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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

December 2009

## FROM MAYOR GRAY THORNBURG

First, on behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I want to wish our Belle Meade citizens a joyous and peaceful holiday season and New Year. One year ago, the voters of Belle Meade made history by increasing the Board of Commissioners from three to five members. Twelve months later, I can say that it has been an inspiration and a pleasure to serve with my fellow Commissioners: Jim Hunt, Cathy Altenbern, Tom Corcoran and George Crook. The addition of two commissioners has increased the “think tank” and as a result has increased discussions and forward thinking by all; the City is reaping the benefits. We have ambitious plans for 2010, including the development of a long-term capital improvement plan, analysis of the City’s current and future revenue sources, and consideration of ways to make our Belle Meade streets safer for all the motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists who use them. The Commissioners encourage citizen comments and suggestions as we work together to improve and strengthen our wonderful City. Also, we encourage you to get to know



our staff better. They work hard to make the City of Belle Meade a safe, secure and beautiful place in which to live...a great City!

## FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 has been reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Commissioners. The independently audited Report was prepared by the firm Crosslin & Associates and is available for review at City Hall or on the City’s website, [www.city-bellemeade.org](http://www.city-bellemeade.org).

Last month, the Commissioners sent a letter to Belle Meade citizens regarding the Employee Fund. I am delighted (but not at all surprised) at the response we have received from that letter. On behalf of all the staff, I send abundant thanks for the many generous contributions we received. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and value the opportunity to work for the City and provide our services to you. Happy Holidays!

Phase II of Metro Water Project – Belle Meade Boulevard Water Main Replacement – Metro has awarded the project to Hailey Construction, who was the contractor for the Chickering Road water main replacement project several years ago. The City will host a pre-construction meeting on

December 15, 2009 with Metro Water Services and Hailey Construction. The City will be communicating the specifics of this project to the residents and will continue to keep everyone updated during the course of this lengthy project through the newsletter and website. Please call George Bartlett, Public Works Director, at 297-6041, if you have any questions or concerns.

**Goodwill**  
Industries International, Inc.

### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVE LAST CHANCE FOR 2009!

Please make a note that Goodwill will have a truck at the Belle Meade City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations of usable clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated.

## From the Police Department & Chief Tim Eads:

Please remember a few safety tips during the Holidays: When shopping always, secure packages in the trunk or cover them. Have your keys ready to unlock your vehicle before you get to it. If you are going out of town for any length of time, please call the Police Department at 297-0241 and ask to be placed on the House Check List. A form to request this service is on the city website, [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org). While you are away, officers will come by during each shift and check to make sure your house is secure.

A reminder that our crime update feature is in operation and can be viewed on the City's website, [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org), under the Police section. This feature will allow you to review crime activity in Belle Meade and the surrounding area.

On behalf of the entire Police Department, I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday!  
Be Safe, Chief Tim Eads

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2010

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT  
CITY HALL  
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission  
Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at  
[www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)

### PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULES:

**CITY HALL OFFICES** will be closed Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, 2009 and Friday January 1, 2010.

**PDQ TRASH AND RECYCLE** pick-up days will remain as usual, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Years Day (both on Friday). Service normally scheduled for those days will run on Thursday, December 24th and 31st.

There will be extra dumpsters behind the Public Works garage during the week between Christmas and New Years for your excess holiday trash!

**CLEAN EARTH BRUSH & CHIPPER SERVICE** will dispose of your holiday tree. Please place it by the roadside, free of all decorations and lights.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED