

CITY OF Belle Meade TENNESSEE

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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2015



The Commissioners and city staff wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday and a happy new year!

To RE or not to RE that is the question REcycle that is By Mayor Jim Hunt

In 2010, Belle Meade began a recycling program that encouraged residents to separate their recyclable materials from the trash. The approved materials were to be placed in black bags into clearly marked collection containers. The approved materials list called for paper (newspapers, magazines and cardboard boxes broken down), cleaned and rinsed plastic bottles, cleaned and rinsed tin and aluminum cans and very little else. Unfortunately, our current vendor reports that careless or unknowing combining trash

with recyclable materials render the entire Belle Meade recycle program useless.

One thought is that this happens because the resident has outsourced their recycle separation to housekeepers, landscape workers or children without adequate education of what is acceptable and what is not. If we don't correct this quickly, our recycle program will be discontinued. Please do your part. IT IS SIMPLE. Use a bit of common sense, too.

RECYCLE MATERIALS LIST

ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
NEWSPAPERS	NO GLASS
MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, OFFICE PAPER	NO FOOD WASTE
CARDBOARD BOXES (BROKEN DOWN)	NO FOOD SOILED CARDBOARD
ALUMINUM CANS (CLEANED AND RINSED)	NO PLASTIC OR BUBBLE WRAP
TIN CANS (CLEANED AND RINSED)	NO STYROFOAM
PLASTIC BOTTLES (CLEANED AND RINSED)	

FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT - NEW STREET SIGNS IN BELLE MEADE



Have you ever questioned the spelling of Lynwood Blvd or Shepard Place? Are you sure it's not Lynnwood or Sheppard? Were the street signs too small and soiled to read them? Not now.

Like 'em or not, Belle Meade is complying with another un-

funded federal mandate regarding sign height and length, font size of the lettering, reflectivity and historical significance.

While the residents are familiar with the names of our street, visitors and more importantly, emergency vehicles, need to have clear signage to quickly locate homes requiring immediate attention.

New regulations require standard signs of 9" in height for ground mounted street sign poles on roads with speed limits of 25 m.p.h. or greater. The 9 inch sign requires lettering height of 6 inches, and street names must consist of upper/lowercase lettering. In addition, the new regulations also require street name signs to have a High Intensity Prismatic reflective sheeting, which makes them much easier to see at night.

The size of the new street signs creates an overpowering appearance caused by the original narrow pole. A new pole, larger in circumference, mounted upon an attractive base, would lessen the disproportion. Coupled with the City's desire to retain the beautiful horses atop, the commissioners may consider phasing in sign borders, new poles and bases. Current federal requirements will not allow for historic logos to be part of the street sign but we will continue to monitor any changes in the law. While new, larger poles were originally considered, the cost was significant and can only be done in phases. Stay tuned for changes to be considered.

For further information, check this website:
<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/SHSe/Design.pdf>



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

We are still receiving some calls about attempted scams. Residents are doing a great job by letting us know when they receive a scam call and thus far there have been no known victims. Keep up the great work!

The Holidays are here, so remember to practice good crime prevention and fire safety habits. If you have holiday lighting, please remember to watch out for frayed wiring or other hazards. In addition, keep any live trees hydrated and pay close attention to any open flames you may have burning. Parking Smart year round is always recommended but especially around the Christmas shopping season. Always hide or secure packages while you are out and have your keys ready to open your vehicle when you get to it. Always stay aware of your surroundings and do not hesitate to request security or help from a retailer when you have numerous packages to take to your vehicle.

'Tis the season for giving, but be wary of giving to charities that are door to door collectors and only give to charities that you have investigated and found legitimate. Solicitors are required to have a permit from the City of Belle Meade and should display the permit.

Please remember to utilize our House Check program if you are going to be out of town. You can find more information about this program and others at www.citybellemeadetn.org under the police tab. You can also call us at 615-297-0241 for more information.



I would like to commend Corporal Rachel Toy and Officer David Wright for a recent arrest they made. On 12/08/2015 around 9:45 p.m. Officer Wright noticed a motor scooter that was out of place at a vacant house on the corner of Lynwood Blvd and Hobbs. Upon a closer inspection of the house, he observed flashlight activity and heard voices coming from inside. Corporal Toy arrived to back him up. Within minutes, they apprehended one of the suspects who was attempting to escape from a window. Metro Nashville PD was requested for additional help in catching the other suspect, who was reported to be armed. After numerous warnings, the Metro K-9 unit sent in their K-9, who apprehended the suspect that was hiding in the attic. No officers were injured during the operation, however the would-be burglar was transported to the hospital to have his bite wound checked. He and his accomplice are now in jail and will most likely be there for some time. The joint-investigation with Metro is on-going and we appreciate the Metro Police Department for their quick and effective response and assistance.

We Wish Everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday!

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **November 18, 2015** meeting:

- Approved a one-year extension of the Street Maintenance Contract with Gibbs Brothers Construction at the same pricing for labor, equipment, and materials.
- Approved a one-year extension of the Landscape Maintenance Contract with Landscape Services Inc. at the same annual pricing of \$57,900.
- Approved a request to declare the old street name signs as surplus property.
- Declined to approve an outside vendor for a glass recycle program.
- Approved the low estimate of \$5,100 from Landscape Services to perform tree trimming on Belle Meade Blvd. medians as per Nashville Electric specifications.
- Deferred action on Ordinance 2015-8, Amend Stormwater Ordinance, on second reading.
- Deferred action on Ordinance 2015-9, Amend Section 12-103, Building Materials Standards, on second reading.
- Approved Ordinance 2015-10, Amend Section 5-105, Withdrawals from Accounts, on second and final reading.



Stormwater User Fees were due and payable upon receipt of the invoice. They are now **PAST DUE!** If you have not already done so, please remit payment to city hall.

Property Taxes are due on or before February 29, 2016.

If you have questions or need information, please call Linda Berner at 615-297-6041 or email at lberner@citybellemeade.org.



Holiday Reminders

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 24 & 25
FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 FOR NEW YEARS DAY.

IN CASE OF SEWER, TRAFFIC, OR OTHER CITY EMERGENCIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
PLEASE CALL THE POLICE DEPT. AT 615-297-0241 AND DISPATCH WILL CONTACT CITY STAFF.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY BRUSH & CHIPPER PICKUP:

THE WEDNESDAY ROUTE HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, DEC. 22ND AND THE FRIDAY
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NEW YEARS WEEK: FRIDAY ROUTE HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE PICKED UP THURSDAY, DEC. 31ST.

***** EXTRA DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND CITY HALL *****

BEGINNING THURSDAY, DEC. 24 UNTIL MONDAY, 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!

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
DECEMBER 2015 & JANUARY 2016
AT BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Dec 15th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 19th, at 5:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday Dec 15th at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 19th at 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Dec 15th at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 19th at 7:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Dec 16th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemead.org

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