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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE FEBRUARY 2018

FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT



Boyd Bogle (1934-2018)

The City of Belle Meade has lost a great citizen, commissioner and individual with the passing of Boyd Bogle, January 26, 2018. Boyd was elected commissioner in November 2014 and he served with honor, distinction, experience, humor and fortitude. His demeanor set the tone for projects that were key to the city's progress . . . sidewalks, Board of Zoning Appeals, Municipal Planning, traffic. He never withheld his opinions and

remained outspoken until the end. He loved his family, did what his wife, June "requested", loved his city and truly was a most dedicated commissioner. Boyd's insight to challenges facing the City proved invaluable during his three and a half years as commissioner.

In Boyd's own words which he wrote for his bio when running for commissioner, "I was born and raised in Nashville and have lived for the last 23 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 two years.

I have been married for 61 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".

Boyd loved and respected the old Belle Meade and while reluctant to change and hard to convince, he wanted the contemporary Belle Meade to retain its elegance. However, he was willing to consider technological breakthroughs that would increase citizens' safety. He walked the path of the proposed Harding Place sidewalks with enthusiasm and became a big proponent of them and the much discussed roundabout at Lynwood and Harding Place. Todd Jones, at Boyd's memorial service, called him "cranky". That was putting it mildly . . .

BUT I WILL MISS HIM GREATLY!

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tennessean/obituary.aspx?pid=187994108>

weed wrangle®

Weed Wrangle® is a state-wide clean-up event dedicated to ridding Tennessee of non-native plant species. On Saturday, March 3, 2018, volunteers from across the state will be helping to eradicate invasive plants in public spaces.

Join CHEEKWOOD in this year's Weed Wrangle®, on Saturday, March 3. Help us remove invasive plants from our gardens. Register here: <https://cheekwood.org/support/volunteer/registration/> For information: Volunteers@cheekwood.org

You can also visit the Weed Wrangle® website for additional volunteer opportunities in the Nashville area: <http://www.invasiveplantcontrol.com/weedwrangle/2018/nashville/>



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



DRONE INFORMATION - With the increased popularity of Drones, I have had some questions on when and where a person can operate them. In general, recreational users must register their drone with the FAA if it is above a certain weight. To determine this, visit <http://federaldrone.com> to register and find out more about operating your drone. Usually, flying the drone over areas where people have a reasonable expectation of privacy is prohibited, as well as over crowds of people or events. When flying, you want to be an open area free of obstructions and people.

Metro Parks has designated areas within the Metro Park System that allow permitted drone flight. You must obtain a permit to fly in these designated areas. The cost for a one-year permit for residents of Davidson County is \$35.00. For information on where you can fly in the Metro Park System and how to obtain a permit, please visit <https://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Permits-Rentals-and-Reservations/Model-Airplane-or-Boat-Permit.aspx>

With safety in mind and to protect your equipment, here are six reasons you should have Propeller Guards for your drone.

- Safety, Safety and Safety- You can find plenty of videos on You Tube of bloody fingers, hands and arms which resulted from drone propeller accidents. The propeller guards make it much less likely for this to happen to you, or more importantly, to an innocent bystander.
- Enhanced Recovery-Your drone is less likely to get caught in a tree. The guard helps deflect the drone after a collision.
- Easier to carry- You now have something to grab on to (not while the drone is on or armed) and protect the props should you drop it.
- Increased Visibility-You can see your drone from a greater distance. The increased size makes it much more visible.

- Better Landing Protection-Your drone will eventually land on its side. With the guards, the props are protected.
- They Look Cool-With the bulk, the “coolness” factor is increased!

SAFETY REMINDERS:

- ➡ Park Smart at home and everywhere else. Lock your vehicles and remove items of value.
- ➡ Always arm your home alarm system and know how to use it to its full potential.
- ➡ Consider joining the Neighborhood Watch Program. For more information, contact our NHW Coordinator, Officer Dee Howell, at dhowell@citybellemeadetn.org or call Dispatch 615-297-0241.
- ➡ Immediately report suspicious activity or if something looks out of place. If you see something, say something.
- ➡ Be mindful of the speed limits throughout the City

Officer Norm Shelton Retires



The City staff and Commissioners honored Officer Norm Shelton at a luncheon on January 12th for his retirement from the police department after 20 years of service with Belle Meade. In addition to Norm's long tenure here, he worked for the City of White House in the Fire Department and as a police officer for ten years. Norm plans on spending time fishing, tinkering in his wood-working shop and relaxing with family. We wish him a long and healthy retirement!

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the January 17, 2018 meeting:

- Harding Place Sidewalk –Consideration of Design Fees for Additional Options
 1. Sidewalk Extension from Jackson cul-de-sac to Warner Place/ Belle Meade Blvd. for \$5,020.00
 2. Crosswalk- Harding Place and Belle Meade Blvd. for \$2,600.00

Commissioners did not approve any additional design fees at this time.

- Approved repairs to stone wall at Harding Rd. and Clarendon Ave. be completed by Peffen Stone Masonry Group, who had the lowest estimate of \$2,615.00.
- Approved the purchase of additional surveillance cameras for the Video Surveillance System project in the amount of \$23,205.78 from SCI Technologies.
- Approved purchase of Motorola Headset and microphone

for police dispatch in the amount of \$2,102.00 from Wireless Plus.

- Approved on final reading, Ordinance 2017-5, Amend Zoning Code, Title 14-204 (1) (C), Change in Elevation.
- Approved Resolution 2018-01, regulating the Decoration of the Horse Statues at the Harding Road entrance to Belle Meade Blvd.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **January 31, 2018 Special Meeting:**

- Approved the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Railroad Agreement for Hillwood Bridge Rehabilitation Project.
- Approved purchase of two metal light poles for the Video Surveillance System project from TAPCO for \$984.00, plus mounting brackets for \$56.00



PUBLIC WORKS & WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS:

METRO WATER & SEWER BILL Questions - The city staff has received several calls from residents stating their recent water and sewer bill from Metro Water Services (MWS) was much higher than previous months. After speaking with MWS staff, we believe one of the reasons for the increase in billed amounts is MWS's policy (see below) for residential customers that provides a "sprinkler discount" during 8 months of the year, from April through November. (The discount does not apply if you have a separate meter for irrigation in addition to your regular water meter.) During the months where the sprinkler discount is not in effect, residents may see higher water bills. If you feel that there may be other issues with your MWS bill, you may call their automated services line (615-862-4600).

Metro Water Service's Policy for Seasonal Sewer Billing / Sprinkler Adjustments:

Sewer charges are calculated based on the amount of water used under most circumstances. An exception is made for residential customers during the months of April through November, when water is used to sprinkle lawns or wash cars. Since water used for these purposes does not go into the sewer, sewer service charges for residential bills are automatically adjusted during these months to reflect a "sprinkler credit." The winter quarter average (January, February, and March) plus 30 percent will be the maximum sewer charges billed.

GRINDER PUMP MAINTENANCE-

One of the largest contributors to sewer backups is common household GREASE. What appears harmless when cooking can clog pipes and will eventually cause the grinder pump to stop functioning, creating a mess for the residents and high maintenance costs for the City. To reduce service calls and maintenance issues with your sewer grinder pump, here are some simple tips and maintenance routines to follow. If you have household help that regularly uses your kitchen, please share this with them!

- Weekly – put ½ cup of household bleach down the kitchen disposal/sink in the late evening. This reduces failures due to grease in the grinder pump and will also deodorize and clear the lines in the internal plumbing.
- Quarterly - Add 1 tablespoon or packet of yeast to each toilet for natural maintenance of the lines within your house.

Most updated residential kitchens include a garbage disposal as a necessary and standard appliance. However, while they are convenient to use, a kitchen garbage disposal is not always a sewer

system's best friend. Here are some tips about what you can put down your garbage disposal, and what should never be put into the garbage disposal and (ultimately) the sanitary sewer system. These tips will help protect you, the City's sewer system and the environment too!

- **DO minimize the use of the garbage disposal.** If you are able to compost vegetable waste at your home, you can dispose of material like vegetable peels, cuttings, stems, seeds, and coffee grounds by composting. Composting allows you to convert these waste items into a valuable soil amendment that you can use in your flower beds and garden.
- **DO dispose of liquid materials in the garbage disposal,** as long as they are not hazardous or made up primarily of fats or oils.
- **DO dispose of solid items that cannot be composted in the trash.** It is preferable to dispose of non-compostable items in the trash, instead of sending them down garbage disposal, where they must go to the wastewater treatment plant and be removed through the water treatment process.
- **DON'T put fats, oil and grease down the drain or in the garbage disposal.** These materials (known as FOG) solidify in the sewer and cause blockages and sewer overflows. Materials like bacon grease, oil, and other fats should be poured into an empty metal can and allowed to cool and solidify. Then you can dispose of the can in the trash. If there is a small amount of oil or grease in the pan, you can wipe the pan out with a paper towel to remove the grease before washing. NOTE: "FOG" IS ONE OF THE TOP REASONS FOR GRINDER PUMP DAMAGE IN BELLE MEADE AND IS VERY COSTLY TO THE CITY.
- **DON'T put hazardous materials, such as chemicals or medicine down the garbage disposal.**
- **DON'T put hard or fibrous materials, such as seeds, corn cobs, bones, egg shells, or flower stems down your garbage disposal.** These items can damage your disposal. They should be composted or thrown in the trash.

Please do not hesitate to contact Larry Smith, Public Works Director (lsmith@citybellemeade.org) or Nathan McVay, Collections Operator (nmcvay@citybellemeade.org) at 297-6041 if you have questions about the operation of your sewer grinder pump.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JANUARY 2018

Mr. & Mrs. William H. Cammack
Mr. & Mrs. A. Stuart Campbell

Ceres Donation In Honor of

Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Patterson, Sr.
Mr. Boyd Bogle, III



American Flag Sponsorship

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Smith

In Memory of Mr. Boyd Bogle, Commissioner

In Honor of the Belle Meade Police Dept.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stuart

**In Memory of Betty Brown Perkins
and Mr. Boyd Bogle, III**

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2018

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 20th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, March 13th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 10th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, March 20th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 21st at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

**CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH, FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY.
IN CASE OF SEWER, STREET, OR OTHER
EMERGENCIES, CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AT 615-297-0241.
TRASH/RECYCLE & BRUSH/CHIPPER SERVICES WILL RUN
AS NORMAL ON MONDAY, FEB. 19TH.**

Real and Personal Property Tax Deadline – The deadline for paying your 2017 Belle Meade Real Property Taxes and Personal Property Taxes is Wednesday, February 28, 2018. After that date, a 2% interest charge per month will be incurred. City Hall closes at 4 pm, but your tax payment can be left with the police dispatcher on the 28th in order to meet the deadline. If you have questions, contact Charlotte Hunter at 615-297-6041, chunter@citybellemeade.org.

FREE SHRED DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 from 9am to 12 noon at city hall. Start gathering your paperwork! This community event is limited to private individuals with no more than 8 boxes or bags. The free service is not intended for commercial purposes. Some items people may want to consider shredding include: credit card statements, old checks, tax returns and anything a thief can use to steal your identity. **You do not need to remove paperclips or staples.** (Service provided by Shred On The Run.)



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return service requested