



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

City Hall (615) 297-6041 / Police Dept. (615) 297-0241 / www.citybellemeade.org

NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE AUGUST 2017

New City Attorney – August 2017



Effective August 2017, Belle Meade welcomes new City Attorney Doug Berry and shows its gratitude to Bob Patterson for his 10 years of service to the City. Bob will be continuing in his legal practice at Bradley, Arant, Boult Cummings, but retiring as Belle Meade legal counsel. Bob succeeded Vance Berry in 2006, and quickly became the city's expert when it came to zoning, municipal planning, and drafting ordinances. His advice and counsel to the Commissioners, Board of Zoning Appeals, Municipal Planning Commission, in addition to the City Manager and other city officials, was very respected and invaluable.

Doug Berry, Bob's successor, practices with the firm of Miller & Martin, PLLC, in Nashville. Doug concentrates his practice in land use and zoning, eminent domain, municipal law, state administrative law and commercial litigation, particularly disputes related to real estate. Doug was the City Attorney for Franklin, Tennessee from 1989-2007 and Interim Town Attorney for Smyrna, Tennessee from 2009-2013. Before joining

Miller & Martin PLLC in 2014, Doug was a partner in a small civil litigation firm in Nashville and before entering private practice was a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Tennessee and law clerk on the Tennessee Supreme Court to the Honorable Justice William J. Harbison.

Doug received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1979, his M.A. in German from the University of North Carolina in 1977, and A.B. in German, Davidson College, 1974. He has served as the Honorary Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany in Tennessee since July 2004. In January of 2017, he was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit by the President of Germany for his service as Honorary Consul and leadership in other international organizations.

Doug and his wife, Ray, who teaches English at Harding Academy, have three grown children, Hamilton, Claire and Zan. He is an avid tennis player and also enjoys spending time reading, working the New York Times crossword, and bird-watching on the family farm in Williamson County, Tennessee, where he grew up.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

• **Park Smart!** Very recently a Belle Meade officer attempted to stop a stolen vehicle that was speeding. There was a very short pursuit and the vehicle, occupied by four juveniles, rammed the officer's patrol car. One of the four was immediately apprehended and reported that one of the other juveniles was armed with a handgun. As the investigation continued, the handgun was recovered near the arrest scene. Detective Sexton learned that several groups of juveniles in the Nashville area are breaking into vehicles to steal items. If they find keys, they are taking the vehicles and committing crimes. In addition, they appear to favor high-end vehicles. This is why it is so important to always Park Smart, no matter where you

- are. Always lock your vehicles and keep all items hidden or secured out of view.
- Good alarm management can help prevent false alarms and allow you to take full advantage of all the features of your home alarm system. If you need assistance, reach out to your alarm provider. Check with your provider to ensure that the Belle Meade Police Department is listed as the first law enforcement responder to any activations.
- With schools opening, please remember to plan for heavier traffic all across the Nashville area and allow for extra commute time. Drive safe, arrive safe.
- Please call in suspicious activity immediately at 615-297-0241.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **July 19, 2017** meeting:

- Appointed Kristin Taylor and Jeannette Whitson and re-appointed Clay Bright and Johnny Phipps to the Municipal Planning Commission for three-year terms, ending June 30, 2020.
- Approved invoices over \$5000
 - o TML Pool (insurance) - \$10,425
 - o TML Pool (insurance) - \$29,288
 - o TML Pool (insurance) - \$53,164
- o Martin & Zerfoss - \$5,000
- o Local Government Corp. - \$22,063
- o J.R. & Associates - \$12,760
- o Commonwealth Chemical - \$22,680
- Approved Request to Declare Surplus Property – Ricoh MPC3300 copy/scan/fax/printer.
- Approved Copier Lease Agreement with Novacopy for new Konica Minolta copy/scan/fax/printer.
- Deferred Resolution 2017-010, Honor City Attorney Robert S. Patterson.



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)



Emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*, attacks only ash trees. It is believed to have been introduced into Michigan 15 to 20 years ago on wood packing material from Asia. Since then, the destructive insect has been found

in numerous states including Tennessee. Typically, the emerald ash borer beetles can kill an ash tree within three years of the initial infestation.

The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from April until September, depending on the climate of the area. In Tennessee most EAB adults would fly in May and June. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees. When they emerge as adults, they leave D-shaped holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide.

TDA officials urge area residents and visitors to help prevent the spread of EAB:

- Don't transport firewood, even within Tennessee. Don't bring firewood along for camping trips. Buy wood from a local source. Don't bring wood home with you.
- Don't buy or move firewood from outside the state. If someone comes to your door selling firewood, ask them about the source, and don't buy wood from outside the state.
- Watch for signs of infestation in your ash trees. If you suspect your ash tree could be infected with EAB, refer to the EAB Symptoms Checklist and online EAB Report Form to alert state plant and forestry officials, or call TDA's Consumer and Industry Services Division at 1-800-628-2631.

This article was copied from the TN Dept of Agriculture webpage. For additional information and resources, click on this link: <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/topic/ag-businesses-eab>

Dan Beasley of The Parke Company, which is the City's contractor for brush and chipper service, states that some ash trees can be protected with a systemic insecticide treatment. Spring application is the best time for this treatment.

STORMWATER USER FEE INVOICES WERE MAILED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. PAYMENT IS DUE BY August 31ST. The City accepts payment by check or credit card by phone or at City Hall. There is a small convenience fee for credit card use. Questions? Please call City staff at 615-297-6041.

Trash & Recycle collection reminders:

- All trash must be bagged. The City's contract requires trash be bagged in order to cut down on litter and make the collection process more efficient.
- NO GLASS in the recycle bag. Glass should be put with the trash, or recycled by contacting one of the following:
 - ➔ EarthSavers - Pick-up only 615-481-9640
 - ➔ Gunner's Glass Recycling - Pick-up only www.gunnersrecycling.com
 - ➔ Just Glass - Pick-up only www.just-glass.com
- ➔ RecycleNash - Pick-up only www.recyclenash.com
- ➔ Recycling Dudes - Pick-up only 615-307-0011 www.recyclingdudes.com
- ➔ Metro Nashville Public Works Drop off 615-880-1000 www.nashville.gov/recycle
- PLEASE DO NOT put large items in the dumpsters behind city hall. They cannot be dumped in the trash truck. Recently city staff has found grills, a treadmill, mattresses, box springs, large furniture and wood pallets. If you have large items, you are responsible for having them hauled away.



The Harpeth Hall School is sponsoring the "Plaid Dash" back-to-school 5K and 1K fun run on Saturday, August 26th at 8 a.m. Part of the route includes Belle Meade streets, so please be aware of the runners as they come through the city.

The 5K Route:

Start: Hobbs Road entrance.
West on Hobbs Road, it becomes Glen Eden Drive.
South on Jackson Blvd.
West on Gerald Place
South on Belle Meade Blvd
East on Iroquois Blvd.
North on Westview Ave.
East on Glen Leven Drive to Hobbs Road to the Harpeth Hall entrance

The 1K Route:

West on Hobbs to Lynnwood Blvd. and turn around



ThriftSmart Donation Box – behind City Hall. Acceptable donations include clothing, shoes, linens, CDs, DVDs, books, toys and other non-breakable housewares items. Call 615-833-8200 for pickup of large items.

Ceres Society Donations – June 1 through July 31, 2017

Adkisson, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey
Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond
Bohannon, Ms. Alice & P. Lindsay
Cain, III Mr. John
Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. John
Cheadle, Mr. & Mrs. Dudley
Crafton, Dr. & Mrs. James
Eakin, Mr. & Mrs. John
Earthman, Mr. & Mrs. William
Eskind, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Fouce, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
King, Mr. Michael
Lusky, Mr. & Mrs. Monnie



Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Mathews, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew
Papel, Mr. & Mrs. Laurence
Ralsky, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. Lem
Tompkins, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas
Wentworth, Ms. Anne
Zukierski, Ms. Dana

Memorial Contributions

Mrs. Lacy Perry
(In memory of Mr. Coleman Perry, Sr.)

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017**

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

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 19th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, September 12th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 10th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, September 19th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, September 20th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 18th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for Labor Day. In case of a sewer, traffic, or other emergency, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241 and the dispatcher will contact city staff.

**NO WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION
SERVICES ON LABOR DAY**

**MONDAY HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE COLLECTED ON TUESDAY
TUESDAY HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAY
PLEASE HAVE YOUR CANS OUT BY 7:00 A.M.**

REMEMBER:

WHITE or BLACK BAGS = garbage

BLUE BAGS = recycle

If your trash is missed, please notify us promptly at 615-297-6041 or send an email from the City website www.citybellemeade.org, using the Trash/Recycle comment form found on the homepage.

CITY OF BELLE MEADE
4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

return service requested