

# CITY OF Belle Meade TENNESSEE

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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2015

## FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT – AUCTION OF LAND ON DEER PARK DRIVE



In 2012, the City of Belle Meade was gifted property between Deer Park Drive and Harding Road (Highway 70) through which Richland Creek flows. Since that time, many people have asked what plans we had for this property. It was apparent that honeysuckle, privet and other invasive plants had taken over this potentially beautiful land, so the City contracted for an initial treatment of herbicide and clearing,

which opened up the property and view of Richland Creek and gave us a clue to its potential beauty. Properties to the east of this lot were previously cleared and maintained. They set an example of what the remainder of that stretch of creek land could become. As your Mayor, I remain hopeful that this particular lot can continue to add to the beauty of the land. There remains other properties to the west of this to Leake Avenue that could also be part of this project of stewardship.

It is now time to turn this property back to private ownership for individuals to continue on. Therefore, the City will hold an auction on Saturday morning, September 19, 9:00 am at City Hall to transfer this land. We invite all interested parties to participate. The minimum bid is \$30,000 and requires a three year property maintenance or other landscaping agreement as part of the transfer. It should be noted that this is **not** a buildable lot because of the flood plain and topography. Detailed information is available at City Hall or can be emailed by calling City Manager Beth Reardon at 615-297-6041.



## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



In today's world, having a home alarm system is an essential part of personal security. We also recommend a good home video surveillance system to compliment your alarm. Recently we were able to make an arrest of an individual who was attempting a home burglary. The homeowner used their alarm effectively, which assisted us in the quick apprehension of the suspect. An observant neighbor was also able to supply us with a photograph of the getaway vehicle. They snapped a shot of the vehicle because it appeared suspicious to them. The big take away is the homeowner took a moment to make sure the alarm was set properly, which kept them from becoming a victim and assisted us in the capture.

Awareness is one of the main things you can do to prevent crime wherever you are. Being aware of your surroundings at all times is paramount to crime prevention and personal safety. Belle Meade offers several ways for you to receive training and participate in making your neighborhood safer. Belle Meade has a Neighborhood Watch Program throughout the entire city. I encourage you to participate in this worth-

while program. For more information on the NHW program, contact our Coordinator, Officer Dee Howell at 615-297-0241 or [dhowell@citybellemeade.org](mailto:dhowell@citybellemeade.org). We also have Women's Awareness and Response "W.A.R." classes that are held several times a year. For information on these classes, contact Corporal Rachel Toy at [rtoy@citybellemeade.org](mailto:rtoy@citybellemeade.org).

Always Park Smart by locking your vehicle at all times and removing anything of value or store items in the trunk. If you are going to be away from home for more than a day, sign up for our Close Watch Program. While you are gone, we will send frequent patrols by your home until you return. Report something suspicious or out of order by giving the Police Department a call immediately at 615-297-0241. We are happy to send an officer to investigate to determine if the activity is legitimate or requires further investigation. By working together, we can serve you better. Your Police Dept. cares about your safety and the safety of your family.

*Does your spouse know something you don't?*

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*Are you aware of recent crime in the area?*

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## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Lock your doors faithfully; establish a routine of spending a minute checking for unlocked doors before leaving and especially before going to bed. You may have opened a patio door during the day and forgot to secure it!
- SET YOUR ALARMS!! Alarms are a great tool to utilize so that we can know if a criminal is invading your personal space.
- Get and use a home security video surveillance system. Advances in technology have led to a greater variety of good systems in all price ranges. The criminals use technology to share their information when running with other criminals, so fight their technology with your technology! Cities with a high number of homes using security cameras and that prosecute the criminals experience lower crime rates.
- Call the Police if you see anything suspicious, out of character for the area or any activity that just doesn't make sense. Trust your instincts! Belle Meade Police 615-297-0241/ Metro Police 615-862-8600/ 911 for life threatening emergencies.
- Be observant! If it's safe to do so, use your phone and take a snap shot. It may turn out to be the one piece of the puzzle that solves a case. Also, write down the tag numbers of vehicles parked on the roadside when you can clearly determine the vehicle is not part of a social gathering or work project. These lone vehicles could be a getaway car in a crime.

*Why was my trash not picked up?*

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## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the August 19th meeting:

- Awarded the 2015 Street Resurfacing Contract to Sessions Paving, who had the low bid of \$236,168 (plus \$2,400 for performance bonds and \$10,000 for potential unforeseen undercut material).
- Awarded the contract for painting street sign poles, bridges, and water gates and installation of new street name signs to Tisdale Construction, who had the low bid of \$123,600.
- Approved the purchase of 225 street name signs (that will be compliant with MUTCD and FHWA regulations required by 2018) from Hall Signs for the price of \$5,654.12 for signs and \$1,310 for brackets.
- Approved the purchase of an automated fingerprint scanner for the Police Department from WoVo Identity Solutions for \$7,248.
- Heard a proposal from the Police Department for switching to 12 hour work shifts. A six month trial period began on August 31st.
- Re-appointed Craig Andreen for another 3 year term as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals.



- Deferred action on a proposal from Just Glass to provide glass recycling for Belle Meade residents.
- Approved a policy for use of City Hall property as a voting site that will promote a safe and accessible voting location for voters, as well as provide for security and privacy.
- Approved Ordinance 2015-7, Amend Code Title 12, Chapter 1, Section 101(1) to adopt the 2009 International Residential Code in place of the 2006 International Residential Code, on second reading.
- Approved Ordinance 2015-8, Amend Section 11-408 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code regarding storm-water regulations and enforcements.

Commissioners took action on the following items at the August 24th special meeting:

- Approved Ordinance 2015-9, Amend Section 12-103 of the Belle Meade Code to adopt building materials standards for the City of Belle Meade, with several amendments, on first reading. (see related article.)

*What's new at city hall?*

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**BUILDING & ZONING**



Ordinance 2015-9, establishing Building Materials Standards, will be heard on second and final reading at the September 16th Board of Commissioners meeting. The Ordinance was recommended by Building Official Lyle Patterson. The Commissioners feel that these standards will ensure quality construction and preserve property values

in Belle Meade. For questions, please call or email Lyle at 615-297-2364 or lpatterson@citybellemeade.org.

**Proposed Building Materials Standards:**

No Building Permit shall be issued for new construction that incorporates the following building materials:

1. **Roofing Materials.** Asphalt shingles that are not of a minimum weight of at least 300lb per square, and/or that use 3-tab shingles. All metal roofs shall be of a quality to include a 60 year guarantee on finish, and shall not use exposed screws.
2. **Paint.** Painting of unfinished surfaces shall consist of a minimum of (3) coats, one primer, two finish coats, and only the primer may be applied with sprayer. All paints shall be of a better quality than contractor grade paint.
3. **Windows.** New construction shall not incorporate storm windows. Windows shall not incorporate vinyl or aluminum frames. Windows should be in proportion with size and scale of the home's façade and roof line.
4. **Front doors.** No front door shall be of steel, aluminum or vinyl.
5. **Deck Material.** No deck shall be constructed of vinyl materials.
6. **Fascia (Gutter Board) Material.** No fascia board shall consist of vinyl, aluminum or wood refaced with vinyl or aluminum.
7. **Siding Material.** No siding material shall be vinyl or aluminum.

8. **Veneer.** No outside materials shall be thin veneer brick, stone, cultured stone or synthetic stone.
9. **Chimneys.** Chimneys located on exterior walls of homes constructed of materials other than masonry or Isokern.
10. **Mechanical / Plumbing Vent Stacks.** No vents shall be located on the portion of the structure's roof facing to the "front" as defined in the Zoning Code. All vents must be painted to match roof color.
11. **Gutters.** No gutter shall have less than a 6 inch opening, nor shall it be joined by rivets. Minimum downspouts to be 3 x 4 inches.
12. **Shutters.** No shutters shall be plastic, vinyl or aluminum.
13. **Garage Doors.** No garage doors shall be vinyl, fiberglass or aluminum. No steel garage doors shall be less than 24 gage thickness.
14. **Front Porch.** No porch visible from the street shall be "Brushed Finished" concrete.
15. **Fence.** Chain link fences are forbidden beyond back right and left corners of home to the street. No fence shall be constructed of razor wire or barbed wire, of synthetic stone or concrete panels, or of plastic panels
16. **HVAC Units.** Any HVAC unit visible from the street shall be screened by a 3' fence or landscape screening.
17. **Foundations.** No foundation shall be built from exposed block or synthetic stone-like block or exposed concrete.

No Use and Occupancy Permit shall be issued if the constructed structure includes any of the materials prohibited by 12-103(2)(a), and the Building Official shall issue an order requiring removal of all such materials that have been installed in violation of the terms of the issuance of the Building Permit.



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In Memory of Michael Tinghitella - 82nd Air Borne

**Webb, Billy and Nancy**

In Honor of Col James A. Webb

*What's Important to know?*

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## *Belle Meade Newsletter*

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015

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

#### **Municipal Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Sep 15th at 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, Oct 20th at 5:00 pm

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

Tuesday Sep 15th at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Oct 20th at 6:00 pm

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

Tuesday, Sep 15th at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, Oct 20th at 7:00 pm

#### **Board of Commissioners**

Wednesday, Sep 16th at 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Oct 21st at 4:00 pm

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

### REMINDERS:

- 1) Stormwater invoices were due and payable by August 31. If you are delinquent, please send your payment to city hall.
- 2) The 2015 Belle Meade Property Tax statements will be mailed at the beginning of October. They will be due and payable by February 29, 2016.
- 3) Have you changed your mailing address or e-mail address lately? Please notify Linda Berner at City Hall at [lberner@citybellemeade.org](mailto:lberner@citybellemeade.org) so we can keep our records up-to-date and ensure that you will receive all important city communications.

**If you are not signed up for Email blasts, Neighborhood Watch and other important notices, YOU SHOULD BE!!  
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