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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

September 2008

Shall There Be Three Commissioners or Five?

REFERENDUM AND ELECTION

Whether they vote early during October or on Election Day November 4th, the citizens of Belle Meade will have the unique opportunity to vote in the next Presidential Election as well as to elect one or more Commissioners to serve the City of Belle Meade. Under our present City Charter, there is currently one seat open for election. Under a proposed referendum, registered Belle Meade voters will have the opportunity to approve adding two more seats to our Board of Commissioners, increasing the number of Commissioners from 3 to 5. As the referendum and the election of commissioners will appear on the same ballot, citizens will have the opportunity to vote to fill the open Commissioner position and, if the referendum is approved, simultaneously fill two additional Commissioner positions as well.

What's the Referendum? The Referendum asks City residents to vote on whether to broaden the representation of the Board of Commissioners from 3 to 5 Commissioners. In the fall of 2007 the Commissioners formed a citizen committee to study this idea and the need for additional representation for the City. The committee was composed of the following members: former Mayor Peggy Warner, Charlotte Atwood, Bob Coleman, Robert McNeilly, Al Whitson and Emily Zerfoss. The Committee explored the possible benefits and detriments to the City having broader representation on the Board of Commissioners. Another concern was whether there was a need to broaden the representation of the board in order to assure that all citizens are represented in important conversations about the future of the city, and how that future should be funded. After study and deliberation, the Committee recommended that the initiative to increase the number of Commissioners move for-

ward. After the Committee's recommendation was presented to the Board of Commissioners, the Commissioners voted 2 to 1 to pass an ordinance increasing the number of commissioners, the implementation of which is subject to the approval of the voters in this Referendum. As increasing the number of Commissioners requires the approval from the Citizens of Belle Meade, the issue is being brought to the citizens during the November election in the form of a referendum.

What if it passes? If the Referendum passes, the number of Commissioners will be increased immediately from 3 to 5. As the terms of two current Commissioners have not expired, the three open seats will be filled by the top three vote winners on the same November ballot. The two candidates who received the highest number of votes will be elected to serve four-year terms and the third candidate will serve a two-year term.

What if it fails? If the Referendum fails, then the candidate with the most votes will be elected to a four-year term and there will continue to just be three Commissioners who will serve the City.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Beth Reardon, City Manager at 297-6041 or breardon@citybellemeade.org.

REPORT: The Committee opinion and report are accessible via the City of Belle Meade website at <http://www.citybellemeade.org/>.

ORDINANCE: Ordinance 2008-2 can also be viewed on the City website. It contains the exact language of the referendum and instruction to voters as it will appear on the ballot.

VOTING DATES: Early Voting is October 15-30; Election Day is November 4.

(See expanded Early Voting Schedule in this newsletter.)

RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **August 20, 2008 Meeting:**

Awarded the 2008 Creek Debris Removal Maintenance Contract to J.R. & Associates, based on their low bid for labor and equipment unit prices.

Approved CEC, Inc. to assist the City in evaluating the feasibility of instituting a storm water charge for a total cost not to exceed \$9,900.00.

Appointed Mr. Mal Wal and Mr. Pete Zabaski as alternate members of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

2008 Candidates for Belle Meade Commissioner



JAMES V. HUNT, SR. (JIM)

716 Enquirer Avenue

Jim Hunt is a Nashville native, graduating from Battle Ground Academy and Vanderbilt University. He served in the US Navy on active duty from 1964-1969 and remained in the Naval Reserve retiring with the rank of Captain in 1990. He has recently stepped down as President and CEO of Benefit Communications Inc, the firm he founded in 1981. The company, whose local clients include Ingram Industries, Dollar General Corporation, Corrections Corporation of America and Psychiatric Solutions Inc, works nationally with large employers in creating and managing solutions that help employees to better understand and appreciate their benefit programs. The company provides access and information to today's complex benefit choices by managing employers' benefit websites, creating customized videos and personalized staffing through call centers.

Jim is an industry leader having served as President of the Nashville and Tennessee Associations of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He was named Tennessee Insurance Professional of the year in 1996 and inducted into the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame in 2005. Jim has been a qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table since 1974 and the prestigious Top of the Table since 1980. He holds the Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant degrees.

Jim has held numerous leadership positions in community and civic organizations, including presidency of The Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce, Buddies of Nashville (now Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America), American Cancer Society of Davidson County, and most recently served as chairman of the Nashville Zoo Board of Directors from 2000 - 2006. He remains extremely active with the Zoo. Jim was a participant in the initial year of Leadership Nashville in 1976 and is an active member of its Alumni Association. He just completed his term as president of The Downtown Exchange Club.

Jim and his wife Sally have been married for 44 years and have two sons, Jim, Jr. and Allan. Their sons and three grandchildren all reside in Nashville. Jim and Sally attend Cathedral of the Incarnation Catholic Church. They have resided in Belle Meade for 28 years.

Jim is continually giving back to his community and the desire to serve as Commissioner of Belle Meade is just another example. He has the time and will be accessible. He is a team player and will represent the wishes of the constituents. He wants Belle Meade to be progressive while maintaining its character



CATHY ALTENBERN

914 Westview Avenue

Age: 47 Spouse: Doug Altenbern, Jr.
Children: Douglas (22), Chase (19) and Ford (15)
Phone: 665-3364 Email: cathalt@comcast.net

Experience includes:

President Elect, Mother's Club, Montgomery Bell Academy
Deacon, First Presbyterian Church
Chair, Montgomery Bell Academy Raffle
Chair, Junior League Show House
Chair, Harding Academy Art Show
Chaired numerous other committees/events for church, schools, Cheekwood, Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, and other organizations.

I have lived in Belle Meade since 1991 and am passionate about Nashville and about our neighborhood. My entire adult life has been committed to service and I see this election as a great opportunity to give back to our city. My greatest strength is my ability to get things done in a timely fashion. My accessibility, honesty, and open-mindedness are characteristics that will help me serve you as Belle Meade Commissioner.

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NATE GREENE
1018 Chancery Lane

Nate is a founder and currently the Managing Partner of NAI Nashville, the largest locally owned commercial real estate brokerage company in Nashville. Prior to starting NAI Nashville in 2000, Nate founded Taylor Vaughn Greene real estate and TVG Environmental (TVG) in 1988. He entered the real estate industry in 1975 and worked with The Carl Storey Company in the 1980's. Also, for nine years beginning in 1990 Nate owned a toy store known as The Games Store, located in Green Hills.

Nate has been very active in the community. He chaired the Steering Committee that reopened The Nashville Gun Club in the mid 1990's. He serves as a Board member of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America. Nate grew up in Belle Meade on Chickering Road and attended Parmer School, Battle Ground Academy and The University of Tennessee. Nate earned the designation of Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) in 1997.

Nate and his wife Kim have two sons; Nate, Jr. in the 9th grade at MBA and Aubrey, a 4th grader at The Oak Hill School.

Nate has extensive experience in real estate development, management and sales and is responsible for all the daily activities of NAI Nashville. If elected Commissioner Nate will bring thirty-three years of business experience to the office along with an intimate knowledge of the Belle Meade area.



GEORGE CROOK
580 Jackson Boulevard

It has been a pleasure to serve as Commissioner of Belle Meade for eight years and Mayor for six of those years. During that time, the City has completed a number of projects. Belle Meade Boulevard was repaved and a new irrigation system was installed in the grass medians in conjunction with the planting of additional landscaping. Traffic calming devices have been installed in several neighborhoods and a new City Hall was built. A sidewalk was constructed on Lynwood Blvd. and a study group was formed to look into a sidewalk system throughout the City.

A new Chief of Police was hired and a fleet of squad cars with the latest police equipment was purchased. After all these improvements, Belle Meade's financial condition remains very strong.

It is my desire to serve as Commissioner for another term. It is not my intention to serve again as Mayor, but as Commissioner I believe my experience will be beneficial to the City and its citizens.

I have lived in Belle Meade most of my life. My wife Em and I have been married for forty years. We have two grown children, four grandchildren and two Wheaten Terriers.

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STATE GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF NASHVILLE DAVIDSON COUNTY, TN

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE BELLE MEADE CITY HALL & ALL LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 20088:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 20088:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 20088:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 20088:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 20088:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 20088:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

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CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS TO NOTE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21st at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org



Please make a note that Goodwill will have a truck at the Belle Meade City Hall parking lot on the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations of usable clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated.

Donation Dates: September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 13, 2008