

CITY OF

Belle Meade

TENNESSEE



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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE NOVEMBER 2020



Happy Thanksgiving



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected Commissioner, Haley Dale, and re-elected Commissioner, Jim Hunt. Each of the three candidates who ran for office deserve our appreciation for their effort and dedication to their City, as well as their willingness to serve!

The new Commissioners will be sworn into office at the beginning of the monthly Board meeting on November 18th, after which the five Commissioners will elect a Mayor and Vice-Mayor to serve for the next two years.

Candidate Name	Election Day	Absentee	Early	Total Votes
HALEY DALE	120	162	909	1191
JAMES V.HUNT	130	233	1091	1454
CHARLES M. THORNBURG	102	153	777	1032
WRITE-IN	3	11	29	43

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES



Chief Tim Eads

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Chief Tim Eads will be leaving Belle Meade at the end of the month after being elected as the new Sheriff of Dickson County. A native of Dickson, Tim worked for many years in the Sheriff's office, rising to the level of Chief Deputy. In 2006, he was hired as Chief of the Belle Meade Police Department and has served the City well for 14 years. Tim ensured that the police department always

maintained a high level of professional service to the residents, making certain that he and the officers were always accessible to assist them and answer any of their questions. His most notable achievements during his tenure here were the installation of the video security camera system and obtaining professional accreditation of the department from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program.

Tim is a beloved friend of the staff at city hall, a great cook and grill master, and the best Santa Claus ever at our annual holiday luncheon. We will miss him very much but wish him all the best in his new role as Sheriff.

BELLE MEADE TOGETHER – MASTER PLAN UPDATE



Currently we are still in the information gathering and listening phase. We ask all residents to communicate their suggestions for walkability, traffic calming, beautification, landscaping, public spaces, stormwater and other issues and opportunities that are important to them.

Thank you to all the many residents who have already put comments on the map located on the **Belle Meade Together** website and others who stopped by the table outside city

hall on Election Day to give their input. If you missed the virtual Town Hall meeting on October 29th, you can watch it on YouTube. Links to the comments map and the Town Hall video are on the [Belle Meade Together website](#).

In a few weeks the comments phase will close and the consultants from Kimley-Horn, city staff and the Steering Committee members will spend the winter months on Plan development, with presentation of a draft Plan to the public in early spring. Stay involved and stay tuned for further updates!

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:

“Officer of the Quarter” – Third Qtr. 2020



Sgt. Mack Mangrum

On September 19th, 2020, at around 10:30 PM, Sgt. Mack Mangrum was on routine patrol in the area of Hard-ing Road near Jackson Blvd. Sgt. Mangrum observed a male adult come out of the woods, cross Hard-ing Rd, and walk towards the train tracks. Sgt. Mangrum approached the man and checked his well-being. Im-mediately, Sgt. Mangrum could tell

the suspect was nervous and not acting normal. He con-tinued to talk to the suspect while also checking him for warrants. Dispatch confirmed that the man was wanted for criminal homicide by the Metro Police Department. Thanks to Mack’s attention to detail, a person wanted for murder was apprehended. We would like to congratu-late Mack for being selected for Officer of the Quarter. Sgt. Mangrum has been serving the City of Belle Meade since 2002.



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING



The Commissioners took action on the follow-ing items at the meeting on Oct. 21, 2020:

- Approved request to declare two 2010 police vehicles as sur-plus property to be sold
- Approved request to purchase two 2020 Ford Intercep-tor police vehicles from state contract approved vendor for \$33,397.00 each
- Approved request to purchase lighting and emergency equip-ment for two 2020 police vehicles from CDJR of Columbia for a total of \$8,341.00, the lowest of 3 estimates obtained.
- Appointed Charley Thornburg to the Board of Building Code Appeals for a 3-year term

• Approved the following invoices over \$5,000.00:	
o Commonwealth Chemical Inc.	\$24,360.00
o Belle Meade Country Club (prop. tax refund)	\$ 7,436.54
o Kraft CPAs	\$10,000.00
o Landscape Services, Inc.	\$ 9,668.00
o Local Government Corp.	\$ 7,128.49
o MSM Public Safety	\$17,970.00
o Motorola Communications America	\$ 5,094.00
o Planet Technologies	\$ 5,216.64



This year, due to Covid-19, the 27th annual Boulevard Bolt will be a virtual race that can be run or walked at your own pace from any location between November 23 - 26. Once you have completed your race, just submit your results on the Boulevard Bolt website by midnight, November 26th.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the 2020 Boulevard Bolt by November 25th.

Belle Meade Newsletter

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – “ASK A GARDENER”

Dear Magnolia Grandiflora,

My yard has never looked better this year despite the cold snap we had in early spring. As an eager gardener with a moderately green thumb, I know when to fertilize my lawn and flower beds. But, I am curious about the trees we planted three years ago. Should we fertilize and prune? If so, when should this happen?

Sappily,
Tree Lover on Tyne



Dear Tree Lover,

Taking care of your trees will pay you many dividends of shade and fall color for years to come. Fall marks the start of the dormancy period for trees and shrubs, as they begin to conserve energy to survive winter. This is exactly when you need to focus on their care by fertilizing established trees and planting new ones. Did you know that Belle Meade is home to many great champion trees of massive size? These beauties have grown so big, because they are well tended or grow in an area that has been undisturbed for hundreds of years. How many large trees can you spot in the woodlands of Percy and Edwin Warner Parks compared to the street where you live? These grand dames are the stars of the fall color show with fiery red and orange leaves and acorns tumbling down in our neighborhoods. To help ensure Belle Meade's beautiful tree canopy remains strong and vibrant, you will need to make sure your trees have the proper nutrients and pruning.

First, let's talk about fertilizer. What is the bane of many a tidy lawn is actually food for trees: leaves. Leaf, twig, and bark debris removal from around the base of a tree depletes it of necessary nutrients otherwise found in woodland settings. Additionally, a nice, lush grassy lawn competes with the trees for food. Let's face it - we would all like to win a 'Yard of the Month' contest with neat-as-pin landscapes. So, if you want to rake your leaves or your tree is not looking vibrant or like its old self, now is the best time to consider fertilizer. Newly-planted trees have a different set of care guidelines which does not include fertilizing their first year. Choosing the right fertilizer depends on the species of tree and many other factors. Consult with your locally-owned garden supply center or click this link to find out more from the UT Ag Extension office: [Fertilizing Landscape Trees](#)

Second, you need pruning patience. Hold onto your loppers and pruners until late winter. Remember the adage about George Washington cutting down the cherry tree? This is an easy way to remember that it's best to prune your trees and shrubs in February around President's Day. Pruning allows for strong, healthy growth by removing dead limbs and branches and any diseased areas. Never, ever, ever, top a tree. If you are concerned about any structural issues of your tree and where to prune, consult with a board-certified arborist who has extensive training on the health and diseases of trees. If you are considering pruning yourself, click this link to learn more from the UT Ag Extension office.

[Best Management Practices for Pruning Landscape Trees, Shrubs and Ground Covers](#)

Happy tree hugging!
Magnolia Grandiflora



American Flags are on display in honor of Veterans Day, November 11th. Please consider renewing your sponsorship or becoming a new sponsor. Flags are replaced every 2-3 years.

City of Belle Meade American Flag Sponsorship

New sponsorship:

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Renewal sponsorship:

Special note (in honor or in memory of: (Name rank/rate, branch of service if member of armed forces)

Make checks payable to Ceres Society and mail or deliver to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, 37205 or pay [online](#). (\$50 or more per flag)

Sponsorships will run for one year. Flags are displayed the week prior to Memorial Day until week after Independence Day and also the week prior to and after Veterans Day.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – OCTOBER 2020

Mrs. Claire Drowota

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499
Mr. Peter Grimaldi

Mr. & Mrs. Jefferson Leeper
Mrs. Alice Mathews
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Phipps
Ms. Laura Katherine Wood

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999
Mr. & Mrs. Carter Dawson
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Wilson

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, December 16th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, December 8th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, January 12th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, December 8th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, December 15th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 19th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, December 15th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holidays. In case of sewer, street, or other city emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241.

Trash/Recycle and Brush/Chipper services will run on their normal pick-up days during the week.

PLEASE NOTE: The Trash/Recycle contractor, Franklin Disposal, will be closed for business on Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays. Therefore, we are asking those residents on the TUESDAY SCHEDULE to have their trash/recycle containers out on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST. The contractor will pick up as much of the Tuesday route as possible on Monday and come back to the City on Tuesday morning to finish.

Also, the dumpsters behind City Hall will be CLOSED on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25th and will reopen on Saturday, Dec. 26th.

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return service requested