

JAMES V. HUNT. (JIM)

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Jim Hunt has served as a Commissioner of the City of Belle Meade since 2008 and as its Mayor since 2012. He attended Battle Ground Academy and Vanderbilt University. He and his wife Sally Beasley Hunt, formerly of Franklin have been married for 56 years. Jim is a retired Captain in the US Navy. He has two sons, Jim Jr. and Allan. Jim Jr lives in Belle Meade with his wife, Betsy and their three children. Allan, lives in Oak Hill.

Jim retired in 2011 after selling the business he founded in 1981 to Jim Hunt, Jr. Jim Jr. working in the company since 1995, purchased control of that business, Benefit Communications Inc. During his active years in business, Jim earned numerous insurance awards: Local, State and National, including election to the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame. In his earlier years, Jim served on multiple boards and held numerous leadership positions in community, civic and business organizations, including presidency of The Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce, a co-founder and President of Buddies of Nashville (now Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America) and President of the American Cancer Society of Davidson County, Jim was a participant in the initial year of Leadership Nashville in 1976 and is an active member of its Alumni Association.

Jim's passion for the past 25 years has been the Nashville Zoo. He served as chairman of the Zoo's Board of Directors for eight years from 2000-2006 and 2010-2013 and currently serves on the Zoo's advisory board and the Construction Committee. Jim and his family funded two major exhibits, Lorikeet Landing and Kangaroo Kick-About. In addition, the family helped in providing funds for the new veterinarian hospital, completed in 2019.

Jim has also served as president of The Downtown Exchange Club in 2007-2008 (now Economic Club of Nashville). He currently serves on the Advisory Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee and a Board Member of the Belle Meade Plantation, Operation Stand Down Tennessee and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. At Cheekwood, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 2018-2020

Jim enjoys his role as Commissioner and Mayor of the City of Belle Meade and is committed to continue the time and effort to assure Belle Meade maintains its character and independence.

Jim and Sally are communicants at The Cathedral of the Incarnation Catholic Church. Jim, Sally and Bear, their cherished cockapoo, live on Enquirer Ave.