

COMMISSIONERS: James V. Hunt, Sr., *Mayor* • Cathy Altenbern, *Vice Mayor* • Gray O. Thornburg,  
Bob Weigel, *Boyd Bogle* • Beth Reardon, *City Manager/Treasurer* • Tim Eads, *Chief of Police*

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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2016



## WALKERS, JOGGERS, AND BICYCLISTS — SAFETY ALERT

Please remember that reflective clothing or a vest is required when walking or jogging on Belle Meade Boulevard or any other streets in the City. Belle Meade Code section 15-123 states this is required during the period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise and at all times when vehicles are required to have their lights on. This is a huge safety concern and officers will be issuing citations to violators.

In addition, it is violation to walk, jog, or ride a bicycle in tandem, so remember to be in single file while traveling by foot or bicycle on Belle Meade streets.

## CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 2016



**JAMES V. HUNT. (JIM)**  
716 Enquirer Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37205

Jim Hunt has served as a Commissioner of the City of Belle Meade since 2008 and as its Mayor since 2012. He attended Battle Ground Academy and Vanderbilt University. He and his wife Sally Beasley Hunt, formerly of Franklin, have been married for 52 years. Jim is a retired Captain in the US Navy. He has two sons, Jim Jr., who lives in Belle Meade with his wife, Betsy and their three children and his other son, Allan, lives in Oak Hill. Jim retired in 2011 after selling the business he founded in 1981. His eldest son, Jim Jr. purchased control of that business, Benefit Communications Inc. During his active years in business, Jim earned numerous insurance awards: Local, State and National, including election to the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame. In his earlier years, Jim served on multiple boards and held numerous leadership positions in community, civic and business organizations, including presidency of The Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce, a co-founder and President of Buddies of Nashville (now Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America) and President

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**CATHY ALTENBERN**  
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a member of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, where she is currently Clerk of the Session.

Professional and community involvement has included membership in the Economic Club of Nashville and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She has held leadership

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Cathy has lived in Belle Meade since 1991 and currently serves as Vice Mayor. She is finishing her second term as a commissioner. Cathy and her husband Doug have been married for 33 years and have three grown sons, Douglas, Chase and Ford.

Originally from Laurel, Mississippi, she graduated from the University of Mississippi and has completed graduate work at Vanderbilt University and Lipscomb University.

Cathy has been active in the Nashville community and was Chief Development Officer at Monroe Harding until August 2016. She is

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of the American Cancer Society of Davidson County, Jim was a participant in the initial year of Leadership Nashville in 1976 and is an active member of its Alumni Association.

Jim's passion for the past 22 years has been the Nashville Zoo. He served as chairman of the Zoo's Board of Directors for eight years from 2000-2006 and 2010-2013 and currently serves on the Zoo's advisory board.

In more recent times, he also served as president of The Downtown Exchange Club (now Economic Club of Nashville) in 2007-2008. In addition to serving on the Advisory Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee, he currently serves on the Boards of the Belle Meade Plantation, Operation Stand Down Tennessee and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. At Cheekwood, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Board in preparation to become its board chairman in 2018.

Jim has thoroughly enjoyed his tenure as Commissioner and Mayor of the City of Belle Meade. He is considered a consensus builder by his constituents, has a proven success record as Mayor and hopes to continue serving in both capacities. He will continue to commit the time and effort to assuring Belle Meade maintains its character and independence.

Jim and Sally are communicants at The Cathedral of the Incarnation Catholic Church. He, Sally and Bear, their cockapoo, live on Enquirer Ave.

Cathy Altenbern continued . . .

positions in numerous community organizations and in her children's schools, Montgomery Bell Academy and Harding Academy. Cathy has chaired numerous committees and events in the Nashville community.

A member of the Centennial Club of Nashville, Cathy enjoys reading, traveling and time with friends, family and her two dogs (Maggie and Cooper).

Cathy is excited to serve Belle Meade for another four years. When asked about her decision to run again, she stated, "I have enjoyed the past eight years of service to our beautiful city and look forward to the future. My goals include involving more residents in the city committees and continuing the careful management of city finances that the current commission has established. We have a wonderful past and I believe the best is yet to come."



## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

Awareness is the main thing you can practice wherever you are to prevent crime. Being aware of your surroundings at all times is basic to crime prevention and personal safety. If you are not currently involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program, I

encourage you to participate. If you would like more information on NHW or need to find out who your Block Captain is, contact Officer Dee Howell, our NHW Coordinator, at [dhowell@citybellemeade.org](mailto:dhowell@citybellemeade.org) or 615-297-0241.

While Belle Meade is fortunate to have a very low crime rate, we still need your help in preventing crime by following good crime prevention practices and working closely with your police department. There are many simple things you can do,

including Parking Smart and using your home alarm system consistently. Calling in suspicious activity immediately to us at 615-297-0241 is very helpful in deterring crime.

We have had no thefts from vehicles since the last newsletter, so please continue to Park Smart and encourage household employees and your guests to Park Smart as well. Having workers and guests park their cars behind your house, if possible, can help deter this type of crime.

The police department offers various other services to the community. To learn more about what is available, visit us at [http://www.citybellemeade.org/police\\_dept](http://www.citybellemeade.org/police_dept).



## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the August 17, 2016 meeting:

- Approved the Annual Stormwater Permit Preparation proposal from CEC Inc, for a cost not to exceed \$7,100.
- Approved bids for (5) in-car video cameras and (1) radar gun.
- Declared the 2012 Ford Fusion used by the Building Codes/Zoning Department as surplus property.
- Approved (5) invoices over \$5000:
  - Information Technologies, Inc. - \$5,442.00
  - J. R. & Associates- \$13,920.00
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- J. R. & Associates- 14,130.00
- J. R. & Associates- 12,800.00
- Approved the extension of the City's janitorial services contract with Pristine Building Services for a period of (1) year at \$895.00/ per month.
- Tabled Ordinance 2016-2, Amend Zoning Code to Clarify the Definition of "Addition", on second reading.
- Approved Ordinance 2016-7, Amend Zoning Code, Title 14-204, (1)(h)(ii) and Title 14-103, Corner Lots, on first reading.
- Approved Resolution 2016-04, Investment of Idle Funds.
- Approved Resolution 2016-05, TML "Safety Partners" Grant Program.

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## FROM MAYOR HUNT - 2016-2017 BUDGET AND FUND BALANCES

In the July newsletter, commissioners provided information that the receipts for the Hall Tax exceeded the budget amount by \$500,000. As we discussed in our town hall meetings, it has been difficult to predict the annual Hall tax with wide variations from year to year. However, 2015-2016 receipts were a real surprise. To add to this increased amount, an audit of the Hall tax receipts uncovered another \$500,000. We have now collected more than \$1 million than budgeted. This ONE-TIME Hall Tax windfall has been added to our fund balance. Total increase to fund balance at fiscal year end was \$1.7M, and because of that, the City was able

to move \$3M to the CD Laddering program. As we reported last month, the 2016 property tax filing has already been done, so there will be an increase for this year. However, there is good news to all. A property tax increase for 2017 will be delayed for at least one year and other important projects will not necessarily be delayed.

We want all residents to be aware of the ever changing financial condition of the City therefore we will be providing quarterly highlights of receipts, expenses and fund balances in the newsletter. We are committed to continuing the services to which our residents expect and have become accustomed.



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## BUILDING & ZONING

### WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

For projects costing \$2,000 or more, the City Code states: "A permit shall be obtained before beginning construction, alteration, or repairs, other than ordinary repairs, using application forms furnished by the Building Official. Ordinary repairs are nonstructural repairs and do not include addition to, alteration of, or replacement or relocation of water supply,

sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring, or mechanical or other work for which other permit may be required."

Please contact Building Official Lyle Patterson at 615-297-2364 or [lpatterson@citybellemeade.org](mailto:lpatterson@citybellemeade.org) if you have any questions on obtaining a building permit.

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Improvements to Hillwood Boulevard completed in August – the Belle Meade city boundary extends up into a portion of Hillwood Boulevard and ends near where the bridge over the railroad tracks begins. Under its Street Maintenance Contract, the Public Works Department extended a portion of the right turn lane on Hillwood Blvd. so that cars turning right onto

Harding Road had more room to stack safely. Several trees were removed that were in the right-of-way, blocking vehicles from gaining access to the right turn lane when traffic was backed up.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project or the contractors, please contact Public Works Director Larry Smith at 615-297-6041 or [lsmith@citybellemeade.org](mailto:lsmith@citybellemeade.org).

From Daynise Smith, Nashville Google Community Impact Manager:

"Since we announced that we'll be bringing Fiber to Nashville, we've completed the design of our Fiber network and started building it across town. This is a big undertaking -- once complete, this network will include more than 3,200 miles of fiber, enough to stretch from here to Canada and back.

You may have seen our crews in your neighborhood, and as we continue, we're going to work hard to keep disruption to a minimum. Our crews will work quickly, and when they're done, they'll return the construction area to a condition as close as possible to the one they found it in, whether that means patching any holes we had to dig, repaving streets, or even planting new grass seed when needed. But if issues arise, we're here and ready to respond quickly." For more information and to sign up for updates on the project, visit: <https://fiber.google.com/cities/nashville/>

### GOOGLE FIBER IS COMING!

Belle Meade recently issued permits for Google Fiber and its sub-contractors to work in city rights-of-way. Most of the fiber will be installed overhead on existing power poles, but there are a few areas in the City where underground trenching will be necessary. If all goes as planned, Google hopes to start this fall in Belle Meade.

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## ***Beautification Fund – Donations August 5th through September 8, 2016***

### **Ceres Society**

Caldwell, Mr. & Mrs. Billy

### **American Flag Sponsorship**

Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Julian

Baldwin, Mr. & Mrs. Elliott

Cochran, Mrs. Anita

Cowan, Mr. Thomas

(In Memory of Mr. & Mrs.

J. Vaulx Cowan, Jr.)

Eskind, Mrs. Annette

Hasselbeck, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy

(Team RWB & all of our

### **Military currently Serving & our Nation's Veterans)**

Hastings, Mr. & Mrs. James

Haynes, Dr. & Mrs. J. Brevard

Mathews, Mrs. Alice

(In Memory of Robert C.  
Mathews, Jr.)

Morphis, Mr. & Mrs. Rock

(In Memory of Raymond D.  
Barnes 1st Lt. U. S. Army

Korea)

Napier, Mr. & Mrs. Robert

Shell, Mr. Owen

(In Memory of Mary Ruth  
Shell & J. J. Trammell, U.  
S. Army, WW II)

Simmons, Mrs. Judy

(In Memory of Martin E.  
Simmons)

Stadler, Mr. & Mrs. James

Stein, Mr. & Mrs. James

(In Honor of Hugh J. DuPree  
& In Memory of James A.  
Stein, Sr.)

Stevens, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Lem

Stribling, Mr. & Mrs. Gene

(Mr. C. E. Stribling, Army  
Staff Sergeant)

Tarkington, Jr., Mrs. Fred

Wall, Mr. & Mrs. Mal

(Retired Colonel James C.  
Cannon, U. S. Army)

Witherspoon, Jr., Mr. John

(Harrington Witherspoon  
1st Lt U. S. Army)

## *Belle Meade Newsletter*

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2016

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT  
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**

#### **Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Oct 18th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 15th at 4:00 pm

#### **Board of Building Code Appeals**

Tuesday, Oct 11th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 8th at 4:00 pm

#### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tuesday, Oct 18th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 15th at 5:00 pm

#### **Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, Oct 19th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 16th at 4:00 pm

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

### **REMINDERS:**

2016 Belle Meade Property Tax statements will be mailed to homeowners around the first week of October. The City does not mail statements to mortgage companies. 2016 Personal Property Tax statements will be included in the mailing, if applicable.

Early Voting begins Wednesday, October 19th. A more detailed schedule will be sent in October. It is also available on the city website.

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### **REMEMBER:**

WHITE BAGS = garbage

BLACK BAGS = recycle

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return service requested