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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE OCTOBER 2022

MEET THE 2022 COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

The City will host a public **Candidate Forum on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.** Each candidate will have an opportunity to speak about their background and their expectations as a commissioner. An informal question and answer session will follow the candidate presentations. Early Voting in Nashville begins Wednesday, Oct. 19th and opens at Belle Meade City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

BELLE MEADE CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER (VOTE FOR THREE)



RUSTY MOORE

Rusty Moore is an incumbent Commissioner and is currently leading the Commission as Mayor. Through this leadership he has gained an even greater appreciation for the unique value of Belle Meade and has learned valuable insights into the workings of the city. His focus has been to preserve and improve the beauty, safety

and city services in our community. During the last four years he has supported the adoption of a tree ordinance to help protect our tree canopy and an historic zoning ordinance in effort to sustain the character of our city's residences. He has also supported the development of a long-term master plan and the implementation of storm water and traffic calming projects while continuing to balance a responsible budget to maintain valuable city services.

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CHARLEY THORNBURG

Charley Thornburg, married to Gray Oliver Thornburg and daughter Anne Gray Thornburg, graduate of Julia Green, Harpeth Hall, Sewanee and Belmont. I think we punched the education ticket for her! She is now gainfully employed as a NICU nurse.



I have spent most of my business career creating and managing multimillion-dollar budgets, which I feel give me the requisite experience to continue the financial stewardship that our past and current commissioners have accomplished. I also have a solid background in risk management, conflict resolution, home renovation and building management.

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LOUISE BRYAN

Louise Bryan, born in New Orleans, first arrived in Nashville as an undergraduate at Vanderbilt University. Pursuing a career in finance, Louise worked in Chicago, where she completed her MBA at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. In 2001, Louise and her husband John, a native of West Point, Mississippi, purchased Savannah Food Company,

a Tennessee-based food manufacturer, and soon after made Belle Meade their home.

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NEAL CLAYTON

"Life is good in Belle Meade; I just want to help make it better!"

Neal Clayton is a lifelong resident of Nashville, specifically Belle Meade. Neal appreciates the quality of life the City of Belle Meade offers to its citizens and he wants to make sure the growth of Belle Meade is conducted with prudent and careful diligence. As a Realtor for more than 40 years, he has been involved in hundreds of real estate transaction in Belle Meade and understands what people want in their community.



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Rusty and his family have been residents of the City of Belle Meade for over 30 years. He and his wife, Beth Enoch Moore, have two children, Roe and Ellie, and have recently welcomed Roe's wife, Kennedy, to the family. Rusty is a 1981 graduate of the University of Tennessee where he majored in Public Administration and was active in the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. After graduation, Rusty was appointed by the United States Senate to the position of Staff Assistant to Senator Jim Sasser in the senator's Washington D.C. office.

In 1985, Rusty received his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Tennessee College of Law and joined the firm of Stokes & Bartholomew, P.A. in Nashville. His practice focused in the area of commercial and real estate transactions. In 1992, Rusty and his colleagues formed Bankers Title & Escrow Corporation, a residential closing, title and insurance company for which Rusty continues to serve as president. Rusty is a frequent speaker for professional groups and organizations on issues related to residential real estate closings and title issues.

In our community, Rusty has been involved with various nonprofit and service organizations. He served eleven years as a volunteer instructor for the W.O. Smith Nashville Community Music School, served as president and a member of the Board of Directors for the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity and president, and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association Heart Gala. Rusty is an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he is an Elder. He has been an active member of the parent's associations for each of the Oak Hill School, Montgomery Bell Academy and the Harpeth Hall School, including leading the Harpeth Hall Fathers' Network. The entire Moore family is active with MyLifeSpeaks, a school and special needs orphanage located in Neplly, Haiti. In addition to closing real estate transactions, Rusty enjoys boating, skiing and assisting friends with home improvement.

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I have lived in Belle Meade since the late 80's and have experienced the explosive growth we all have seen in Nashville. During this time, we have built two homes and remodeled three, so we have firsthand knowledge of the challenges and benefits of our zoning and building codes.

This election is important for our nation and our city, I hope you will vote for me and support my candidacy this November.

Thank you, Charley Thornburg

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In 2021, Louise was named President of the Nashville Parks Foundation, the nonprofit partner to Metro Nashville's 178 parks and the 27 community centers. In this role, Louise creates partnerships across the public and private sectors to enhance parks, improve communities and create a more prosperous city.

Leveraging her background in finance and marketing, Louise would like to serve the residents as Commissioner for another term. For the past four years, Louise has helped to create a long-term vision for Belle Meade, which addresses the preservation of the neighborhood. Louise recognizes the impact that Nashville's growth has had on our peaceful community and has supported new measures to protect the character of Belle Meade including: a tree ordinance, the Historic Zoning Commission, select speed limit reductions, street specific stormwater investment and the continuation of community engagement in traffic calming, pedestrian safety and law enforcement. Resident input remains critical to the future of Belle Meade.

Given the opportunity to serve, Louise will pursue areas of opportunity while ensuring that the long-term viability of the City's budget remains stable.

Louise and John have three children and enjoy hiking the trails throughout the Warner Parks.

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Neal is married to Marguerite Huggins Clayton. They have two sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law and four amazing grandchildren.

Neal earned a degree in advertising and public relations from the University of Alabama. He jumped into real estate immediately and never looked back. He has been president of the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors, the president of the Tennessee Association of Realtors, and on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Realtors. He is owner of Engel & Völkers Nashville, a global real estate firm where his son, John, has taken over the presidency so Neal can devote his time to the City of Belle Meade.

Serving and giving back is the foundation that Neal lives by. He is the past vestry member of St. George's Episcopal Church, a past trustee of Curry Ingram school, past president of the Nashville Humane Association, and an alumnus of Leadership Nashville. He is a member of the Economic Club of Nashville and serves on the ECON Charity Board of Directors. In the aftermath of the Waverly flood, Neal and his firm organized a supply drive and donated a U-Haul truck load of supplies, tools, water and clothing to disaster victims.

Neal wants to listen, learn and serve the citizens of Belle Meade.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



On September 17th, the Belle Meade Police Department hosted a women's self-defense class at Saint George's Episcopal Church. We want to



thank everyone who attended, St. George's staff, and all the officers who assisted with teaching the class. Moving forward, we plan to offer this class each spring and fall.

This month our new Police Motorcycle hit the street. This unit will be used to target problem areas within the city where speeding, improper lane usage, and other violations are common. It will also be showcased at many of our community events.



I have received many calls and emails already about the effectiveness of the motorcycle. If you want the officer to conduct enforcement on your street, please email me at cwilliams@citybellemeade.org.



At the September 21st Board of Commissioners Meeting, Detective Tom Sexton received the David and Cindy Wilds Outstanding Service Award. Detective Sexton assisted Metro Police Department with tracking down a subject wanted for making threats to a business. The victim contacted me and said, "If it wasn't for his efforts, the individual involved in my situation might not have been located and taken in". Congratulations, Detective Tom Sexton!

COLORFUL FALL PLANTINGS FOR OCTOBER

By Jackie Bellar, Society of Ceres



Colorful leaves don't have to be the only foliage catching your attention this fall: The cooler weather also means it's the perfect time to install certain plants.

There are four plants that especially thrive in Tennessee and the Mid-South: pansies, violas, ornamental cabbage and flowering kale.

All of them will bring vibrant colors to your landscape and add life to your yard well into spring. Plus, they don't require much maintenance.

Here is our fall planting guide for Tennessee which explains how and why to install these fall plants in your outdoor space.

Add Pops of Fall Color

All of the plants will bring eye-catching colors to landscapes when nothing else is flowering, which is one of the main reasons Tennessee Gardeners choose them.

They can really brighten up the space, add curb appeal and create a focal point with non-stop blooms until spring.

Pansies and violas are available in a wide range of colors, including purple, red, white and pink. Their blooms can either be a solid color or have multi-colored faces, which consist of dark blotches in the center and then color around the outer edges of the petals. The plants are also edible.

Ornamental cabbage and kale also have edible leaves and provide a range of colors. Cabbage typically has large rosettes of flat leaves, and kale has ruffled leaves in tight rosettes. Leaf colors for these ornamental plants can be white, cream, pink, purple and red. When temperatures drop, the leaf color will darken.

How Much Space is Needed?



Violas and pansies won't grow too large, so they are ideal for a variety of spaces. They do well in plant beds, borders, hanging baskets and planters. They need to be planted 6 to 8 inches apart so they have room to grow.

While violas have smaller blooms than pansies, both plants grow to about the same size. You can expect them to reach about 8 to 10 inches in height and width.

Ornamental cabbage and kale are a little larger and will grow 12

to 18 inches tall. They are ideal for border fronts, edging, containers and large areas.

Fall Planting for Success

Before digging in, make sure you choose healthy plants — not just ones with a lot of blooms. With pansies and violas, look for stocky plants with dark green foliage. The best ones will have a few blooms, several buds and a good root base.

Once you choose healthy plants, find a place to install them. All of them prefer full sun areas, but if you have a shadier area, violas are the better choice between the two flowers.

Install them in rich, well-drained soil, and make sure you water them thoroughly and apply slow-release fertilizer once they are planted. They should be planted in the ground at the same level as they were in the package.

The plants won't need much maintenance beyond watering after they are established, but you should periodically check them during the winter. If it's been an especially tough winter, you may need to apply liquid fertilizer.

The flowers typically don't need to be deadheaded, but if they reach a point when they aren't blooming as regularly as you'd like, you can pinch off the seed caps.

They can tolerate the cold and don't need to be planted until October.

Bring Your Fall Landscape to Life



Fall is the perfect time to plant a variety of foliage, including pansies, violas, ornamental cabbage and flowering kale.

Just because the temperature is dropping outside doesn't mean you can enjoy your landscape. These winter-hardy plants will bring vibrant colors to your outdoor space when most everything else is dull or dormant.

Information from: Michael Hatcher & Associates Commercial Landscaping

Don't forget - We have soil sample boxes and instruction sheets available at city hall for residents to pick up. The UT Agricultural Extension Office will test and analyze the soil from your property for a small fee and mail you the results along with recommendations on improving your soil for the type of gardening you want to do.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the meeting on September 21, 2022:



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the September 21, 2022 meeting:

- Approved request to purchase a new LPR camera from SkyCop at the lowest estimated cost of \$5,239.00, to replace the unrepairable one at Harding Rd. and Jackson Blvd.
Approved the recommendation by City Attorney Berry to terminate the contract to re-write the Zoning Code and bring the project in-house using himself, the Codes Official, City Manager and representatives from each Board (HZA, MPC, BZA).
Approved the purchase of 140 Holiday wreaths for the lowest estimate from the Boy Scouts, Troop 6, West Meade, in the amount of \$4,480.00 (\$32.00 ea.). This is paid for from the Beautification Fund.
Approved the lowest estimate for the Meeting Room Audio/Video System package from Champion Data Systems in the amount of \$16,850, to include all equipment and installation. The annual support of \$3,000 will be pro-rated to cover the remaining months of this fiscal year.
Approved the following invoices:

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name and Amount. Includes entries for Civil & Environmental Consultants, J.R. & Associates, Kimley-Horn, Landscape Services, Inc., Omnigo Software, Planet Technologies, Wascon, Inc., and others.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

Please check website for meeting locations

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2022

OAK SOCIETY-\$1,000 or more
Mr. & Mrs. David Nosbusch

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY-\$500-\$999
Mr. & Mrs. W. Douglas McDowell

TULIP SOCIETY-\$250-\$499
Mr. & Mrs. James Harris
Mr. & Mrs. John Sifford

CERES SOCIETY – UNDER \$250
Mr. & Mrs. E. Dan Smith, II



REMINDERS:

2022 PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS were mailed on October 1st to all residences and are due on or before February 28, 2023. **NOTE:** the City does not mail tax statements to mortgage companies.

STORMWATER USER FEES WERE 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/faq/stormwater-user-fee-2/>

Questions on taxes or stormwater? Please contact Rusty Terry at City Hall, 615-297-6041 or rterry@citybellemeade.org.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Early Voting Schedule for October and November

Have a Safe and Fun Halloween!

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