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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JULY 2018

MINDING OUR P'S AND ANSWERING YOUR Q'S

Happy New Year Belle Meade! Did you know that July 1 begins the city's new fiscal year? The staff and Board of Commissioners have been immersed in capital project oversight, budget preparations, and finding innovative ways to resolve newly surfacing challenges that result from being a part of the fast-growing Metro-Nashville area. Belle Meade, "beautiful meadow", continues to strive to be a place of beauty with a strong-knit welcoming and friendly community. For this reason, the city will move into the new fiscal year with three P's in mind: preservation, preparation, and planning. These three P's will be instrumental in determining the future of Belle Meade.

PRESERVATION—A top priority for Belle Meade is to preserve and enhance:

- the city's estate-like charm, its mature landscape, and open greenspace.
- the safety and security of 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.
- the financial stability of city operations and its infrastructure.
- the city's services such as back-door garbage pick-up, brush and chipper service, and the extra dumpsters at city hall.

PREPARATION AND PLANNING—Preserving the beauty and quality of Belle Meade requires preparation through positioning and decision-making and planning through development of clearly defined strategies. Some of the steps Belle Meade has taken and will continue to develop are as follows:

- **Maintaining Beauty and Charm**
 - o At the beginning of last fiscal year, the city applied for a grant through the State Department of Agriculture to enhance the look of the Page Road lot near the entrance of Percy Warner Park. This year, the city hopes to be awarded another grant to replace trees at the pocket park located on Deer Park.
 - o Active involvement of the newly revamped Beautification Committee will push forward efforts to become a qualifying *Tree City USA* along with bringing forth new ideas and projects. Have ideas? Want to volunteer on this committee? Let us know!
- **Increasing Safety and Security**
 - o The city-wide **Video Surveillance System** is in its final installation stages. This pain-staking project has taken dedication and perseverance from the elected officials, staff, contractors, and residents alike.
 - o Construction of **sidewalks on Harding Place** is well under way and is already being put to good use by residents, providing a safe walking path on one of the city's busiest streets.

- o **Traffic calming** efforts will continue throughout the city using devices such as fixed delineators, installation of crosswalks, increasing police monitoring, and the continuous conducting of traffic counts and speed awareness campaigns with the use of portable speed signs.

- **Ensuring Financial Stability and Delivering Quality Service**

- o Belle Meade will continue to operate conservatively to ensure the financial health of the city while striving to maintain a quality level of service residents have come to expect. The Hall Income Tax phase out continues to reduce the operating revenue for the city. The recent reformation of the **Budget & Finance Committee** provides a crucial tool to further the development and implementation of the city's plan to cope with the loss of the Hall Income Tax revenue. The committee will review the annual budget and audit and will make recommendations to the elected officials on financial matters, policies, and tax rates as needed.

Last fiscal year began many new and exciting projects and plans key to the future of Belle Meade. This fiscal year promises to continue these efforts and further build on the accomplishments.

FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET

The City's budget is a legally binding plan on how it will spend money over the next year. The budget process is a year-round ongoing process that includes planning and discussion by staff, the Board of Commissioners, and the Budget & Finance Committee. At this time, there is no planned property tax increase for the fiscal year. However, upon receipt of the Hall Income Tax in mid-July, the Board of Commissioners will assess if an increase is warranted.

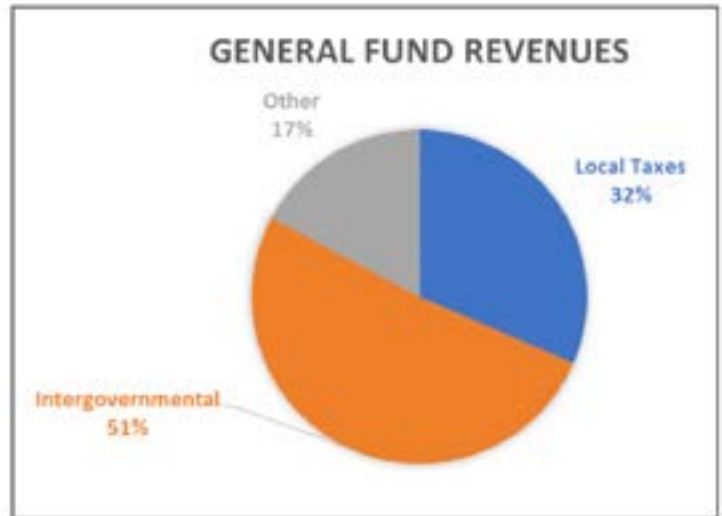
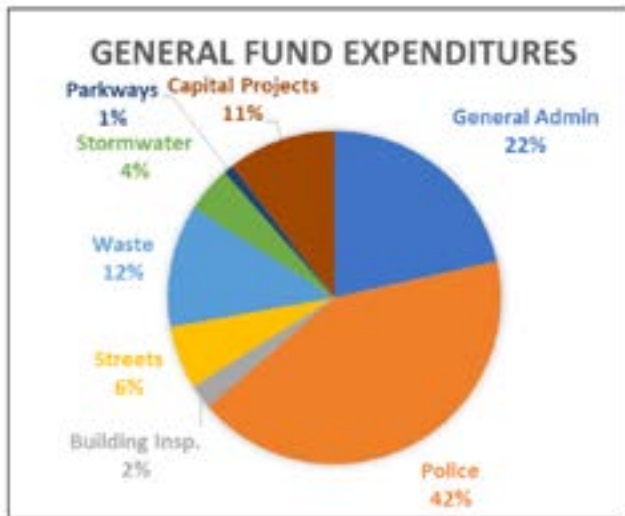
Last year the city embarked on a number of large capital improvements, most notably the city-wide video surveillance system, Harding Place sidewalk project, and a three-year, three phase Sewer Pressure Modeling project. This fiscal year will wrap up those projects and efforts will be focused on new improvements. Budgeted capital improvements include:

- Paving projects on Tyne Boulevard, West Tyne Drive, and Leake Avenue
- Replacement of Hillwood Bridge by TDOT (more information on the impact of this project will be sent out as soon as it becomes available)
- Stormwater projects on Belle Meade Boulevard, Lynwood, and Westview
- Enhancing security features to the dumpsters located at City Hall

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CITY OF BELLE MEADE ANNUAL BUDGET 2018-19

FUNCTIONS	GENERAL FUND	BEAUTIFICATION FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	STREET AID FUND	WASTE COLLECT FUND	SEWER UTILITY FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES							
General Admin.	809,635		15,750				
Police	1,585,357		5,700				
Building Insp.	90,837		1,000				
Streets	230,931		326,839	79,812			
Waste					448,080		
Sewer Utility			99,500			454,833	
Stormwater	168,460		45,844				
Parkways	36,000	76,720	10,000				
Transfers	843,213	10,000	(504,633)		(448,080)	99,500	
Total Exp:	3,764,433	86,720		79,812		554,333	4,485,298
REVENUES							
Local Taxes	1,313,298						
Permits	166,900						
Intergovernmental	2,139,292			101,920			
Fines	202,375						
Charges for Svcs.	162,300					480,000	
Other	183,094	300				75,900	
Contributions		57,500					
Total Revenue:	4,167,259	57,800		101,920		555,900	4,882,879
Net Change to Fund Balance:	402,826	(28,920)		22,108		1,567	397,581



As shown in the budget table above, the General Fund contains revenue and expenditures that relate to the majority of city services (see graph illustrations). The bulk of revenue still comes from the “Intergovernmental” category which includes the Hall tax, sales tax, mixed drink/beer taxes and gasoline taxes. “Local Taxes” include property taxes, personal property taxes, and public utilities property taxes.

Stormwater user fees are not a tax, and are included in the item “Charges for Services”. Over the next few years, the city will become more dependent on local taxes as the Hall Income Tax continues to phase out.

Please contact the Finance Director, Aspen Collins, if you have questions regarding the budget at 615-297-6041 or via email at acollins@citybellemeade.org.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



- Please use our House Check Services if you are going to be out of town. Complete a request on-line at www.citybellemeade.org under the police tab. Look for “house check service”. If you need assistance, please call the on-duty dispatcher, 615-297-0241 and they can assist you with signing up on-line or off-line.
- Always set your home alarm even if you are going to be away for a short period of time.
- Call in suspicious activity immediately to us when you see it. We can conduct a public records background check if you are hiring someone to work in your home a regular basis. Contact Detective Tom Sexton at tsexton@citybellemeade.org and he will be happy to assist you in these matters.
- Always Park Smart. Vehicle Burglaries are up all over the

- Mid-State. Three occurred recently at the entrance of Percy Warner Park.
- Scams continue to be a problem – don’t become a victim. Never give out information to anyone that contacts you unsolicited. To report a scam, contact Detective Tom Sexton at tsexton@citybellemeade.org or call dispatch at 615-297-0241 an officer will contact you.
 - Coyote sightings have been on the rise. Keep a close eye on small children and pets while they are outside. Scare coyotes away with a loud noise such as a car horn or a portable air horn. Do not leave pet food outside. If you have a compost bed, make sure it is covered. If Coyotes appear for more than three to four days, call the police department. We can have a wildlife expert check the area to make sure there are no dens present.

FRAUD & IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true . . . it is!
- Never give out personal information to solicitors over the phone
- Keep your purse / wallet in a secure place while working, shopping, etc.
- Shred credit applications and personal documents before throwing them away
- Do not place your social security number on checks, id, etc.
- Review your credit history at Equifax, Experian & TransUnion annually. Review bank statements and account activity often
- Beware of contractors & handymen requesting money prior to work completion. Check references & licensing
- Investigate charities prior to donating to them
- Mail bills from a blue U.S. mail drop box, not from home

PLAN AHEAD FOR ANY EMERGENCY

GIVE 9-1-1 THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO HELP YOU FAST.
SMART911 PROTECTS OVER
32 MILLION PEOPLE NATIONWIDE.



Sign Up for Smart 911 and add what you want responders to know in cast of an emergency.



If you ever call 9-1-1, the call taker can use your information to save valuable time when seconds count.



Emergency Responders can also leverage this information to help you faster and more efficiently.

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THREE CANDIDATES FOR VICE-MAYOR, METRO NASHVILLE



Sheri Weiner

Interim Vice-Mayor, President
Pro Tem and Presiding Officer,
District 22 Council Member

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Occupation

- Doctor of Audiology
- Vice President, Champion One

Family

- Two daughters - Alison Kirshner and Andrea Falik

Religious Affiliation

- Jewish

Education

- University of Georgia, BSEd, Communication Disorders
- University of Tennessee, MA, Audiology
- University of Florida, AuD, Audiology

Council Experience

- Budget and Finance Committee, Member
- Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee, Member
- Traffic, Parking and Transportation Committee, Member

Organizations

- President, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- President, Exchange Club of Bellevue
- President, Pine Forest Homeowners Association
- Chair, TN Licensing Board for Hearing Aid Dispensers
- Congregation Micah Choir



Jim Shulman

At Large Council Member

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Occupation

- Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability

Family

- Wife: Lori, Daughters: Audrey and Madeline

Education

- Vanderbilt University, BS, 1982
- Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1985

Council Experience

- Council Member, 25th District, 1999-2007
- Budget and Finance Committee, Vice Chair
- Rules, Confirmations, and Public Elections Committee, Member
- Public Works Committee, Member
- Codes, Fair and Farmer's Market Committee, Member

Organizations

- Safe Haven Family Shelter
- Renewal House
- Adventure Science Center
- Dismas House
- University School of Nashville
- Green Hills Rotary
- Leadership Nashville
- Green Hills Retired Teacher Apartments



Matt DelRossi
for Vice-Mayor

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Matt has had more than a passing interest in politics his whole life. Seeing an opportunity to become a public servant for his beloved city Matt has chosen to step up and run for Vice-Mayor of Davidson County. Matt

believes the citizens of Nashville deserve to be represented by a full 40 member council. Matt believes he can restore confidence in Metro Government in both the public and private sectors.

Communicate

I am Accessible. Anyone can reach me day or night. I can't bond anyone out, but judging the circumstances I'll see what I can do. My cellphone number, that I've had for over a decade, is right here 512-696-8090. If I'm elected I'm here for all the residents of Davidson County.

Collaborate

We can accomplish more through teamwork. My opponent Jim needs an ally for Affordable Housing, I hope he realizes we can do more together. Mayor Briley needs a partner for Transit. I know what his plan was missing.

Succeed

Both of my opponents will remain on the City Council. I am the only new face. I have fresh Ideas, I am dedicated, and I am deeply connected to the heart of Music City. Electing me could save the city another election. Which carry over and around a one million dollar budget.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The following items were considered at the June 20, 2018 meeting:

- Approved repair of Stone Wall at Harding Road & Clarendon Ave. for \$3,000.00
- Approved two change orders for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at 700 Belle Meade Blvd near Iroquois Ave. and 501-503 Lynwood Blvd. for \$16,205.50
- Approved reimbursement to Belle Meade Country Club for landscape repairs related to sidewalk construction for \$ 1,400.00
- Approved Change Order for the Harding Place Sidewalk Construction Contract in the amount of \$12,198.00
- Approved request to change from AT&T to Verizon Wireless as connectivity provider for the Video Surveillance System project.
- Approved the following appointments: Jeannette Whitson and Johnny Phipps as Alternates to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Chris Tardio and Karen Rich to Municipal Planning; reappointment of Jim Hastings to Municipal Planning.
- Approved increase of \$1,000/mo. to Waste & Recycle Collection Contract for increase in tipping fees at the transfer station.



- Approved (6) invoices from:
 - ◆ Civil & Environmental \$ 6,817.47
 - ◆ Commonwealth Chemical \$ 6,720.00
 - ◆ Smith Excavating \$35,500.00
 - ◆ The Parke Company \$10,065.00
 - ◆ Wascon, Inc. \$ 6,069.00
 - ◆ State of Tennessee—TDOT \$47,076.00
- Approved purchase of Keyless Door Access System for City Hall for \$ 9,578.00.
- Ordinance 2018-2 passed on second reading, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Ordinance 2018-3 passed on second reading, Fix Tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Ordinance 2018-4 was deferred for a committee to be appointed by the Mayor to Amend Certain Sections of Title 14 Chapter 2 of the Belle Meade Zoning Code to Clarify the Jurisdiction and Powers of the Board of Zoning.
- Resolution 2018-03 passed, amending budget items for fiscal year 2017-2018.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- **NEW Dumpster Regulations coming** – Over the next several weeks, upgrades will be made to the dumpster area behind city hall. Additional fencing will be installed to prevent people from throwing trash over the fence when the dumpsters are full and the gate is locked. A new access system will be put in place so that **ONLY** Belle Meade residents will be permitted to use this facility. The access system will connect by sound and video to the police dispatcher, who will verify your residency from your driver’s license before unlocking the gate. More details to come on this soon.
- **Brush & Chipper collection reminders:** Belle Meade provides this contracted service to all residents, for once-a-week pickup of bagged clippings and leaves, small limbs no larger than 3 in. diameter and 8 ft. long. This services does NOT include pickup and removal of large trees. That is the homeowner’s responsibility.
- **Annual Creek Debris Removal Maintenance Contract** is underway. This annual project is one of the Best Management Practices listed in the City’s Stormwater Permit with the State of Tennessee. Annual creek debris removal greatly reduces flash flooding on private properties. The contractor, J. R. & Associates, will be working at the following sites over the next several weeks.
 1. Bridge at Jackson Blvd. and Harding Rd.
 2. Richland Creek at The Temple driveway
 3. Leake Ave. to Belle Meade Plantation



4. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Belle Meade Blvd.
5. Richland Creek culvert under Chancery Lane
6. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Forsythe
7. Herbert Place to Chancery Lane
8. Chickering Road to Chickering Lane
9. Chickering Road to Herbert Place
10. Leake Ave. to Park Hill basin
11. Belle Meade Blvd. to Enquirer
12. Culvert under Belle Meade Blvd. to Iroquois Ave.
13. Shepard Pl. to Belle Meade Blvd.
14. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Lynnwood Blvd.
15. Deer Park/Pocket Park culvert

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JUNE 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cian
Mrs. Kay Haury
Mr. & Mrs. David McClellan
Ms. Diana Wilker

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Dr. & Mrs. David Bayer

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

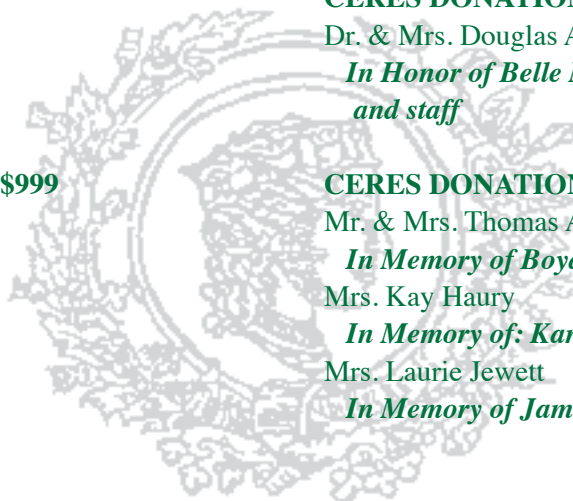
Mr. & Mrs. Kris Ahrend
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Andrews
Dr. & Mrs. Dale Batchelor
Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Cheadle
Mr. & Mrs. John Eakin

CERES DONATIONS IN HONOR OF:

Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Jr.
*In Honor of Belle Meade Commissioners
and staff*

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Andrews
In Memory of Boyd Bogle
Mrs. Kay Haury
In Memory of: Karl E. Haury, Sr.
Mrs. Laurie Jewett
In Memory of James “Regen” Jewett





EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

STATE PRIMARY & COUNTY GENERAL, OAK HILL MUNICIPAL THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018

Howard Office Building

700 2nd Avenue S, Nashville, TN 37210

Friday, July 13, 2018 - Saturday, July 28, 2018

FRIDAY, JULY 13	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 14	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, JULY 16	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 17	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN

Thursday, July 19, 2018 - Saturday July 28, 2018

THURSDAY, JULY 19	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 20	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 21	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, JULY 23	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 24	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 26	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 27	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 28	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Belle Meade City Hall	4705 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205
Bellevue Library	720 Baugh Road Nashville, TN 37221
Bordeaux Library	4000 Clarksville Pike, Nashville, TN 37218
Casa Azafrán Comm. Center	2195 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
Edmondson Pike Library	5501 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
Goodlettsville Comm. Center	200 Memorial Drive, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
Green Hills Library	3701 Benham Avenue, Nashville, TN 37215
Hermitage Library	3700 James Kay Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076
Madison Station Fifty Forward	301 Madison Street, Madison, TN 37115
Howard Office Building	700 2nd Avenue S, Nashville, TN 37210
Southeast Library	5260 Hickory Hollow Pkwy, Antioch, TN 37013

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2018

Due to Early voting, please check location of meetings on the website or call us!

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 21st at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 18th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, August 14th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 11th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 21st at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 18th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 15th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 19th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

- Annual Stormwater User Fee invoices will be mailed in August to all property owners.

- St. George's Church – Farmer's Market every Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 pm



- Trash collection – all trash must be bagged – no loose trash in cans. No more than (3) 32 gallon containers per residence per week. Call Franklin Disposal if you wish to have a second pickup day each week – 615-794-8964

- Drug Collection Box available in Police Dept. for disposal of expired medications.



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return service requested