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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JUNE 2016



CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH. IN CASE OF SEWER, STREET, OR OTHER EMERGENCIES, CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 615-297-0241.

****TRASH, RECYCLE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, JULY 2ND
BRUSH/CHIPPER COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TUESDAY, JULY 5TH**

WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!

DID YOU KNOW. . . ?

From Mayor Jim Hunt



While Belle Meade daily matters are managed by a full time staff, more than 30 resident volunteers fill crucial roles in the leadership of our city. These vary from the Mayor and the Commissioners, to Boards, other Commissions and appointed

committees. In addition, ad hoc committees are formed throughout the year to assist in completing projects assigned following the Commissioners' annual retreat. The City's current volunteer positions and the residents who are currently serving are listed below:

- **Mayor and Commissioners** – Five Commissioners serve on staggered 4 year terms with the Mayor being elected by the commissioners every election cycle. Commissioner and Mayoral Elections are held every two years. Next election: November 2016. Currently serving: Mayor Jim Hunt, Vice-Mayor Cathy Altenbern, Commissioners Gray Thornburg, Bob Weigel, and Boyd Bogle.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals** – This Board's primary role is to hear Zoning exception and variance requests. The Board consists of five regular members and five alternates. Members, appointed by the commissioners, serve staggered three year terms. Currently serving: Chairman Brian Smallwood, Vice-Chairman, Pete Zabaski, regular members Carole Nelson, Mary Ann Blaufuss and Mal Wall. Alternates: Craig

Andreen, Charlie Atwood, James Edwards, Joel Galanter, and Craig Huseby.

- **Municipal Planning Commission** – This ten-member Commission is responsible for assuring a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of Belle Meade. It considers proposals for sub-divisions of land, changes to the zoning code, and petitions for the closure or renaming of streets. Of the ten members, one must be the Mayor, one must be a Commissioner, and the other eight members are appointed by the commissioners and serve staggered three year terms. Currently serving: Chairman Steve Horrell, Vice-Chairman Nick Spiva, Charlie Atwood, James Hastings, Mayor James Hunt, Alice Mathews, Gloria Sternberg, Commissioner Bob Weigel, Larry Wieck and John Eason.
- **Board of Building Code Appeals** -This board hears cases of non-compliance with the building codes. Also, variances may be sought from this Board. This five-member Board serves three year terms. Currently serving: Chairman Clay Bright, Johnny Phipps, Kristin Taylor, Commissioner Boyd Bogle, and Jeannette Whitson.
- **Committees** – Budget & Finance, Beautification, and ad hoc committees are filled with volunteers appointed by the Mayor and Commissioners who indicate an interest or have expertise in the committee's specified purpose.

We need new, fresh input from residents, so there is always a need for new volunteers. If interested, please email the Mayor, Jim Hunt, jhunt@citybellemeade.org or City Manager, Beth Reardon, breardon@citybellemeade.org. We will get you involved!



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Please remember to continue to practice good crime prevention habits consistently. There has been a recent rise in car burglaries in our immediate area. We continue to work with Metro Police to keep our officers and community aware of vetted suspect information. There has not been any car burglaries in the City for a few months until recently, on Lynwood Blvd, and another on Walnut Drive. Always Park Smart by locking your vehicle and removing or hiding anything of value no matter where you are.

Don't forget to take advantage of our Close House Watch Program when you are going to be away from home, even if it is just overnight. Details about the program and how to participate can be found on our website at www.citybellemeade.org under the police tab - House Check Services. Always set your home alarm and know how to make full use of your system, especially how to arm it while you are at home. If you have a new system, recently changed providers, or you are not positive that the Belle Meade Police Department is listed as the

primary first responder, give your provider a call to verify that we are. This will prevent a delay in response to an alarm activation at your home.

Wildlife Update - The City's wildlife contractor has set up several game cameras in the areas where we were experiencing multiple sightings. Thus far, the bobcat has not caused any reported problems other than just being seen. Numerous coyote sightings were recorded. A broad area from Jackson Boulevard, Westview to Royal Oaks is being monitored closely to determine if a trapping effort should take place from a proactive stand point should there be a den. There have been no reported attacks and we are handling this from a preventative standpoint at the moment. Call the police department if you should see the bobcat or any coyote activity, as we log all sighting locations.

Please remember to give us a call at 615-297-0241 should you need the police department or information on any services that we provide. Remember to always call in suspicious activity immediately.

RECAP OF MAY 18, 2016 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING



- Deferred action on the Video Surveillance system until a written proposal is received from the consultant.
- Approved the renewal of term on Board of Zoning Appeals through November, 2018 for Carole Nelson.
- Deferred Ordinance 2016-2, on second reading, to Amend Zoning Code to Clarify the Definition of "Addition".
- Approved Ordinance 2016-4, on second and final read-



- ing, to Close, Vacate, and Abandon a Portion of the Right of Way of a Street Called Redwing Avenue at the Rear of 121 Westhampton Pl. and 400 Sunnyside Drive.
- Approved Ordinance 2016-5, on first reading, Fix Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
- Approved Ordinance 2016-6, on first reading, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

REMINDER: PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE ELIMINATION OF THE HALL INCOME TAX.

Belle Meade Commissioners will host two public meetings on Wednesday, June 15th at 3:00 pm and again on Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Discussion will focus on the significant budget shortfall the City will have due to the State Legislature's recent vote to eliminate the Hall Tax over the next six years, by year 2022. The Hall Tax makes

up approximately 52% of the City's revenue stream. These meetings will include budget details and possible solutions to cover this shortfall. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND A MEETING AND PARTICIPATE IN THESE IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS



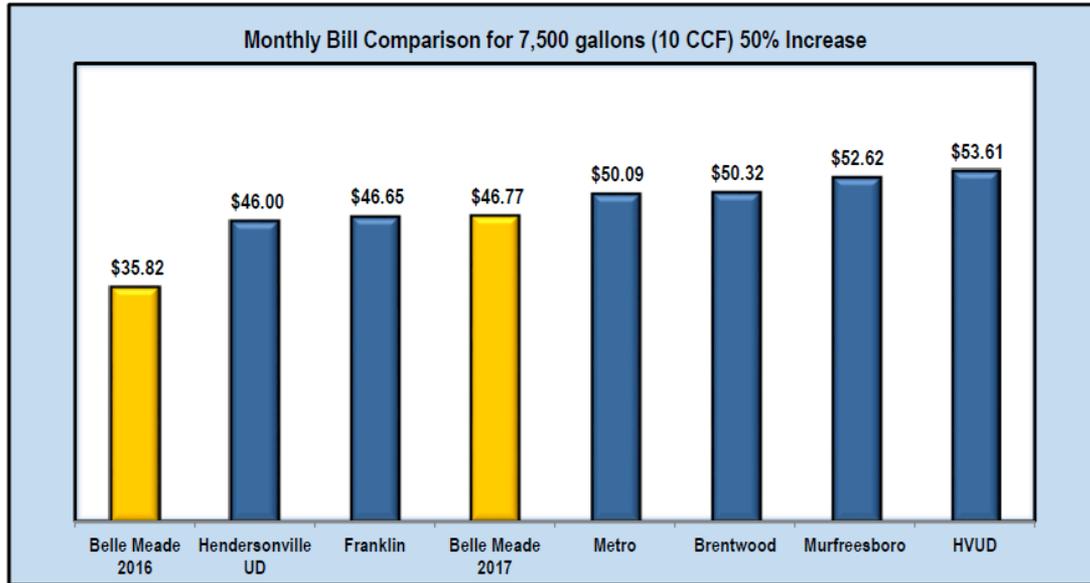
INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONER?

The terms of two commissioners will expire this year. If you are interested in running for office, you must first pick up a petition at the Davidson County Election Commission Office at 1417 Murfreesboro Road. The qualifying deadline to turn in petitions is Thursday, August 18th at Noon.

SEWER USER RATES FOR BELLE MEADE

In the May newsletter, Commissioner Bob Weigel wrote about the new Enterprise Fund for the Sewer Collections Utility that will become operational July 1, 2016. The Enterprise Fund's operations will be funded mainly through the collection of the sewer user fees charged on your monthly water bill from Metro Water Services.

Beginning with your June bill, the new rate of \$2.85 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed will be charged to all Belle Meade customers. The City believes this rate is sustainable for the next 5 years. The new rate is very competitive with fees paid by neighboring utility customers, as shown in the graph below.



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Many people think that when water flows into a storm drain it is treated, but the storm drain system and the sewer system are NOT connected! Storm drains flow untreated directly into creeks, rivers, beaches, and ultimately the ocean. Storm water can contain harmful pollutants, such as pesticides, pet waste, trash and automobile fluids. During the warm weather months and with increased outdoor activity around your home, here are some tips to prevent stormwater pollution in your yard:

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drain and take action to protect it from debris. It's important to protect the storm drain before starting your work.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Only apply after rains, not before.

- Use mulch instead of herbicides to prevent weeds and to help absorb water.
- Select drought resistant native plants to conserve water and prevent runoff.
- Adjust sprinklers and reduce watering times to prevent over-irrigation runoff.
- Keep your gutters free of leaves and grass clippings. Sweep up instead of blowing or hosing down driveways and terraces.



- REMEMBER TO "SCOOP THE POOP". Carry bags to pick up after your pet and dispose in the trash.

Excerpt from The City of San Diego publication, Think Blue Tips

Ceres Society Donations May 6th – June 7, 2016

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS JULY and AUGUST 2016 BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jul 19th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday Jul 12th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug 9th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Jul 19th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug 16th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Jul 20th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug 17th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION:

REMEMBER:

WHITE BAGS = garbage

BLACK BAGS = recycle



DRUG COLLECTION BOX – available
24/7 in the Police Dept. for the safe
disposal of unused or expired
medication.

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