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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2014



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AND THE OCTOBER EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE**



### FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Come and join us at the Belle Meade Plantation on September 23rd for our annual National Night out against Crime Block Party. This Neighborhood Watch event will begin at 5:30 p.m. rain or shine and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. There will be complimentary food, beverages and activities for everyone.

Making PARK SMART a habit is a huge crime deterrent and prevention practice. Locking your vehicle is the number one deterrent to auto theft and auto burglary. People often think if they leave their vehicle unlocked it will discourage the thief from breaking out the window resulting in a costly repair. This is not the case. The vast majority of the time windows are not broken because this sets off alarms and/or draws attention to the crime, therefore ending the opportunity to rummage through vehicles and stealing more items. Don't be the victim of this highly preventable crime! The cost of recovering a vehicle or having to call financial institutions and have accounts changed because of a stolen wallet are far more costly both from a monetary standpoint and lost time.



I am happy to announce that we now have a Drug Collection Box that will be available 24/7 for the free, safe, and confidential disposal of any unused or expired medication. The box is located in the lobby of the Belle Meade Police Department at city hall. This free service includes all prescription and over-the-counter medications, pet medications, sample meds, pills, capsules, ointment & patches and vitamins. We cannot accept needle/sharps or liquids. We ask that you peel or mark over any labels that may have your personal information in print. Loose pills should be bagged in a clear plastic bag. This program is available due to a partnership between the Police Department, CVS/pharmacy and the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. It is part of their Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program. The unit was donated to the City of Belle Meade to encourage the safe disposal of medications. One of the fastest growing areas of drug abuse in children and teens today is prescription

drug abuse. Studies have shown these drugs are often obtained from family members of friends. Unused or expired medication can pose a risk to children, family members, and the environment. It can also be misused or abused, leading to serious complications, overdose and death. We hope that you will utilize this worthwhile program and help make our community even safer. For more information or questions about the program please contact Sergeant Jon Carter at [jcarter@citybellemeade.org](mailto:jcarter@citybellemeade.org).

Officer Chuck Williams was chosen to receive the Directors Award from Director Kendell Poole at the Tennessee Lifesavers Conference on September 4, 2014 in Murfreesboro. Officer Williams was nominated by Middle TN Law Enforcement Liaison Tony Burnett.



The award is given to those who have made a significant contribution to traffic safety. Officer Williams has been a coordinator for the Middle TN Region of the Governors Highway Safety Office (GHSO) for over six years. He has always strived to put others first and has had 100% participation in his area for over two years. His efficient work as a coordinator has helped the GHSO reach its goals and aspirations for saving lives and reducing traffic crashes on the roadways of Tennessee. Congratulations, Officer Williams!

**SAFETY FIRST** - Remember to always set your alarm and lock your house even if you are only going to be away for a short period of time. We are still accepting pre-alarm information. You may send your alarm and contact information to Sergeant Toni Tomlin at [tomlin@citybellemeade.org](mailto:tomlin@citybellemeade.org) or call us at 615-297-0241 anytime.

Never hesitate to call in suspicious activity or any persons soliciting without a permit. Even if a person has a permit to solicit and they are rude or do not immediately leave, give us a call. If a solicitor receives a high number of complaints, the city can take action against their unprofessional or overly assertive tactics.





RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the August 2014 regular meeting:

- Considered the bids submitted for Signal Hill Drainage Improvements Project. Awarded the contract to Jarrett Builders for \$220,735 for an open trench excavation.
Awarded the Street Resurfacing Contract to Four Star Paving for a total cost of \$297,835, which includes reconstruction of the culvert on Chickering Lane.
Approved the purchase of 231 various traffic signs from Hall Signs for a total cost of \$6,763.65.
Accepted the quote from Van's Handyman Service for the installation of the traffic signs for \$10 per sign and \$15 to remove and replace sign post if necessary.
Approved the proposal from CEC, Inc. for construction oversight on the Signal Hill Drainage Project for a not-to-exceed cost of \$12,000.
Approved the proposal from CEC, Inc. for MS4 Permit Compliance Assistance. The total not-to-exceed cost is \$49,350.
Approved the request to declare the 13 year old sewer service truck as surplus property, which will allow the city to sell it.

- Approved the request to purchase a new sewer service truck off the State Bid Contract. The 2015 Ford F-350 4x4 Super Cab with service bed and crane will cost \$56,362.16.
Approved the yearly activity permit from the Belle Meade Plantation.
Awarded the contract for the ecological revitalization of Richland Creek Corridor to The Parke Company, who had the lowest bid of \$24,360.
Approved the proposal from Jim Douglas of Hodgson & Douglas to design a plan for the restoration and revitalization of the Richland Creek Corridor. The cost approved was \$5,500 to be paid from the Beautification Fund.
Awarded the City Hall janitorial service contract to the low bidder, Pristine Building Services, for a cost of \$795 a month. Pristine is the City's current janitorial services provider.
Deferred on first reading Ordinance 2014-7; Impose a time limit on a building permit and require continuous construction of improvements
Passed on first reading Ordinance 2014-8; temporary uses in connection with the construction of a structure. The ordinance will be presented to the Municipal Planning Commission for review in September.

FROM THE STORMWATER DEPARTMENT:

BELLE MEADE GEOTHERMAL POLICY:

The City of Belle Meade now requires land disturbance permits for the installation of geothermal heating and/or cooling systems. The applicant should submit the Land Disturbance Permit Application, Checklist 1 and 2, and all supporting documentation. The submittal of Checklist 3 and its supporting documentation will not be required. The Application can be found on the City website, www.citybellemeade.org, under the Stormwater tab on the home page.

The applicant will also be required to contact the Nashville Envi-

ronmental Field Office of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to determine what, if any, state-level permitting may be required. Documentation of this consultation with TDEC must be included with the Land Disturbance Permit Application submitted to the City. If the geothermal system proposed is a closed-loop system, a TDEC permit will not be required. However, a Tennessee licensed driller from the list available here must install the system: http://www.state.tn.us/environment/water/docs/water-supply/drill\_inst.pdf. The drilling contractor will need to be identified in the Land Disturbance Permit Application.



STATE & FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION
BELLE MEADE, FOREST HILLS & GOODLETTSVILLE
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014



EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

SONNY WEST AUDITORIUM @ HOWARD OFFICE BUILDING
700 2ND AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37210
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014
THROUGH THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2014

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
\*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
\*WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
\*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
\*FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
\*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\*MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
\*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
\*WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
\*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

\*SATELLITE LOCATIONS ALSO OPEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 THROUGH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014

- \*BELLE MEADE CITY HALL 4705 HARDING PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37205
\*BELLEVUE COMM. CENTER 656 COLICE JEANNE ROAD, NASHVILLE, TN 37221
\*BORDEAUX LIBRARY 4000 CLARKSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37218
\*CASA AZAFRÁN COMM. CENTER 2195 NOLENSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211
\*CROSSINGS EVENT CENTER 5380 HICKORY HOLLOW PKWY, ANTIOCH, TN 37013
\*EDMONDSON PIKE LIBRARY 5501 EDMONDSON PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211
\*GOODLETTSVILLE CITY HALL 105 SOUTH MAIN STREET, GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072
\*GREEN HILLS LIBRARY 3701 BENHAM AVE, NASHVILLE, TN 37215
\*HERMITAGE LIBRARY 3700 JAMES KAY LANE, HERMITAGE, TN 37076
\*MADISON LIBRARY 610 GALLATIN PIKE S, MADISON, TN 37115

## CANDIDATE BIOS:



### Gray Oliver Thornburg

With the exception of four years in Atlanta, I have spent all of my life in Belle Meade. Charley and I have built two houses and renovated the current one, while staying married!

**Background** — Vanderbilt graduate; worked at Lloyd's of London, Life and Casualty Insurance Company and Northwestern Mutual as an agent, member of the Million Dollar Round Table; Editor, The Orthodontic Directory of the World. Chaired various charitable events; served on various non-profit boards; past Treasurer, President, The West End Home Foundation.

**City of Belle Meade** — Eight years service, four as Mayor. Current "oversight" area: Police Department. As a citizen I have been before the Board of Zoning Appeals when renovating our homes.

#### Challenges for the City:

- Financially — Commissioners have been excellent stewards of its finances, earmarking 1 year of expenses in a "rainy day" fund. We continue to

keep expenses low while maintaining a high level of service. I feel strongly that the loss of the Halls Income Tax will be a reality in the next 4 years, with the probable result being an increase in property taxes. This may shift the burden to new property owners purchasing properties with higher values recorded by Metro. Ever increasing expenses continue to burden the City each year.

- Sewer System — Our system is over 35 years old, requiring more resources to maintain, thereby increasing expenses.
- Security — The increase in random violent crimes and burglaries puts pressure on the City to upgrade technology to assist police. We will continue to investigate cost effective systems that maintain personal privacy and maximize the tools available to deter criminals and "find the bad guys".

**Why Commissioner?** — I want to continue to serve Belle Meade and be a watch dog to preserve the "safety fund" that has been established. I want to be responsive to citizens, looking at the overall City wellbeing, and be an agent for policies that probably will be compromises for the betterment of all. I want to continue working with our employees to make the city a safe, financially stable place to live. I believe the most important investment in our City is having a safe, secure place to live.



### Bob Weigel

Having lived almost 45 years in the city of Belle Meade, I have never once regretted my choice of claiming this city within a city to be the place called home for me and my wife, Patsy, and our three children Ashley, Meredith and Robert. This choice afforded our family the benefits of growing up in a beautiful, safe, family friendly environment while simultaneously guaranteeing top value for home ownership in Nashville's unparalleled premiere community. I want to protect the quality of life in Belle Meade while at the same time plan for success for the future.

All of us want our voices heard and respected as we travel this road together. I am in the position as a retired successful businessman and business owner to give 100% of my time as a commissioner and to give a financial analysis

and financial expertise to our city's needs and concerns. I know firsthand the value of a dollar and its connection with quality, planning, dependability, cooperation and hard work. Believe me, I understand what a budget means and what it takes to make it work. We all want the best bang for our buck while never compromising the safety of our residents. Along with a Vanderbilt degree in engineering, I also have years of technical and mechanical building expertise. Likewise, having served on several boards of directors both locally and nationally, I am well acquainted with the infrastructure necessary to work within a group to accomplish our common goals.

I have the time, the training and the experience to guarantee my full attention in safe guarding your investment and addressing your concerns and goals. The old adage, "where your treasure is, there will be your heart also," holds true for all of us. Belle Meade is our treasure, and we all have our heart invested in insuring the heritage we have so beloved to entrust it to future generations.



### Boyd Bogle

I was born and raised in Nashville and have lived for the last 20 years in the City of Belle Meade. After graduating from MBA and then from Georgia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture, I began working as a draftsman in an architectural office which lasted ten years until receipt of my architectural license. A partner and I then opened our own firm and for thirty years practiced architecture that included large varieties and types of construction.

In 1998, I joined a development and engineering firm for which I had been active in the capacity as their architect and continue to the present as their architect and project coordinator.

In addition to a short stint as an Alternate on the Belle Meade Board of

Zoning Appeals, I served on the Metropolitan Nashville Fire & Building Codes Appeals Board for eight years, being Chairman of that Board for four years.

I have been married for 58 years to the former Mary June Greer and we have two married sons and two daughters-in-law, one single daughter and two granddaughters.

As an environment for living, Belle Meade is a most desirable place, with the private police force being the most appreciated benefit. The Public Works department is certainly the most cooperative of any municipality. The landscaping of the public areas defines the ambiance of the overall community and creates a catalyst for private property beautification.

I want to be a commissioner for the city of Belle Meade because I want to be able to continue the lifestyle its citizens enjoy by being a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars, being careful with expenditures in regard to possible looming cutbacks in funding allocations to all satellite cities.



### Ed Freeman

I am a native Nashvillian and a resident of Belle Meade for 16 years. I am the managing partner of StorPlace Self Storage and president of the Freeman Management Corporation which manages over 100 million dollars of real estate and employees 35 people. In addition I have been a CPA with an international accounting firm. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Cynthia, for 29 years and we have been blessed with 3 children and one son-in-law.

Over the last four years I have served as Belle Meade Commissioner; it has been quite an experience because we as commissioners have truly sought to improve the City on a number of different fronts. I have worked (longer than I had thought it would take) at making Belle Meade a more attractive and desirable place to live. The initiatives that I along with the other commissioners have started are not yet completed and hence I want to serve another four

years as your commissioner to see those initiatives through. As Chairman of the Finance Committee I have helped to implement a Capital Expenditure Budget which projects out the City's major capital expenditures for the next 5 years. Although the City is in a very strong financial position, we need to implement a plan for funding in the event the Hall Tax Revenue is eliminated or significantly reduced. We have provided funding for storm water projects that would improve storm water drainage at several spots around the City. I have worked with Metro Parks, Friends of Warner Parks, Councilwoman Emily Evans and the neighbors to solve the growing parking issues at the entrance to Percy Warner Park including converting the vacant lot on Page Rd into an attractive park like setting. I have led the effort to remove the invasive and unsightly plants around Richland Creek near Deer Park Drive. Security and safety for all residents remain a priority.

Listed are just a few initiatives that we have embarked on over the last four years. It's still unfinished business. That is why I want to be your Commissioner for the next four years.

## Belle Meade Newsletter

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2014 BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

#### Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Oct 21st at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 18th at 5:00 pm

#### Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday Oct 21st at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 18th at 6:00 pm

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Oct 21st at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov 18th at 7:00 pm

#### Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Oct 15th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 19th at 4:00 pm

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

### REMINDERS

2014 Belle Meade Property Tax statements will be mailed out the first week of October. Included the mailing will be 2014-2015 Stormwater Water Invoices and 2014 Personal Property Tax statements, if applicable.

Richland Creek Corridor Project – check the City website, [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org), to see photos of the progress being made on clearing this land of non-native and invasive plant species.

#### WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION:

##### REMEMBER:

WHITE BAGS = garbage

BLACK BAGS = recycle



**ThriftSmart Donation Box** – behind city hall. Acceptable donations include clothing, shoes, linens, CDs, DVDs, books, toys and other non-breakable housewares items. Call 833-8200 for pickup of large items.

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Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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