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## I-440 project, high school construction and walkability top our **STORIES TO WATCH IN 2019**



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**



**I-440 CONSTRUCTION**



**HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**



**SIDEWALKS & WALKABILITY**

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**T**he stories likely to impact residents of Green Hills and Belle Meade in 2019 are both diverse and highly impactful. I-440 reconstruction. Hillsboro High School's facelift. Walkability and safety. Historic preservation. These are just a few of the stories that are on our radar this year. In this issue, we'll analyze them all, preparing you for what's to come in 2019. Don't forget to check out [rovertoday.com](http://rovertoday.com) for the freshest developments on these topics, plus breaking stories, things to do and much more news you can use.

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YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED

Are there any plans to resurface Granny White Pike soon?


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**QUESTION:** "I travel Granny White Pike every day and it is in terrible shape from Old Hickory Boulevard to Lipscomb University, particularly from the Você development through JT Moore Middle School. The road in front of JTM was torn up a couple years ago for Google Fiber or something, and there is still a great deal of housing construction taking place on this corridor. Do you know of any plans to resurface Granny White in the near future?"

**The answer, in a word:** Yes. Cortnye Stone, director of Communications and Community Engagement for Metro Public Works, reports that Granny White Pike is set to be repaved in 2019. "Weather permitting, paving should occur in late spring or early fall," Stone said.

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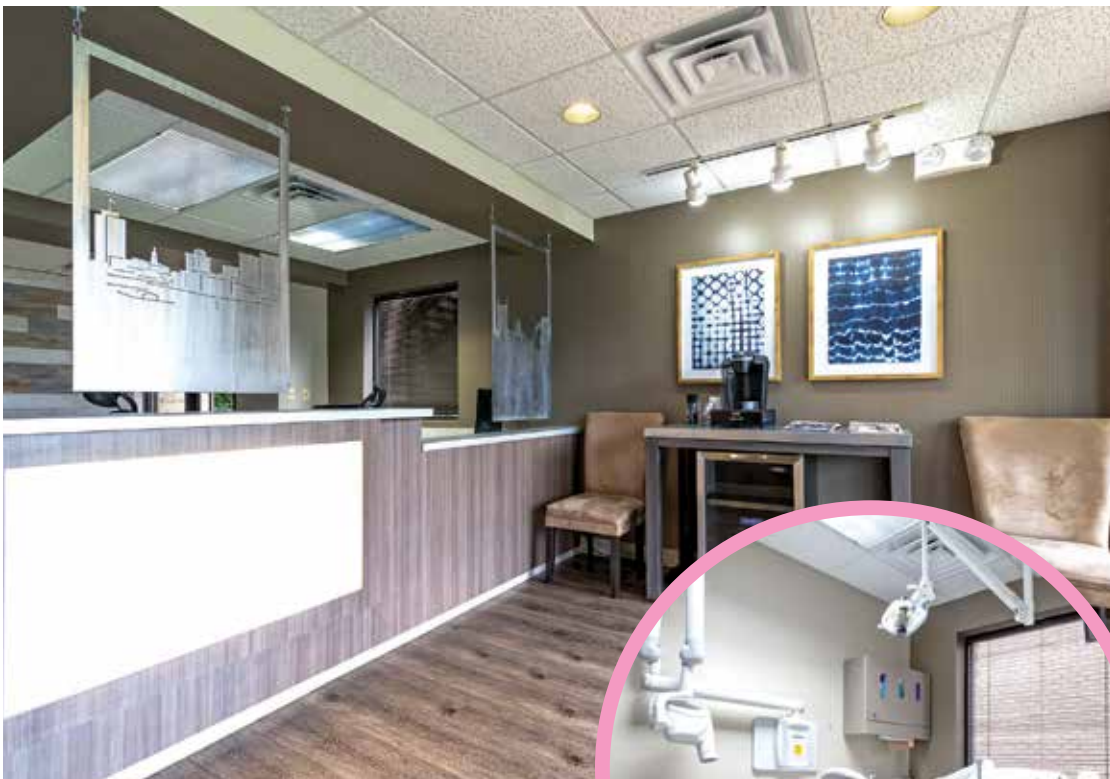
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# WHAT'S NEW

WHAT'S OPENING,  
COMING SOON & EXPANDING



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## CRATE & BARREL

Home furnishings retailer Crate & Barrel is moving into the Nashville market. A building permit application shows Crate & Barrel is planning a 27,000-square-foot store at The Mall at Green Hills. Crate & Barrel is known for its contemporary and modern furniture, as well as housewares and decor for every room. According to Crate & Barrel's website, the retailer has more than 1,000 stores and franchise partners in nine countries. It does not currently have a store in Tennessee.

**Check it out**  
[crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)

2

## EVOLVE BARRE & FITNESS

Evolve Barre and Fitness, located at 2203 Bandywood Dr. inside Willow Pilates Studio, is the latest addition to the local fitness community. The studio opened in December and offers several barre variations, such as HIIT, cardio, strength and its signature class, Evolve Barre 60. Classes mix elements of Pilates, yoga, cardio, dance and strength training. Evolve Barre and Fitness is open daily.

**Check it out**  
[evolvebarrefit.com](http://evolvebarrefit.com)

3

## BRIDES BY GLITZ NASHVILLE

West Nashville-based bridal and formal wear shop Glitz Nashville recently expanded to Belle Meade. The second location, Brides by Glitz Nashville, focuses exclusively on brides, bridesmaids, grooms and special occasions. You can find the shop at 4239 Harding Pike, Suite 1, in the Stanford Square shopping complex that is also home to Nashville Chocolate and Nut Company, Sassafras Shop and other local businesses. Prom and formal wear will be available at its original location in Bellevue at 241 Old Hickory Blvd.

**Check it out**  
[glitznashville.com](http://glitznashville.com)

4

## COCO'S WEST

When approaching the Highway 70/100 split in Belle Meade, you may notice something different about the space formerly home to Italian restaurant Finezza. Chuck Cinelli and his mother, Joan Cinelli — owners of Coco's Italian Market and late-night coffee shop Café Coco in Midtown — have taken over the eatery now known as Coco's West Italian Restaurant. The restaurant's interior is being updated with renovations to the bar and new paint.

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### COMING SOON

#### 2. Patagonia

Outdoor clothing and gear retailer opening first Tennessee location  
[601 Overton St., Nashville](#)  
[patagonia.com](#)  
[Opening March 1](#)

#### 3. Madewell

Women's clothing retailer opening in space formerly home to Music Corner  
[2705 12th Ave. S., Nashville](#)  
[madewell.com](#)  
[Opening March 12](#)

#### 4. Superica

Small Tex-Mex chain by Atlanta-based chef Ford Fry  
[601 Overton St., Nashville](#)  
[superica.com](#)  
[Opening date TBA](#)

#### 5. STK

Upscale steakhouse chain opening in space formerly home to Prima  
[700 12th Ave. S., Nashville](#)  
[Opening date TBA](#)



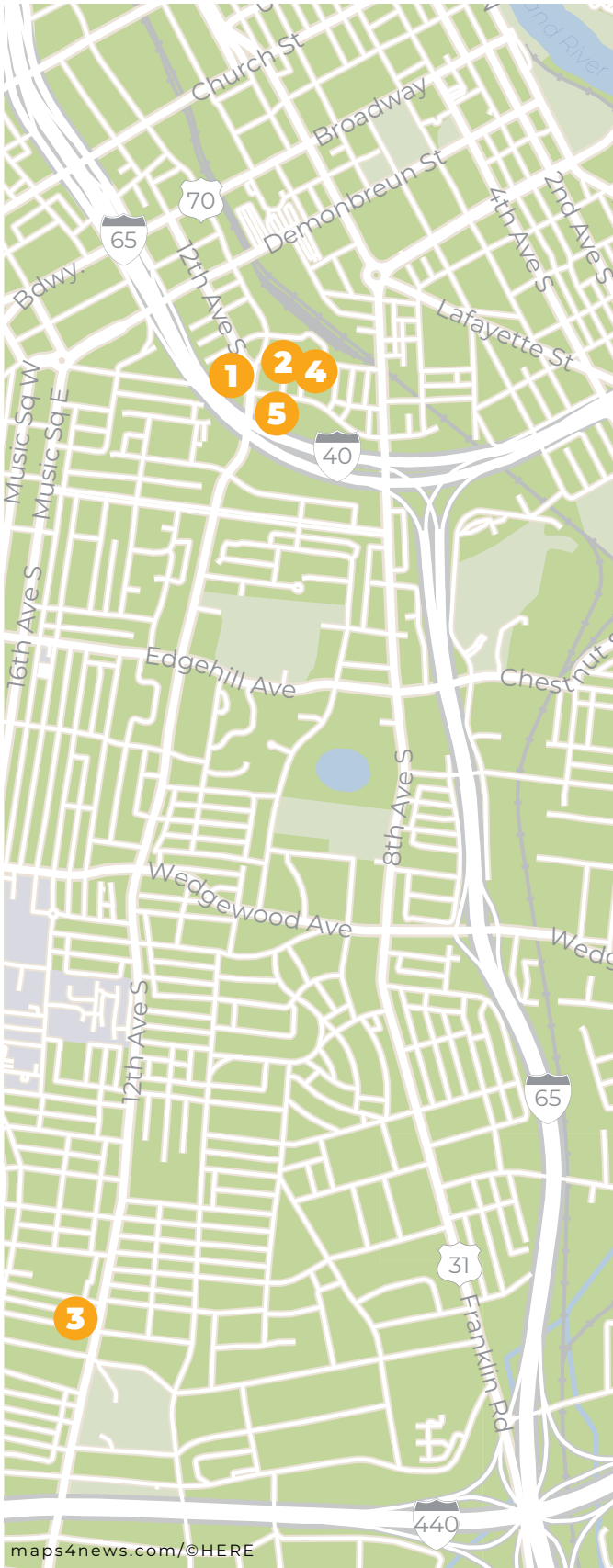
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#### Clean Juice

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[962 Woodland St., Nashville](#)  
[cleanjuice.com](#)

#### Molly Green

Nashville-based retailer with women's clothing and accessories  
[918 Main St., Nashville](#)  
[mollygreen.com](#)

### COMING SOON

#### Gino's East

Chicago deep dish pizza chain expanding to the area  
[311 Third Ave. S., Nashville](#)  
[ginoseast.com](#)  
[Opening date TBA](#)

### CLOSED

#### The Terminal Cafe

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FOR KIDS

# What to know about \_summer camps

story by **Mary Katherine Rooker**  
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## 1 EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS

With more than 70 summer camp offerings in Nashville, wouldn't it be great to explore all options in one place? Mark your calendar for a summer camp fair Feb. 16 at Cool Spring Galleria. In addition to YMCA camps, Ensworth, Harding Academy, Lipscomb and other private schools in Green Hills and Belle Meade will showcase summer offerings. Adventure Science Center, Topgolf and Nashville Children's Theatre will also be onsite. The event takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1800 Galleria Blvd.



## 2

### TAKE A TOUR

Visiting a camp before you enroll your child is a great way to ask questions and get a feel for the environment. For example, the YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan invites parents and families to visit the camp site, located on 324 acres off Smith Springs Road in Antioch. Families can schedule private tours or attend one of four open houses, which will be held on Sundays in February.

## 3

### REGISTER EARLY

Registration for Cheekwood's summer camps opens to the general public on Feb. 18. However, Cheekwood members can begin registering on Feb. 4. Membership costs vary, ranging from \$55 for an individual to \$750 for the Boxwood Society.

"That is one perk of being a Cheekwood member. You get two weeks ahead of everyone else," said Caroline Jeronimus, Communications Manager at Cheekwood.

## 4

### THE POSSIBILITIES SEEM ENDLESS

Cheekwood's popular Clay Camps, Adventure Cheekwood, and Comic Book Camps are returning. Creative Writing and Storybook Illustrations Camps will also tie in to Cheekwood's summertime garden exhibition, Storybook Houses. Other camp offerings include sports (basketball, hockey, baseball, softball, cross country and soccer); art (theatre, music and visual art); academics (STEM, engineering and math) and more.

"The unique thing about Cheekwood is that we're able to spend so much time in the gardens and really focusing on science and the STEAM-based camps, which is really special and unique to be able to get out in the gardens and walk around and be in nature as well as tie it in with art and education," said Jeronimus.

## 5

### ASK ABOUT 'SLOWER WEEKS'

Some camp sessions may have lower attendance than others. For example, the week of July 4 at Camp Wijiwagan is a good one to book, as many families travel that week.

"It's kind of a little bit of a secret but if you want your kid to get a little extra attention or some more rides on the zip line, Session 6 is the week to come," said Reuben Smith, Day Camp Director at Camp Widjiwagan.

On July 4, parents can come to camp with their kids and participate in morning activities.



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- 3. Cakepops:** What's different about Valentine's Day in Belle Meade this year, you ask? A bakery and coffee shop specializing in cakepops. Try a red velvet, strawberry swirl or special Valentine's Day creation.  
*Cakepop Heaven, \$3 per cakepop*  
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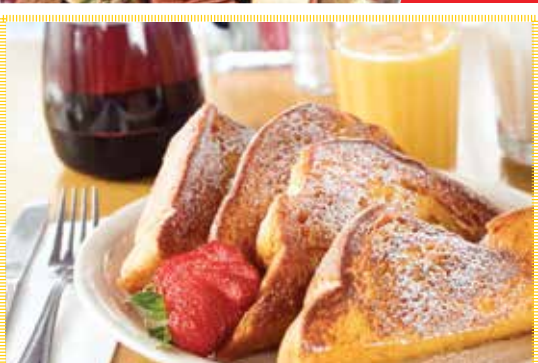
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## 4 organizations working to help Nashville's large homeless population

story and photos by **Dylan Aycock** @rover\_today

Local homeless advocates estimate there are more than 20,000 people experiencing homelessness in Nashville, with 8,000 of those being children. These four organizations, and others, work to combat homelessness by providing supplies, educating individuals and more — all with the help of thousands of volunteers each year.

Whether you're looking for help or to volunteer, dialing United Way of Metropolitan Nashville's 2-1-1 hotline will connect you with an information specialist who can forward you to nonprofit and government services available in the community.

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### POVERTY AND THE ARTS



#### What to know:

Poverty and the Arts provides Nashville's homeless with access to studio space, art supplies and opportunities to sell and exhibit original artwork.



The program aims to change the perception of poverty by nurturing creative talents through workshops, relationships and by fostering an environment where all participants can be seen as creative individuals.

#### How you can help:

Poverty and the Arts seeks those interested in working in the studio, instructing an art class and participating in group projects. Don't think of yourself as an artist? POVA needs volunteers to assist with vendor booths at local festivals and to help coordinate art supply drives. Email [volunteer@PovertyandtheArts.org](mailto:volunteer@PovertyandtheArts.org) to fill out a volunteer application and to sign up for an orientation session.

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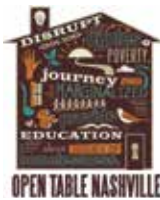
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### OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE



#### What to know:

Open Table Nashville focuses on helping people break out of homelessness. Co-founded by Ingrid McIntyre and Lindsey Krinks in 2010, the organization offers a wide range of initiatives to support the city's homeless population, whether it be establishing permanent housing opportunities, offering education programs about overcoming poverty or by opening emergency warming shelters.



#### How you can help:

There are two main ways you can volunteer with Open Table Nashville: rescue shelters and group and education opportunities. At the rescue shelter, open on the second and fourth Fridays of every month, volunteers help set up beds, cut hair, provide for basic medical needs and serve dinner. Group opportunities include doing laundry, helping with move-ins and assembling necessity kits.

#### Check it out

P.O. Box 110266, Nashville  
(615) 415-0141

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### FAITH FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER



#### What to know:

Since 2001, Faith Family Medical Center has offered primary care to more than 35,000 low-income and uninsured individuals or families. Local physicians and other medical professionals volunteer at the center to help provide patient care. The organization also operates a 1,700-square-foot wheelchair accessible community garden to teach clients about gardening and nutrition.



FAITH FAMILY  
MEDICAL CENTER

#### How you can help:

The organization seeks volunteers with experience in the following areas: physicians (particularly specialists), nurses, medical assistants, office personnel, public relations and fundraising. If interested, contact Shelby French at [sfrench@faithmedical.org](mailto:sfrench@faithmedical.org) or (615) 649-3058.

#### Check it out

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### COMMUNITY CARE FELLOWSHIP



**What to know:** For more than 30 years, Community Care Fellowship has opened its doors daily to homeless and underserved adults and non-school-aged children to wash clothes, take showers, enjoy a hot meal and receive one-on-one counseling.

**How you can help:** Community Care Fellowship relies on monetary donations and volunteers to assist with the front desk, hygiene area, kitchen and meal serving, inventory, building maintenance and other tasks. The organization welcomes both individual volunteers and groups to serve guests. For a full list of supplies, visit [www.ccfnnashville.org/get-involved](http://www.ccfnnashville.org/get-involved).

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### FOR MUSIC LOVERS

The Nashville Symphony celebrates renowned film composer John Williams with unforgettable music from Superman, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones, Memoirs of a Geisha and more.

### Check it out

8 p.m. Feb. 8 at Schermerhorn  
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Tickets are \$72 and up

**SAT /FEB-9**



## Celebrate *Chinese New Year*

### FOR FUN

Nashville's Chinese Arts Alliance will host its annual Chinese New Year celebration in Hillsboro Village. Stop by for an afternoon of dancing, live music, martial arts and crafts for children, as well as a chance to learn the Chinese lion and dragon dances.

### Check it out

12-3 p.m. Feb. 9 at Corner Park  
near Vanderbilt University, 21st  
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**SAT /FEB 23**



## Support *Wine, Women and Shoes* fundraiser

### FOR WOMEN

The 7th Annual Wine, Women and Shoes event features every element for a fun weekend outing: wine tastings, exclusive shopping with local and national vendors, auction items and a luncheon with a celebrity performance. All funds raised support the YWCA's Weaver Domestic Violence Center.

### Check it out

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 23 at Music City Center,  
201 5th Ave. S, Nashville  
Tickets are \$150 and up

**SUN /FEB-24**



## Watch the Oscars at Belcourt

### FOR MOVIE LOVERS

Join the Belcourt for its annual fundraiser, A Red Carpet Evening. The evening includes multiple food courses, drinks, a silent auction, a backstage lounge and the opportunity to watch Hollywood's biggest night on the Belcourt's big screens. Attendees are encouraged to wear black tie attire.

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## I-440 RECONSTRUCTION

Drivers along Interstate 440 will see lane closures day and night as crews overhaul the seven-mile corridor, a project transportation officials say will wrap up by August 2020.

The finished product will be a new asphalt surface replacing concrete paving (a source of potholes in recent years), an extra lane of traffic in each direction, and a widened bridge over I-65.

TDOT says the reconstructed corridor likely won't require anything other than routine maintenance in the future. The project also includes repaired noise walls, updated lighting and electronic message boards.

## I-440 CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

### WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018

Since November, crews have been preparing for heavy construction by relocating lights, building noise walls, paving shoulders and doing ramp work. Speed limits have also been reduced from 55 to 45 mph.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019

In order to expedite the \$152 million project, crews will work on the roadway 24 hours a day, six or seven days a week. Nearby residents will be impacted by construction noise in the overnight hours, according to TDOT.

#### February

- Barrier rail will be installed to protect the construction area in late February.
- The roadway will be reduced to two travel lanes in each direction during the day and one travel lane in each direction from 9 p.m.-5 a.m. This will continue until the project is wrapped up in August 2020.

#### March

- The largest component of the project, replacing the deteriorated concrete with asphalt throughout the corridor and removal of the grass median, is expected to begin in March.
- In order to remove the existing concrete, crews will rubbelize the roadway into gravel. This material will be used in the new roadway base.
- Public Works says it's working closely with TDOT to address signal timing and other issues on local streets in the project area, which are likely to see an increase in traffic once I-440 is under construction.

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**SIDEWALKS & WALKABILITY**

While Green Hills and Belle Meade have long been desirable shopping destinations and places to live, the neighborhoods are not known for their walkability. However, as Rover reported in September, several sidewalk projects are in the works.



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**PROJECTS IN THE WORKS****Under construction**

- A sidewalk on Belmont Park Terrace, from Arden Place to Lone Oak Road

**In design**

- A sidewalk on Bowling Avenue, from Woodlawn Drive to Richmeade Drive

**Planned**

- A sidewalk on a section of Graybar Lane that will extend to and include part of Hillsboro Pike
- A sidewalk on Trimble Road, from Hobbs Road to Castleman Drive
- A sidewalk on Bowling Avenue, from Woodlawn Drive to Forrest Park Avenue

*You can follow the progress through Metro Public Works' 'Sidewalks Project Tracker.'*

The Alliance for Green Hills is also addressing the need to make the area more pedestrian-friendly. The organization will soon unveil plans to involve the community in expanding the walkability of Green Hills.

**COMPLETED PROJECTS IN 2018**

- Sidewalks installed on Lone Oak Road from Overhill Drive to Shackelford Road, Hillsboro Pike in front of Vertis Green Hills and Harding Place in Belle Meade. Sidewalk improvements were made on Belmont Terrace.

**HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

Hillsboro High School, built in 1939 and reconstructed in 1954 following a fire, is undergoing an \$89 million renovation that will completely transform the campus by late 2021. Upon completion, the high school will have an additional building to meet the current school attendance and academic needs, as well as feature a new library, cafeteria, art spaces, outdoor courtyard areas, community room and enrollment center.

The buildings portion of the project is expected to be finished by August 2020. Crews will then begin the final phase of reconstruction, which includes overhauling the athletic fields.

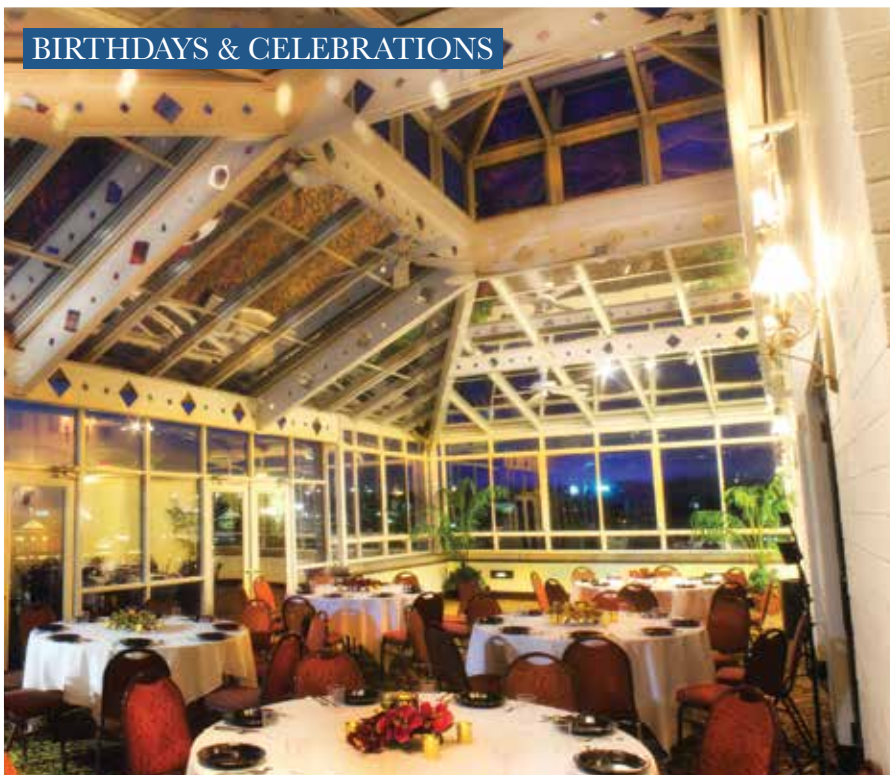
**WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018**

Renovation on the current building and construction on a new addition began in early 2018. The 'Phase 1 Addition' is now visible from Hillsboro Pike.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019**

According to a progress report from Metro Public Schools, Metro Public Works and Metro Transit Authority (WeGo) are coordinating work on a new traffic signal near the new school entry on Hillsboro Pike. Work on Hillsboro Pike is set to begin during the first quarter of 2019. The 'Phase 1 Addition' is scheduled to be completed in July.

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BELLE MEADE LICENSE PLATE CAMERAS

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Belle Meade rolled out a city-wide security system last summer that assists with crimes, traffic accidents and Amber alerts. The license plate readers, manufactured by Memphis-based company SkyCop, are located at 19 intersections and notify law enforcement when a license plate from a national crime database is recognized. The system does not track speed, therefore no speeding tickets can be issued.

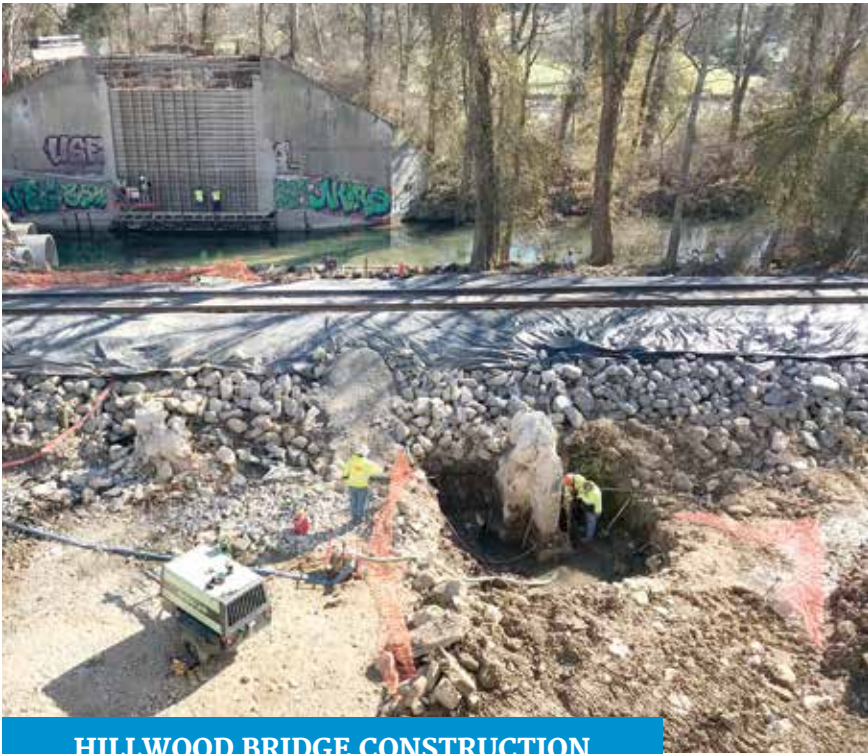
Within the last three months, the system helped Belle Meade Police recover two stolen vehicles and a license plate. Investigator Tom Sexton says it also was useful in clearing a robbery in Green Hills and an attempted robbery in Belle Meade, allegedly committed by the same pair of men.

But don't expect these cameras to pop up in Green Hills or other parts of Nashville. Metro Council passed an ordinance in 2017 that prevents police from using surveillance cameras, including LPRs. The ordinance states that while surveillance technology can be useful for assisting with investigations, "the misuse of surveillance technology and electronic data gathering poses substantial and significant dangers to the privacy rights of citizens." The ordinance specifically names license plate scanners — or any device that determines ownership of the vehicle or its location.

The license plate readers, manufactured by Memphis-based company SkyCop, are located at 19 intersections and notify law enforcement when a license plate from a national crime database is recognized.



- WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018**
- Belle Meade first considered LPR cameras five years ago, Police Chief Tim Eads explains. Research, public input and a substantial cost decrease — a drop from \$1.5 million to \$500,000 and \$70,000 annually for maintenance and licensing agreements — eventually sealed the deal in 2018.
- WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019**
- The department averages six to eight hits monthly on stolen vehicles and tags, Eads says. This doesn't include false hits such as when a license plate number is recognized but not the matching state, or when a registered sex offender drives through city limits.



HILLWOOD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

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- A 10-month project reconstructing Hillwood Bridge in Belle Meade is nearing the halfway mark. The 102-year-old structure, owned by the city of Belle Meade and maintained by Metro Nashville, crosses over CSX railroad tracks and Richland Creek near the Harding Road and Lynwood Boulevard intersection. During a routine inspection in 2017, the bridge was rated "structurally deficient," by the state Department of Transportation, meaning one or more of the bridge's major structural components is in "poor condition."
- The \$2.3 million project is scheduled to be finished by July 31.

- WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018**
- Residents and commuters who regularly drive across the bridge have been routed to Davidson Road and White Bridge Road, both of which connect to Post Road and Harding Pike and provide access to Hillwood Boulevard.
  - In an effort to reduce speeding and cut-through traffic caused by the closure of Hillwood Boulevard, Belle Meade installed two temporary speed tables on Jackson Boulevard between Harding Road and Belle Meade Boulevard.
- WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019**
- Contractor Bell & Associates has finished demolishing the bridge. They are working on the piers and pouring footings and columns. "With the bridge being hidden from plain sight, you can't always tell what's going on, but at this point, the old bridge is completely down, and crews will now be installing the new bridge for completion by July 31," said TDOT spokesperson Kathryn Schulte.
  - There are plans to incorporate some historical features from the old bridge into the new bridge, officials say.

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**W**hen it comes to food, perhaps none creates a more passionate debate than pizza. Namely, which is better? A New York-style pie with its thin crust and wide slices? Chicago's famous deep dish? How about Detroit's square offering with its thick, crisp crust? While there are plenty of options to sink your teeth into in Nashville, one restaurant holds unique bragging rights. Porta Via on White Bridge Road is the only restaurant in Tennessee that can say it serves a true Neapolitan-style pizza.

Mehrdad Alviri is the general manager of Porta Via. Originally from Iran, Alviri moved to the states in 1978. A trip to Nashville a few months later would put him on the path to pizza, albeit an indirect one. "I fell in love with the people here so I decided to move here," Alviri said of Nashville. He bought the restaurant from his sister and brother-in-law, who originally opened Porta Via in Bellevue in 1989, and has been serving up pizza, pasta and other Italian favorites ever since. Porta Via has been in its current space on White Bridge Road for 10 years. ●

## the Restaurant Porta Via

### RESTAURANT & BAR

#### Check it out

21 White Bridge Road,  
Suite 104, Nashville  
Opens 11 a.m. daily;  
closing times vary

**General Manager**  
Mehrdad Alviri

story by **Mary Katherine Rooker**  
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### FUN FACT

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### Q&A



General Manager  
**MEHRDAD ALVIRI**

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you get in Naples, you  
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#### Being Iranian, did you have experience cooking Italian food?

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Stammen's work is on display  
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Plaza, 4009 Hillsboro Pike  
Suite 212 in Green Hills.



Nearly 200 hours of design and craftsmanship went into creating “The Spark,” a 23-piece ring made with pear-shaped diamonds, Colombian emeralds and anchored by a 5.63 carat fine blue sapphire. It’s an original creation by Timothy Stammen, head designer, goldsmith and founder of local jewelry brand Bezalel. Now in his early ‘30s, Stammen’s path to launching Bezalel in 2015 can be traced to a jewelry class he took at his public high school in Rockport, ME. His two passions — jewelry and basketball — later intersected as a jewelry major and basketball player at Savannah College of Art and Design, followed by a post-college career start at Tiffany & Co.’s manufacturing plant in Lexington, KY. ●

**Q&A**



**TIMOTHY STAMMEN**  
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**When creating a piece of jewelry for a client, how does that relationship begin?**

The process is fairly organic, but generally speaking, somebody will come to me usually looking for something very specific, something they couldn't find in any jewelry store. I'll have at least two conversations with them to get an idea of what they're looking for, their style, and if there's anything sentimental that needs to be incorporated into the design of the piece. I

would say it's probably 60 percent of the client and 40 percent me at the end of the day.

**Once the idea is crafted, where do you go from there?**

That's when I start sketching out designs, which are somewhere between a sketch and a mechanical drawing. I usually draw them at 300 percent so clients can see the detail of the design. And from that point, the client can make any changes they want to make before I move on to finding the

stones, building the piece and, ultimately, delivery.

**Can you talk a little more about your piece “The Spark”?**

All of my pieces are original, but “The Spark” is the first one-of-a-kind piece that came from the heart of my brand. It's the first piece to be inscribed with Bezalel, and it's a representation of what I want to do in jewelry. I'm trying to build jewelry as art, which means the pieces are meant to

be loved on, collected and worn at the same time.

**What plans do you have for Bezalel going forward?**

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FIRE HALL UP FOR AUCTION

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Metro-owned land occupied by the retired fire hall on Richard Jones Road in Green Hills is up for auction this month. The property, which had an opening bid of \$4.7 million, will close on Feb. 11. Despite community pushback, Metro planned to sell the 0.87 acres of land as a way to meet budget goals for fiscal year 2019.

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018

At a Sept. 20 community meeting, representatives from the Mayor's office and the Metro Planning Committee detailed plans to sell the fire hall and two other properties by March. Residents attending the meeting suggested the old fire house be converted into a community center. "My default policy is once you lose public land, you're never going to get it back again," Councilman Russ Pulley said during budget talks in June. The Green Hills-area councilman did not support the sale, which was expected to draw in \$3 million for Metro prior to appraisal. Pulley said the fire hall sale is a financial decision, but he noted plans for a community center at Hillsboro High School.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019

Selling Metro-owned land to offset the budget likely won't happen. In December, Metro Council voted unanimously to adopt legislation prohibiting the sale of real property owned by Metro as a way to pay for expenses in future proposed operating budgets.

The bill — sponsored by Councilwoman Kathleen Murphy and co-sponsored by Councilwoman Angie Henderson and Councilwoman Mina Johnson — requires proceeds to go toward paying off Metro's debt or the purchase of other real property. It goes into effect July 1. ●

“... Once you lose land, you're never going to get it back again.”

— Councilman Russ Pulley in budget talks in June



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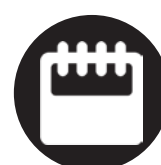
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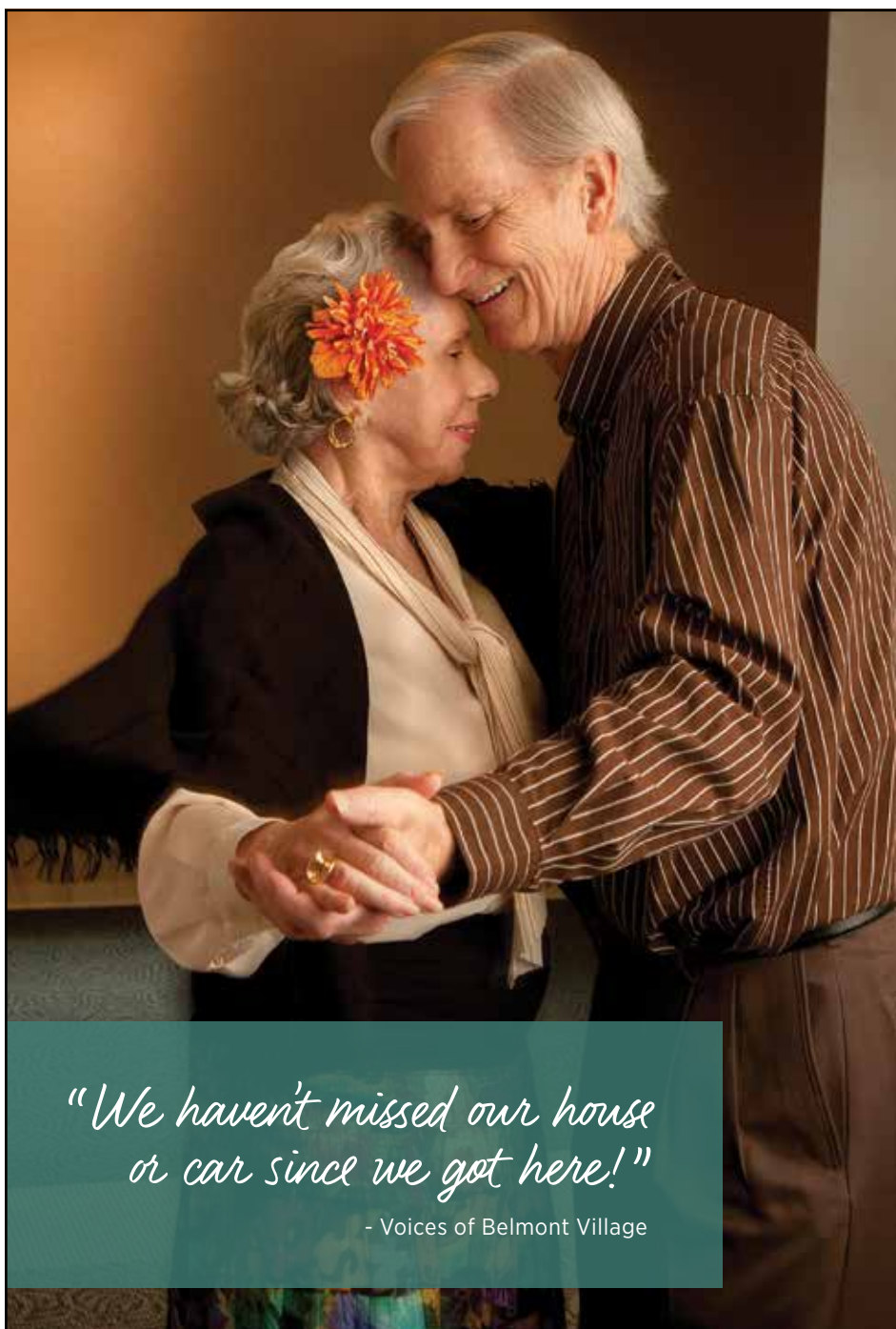
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