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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2016

*The Commissioners and City Staff Wish Everyone a Joyous and
Safe Holiday and a Happy New Year!*

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM UPDATE



A “demo” video surveillance camera was installed at the corner of Harding Road and Lynwood Boulevard during the week of Thanksgiving. Nashville Electric made it “live” on December 2, 2016. The system will be tested for approximately 90 days and then the Commissioners will consider input from the Police Department as to the efficiency and use of the camera, protocol, etc. The next step will be to obtain a proposal for a camera system from our consultant, who also will advise us as to types of cameras, locations, estimated cost for installation and continued yearly costs, etc. The Commissioners will consider the cost of installing several cameras versus a system for the entire city. If a system is purchased and installed,

the Commissioners will consider a policy regulating the use of information captured by the system, length of storage time and other items to protect the city and its citizens. The intent of the system is to aid in forensics of crimes, stopping cars that come through the City with outstanding warrants or amber alerts, and generally a deterrent to people who might come into the city intent on committing crimes. This is for the safety of the citizens in Belle Meade and not for invasion of privacy. Most of us, as we go about our lives, are used to these sorts of cameras in mall parking lots, businesses and other public places. Citizens will be updated as to the progress of the project at informational meetings and monthly commissioner meetings, as well as on line and through newsletters.

A short sample video clip from the camera will be posted to the city website soon, www.citybellemeade.org.

BELLE MEADE COMMISSIONERS ELECT MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR



At their regular monthly meeting on November 16, 2016, the Commissioners elected Jim Hunt as Mayor and Bob Weigel as Vice-Mayor for a two-year term. This is Hunt’s third consecutive term as Mayor and Weigel’s first term, replacing Cathy Altenbern as Vice-Mayor. Altenbern was re-elected as commissioner for four years, and serves with Gray Thornburg and Boyd Bogle.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING



There will be an informational meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 PM about the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Belle Meade that will become effective April 5, 2017. Affected property owners will be mailed a letter from the city in mid-December containing more detailed information. However, anyone may attend the meeting in January.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN WILDFIRES

The devastation from the recent wildfires in East Tennessee is heart-breaking. Many of us have friends or family that owned property or lived in that area. Or perhaps we were frequent visitors to that beautiful part of our state. If you would like to donate to help those who suffered losses, here are some considerations:

1. Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/wildfire-information>
2. The Community Foundation Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and

Sevierville Emergency Response Fund <http://secure.cfmt.org/websales/pages/DonationInfo.aspx?epguid=72098276-2ba4-41b7-afac-636dc6bdcd2f&doninfo=2428~01f452b0-719d-4168-a723-0799feb97a6e&>

3. Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool has set up a GoFundMe account to assist the city and county employees in Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and Sevier County who are displaced or lost their homes. <https://www.gofundme.com/etn-wildfire-cityemployee-hms-lost>



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Happy Holidays from all of us to all you! Charitable giving increases during the holiday season. Only give to charities that you know are legitimate and that you have researched. You can contact the

Tennessee Secretary of State's Division of Charitable Solicitations to determine whether the entity is registered as a charitable solicitor at <http://sos.tn.gov/charitable> or call 615-741-2555.

Remember to Park Smart by locking your vehicle at all times and removing or hiding valuables in your vehicle. Shop Smart by not leaving purses or other valuables unattended in shopping carts. When shopping on-line, pay by credit card, not debit card. Debit cards do not have the same consumer protections as credit cards. Check your statements regularly. Only visit and purchase from websites that you know are trusted. Beware of Spam. This time of the year, shoppers get peppered with emails that appear to be confirmations of purchase from big U.S. retailers or with special email coupons and gift cards, but these are really a scam.

When having items shipped to your home, request a delivery signature, especially if you are buying an expensive item. Sign up to get a text alert with the package is delivered, so you can get a neighbor or friend to pick it up if you cannot get

home soon. The Grand Jury Scam is still going strong all around the country. Remember, law enforcement will not contact you about a warrant for your arrest and allow you to take care of the warrant by making a payment over the phone.

Please remember to keep your dogs on a leash if they are outside of their fence. Belle Meade does have a leash law that requires pets to be on a leash if they are not contained within a fence or invisible fence.

The criminals that have been targeting maids or landscape workers are still active in the West Nashville area. While we have not had any cases for several months, we do know they have been active in the Green Hills area. Please remind people that are working at your home to Park Smart or allow them to park behind your home if possible so their vehicle cannot be seen from the road. Make sure that these employees have our direct number 615-297-0241 and to call us if they see anything suspicious while in Belle Meade.

With all the Holiday celebrations going on, please remind family and friends to drink responsibly so everyone can enjoy a safe and happy holiday season and Happy New Year!



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the November 16th meeting:

- Commissioners elected Mayor and Vice-Mayor – see related article on page 1.
- Approved the Proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) for assistance with MS4 Permit compliance and application process.
- Approved a request to declare (12) Volkswagen Passat sedans surplus property to participate in Volkswagen's Buyback Program.
- Deferred Ordinance 2016-8, An Ordinance Amending Title 14, Section 204 of the City Code to (1) Replace the "Flat" as Used to Describe Flat Roofs and to Define "Low Slope" Roofs and (2) to Establish New Height Limitations for Residential Structures, on First Reading.



Ceres Society Donations Nov. 9th through Nov. 30th 2016

Evans, III, Mr. & Mrs. Ross I. (The Gause Foundation)
Thornburg, Mr. & Mrs. Charles

Memorial Contributions

Doss, Dr. Leslie W.
(Rita M. Doss)

American Flag Sponsorship

Davis, Mr. Alphonse
Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
(In Memory: William Edward Trickett & Harris DeWitt Riley, Jr., M.D.)





December 2, 2016

TO: Belle Meade Residents
Re: The Employee Fund

The employees of the City of Belle Meade work diligently each day to ensure our safety, maintain our streets, assure compliance with City codes, and provide many other services to make our community such a desirable place to live. During the year, but most often during the holiday season, residents wish to show their gratitude to employees who so conscientiously carry out their duties. The City has a policy that any cash gifts be deposited into The Employee Fund; these gifts are then equally distributed among all City employees. This allows all contributions to be permissible under the law and carry no weight with any particular employee or group of employees.

This fund is administered by the employees of the City of Belle Meade and is managed separately from other City monetary accounts. The Fund can purchase gift certificates and sponsor events during the year in which all employees participate. The Fund also purchases floral arrangements and fruit baskets when employees have a death in the family, have a new baby or are hospitalized. Employees do not receive bonuses other than through the Employee Fund.

The Belle Meade Commissioners encourage residents to participate in The Employee Fund. The response to our request in past years has been tremendous and the employees are so appreciative by the outpouring of generosity and kindness from residents. Gifts should be made payable to "Employee Fund" and sent to Belle Meade City Hall, Attn: Employee Fund, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205.

Mayor Jim Hunt

Vice-Mayor Bob Weigel

Commissioner Gray Thornburg

Commissioner Boyd Bogle

Commissioner Cathy Altenbern

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan 17th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb 21st, at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, Jan 10th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb 14th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Jan 17th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb 21st at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Jan 18th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb 22nd at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



HOLIDAY REMINDERS

SINCE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FALL ON A WEEKEND THIS YEAR, CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, DEC. 23 AND MONDAY, DEC. 26 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2 FOR NEW YEARS DAY.



IN CASE OF SEWER, TRAFFIC, OR OTHER CITY EMERGENCIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS, PLEASE CALL THE POLICE DEPT. AT 297-0241 AND DISPATCH WILL CONTACT CITY STAFF.



**HOLIDAY BRUSH & CHIPPER PICKUP:
REGULAR M-W-F SCHEDULE FOR PICKUP DURING THE WEEK
PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS.
NEW YEARS WEEK: FRIDAY ROUTE HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE
PICKED UP THURSDAY, DEC. 29TH.**



*** EXTRA DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND CITY HALL *
BEGINNING FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 23 UNTIL
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28.
PLEASE DISPOSE OF EXTRA HOLIDAY
TRASH IN THESE DUMPSTERS.**

**BE KIND AND *FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES* SO THERE WILL
BE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERYONE'S TRASH!**

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

return service requested