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Cathy Altenbern • Rusty Moore • Beth Reardon, City Manager • Tim Eads, Chief of Police

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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE NOVEMBER 2018



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected Commissioners, Louise Bryan, Rusty Moore and re-elected Commissioner, Bob Weigel. The five-candidate race was excit-

ing and each candidate deserves our appreciation for the hard work and dedication to their City of Belle Meade, as well as their willingness to serve!

BELLE MEADE CITY COMMISSIONER ELECTION RESULTS

Candidate Name	Election Day	Absentee	Early	Total Votes	Percent
LOUISE BRYAN	189	41	1074	1304	28.55
RUSTY MOORE	189	43	1006	1238	27.11
BOB WEIGEL	131	31	748	910	19.93
CHARLES M. THORNBURG	105	26	704	835	18.28
ROBERT L. ZEGLARSKI	46	9	205	260	5.69
WRITE-IN	0	1	19	20	0.40



BELLE MEADE TO RECEIVE ROAD FUNDS FROM METRO

Nashville Metro Council, on November 6, approved a fifteen-year annual payment of approximately \$300,000 (two-year phase in and annually adjusted by the CPI), to the City of Belle Meade for road maintenance and associated infrastructure. An amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Nashville and Belle Meade, executed in 2013, this will pro-

vide for some services that were originally approved, but never implemented, in the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Charter of 1963. As a result, this annual payment helps to reduce the effect of the Tennessee Hall Tax phase out on our budget each year. The MOU amendment is on the Belle Meade website if you would like to read the full document.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-6, PROHIBITING SHORT TERM RENTAL UNITS

Legislation signed into law last spring by Governor Haslam outlined statewide short-term rental standards while protecting the property rights of Tennessee homeowners. At the same time, the bill preserves important local government authority and empowers municipalities to develop their own rules on short-term rentals.

Once a municipality does create regulations, short-term rentals that are already operating will be grandfathered in and allowed to continue doing business, as long as they can

provide documentation of having paid at least six months of sales taxes on the short-term rentals in the year before the rules are enacted.

Belle Meade's Ordinance defines a Short Term Rental Unit as "A residential dwelling that is rented wholly or partially for a fee for a period of less than thirty (30) continuous days."

If anyone has questions regarding this legislation, please call City Hall at 615-297-6041.

PERCY WARNER/PAGE ROAD LOT CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT



Metro Parks announced that construction on the Page Road parking lot at Percy Warner Park will begin November 5 with an expected completion in late winter 2019. The project will include a paved parking area, a path to the intersection, low stone walls and trees.

The project area has long been used as informal overflow parking near the Belle Meade Gates to Percy Warner Park. The

lack of improvements on this lot has resulted in mud and erosion issues, blocked cars and periods of closure. The project will result in a maintainable facility that can remain open during all weather conditions, protect the environment, offer an improved visitor experience and is compatible with adjacent residences.

Although the demand for parking at the Belle Meade Gates often exceeds availability, there is parking available elsewhere in the Warner Parks. During construction of the Page Road lot, visitors should try out these other points of access. They all offer direct connections to the trail and road network. Note that cars parked illegally at the Belle Meade Gates and elsewhere may be ticketed. Alternative parking is available at the following locations:

- Golf Clubhouse, 1221 Forest Park Drive
- Deep Well, 6921 Highway 100
- Chickering Road, 1651 Chickering Road
- Gaucho Road, 2628 Old Hickory Blvd.

WHAT'S THE USE?

From Investigator Tom Sexton

That is often the response when seemingly minor things happen and police reports are not filed. What's the use in filing a report? Well, this is what happens when Belle Meade residents take the time and effort to get involved and report unusual incidents – read on.

Recently we had a rash of mail that was either not being delivered or was stolen from the mailbox in front of some homes. Residents found that requests for duplicate credit cards were being sent to their homes, mail was being “stopped” and re-routed to another location and various other acts. Several Belle Meade residents immediately noticed the problem, notified the police and filed the required reports. What's the use? Is filing a report going to make a difference?

Due to the above, an investigation was initiated by the Belle Meade Police Department. Using information obtained by the quick actions of the Belle Meade Post Office staff, we developed a suspect. Our newly installed security camera system in Belle Meade verified that this suspect had been in Belle Meade each day that mail had been stolen. We also determined this suspect had been in other jurisdictions in Middle Tennessee recently.

This information was passed along during a meeting with other law enforcement agencies in the area. In less than four hours the Brentwood Police located and arrested one of the individuals in their city. Numerous fake drivers' licenses along with credit cards bearing other victims' names were found. Metro Nashville Fraud unit was contacted due to information obtained by Brentwood. In less than 3 hours ANOTHER arrest was made in Nashville. Metro Fraud seized a large number of fake ID's from at least nine other states! Each ID represent an additional victim. Victims that may or may not have known that their identity had been compromised. The Brentwood P.D. and Metro Police Fraud Unit did a phenomenal job in apprehending and collecting valuable evidence that will assist numerous other law enforcement agencies across the nation!

So, WHAT'S THE USE? All of the above happened because Belle Meade residents were willing to get involved, and file a police report. Without their efforts, numerous existing/new victims would still be suffering and their crimes going unsolved. The Belle Meade Police Department would like to say how proud they are to work for a town where residents that get involved in the security of their town is the norm, not the exception!



CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – OCTOBER 2018

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. William H. Cammack

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. James Spradley



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in the Police Department to all of you!

- Belle Meade Boulevard will be closed on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 22nd for the Boulevard Bolt. Partial lane closure will begin at 6:00 a.m. and the street will be completely closed by 6:40 a.m. The race begins at 7:00 a.m. and we are usually able to re-open the lanes for traffic by 10:30 a.m.
- Now is a good time to replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure your chimney has been inspected and is clean before building a fire. If you

have a fire extinguisher, check to see if the charge is full.

- Park Smart everywhere you go, including when you are at home. Locking your vehicle and removing or hiding any items of value is a proven deterrent to auto burglary. Stay alert to your surroundings while out shopping. Have your vehicle keys in your hand and ready to unlock your vehicle when you get to it. If you have a large amount of items, request assistance from the retailer with loading.
- Be prudent, not paranoid, and enjoy the Holidays.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **October 17, 2018 regular meeting:**

- Approved the low bid for the Brush & Chipper Service Contract from the Parke Company for \$12,700 monthly.
- Approved a one-year extension of the Street Sweeping Contract with Sweeping Corp. of America for \$1,562.88 (4% CPI increase).
- Approved a one-year extension of the Snow & Ice Removal Contract with Sammie Gibbs Construction at the same price through 10/31/2019.
- Approved the purchase of 140 Holiday Wreaths from the Boy Scouts of America Troup 6 for \$3,263.40.
- Approved (2) invoices from:
 - o Commonwealth Chemical \$21,560.00
 - o Kraft CPAs \$10,000.00
- Approved lowest estimate for Renovations to the Dispatch Office from Tommy Young, in the amount of \$9,200, including materials.
- Ordinance 2018-6 passed on second reading, Amending Title 14, Sections 201 and 202(3)(a) of the Zoning Code to Prohibit Short-Term Rental Units in Belle Meade.
- Approved Resolution 2018-07 to Amend Budget Appropriations for the FY 2018-2019.



- Approved Resolution 2018-08 to adopt a Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Program Policy.
- Approved Resolution 2018-09 to authorize participation in the TML Risk Management Pool's Property Conservation Matching Grant Program.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **October 22, 2018 special meeting:**

- Approved the appointment of Gray Thornburg to the Board of Building Code Appeals.
- Approved the draft Amendment to the MOU with Metro Nashville regarding street maintenance.
- Approved the removal of delineators on Jackson Boulevard per the residents' requests.
- Motion to hire part-time off-duty police officers for additional patrol and traffic control died for lack of a second.
- Approved the installation of temporary speed tables on Jackson Boulevard as per the Collier Engineering study for the duration of the Hillwood Bridge construction. Vote was *three to two, ayes prevailed*.
- Approved the First Tennessee Bank Resolution of Company for business credit card.

STORMWATER CORNER – Drainage System Maintenance

Natural stream channels are typically large enough to contain only the most frequent flooding events. Larger rain events which occur on the average of once every 2 to 5 years will most likely cause the streams to overflow their banks. For this reason, it is critical that the stream channels be kept clear of trash and yard debris. DO NOT DUMP TRASH, LEAVES, BRANCHES, CHRISTMAS TREES, PUMPKINS OR OTHER YARD WASTE INTO OR ADJACENT TO A STREAM OR DRAINAGE DITCH. These materials will be washed downstream during heavy rain events and will most likely be deposited in front of culverts and bridges, causing flooding of properties or roadways, endangering motorists.

The Public Works department staff has recently found sev-

eral landscaping companies blowing leaves and other yard waste into the creek beds and drainage ditches and required them to remove the debris. Please inform your landscaper that this is not acceptable. Belle Meade provides weekly curbside collection of normal amounts of brush and bagged leaves and clippings. If an excessive amount of yard waste is put out for collection, it may take several weeks for the contractor to pick everything up, as they can only spend 15-20 minutes at each household on their route.

Please contact Public Works Director Larry Smith if you have questions or need to report a blocked stream or drainage culvert. Phone 615-297-6041 or email

lsmith@citybellemeade.org.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019**

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, December 11th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 8th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 18th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 15th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, December 18th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 15th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, December 19th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 16th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holidays. In case of sewer, street, or other city emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241.



**BRUSH AND CHIPPER COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR
THANKSGIVING WEEK:**

Monday route – no change – pick-up on Monday, Nov. 19th
Wednesday route – pick up will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 20th
Friday route – pick up will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 21st

REMINDER - There are still about 25 residents who have not paid their Stormwater User Fees. These were due by August 31st. Please check your records, and if you have not paid, we would appreciate receiving your payment in person, by mail or online from the City website. THANK YOU.

**NOTICE – BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 4:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

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return service requested