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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2017



The Commissioners and staff send best wishes to all Belle Meade residents for a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT 2018 - *The Future is NOW!*

2018 promises to be a most important year for the City of Belle Meade. Let's take a glance at what to expect.

- **Video Surveillance System** will finally be implemented before the end of the fiscal year. This will mean more safety and security for our residents, Belle Meade Country Club members and staff, Temple congregation, St George's and Immanuel Baptist members, and Belle Meade Plantation guests, staff and employees.
- **Sidewalks on Harding Place** from Lynwood to Belle Meade Boulevard will provide a safe walking path for this busy street.
- **Beautification of the Page road** lot near entrance of Percy Warner Park will include landscaping, classic entrance, limited parking on pervious paving and lots of OPEN GREENSPACE.
- **Improved safety** for children and adults alike by lowering speed limits on several streets with traffic calming devices, cross walks, increased police monitoring and signage.
- **Eighty-year anniversary celebration** of City of Belle Meade. 1938-1918.
- **Eradication of invasive plants education** along with encouragement to increase professional landscaping of personal residences and city owned and managed properties.
- **Conservative financial management** of City will continue with strong balance sheet and operating statements.
- **Hall Income Tax** continues to decrease, but hopefully another year of postponing an increase in Belle Meade property tax.
- **Tree City USA** - Tree education to encourage tree conservation and management with Belle Meade qualifying as a Tree City USA.
- **Beautification/Ceres Society** - Combining of these two critical areas into one and formalizing a new and effective committee – new members to be actively recruited. Any volunteers?
- **Welcome to Belle Meade** brochure for new residents.

All of this, plus more to come. Belle Meade, "beautiful meadow", will continue to maintain and improve its dignity, beauty, friendliness and welcoming attributes for this year and many years to come. **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018**





FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Belle Meade Residents are PARKING SMART! On 11/29/2017 we had two car burglaries in the area of Scotland Place and Pad-dock Lane. On 12/2/2017 we had five car burglaries in the Tyne and Lynwood Blvd areas. Due to the continued PARK SMART efforts of the Belle Meade residents, nothing of great value was taken with the exception of a small amount of cash and a cell phone inadvertently left in a car. This proactive type of crime prevention by the residents has shown to be effective and sends a message out to those seeking easy money.

Another great example of teamwork between the Belle Meade residents and their Police Department was also displayed during this incident. Within MINUTES of discovering the crime, Belle Meade residents (and guests!) provided the Police Department with valuable information that led to the recovery of the stolen phone and the identification of the person responsible for taking it! The information provided also linked this individual to several more crimes in the area surrounding

Belle Meade and other parts of Davidson County.

We would like to again say THANK YOU for Parking Smart and making Belle Meade a safe place to live!

If you are traveling during the holidays, please utilize our House Check Service. We will conduct extra security patrols of your residence while you are away. You can request this service through our website at www.citybellemeade.org under the “How do I” section. There is a form to fill out and submit online. If you need assistance with the form, you can call the dispatcher at 615-297-0241. As a reminder, this form must be completed and sent to us each time you leave town. Always remember to set your alarm even if you are going to be away for a short period of time.

We wish you all a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! All of us consider it a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Belle Meade.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **November 15, 2017** regular meeting:

- Approved to amend Proposal from Hodgson & Douglas for Harding Place Sidewalk Project by \$500 for coordinating additional traffic engineering for pedestrian cross-walk
- Approved purchase of surveillance camera system at Harding Place and Lynwood Blvd. for bid price of \$22,855.79
- Deferred consideration of Contract with SCI Technologies
- Approved NES Engineering Review and associated costs (video surveillance system)
- Approved bid from lowest bidder, Nashville Landscape Systems, for Belle Meade Boulevard Median Landscape Improvements for \$13,630.00
- Approved (1) invoice over \$5000—Wascon, Inc. \$5,228.46



- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2017-5, Amend Zoning Code, Title 14-204 (1)(C), Change in elevation.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **November 21, 2017** Special meeting:

- Approved Proposal from Collier Engineering Co. to conduct a traffic calming study on Jackson Boulevard between Harding Road and Belle Meade Blvd. for a not-to-exceed cost of \$5,000.00, plus customary reimbursable expenses.
- Deferred consideration of Contract with SCI Technologies
- Approved the Construction Document phase of the Proposal from Hodgson & Douglas for the Harding Place Sidewalk Project, in the amount of \$13,500.00
- Deferred decision on responsible party to bear cost of mailbox relocation and driveway modifications in the Harding Place Sidewalk Project.



Belle Meade Newsletter

TO: BELLE MEADE RESIDENTS

RE: BELLE MEADE EMPLOYEE FUND



Our employees are one of the greatest assets of our City of Belle Meade. These employees do not receive bonuses of any kind except through the Employee Fund. This fund is managed as a separate account

and was established to enable residents to acknowledge appreciation for the diligent and consistent work of our loyal personnel throughout the year. The fund purchases gift certificates that are distributed equally among employees. The fund also sponsors events during the year in which all employees participate. Also, floral arrangements and fruit baskets are provided when there is a new baby, an illness or death in the family.

There isn't a better way to give a heartfelt "thank you" to each of the incredible employees of our city. Last year's response was overwhelming. We hope you will participate in this holiday tradition that is so appreciated by our employees. Mail or deliver a check made out to "Employee Fund" to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205. Thanks to you in advance, and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Jim Hunt
Mayor

Bob Weigel
Vice-Mayor

Gray Thornburg
Commissioner

Boyd Bogle
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Cathy Altenbern
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FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

CITY HALL DUMPSTER REMINDERS – The City recently changed the times that the dumpsters are open to residents. They are now **open from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily**. For many months now, we have been experiencing much abuse of the dumpsters, with excessive trash being thrown on the ground, and non-permitted items being dumped, such as wood pallets, liquid paint, tires, construction debris, yard waste and much more. These dumpsters are available to Belle Meade residents ONLY and only for household garbage. The City's contract with Franklin Disposal does not include them picking up trash from the ground around the dumpsters each day, which means that City staff must spend time cleaning up this mess.

We are also experiencing an increase in residents and/or contractors throwing liquid paint in the dumpsters. This is considered hazardous. If liquid paint is in the dumpsters and leaks out from the garbage truck, the contractor must pay for cleanup. If the paint is discovered at the landfill when the garbage truck dumps its load, the contractor is fined. Dried or solidified paint is acceptable in the

dumpsters. There are 3 methods to dry paint: air, mixing with cat litter or mixing with a commercial paint hardener. To learn more about the Rules for Paint Disposal, please visit the City website, <https://www.citybellemeade.org/streets/>. Your cooperation with this is appreciated. The picture below shows what we collected from the dumpsters in just a few weeks this fall. All of the paint cans contained liquid paint.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, January 16th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, January 9th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, February 13th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 20th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 17th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21st at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



Holiday Reminders

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY DEC. 25TH, TUESDAY DEC. 26TH, AND MONDAY JAN. 1ST FOR THE HOLIDAYS. IN CASE OF SEWER, TRAFFIC OR OTHER EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL THE POLICE DEPT. AT 297-0241.

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

**MONDAY ROUTE – PICK UP WILL BE TUESDAY, DEC. 26TH AND JAN. 2ND.
TUESDAY ROUTE – PICK UP WILL BE WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27TH AND JAN. 3RD.**

***EXTRA DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND CITY HALL
FROM FRIDAY, DEC. 22ND UNTIL 10:00 AM TUESDAY, DEC. 27TH.***

***Please dispose of extra holiday trash in these dumpsters.
PLEASE, PLEASE – FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES,
so there is plenty of room for everyone's trash!!***

HOLIDAY BRUSH & CHIPPER SCHEDULE

**MONDAY ROUTE - PICK UP ON TUESDAY DEC. 26TH AND JAN. 2ND.
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ROUTES WILL RUN AS USUAL**

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return service requested