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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE SEPTEMBER 2020

2020 CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER



Three Belle Meade citizens have qualified to run for the two open seats for Commissioner this year:

- Haley Dale
601 Enquirer
- Charley Thornburg
1212 Nichol Lane
- Jim Hunt (current Mayor)
716 Enquirer Ave.

Commissioner Cathy Altenbern has chosen not to run again after serving since 2008. The City greatly appreciates her

12 years of service, four of which she served as Vice-Mayor (2012-2016). THANK YOU, Cathy, for your years of dedication and thoughtful insight on the many matters brought before the Commissioners.

The October newsletter will feature bios of the 3 candidates, prior to the Early Voting period. Click [HERE](#) to view the Early Voting schedule. Please note, if you qualify to vote absentee, the Davidson County Election Commission must RECEIVE your completed form by October 27th. For absentee ballot information, click [HERE](#). To download the Absentee Ballot form, click [HERE](#).

BELLE MEADE LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Belle Meade Master Plan Selection Committee members (Louise Bryan, Vice-Mayor; Rusty Moore, Commissioner; Beth Reardon, City Manager; Lyle Patterson, Assistant City Manager/ Building Official; Jim Beckner, resident and Randy Gross, resident) have spent the last several months reviewing the Statement of Qualification (SOQ) submittals from three highly qualified consulting firms, Kimley-Horn, KCI Technologies, Inc. and Alta Planning and Design, Inc. The Committee conducted Zoom interviews with key team members from each firm and each Committee member completed detailed scoring sheets based on the written submittals, professional references, and the on-line interviews. The results showed that two firms, KCI and Kimley-Horn, were so graded so closely that the Committee decided to hold a socially distanced in-person meeting with the team leaders from

each firm. At the August Board of Commissioners meeting, the Committee recommended the firm of Kimley-Horn to work with the City to design its Master Plan. The Committee has already met with the Kimley-Horn team to create a scope outlining the process to develop the Master Plan. Key elements of the Plan include: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety; Branding and Beautification; Traffic Calming; Landscape & Drainage; Signage and Way-finding. A Steering Committee comprised of residents will work alongside the consultants, Commissioners and staff for the next 8 months or so to develop and finalize the plan. Public engagement is essential in this process, and although COVID-19 will present some challenges, the Kimley-Horn team has some innovative ideas on how to gather input from the residents. STAY TUNED for further updates on this exciting project!

From Lyle Patterson, Assistant City Manager & Building Official – Ordinance 2020-4

This ordinance pertains to the detached structures that are throughout the City of Belle Meade. These structures are outside of the building setbacks and were garages, and one-time small living quarters that were original to the home, perhaps as far back as the 1920's. These structures are considered non-conforming and currently cannot be improved for more than 50% of the structure's value or change their current use. Many of these are in disrepair and are not worth repairing due to the 50% constraints and having to get unlikely approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Many of these structures may have been converted from a garage to an office back in the 1970's and now the current homeowner would like to convert it back to a garage or vice versa. Recently a resident inquired about her non-conforming structure on her property and wanted to convert it to living quarters for health care assis-

tance in case of emergency. She expressed concern about someone living in her home. She has lived in Belle Meade for over 56 years and does not want to move out of the City. In the past, the BZA has frowned upon these scenarios and not allowed the current use to change. So basically, a resident is stuck with what they bought.

The office of Building & Zoning is not advocating new structures be built outside the building setbacks, and no enlargement of the existing footprint. Rather, just improving these structures for whatever dollar amount the homeowner would like to spend, along with changing their use.

This would greatly enhance the property, giving the residents what they want, increasing property values and thus increasing revenue for the City and keeping residents in Belle Meade. It's a win-win for all. Click [HERE](#) to read the Ordinance and proposed changes.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

At the beginning of the year, the City began an “Officer of the Quarter” program to recognize an officer or officers that went beyond the call of duty or delivered service above expectations. During the August Commissioners’ meeting we recognized the officers who received the award for the first two quarters of 2020 and what they did to earn the recognition.



Dee Howell

1st Quarter Award. MPO Dee Howell. On March 7th, 2020, a little after midnight, Officer Howell was on patrol on Leake Avenue when she began to smell smoke. It was a cold evening and at first, she thought it might be the remnants of a fire pit. After a few minutes riding in the general area the smoke began to smell different than just wood burning. It took on an acrid smell. She continued to patrol the area looking for the source. She was at the stop sign on Leake Ave when she saw a bright orange glow coming from behind a house. She determined there was a fire on the backside of the house at 404 Leake. Nashville Fire was notified, and Officer Howell banged on the front door loudly. When there was no immediate answer, she went around back to check for other doors to knock on. When MPO Dale Corter arrived on the scene to help, the homeowner stepped out of the front door. Officer Howell assisted her while Officer Corter removed two vehicles from the garage.

Thanks to Officer Howell’s persistence to locate the source of the odd smelling smoke and quick actions, a tragic outcome to the fire was very likely prevented.



Cpl. Keith Samol



David Wright

2nd Quarter Award. On June 5th, 2020, MPO Keith Samol heard Metro dispatch Fire and EMS to 1212 Nichol Lane for an unresponsive patient. Upon arrival, MPO Samol and MPO David Wright saw an adult male lying in the yard and another person performing CPR on him. MPO Wright took over CPR and administered one dose of Narcan. The patient’s color began to return but he was still unresponsive, so MPO Samol administered a 2nd dose of Narcan, at which point the patient began to breath on his own. EMS arrived and administered oxygen to the patient before transporting him to the hospital. He began talking while he was being loaded on the ambulance, and later fully recovered.

There is no denying that the quick response of MPOs Samol and Wright saved this man’s life. Their cool and calm response in this near tragic event deserves recognition.

We are proud of these officers actions and dedication to their profession. There is a plaque in the lobby of City Hall with these fine Officer’s names displayed for all to see.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the meeting on August 19, 2020:

- Approved the Selection Committee’s recommendation of Kimley-Horn as the consultant to assist the City in the preparation of a Master Plan
- Approved the purchase of (6) thermal imaging night-vision cameras for police cars from the sole-source provider, M S. Martin Enterprises Inc., for a total of \$17,970.00
- Approved the request to purchase a “911” chair for the Police Dispatch Office, in the amount of \$1,469.00.
- Approved the re-appointment of BZA member Gloria Sternberg through June 2023
- Approved the re-appointments of BZA Alternate members Charlie Atwood and Mal Wall through June 2023
 - Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - J.R. & Associates (week 2) \$15,080.00
 - J.R. & Associates (week 3) \$14,940.00
 - J.R. & Associates (week 4) \$14,703.00
 - J.R. & Associates (week 5) \$15,080.00
 - J.R. & Associates (week 6) \$14,552.00
 - Martin & Zerfoss \$ 4,000.00



- Public Entity Partners \$17,243.00
- Public Entity Partners \$30,509.22
- Public Entity Partners \$12,702.00
- TN Dept. of Transportation \$ 5,817.65
- Wascon \$ 6,122.40
- Approved the lowest proposal for the sealing and striping of the City Hall parking lot from Kerr Brothers & Associates, in the amount of \$3,962.00
- Approved the purchase of (3) LED outdoor light fixtures from Border States Electric in the amount of \$2,013.00. These will replace the existing standard light fixtures in the City Hall parking lot
- Approved the purchase of LED lighting to replace fluorescent lighting in the Public Works garage in the amount of \$599.96
- Approved Ordinance 2020-4, on first reading, Amending Section 14-210(6) and Appendix F of the Belle Meade Zoning Code to Modify Certain Provisions Concerning Reconstruction of Non-Conforming Structures and Change Legal Use
- Approved Resolution 2020-07, Establishing Amounts of Fees to be Charged by the City for Traffic School and Fees related to Historic Zoning Commission Appeals and Permits

PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing meeting will be held during the regular City of Belle Meade Board of Commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via the online platform ZOOM for consideration of the following proposed Ordinance, with caption as follows:

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 2020-4, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 14-202 (1)(b)(ii), Section 14-206 (3)(c) (iii)(A) AND (C), SECTION 14-210 (6) AND APPENDIX F OF THE BELLE MEADE ZONING CODE TO MODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING CHANGE OF LEGAL ACCESSORY USE AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES". SECOND AND FINAL READING

Public comments will be accepted at this public hearing. Parties wishing to speak on these issues shall be present at the meeting via ZOOM (The link to access the meeting via ZOOM is posted on the City website homepage.), or submit comments to the Office of the City Manager, 4705 Harding Rd, Nashville TN or via email to breardon@citybellemeade.org on or before the public hearing date and time. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection at City Hall during normal business hours, M-F, 8am to 4pm, or online at www.citybellemeade.org.

**From Thom Druffel,
Your District 23 Metro Council Member
WATER RATES**

I've had several calls about the increase in water rates. You may remember that last fall there was a discussion and decision to raise water and sewer rates to pay for necessary upgrades and repairs. More than 65% of our water pipes and 58% of our sewer pipes are over 40 years old. The last rate increase was in 2011 and Metro has had some of the lowest water rates in the country. The aged condition of our systems requires Metro to invest \$1.5 billion in the sewer system to meet the demands of the U.S. Department of Justice, EPA and Clean Water Nashville. A rate increase is needed now to pay for these long overdue repairs and upgrades. The tiered rate structure is cost of service based and encourages wise water use and conservation. The majority of residential customers will see an increase of \$9 or less. Less than 20% of residential customers will see an increase over \$15. If you feel your bill is higher than it should be, given this information, you can contact Lisa Russell at lisa.russell@nashville.gov. As always, if you still do not get the information you need, please let me know – Thom.Druffel@nashville.gov; office 615-432-1323



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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.
- Draining saltwater onto grass and landscape can damage plants and soil.

It is illegal in Davidson County 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- High levels of chlorine in pool water can kill wildlife, fish, crayfish and other aquatic animals.
- A saltwater swimming pool system uses pool salt to make chlorine. The chemicals and salt in saltwater 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.

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP OUR CREEKS, STREAMS AND RIVERS CLEAN! REMEMBER:

- Drain only de-chlorinated water onto grassy areas. Drain the water slowly.
- And NEVER drain pool and spa water directly into street drains or drainage ditches – they lead directly to our creeks, streams and rivers.

Questions concerning pool guidelines and saltwater pools should be directed to 615-297-6041

Larry Smith, lsmith@citybellemeade.org or Nathan McVay, nmcvay@citybellemeade.org



2020 STREET RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

The following streets are scheduled to be milled and paved this fall by Jones Brothers Contractors LLC:

- Chancery Lane, (North and South)

- Honeywood Drive
- Lynwood Boulevard (east of Lynwood Terrace)

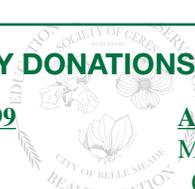
The work includes raising the castings and manhole covers, milling and removal of existing asphalt, adding the new layer of pave-

ment and thermo-plastic striping. A specific start date has not been determined, but we anticipate the work to be completed within 60 days. During the milling and paving phase, these streets will be accessible to homeowners and necessary traffic only. Letters will be mailed to all affected homeowners prior to the start date. Questions? Contact Larry Smith, lsmith@citybellemeade.org or Nathan McVay, nmcvay@citybellemeade.org. 615-297-6041

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – AUGUST 2020

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Casetty
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AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Smith
(In Memory of Mr. Herman Cain)



Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2020

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 21st at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 18th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, October 13th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 10th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, October 13th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 20th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, October 20th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 17th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

REMINDERS:

STORMWATER USER FEE INVOICES WERE MAILED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND PAYMENT IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15TH. If you have not paid this fee, please do so promptly. The City accepts payment by check or online at <https://citybellemeade.org/pay-online/>. Questions? Call Edie Glaser, City Recorder, at 615-297-6041 or email to eglaser@citybellemeade.org.



YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS:



Fire Departments. Schools. Roads and highways. The census shapes many different aspects of your community.



Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.



Results determine how many seats in Congress each states gets.

SUBMIT YOUR CENSUS INFORMATION by Sept. 30th:
<https://2020census.gov/en.html>

DRUG COLLECTION BOX – available 24/7 in the Police Dept. for the safe disposal of unused or expired medication.



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