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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2018

FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT – 2018 CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER

I am pleased to announce that five Belle Meade citizens have qualified to run for the three open seats for Commissioner.



Louise Bryan

4314 Iroquois Avenue

Rusty Moore

4422 E. Brookfield Avenue

Charlie Thornburg

229 Deer Park Drive

Bob Weigel

1108 Belle Meade Boulevard

Bob Zeglarski

621 Royal Oaks Place

It's great to see this much interest in serving the Belle Meade community! Of the three Commissioners whose term will expire, only one, Bob Weigel, will run for a second term. I would like to thank Blair Wilson for agreeing to serve for the remainder of Boyd Bogle's term and also give a BIG THANK YOU to Gray Thornburg for her TWELVE years of public service, four of which she served as Mayor.

Stay tuned for more information on the five candidates and possibly a public forum or Meet & Greet here at city hall. We will publish bios of the candidates in the October newsletter, prior to the Early Voting period.

NEW RULES FOR DUMPSTER USE

The City recently installed additional fencing and a new access gate to the dumpsters behind city hall in response to the continued overuse of this service. The dumpsters often fill up and overflow in less than 24 hours after emptying, and we are sure that they are being used at times by people who do not live and pay taxes in Belle Meade. There are also many items put in the dumpsters that are not allowed, even though the City has posted signs listing what is not acceptable to dump. The misuse and overuse of the dumpsters is resulting in extra costs and fines for the trash contractor, and ultimately, causing the City to incur extra expenses also.

To minimize these issues, the City is introducing some new rules for the use of the dumpsters. The access door to the dumpsters will remain locked at all times. Residents will now press the

call button on the intercom located at the access door and show a valid government issued ID. The dispatcher in the police department will be able to view your ID to verify that you are a Belle Meade resident before unlocking the door. If you regularly send someone else to the dumpsters, such as hired staff, you will need to call City Hall and give us the name of the person who works for you. We will maintain a list of these folks, and they will have to show their ID before being allowed access to the dumpsters.

The City has also installed extra video cameras in the area of the dumpsters, as a safety measure for City staff and for monitoring the use of the dumpsters.

Additional information about this will be sent out through email bulletins and Facebook and will be posted on the City website.

HILLWOOD BRIDGE COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING



An informational meeting will be conducted by officials from TDOT concerning the rehabilitation of the Hillwood Blvd. Bridge over CSX Railroad and Richland Creek on Thursday, September 20th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Belle Meade City Hall. Metro Council member Mina Johnson will present as well as staff from

Metro Nashville and Belle Meade.

The construction contract has been awarded to Bell & Associates Construction, LP, and they plan to begin work very shortly. The contractor would like to barricade access to Hillwood Blvd. as early as October 1st, and has established an aggressive construction schedule with a completion date of July 31, 2019. If you have questions or concerns about this project, please consider attending this meeting.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



On September 7, 2018, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) recognized agencies during the Law Enforcement Challenge ceremony at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. The Belle Meade Police Department won 3rd Place (11-25 officers category) in the state for our traffic safety program. The Belle Meade Police Department also received the Rookie of the Year award. This award is given to the agency that scored the highest among all first time competitors.



Sgt. Chuck Williams was honored by THSO Director Vic Donoho for his dedication to the Tennessee Highway Safety Office and was the recipient of the THSO Director's Award. This award recognizes outstanding efforts by partners of the THSO that exemplify exceptional performances of passion and dedication to saving lives.

Sgt. Chuck Williams

Sgt. Williams is the first Law Enforcement Officer in Tennessee to receive this award twice.

The Belle Meade Police Department was also awarded an in-car video system. The camera system is valued at \$4,000.

I am very proud of Sgt. Williams and Officer Samol for their efforts and representing the City of Belle Meade in an honorable way. CONGRATULATIONS to both officers!



Officer Keith Samol was honored by the THSO for his efforts in Child Passenger Safety. Officer Samol received the Middle Tennessee child passenger safety technician of the year. Officer Samol assisted more than 50 families with the installation of child restraint devices.

Officer Keith Samol

NES Customers Targeted By Scam Calls



NES is receiving reports of customers being targeted by scammers. The scam artists are using a recorded call to contact customers claiming they are past due on their bill and will be

disconnected from service if they do not make a payment. The recording sounds similar to NES' disconnection warning, causing customers to fall victim to the scam.

Targeted customers are usually asked to use a prepaid card and call a toll-free number to make a payment. NES is warning customers to be aware. We never ask customers to use a prepaid card for payment, and NES does not have a toll-free number.

GUIDELINES FOR DRAINING YOUR POOL OR SPA



You can help keep our creeks, streams and rivers clean by properly draining your swimming pool or spa.

DO NOT DRAIN THE WATER INTO THE SANITARY SEWER. You may drain the water onto grassy areas following these guidelines:

- ▶▶ De-chlorinate the water by allowing it to stand untreated for 7 to 10 days before you drain the pool/spa
- ▶▶ Drain the water directly onto the grass in your yard. Be a good neighbor – allow the water to only drain onto your property so that it does not cause erosion or flooding in your neighbor's yard.
- ▶▶ Drain the pool water slowly to allow it to be absorbed into the ground and to prevent erosion and ponding. Standing water can lead to mosquito problems in as little as 48 to 72 hours and may be a code violation.
- ▶▶ A saltwater swimming pool system uses pool salt to make

chlorine. The chemicals, chlorine and salt in pools can kill plants, wildlife, and aquatic animals such as fish and crayfish.

- ▶▶ Stormwater drainage systems (catch basins in the streets, ditches, etc.) drain rain water directly to creeks and streams.

It is illegal to drain your filter backwash water, saltwater or chlorinated pool water, or spa directly into the stormwater drainage system or a creek unless it is de-chlorinated. (CITY OF BELLE MEADE STORM WATER ORDINANCE – SECTION 8, ILLICIT DISCHARGES).

Questions concerning pool guidelines and saltwater pools should be directed to:

Larry Smith, Public Works Director (615) 297-6041
lsmith@citybellemeade.org

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the August 15, 2018 regular meeting:

- Approved purchase of three (3) tablets and accessories for Codes, Public Works and Sewer Departments for total cost of \$5,141.73.
- Approved the purchase of two (2) In- Car Video Systems from CDJR of Columbia for total cost of \$5,650.00. A grant from Tenn. Highway Safety will cover \$5,500 of the cost.
- Approved the installation of an Access Control Panel for the dumpster site for \$2,651.89.
- Approved the purchase and planting of three (3) trees for the pocket park at Deer Park Circle. The City received a grant award of \$1,180.00 from the State Dept. of Agriculture. The state will cover half, which is \$590, and the match amount plus any other costs will come from the Beautification Fund.
- Approved (10) invoices from:
 - o Hodgson & Douglas \$ 5,750.00
 - o J. R. & Assoc./ week 2 \$ 13,840.00
 - o J. R. & Assoc./ week 3 \$ 14,560.00
 - o J. R. & Assoc./ week 4 \$ 14,560.00
 - o J. R. & Assoc. \$ 12,436.00

- o Kraft CPA \$ 3,500.00
- o PRI Paving \$129,336.13
- o SkyCop Inc. \$102,439.55
- o Wascon, Inc. \$ 5,398.47
- o Wascon. Inc \$ 4,988.47
- Awarded the 2-year contract for City Hall Janitorial Services to Pro Image Janitorial for \$1,402.49 per month.
- 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 to Clarify the Jurisdiction and Powers of the Board of Zoning.
- Ordinance 2018-5 passed on first reading to clarify Restrictions for Minimum width of Side Yards.
- Approved Resolution 2018-04, Establishing Amounts of Fees to be charged by the City for Permit Applications and other fees.
- Approve Resolution 2018-05, Operations Policy for Public Safety Security System.
- Approved the purchase of a computer for the Dispatch office to view video from the Security System from Newegg Inc. for \$1,349.99.

**PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE
CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 2018-5**

The City of Belle Meade announces a public hearing will be held during the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on September 19, 2018 at City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville TN at 4:00 p.m. on the following: *Consideration of ORDINANCE 2018-5, "An Ordinance to Amend Section 14-204(1)(h)(i)(A) of the Belle Meade Zoning Code to Clarify Restrictions for Minimum Width of Side Yards."* **SECOND AND FINAL READING.** Public comments will be accepted at this public hearing. All parties wishing to speak on this issue should be present at the meeting or submit comments to the Office of the City Manager, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville TN or via email to breardon@citybellemeade.org on or before the public hearing date and time. A copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at City Hall during normal business hours, M-F, 8am to 4pm, or can be viewed online at www.citybellemeade.org.

To read Ordinance 2018-5, click **HERE**

<https://www.citybellemeade.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ORD-2018-5-Zoning-Min.width-of-Side-Yards-Passed-1st-reading.pdf>

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – AUGUST 2018

Dr. & Dr. Fernando Miranda

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018**

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 16th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, October 9th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 13th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, October 16th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 20th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 17th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 14th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

Hillwood Bridge Rehabilitation Project Community Meeting,
Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6pm, Belle Meade City Hall

PAST DUE

STORMWATER USER FEES

The City still has over 100 unpaid stormwater invoices. These were mailed in early August, with payment required in 30 days. If you have not paid, please do so promptly. If you are not sure if you paid your stormwater user fee this year, please call Charlotte Hunter at 297-6041.



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.

Please bag all trash & recycle. Loose items will not be picked up.

REMEMBER:

WHITE or BLACK BAGS = garbage

BLUE BAGS = recycle

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return service requested