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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2020

*The Commissioners and staff
send best wishes to all Belle
Meade residents for a safe and
joyous holiday season and
Happy New Year!*



“Can there be *improvement* without *change*?”

FROM MAYOR JIM HUNT:

Some residents are concerned that the newly formed long range master plan Steering Committee will be making recommendations that will somehow change what they love about living in Belle Meade. By its very nature, a master plan conjures up misconceived thoughts, even before the plan has been created or implemented.

Voices are heard saying “Leave everything alone” or “We don’t need this” to “Why spend the money?” Then ask yourself, “Are you aware that there is excess speeding on most every street coupled with ridiculous cut through traffic in Belle Meade that makes it risky to drive, walk or cycle?” “Are you concerned with your family’s safety with serious increases in crime in areas surrounding Belle Meade?”

Are you proud of the City in which you live? Most residents are very proud of our community but would like those traveling through to know when they enter and exit the City. Identifying the natural entrances to Belle Meade with landscaping and other beautification techniques would make it clear one had entered Belle Meade plus enhance our reputation.

These introspective discussions plus improved walkability, dual purpose crosswalks, neighborhood gathering spaces and additional video cameras are all positive considerations of long range planning. Yes, improvement by enhancement can be done without change to the things that make Belle Meade so livable, beautiful and a place all of us can be so proud to call HOME.

BELLE MEADE TOGETHER MASTER PLAN – WHERE ARE WE NOW?



Many thanks to all the Belle Meade residents who participated in the initial round of public engagement and comment. It has given our consultants, Kimley-Horn, an abundance of information to review and summarize. The listening sessions at Belle Meade Historic site last month were well attended

and provided useful feedback. By far, the comment map on the Belle Meade Together website was the most popular way for residents to express their feelings and wishes about the master plan. To date, we have received over 300 comments on the map and over 6,000 visits to the project website! As of December 1st, the public comment period is closed, as Kimley-Horn will be summarizing and sorting the comments to be presented at the Steering Committee meetings over the next several months. These meetings will be devoted to plan development, after which there will be a presentation to the public with the opportunity for gathering more comments.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – INTERIM CHIEF VINCE HIGGINS:



Walkers, Joggers, and Bicyclists Safety Alert



Please remember that reflective clothing or a vest is required when walking or jogging on Belle Meade Boulevard or any other streets in the City. Belle Meade Code section 15-123 states this is required during the period from ½ hour

before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise and at all times when vehicles are required to have their lights on. This is a huge safety concern and officers will be issuing warnings and/or citations to violators.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the meeting on November 18, 2020:

- Jim Hunt was nominated and elected by the Commissioners to be Mayor
- Rusty Moore was nominated and elected by the Commissioners to be Vice-Mayor
- Awarded the 2-year Street Maintenance Contract to Gibbs Brothers Construction.
- Awarded the 2-year Landscape Maintenance Contract to LSI, Inc.
- Approved the low estimate of \$2,800 from Slaughter Stone & Masonry for repairs to the stone wall on Harding Road near Jackson Blvd.
- Approved the proposal from Lu, Inc. for \$3,447.10 to repair the metal guardrail at the Hillwood Bridge near Harding Road.
- Approved the request to extend the Brush & Chipper contract with The Parke Company for one year at the same pricing levels.



- Approved the request to purchase five GETAC tablets for the Police dept. for \$18,233.05. This purchase is made through a cooperative purchasing agreement and will be refunded by a grant with the Tenn. Highway Safety Office.
- Approved the Statement of Qualifications from Thomason & Associates to conduct an architectural historic survey needed to complete the Conservation Overlay Design Guidelines for the Historic Zoning Commission. A grant from the Tenn. Historical Commission will cover 60% of the fee of \$24,000.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000
 - o Gibbs Brothers Construction \$ 9,689.29
 - o Wascon, Inc. \$ 6,295.50
 - o Wascon, Inc. \$ 6,071.26
 - o Kimley-Horn \$21,145.00
- Approved request to extend the Janitorial Services contract with ProImage Facility Services LLC at the same monthly price level.



CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Casey, the City's consulting civil engineer for all stormwater work. Steve recently received the 2020 Tennessee Stormwater Association's Lifetime Achievement Award for the time and energy he has devoted into making the Tennessee

Stormwater Association (TNSA) a success. A member for many years, he served on the TNSA board for four years and conducts stormwater training classes all across the state. Steve has worked with Belle Meade for almost two decades and has provided invaluable assistance with the design and implementation of the City's stormwater plan. We extend our heartfelt best wishes and congratulations to Steve.

Belle Meade Newsletter

TO: Belle Meade Residents

RE: Belle Meade Employee Fund



Our employees are one of the greatest assets of our City of Belle Meade. These employees do not receive bonuses of any kind except through the Employee Fund. This fund is managed as a separate account and was established to enable residents to acknowledge appreciation for the diligent and consistent work of our loyal personnel throughout the year. The fund purchases gift

certificates that are distributed equally among employees. The fund also sponsors events during the year in which all employees participate. Also, floral arrangements and fruit baskets are provided when there is a new baby, an illness or death in the family.

There isn't a better way to give a heartfelt "thank you" to each of the incredible employees of our city. Despite the issues that COVID has created, the employees have continued to provide city services without missing a beat. We hope you will participate in this holiday tradition that is so appreciated by our employees. You may donate online at <https://citybellemeade.org/pay-online/> or mail or deliver a check made out to "Employee Fund" to Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205. Thanks to you in advance, and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Jim Hunt
Mayor

Louise Bryan
Commissioner

Bob Weigel
Commissioner

Rusty Moore
Vice-Mayor

Haley Dale
Commissioner

FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE CHAIR, LAURA KATHERINE WOOD

We made it to December and have lived to tell the stories. Mercy, what a year! Yet I firmly believe that when we sit back and look at all the ups and downs, we will find that in the end, there were far more ups than downs. For instance, Belle Meade came together like never before and we saw neighbors helping neighbors in every way possible. Our Police department created Operation Blue Light to assist Belle Meade residents who needed food and medicine delivery. Bill assistance programs sprouted up for people in need. Yard signs expressing gratitude went up, voicing appreciation for healthcare and all essential workers. People all over the world rang bells, clanged pots and pans, and sang on their balconies to lift each other up. Homes became schools, parents became teachers and teachers became heroes.

Our City also celebrated each other and made progress despite the ongoing pandemic. We re-elected Jim Hunt as Commissioner and Mayor, elected Rusty Moore as Vice-Mayor

and welcomed Hayley Dale as a new Commissioner. We sadly said goodbye to Cathy Altenbern after 12 years of faithful service as a Commissioner. The Belle Meade Together long-term plan was launched with Kimley-Horn and former Vice-Mayor Louise Bryan at the rudder, and the Society of Ceres created a Legacy Plan to ensure the beauty and tranquility of Belle Meade for decades to come.

And now we have the opportunity to finish 2020 stronger than we started. At the end of each year, the City takes donations for its administrative staff, Public Works and Police departments. Our City staff work so hard throughout the year providing protection and service to all our residents 24 hours a day. What an amazing opportunity to say thank you to each one!

Thank you, Belle Meade, for showing us the strength and beauty of community, and thank you for your generosity in giving back to those who serve us so well. Happy Holidays and Welcome 2021!

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – NOVEMBER 2020

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Evans

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. M. Gavin Duke

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Kay Ballenger Haury
(In Memory of Karl E. Haury, Sr.)
Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Jones
(In Memory of Emma Roy)

AMERICAN FLAG SPONSORSHIP

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson
(In Memory of her father, Rufus Hagood Bethea Army Veteran, Korean War)

Bring Hope and Cheer to Your Community!

Register TODAY and join District 23's Holiday Lights for Hope. All residents in Metro Council District 23 are invited to participate and decorate. If you haven't already, break out those lights, glitter, and unleash that Holiday Spirit. If you have already decorated your house, all the better! When you finish decorating, take a pic

when the sun goes down, click the link below, register for Holiday Lights for Hope, and upload your picture.

[Register for Holiday Lights for Hope](#)



Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall
via ZOOM

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, January 12th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, January 19th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 16th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 16th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org



City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays. In case of sewer, street, or other city emergencies, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241.

PLEASE NOTE: The Trash/Recycle contractor, Franklin Disposal, will be closed for business on Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th. Therefore, we are asking those residents on the TUESDAY PICK UP 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**.

Brush and Chipper Holiday schedule – Monday & Wednesday routes will run as usual the week of Christmas and New Year's. Friday pick-up will be on Wednesday, December 23rd and Thursday, December 31st.

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return service requested