillance Camera System—615-297-0241 or teads@citybellemeade.org.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

We hope everyone has a nice and safe summer!

- Please use our House Check Services if you are going to be out of town. Complete a request on-line at www.citybellemeade.org under the police tab. Look for “house check service”. If you need assistance, please call the on-duty dispatcher, 615-297-0241 and they can assist you with signing up on-line or off-line.
- Utilize the City’s email notification system to receive Public Safety Notices. Sign up on the website under “Get Connected, Emails”. Urgent notices are sent as needed, including local crime alerts and Neighborhood Watch Program bulletins.
- Pool Safety - Please make sure that your pools are properly secured and you have your safety equipment available.
- Always set your home alarm even if you are going to be away for a short period of time. Call in suspicious activity immediately to us when you see it. We can conduct a public records background check if you are hiring someone to work in your home a regular basis. Contact Detective Tom Sexton

at tsexton@citybellemeade.org and he will be happy to assist you in these matters.

- Drive Safely - Officers are maintaining a steady effort with speed enforcement on all streets in Belle Meade, so please remind family, friends and household staff not to speed in Belle Meade.

Park Smart

May 31, 2018 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE A review of stolen vehicle reports in Nashville from Sunday, May 20th through Saturday, May 26th shows that 62% of the automobiles taken (38 of 61) were easy targets because the keys were left inside or made available to thieves. Ten of the 61 vehicles stolen were left running without the driver present. The police department’s continuing PARK SMART campaign strongly urges citizens to lock their automobile doors, secure any valuables and REMOVE THE KEYS. Officers also urge citizens to SHOP SMART by not leaving purses or other valuables unattended in shopping carts or in plain view in vehicles, even for a very short time. An unattended purse or wallet is an easy target for a thief.

Reported by: Officer Jessica Ware, Madison Precinct, Metro Nashville Police Department



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2018:

- Approved proposal from Davey Tree Expert Company to remove leaning tree on Harding Place for \$1,725.00
- Approved the purchase and installation of Solar Powered Blinking Pedestrian Crosswalk Beacons with Road Striping at intersection of Jackson Blvd and Harding Place for \$18,810.72

- Approved the purchase of two additional Speed Monitoring Signs for \$9,080.00, which will be reimbursed through a highway safety grant.
- Approved proposal for painting and cleaning of dumpster enclosure, generator gate and AC enclosure for \$2,250.00 from Jireh Painting.
- Approved (2) invoices from:
 - o Kerr Electric \$ 5,000.00



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- o Kerr Electric \$13,000.00
- Ordinance 2018-2 passed on first reading, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Ordinance 2018-3 passed on first reading, Fix Tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Ordinance 2018-4, Amend Certain Sections of Title 14 Chapter 2 of the Belle Meade Zoning to Clarify the Jurisdiction and Powers of the Board of Zoning was deferred for study by a committee to be appointed by the Mayor.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – MAY 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Miles Kirkland
 Dr. & Mrs. Robert Mallard
 Mrs. Susan McCarley
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDermott
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott McKean
 Ortale Family Foundation
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Page
 Mr. & Mrs. John Phillips
 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Riley

OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above

Mr. & Mrs. Charles N. Martin, Jr.
 Mrs. Waldi Mizell

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. David Amiot
 Belle Meade Plantation
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bottorff
 Mr. & Mrs. Doug Cahill
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Elcan
 Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Frist, Jr.
 Dr. & Mrs. J. Brevard Haynes
 Mrs. Eleanor Hoover

Mr. & Mrs. David Mastran
 Mr. Henry Sherwood, Jr.

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. John Abbott
 Mr. & Mrs. C. Dale Allen
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blackmon, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bright, III
 Mr. & Mrs. Kent Burns
 Mr. John E. Cain, III Giving Fund
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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jackson
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 Dr. & Mrs. H. Newton Lovvorn, Jr.
 Mrs. Alice Mathews
 Mr. & Mrs. Kerry McCluggage
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark McDonald

Mr. & Mrs. Bob McDugald
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Napier
 Mr. & Mrs. Joe B. Palmer, III
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Riven
 Mr. & Mrs. Govan White

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. & Mrs. H. Newton Lovvorn, Jr.
In Memory of: Mr. Bascomb Thomas & Mr. Frank Drowota

AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker
In Memory of: Mr. P. G. Banker, Jr., Captain, US Army
 Mr. & Mrs. William Cline
In Memory of: Mr. Frank Williamson Blair, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Ansel L. Davis
In Honor of: Mr. Ansel L. Davis, Sr., US Army
 Mr. & Mrs. James V. Hunt, Sr.

In Honor of: Operation Stand Down
 Mr. & Mrs. George B. McGugin
In Honor of: Mr. William F. Applegarth, WWII Veteran
 Mrs. Waldi Mizell
In Honor of: Rudolph S. Farrar, US Air Force
Andrew H. Mizell, III, US Navy
Sam M. Fleming, US Navy
 Mrs. Carol Nelson
In Honor of: Mr. Ed Nelson, Veteran
 Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Phipps
In Honor of: All Veterans
 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Rich
In Honor of: Mr. Hugh A. Rich, US Army Warrant Officer
 Mr. & Mrs. Marc Stengel
In Honor of: Mr. Kermit C. Stengel, Jr., US Navy
 Mr. Daniel Tarantin
In Honor of: Mr. John B. Tarantin, Jr., US Marine, WWII

RECYCLE REMINDERS



The City’s trash collection contractor has noted there are high levels of contamination (trash in the recycling mix) in the recycling collections. The requirements by the recycling industry for quality—clean recycling—are increasing due to new policies implemented by the end markets for recycling materials. Worldwide, the recycling industry has

been influenced by stricter regulations on what is acceptable. For instance, China has much stricter limits on the quality and quantity of material it accepts for recycling, having global implications on the industry. To ensure the long-term sustainability of recycling programs, even our small one in Belle Meade, here are a few tools for success to follow to avoid having your entire recycle bag contaminated and disposed of in the landfill.

RECYCLING DO'S	RECYCLING DON'T'S
DO recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.	DON'T include food-soiled items. They turn an entire load of recycle into trash.
DO keep foods and liquids out of recycling.	DON'T add sharp or dangerous materials like needles or electronics—they can cause Injury to workers.
DO keep plastic bags out of recycling – they get tangled in the machinery.	DON'T toss “tangles” like hoses or wires.
	DON'T include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2018

**Due to Early voting, please check location of
meetings on the website or call us!**

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 17th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, July 10th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 14th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, July 17th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, August 21st at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, July 18th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 15th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:



**CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH.**

**IN CASE OF SEWER, STREET, OR OTHER
EMERGENCIES, CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AT 615-297-0241.**

**BRUSH & CHIPPER COLLECTION FOR THE
WEDNESDAY (JULY 4TH)
ROUTE WILL BE MOVED TO TUESDAY, JULY 3RD.**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE
AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY**

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