



BELLE MEADE HIGHLANDS

Belle Meade Highlands Association Newsletter

Summer 2010

Message from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying this nice, hot summer. The BMH committee chairs and officers met recently and came up with some great ideas for the neighborhood. These include plans for upcoming social events, increasing the functionality of our website, brainstorming on how to improve our traffic problems, the status of membership in the association and many other topics of interest.

Our local Council Person, Carter Todd, also attended to provide some guidance in the area of traffic calming. We are working on new measures to make our neighborhood a safer place to live and will update you in the next newsletter. Remember you can do your part by calling the West Precinct each time you see someone speeding. The more we call, the more police presence and assistance we will get. Put the number on your speed dial: 862-7747. Use it often!

As you have seen, I send out email blasts to all current members of the association with any news that may be helpful to you such as lost pets, crime alerts, upcoming events, etc. If you have anything you would like to communicate to our neighbors please feel free to email me.

We currently have 79 families as members of the association, which is very consistent with the volume over the past few years. We have many great volunteers in our association, but there is always room for more. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please email me at srishel1@aim.com. We look forward to seeing you all soon at an upcoming social event.

Stephanie Rishel

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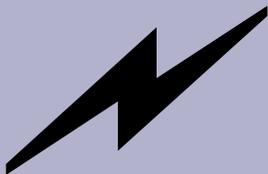
2nd Annual BMH Neighborhood Cleanup Planned for Fall 2010

In November 2009, a group of BMH residents and families took part in our neighborhood's first organized cleanup. Volunteers focused on picking up trash in the ditches along Page Road, picking up trash and weeding along the BMH shoulder of Highway 100, weeding and sweeping up trash and glass at the Hwy 100/70 split and picking up trash along several of our neighborhood streets. It was especially gratifying to see entire families involved - the kids were enthusiastic little workers!

The Beautification Committee is planning another cleanup this fall. Like last year, we will identify and prioritize several projects or areas that need the most attention. Then we'll divide volunteers into teams and tackle each project/area. This is such an effective way to put just a couple hours of sweat equity into our neighborhood with tangible results.

In late summer/early fall, an email will go out to all association members for their input on selecting the cleanup date. We'll simply choose a date that works best for the greatest number of volunteers. Meanwhile, we welcome all ideas and input on which areas of the neighborhood our cleanup should focus. Please contact Rob Harrington at redolee@yahoo.com with any input/suggestions.



 Call **862-7747** when you see aggressive driving in the neighborhood!
Keep it on speed dial!

Summertime Safety Tips

Parents please discourage your children from riding bikes/scooters/skates down other peoples' driveways. This is dangerous on many levels unless parents are present.

Leave outside lights on at night, have timers for lights when you're not at home for extended periods of time and have locks on sheds to protect personal property.



Message from Hospitality

We want to be sure and welcome each new neighbor with a welcome bag. Please help us by letting the committee know when you have a new neighbor. You can send an email to Donna Littleton at donnalittleton@comcast.net with the street address and we will deliver a welcome bag!

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Did You Know?

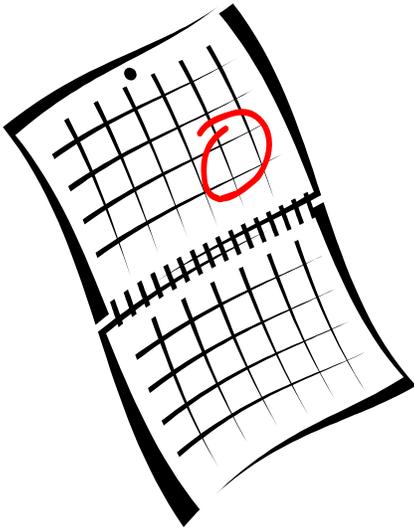


Did you know there is a website where you can check local arrests within the past 7 days?

Go to ccc.nashville.gov, enter the section called "View Map and Arrest Data", and plug in 37205. Keeping your self informed is always a good thing.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Social Events:



It is hard to believe that summer is halfway over, which means this year is halfway over as well. Sadly we had to cancel the May Spring Fling due to the rain. Many of you were looking forward to this, and we had hoped to reschedule it in the beginning of June. With summer vacations and activities in full swing, we could not find a make-up date.

We do have some events lined up as long as mother nature is on our side! As usual, email invites will be sent with more details, but here is a preview of upcoming events ... so mark your calendars!

July 21, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm: *Popsicles at Parmer Park* — Figure a nice fruity popsicle may just be what the kids need from running around in the heat!

August 14, 6:30 pm-10:30 pm: *Adult Band Party* — Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and favorite beverage. Enjoy getting to know your neighbors while listening to some awesome music. We're switching up the band this year. Look for more details soon!

September 12 (pending): *Fall Fling Take Two* — DJ Louis will play some music for all the kids (little and big) to show off their dance moves!

October 30 (pending): *Halloween* — This has become a popular annual event in our neighborhood. Lucky for us that Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Wouldn't want to miss the opportunity to preview all the cute costumes!

Date TBD: We will have one more adult-only event! The Social Committee still needs to decide what that will be although several neighbors have expressed interest for another small group dinner mixer.

We do hope to see you at these events!

Looking for a Ladies Night Out?



Photo above taken of Book Club Members, June 2010

Every Last One by Anna Quindlen

Consider joining one of our regular clubs offered in the Highlands, or start one of your own! If you are interested in participating in either our Bunko group or Book Club, please contact [Stephanie Rishel](mailto:Stephanie.Rishel) for more information.

Advertising \$\$

Neighbors, we are thinking about ways to raise extra money for our Association and at the same time, promote one another's businesses. A small percentage have shown some interest, BUT WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM MORE OF YOU. Please email Patti Straus at pstraus@realtracs.com if you would like to advertise your business in our next newsletter and on our www.BelleMeadeHighlands.org website. We will then get in touch with you about costs and ad design!



Calendar of Events

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Do you want to know what is going on in the Highlands?

Did you forget the date to the next social event?

Be Sure to Visit Our Website and let us know if you like the changes we have made...like the discussion board where you can post referrals and comments. We will update you as we continue to progress.

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Real Estate News

Interest Rates remain incredibly low!!

Now is a great time to refinance or move up or downsize in the Highlands!! Call your lender for today's rates...you will be pleasantly surprised!!