

***Belle Meade Board of Commissioners
CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026***

***Four Candidates are running for three available seats; the successful candidates will serve
four-year terms of office from November 2026 – November 2030***



LOUISE BRYAN

A twenty year Belle Meade resident and community leader, Louise Bryan is committed to protecting the character of the City she and her family are proud to call home.

A native of New Orleans, Louise first came to Nashville as an undergraduate at Vanderbilt University. She went on to earn her MBA from Northwestern University while pursuing a career in finance. In 2001, Louise and her husband, John, a native of West Point, Mississippi, purchased Savannah Food Company, a

Tennessee-based food manufacturer, and later made Belle Meade their home.

Louise was elected to the Belle Meade Board of Commissioners in 2018 and was elected Vice Mayor by her fellow Commissioners. During her tenure, she has worked to help establish a long-term vision for Belle Meade, with a focus on preserving the community's distinctive character while maintaining the high-quality services residents expect.

Louise has supported initiatives including a tree ordinance, the formation of the Historic Zoning Commission, select speed-limit reductions, and continued opportunities for residents to provide input on traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and law enforcement.

Her commitment to community extends well beyond Belle Meade. Louise has served on the boards of Friends of Warner Parks, Blood Cancer United, the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt Parent Advisory Board, and the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Truxton Trust Corporation.

From 2021 through 2025, Louise served as President of the Nashville Parks Foundation, the nonprofit partner to Metro Nashville's 183 parks and 28 community centers. In that role, she helped advance philanthropic investment in Nashville's parks and public spaces.

Drawing on her background in finance, business, and community leadership, Louise is seeking another term as Belle Meade Commissioner. She believes the City can continue to provide excellent services while maintaining a fiscally conservative approach to budgeting and thoughtfully pursuing opportunities that benefit residents.

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



NEAL CLAYTON

Neal Clayton is a fourth-generation Belle Meade native, dedicated public servant, and elite real estate professional who has spent his life and career investing in the fabric of our community. First elected to the Belle Meade Commission four years ago, Neal's service is driven by a singular, deeply personal motivation: to preserve the safety, charm, and close-knit character of the neighborhood that shaped him, ensuring it remains extraordinary for generations to come.

With more than 44 years of experience as a premier Realtor and native resident, Neal brings an unmatched depth of local expertise to city governance. Having guided hundreds of real estate transactions within Belle Meade, he possesses a rare, firsthand understanding of what property owners value most. His professional leadership extends across local, state, and national levels, including past service as President of both the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors and the Tennessee Association of Realtors, as well as Director for the National Association of Realtors.

As your Commissioner, Neal's primary commitments to the citizens of Belle Meade focus on three distinct pillars:

- **Listening to Resident Priorities:** Ensuring neighborhood governance remains transparent, collaborative, and directly reflective of community feedback—such as protecting original streetscapes and municipal character.
- **Ensuring Fiscal Integrity:** Fiercely safeguarding the city's tax dollars and long-term financial health through responsible budgeting and strategic oversight.
- **Prioritizing Safety & Security:** Unwaveringly supporting Belle Meade's top-ranked police department with the resources necessary to keep our families and properties secure.

Neal's civic dedication extends into deep local philanthropy, including service as a past vestry member at St. George's Episcopal Church, past trustee of the Currey Ingram Academy, past president of the Nashville Humane Association, an alumnus of Leadership Nashville, and a board director for the Economic Club of Nashville (ECON) Charity.

Neal and his wife, Marguerite, are proud parents to two sons and two daughters-in-law, and the devoted grandparents of four.



RUSTY MOORE

Mayor Rusty Moore has been a Commissioner for the City of Belle Meade for 8 years and has served as Mayor for the last 5 years. During his term, the focus has been to preserve and improve the city's beauty, safety and city services. Mayor Moore and the Commission have adopted a conservation ordinance for Belle Meade Boulevard, advanced traffic calming and safety projects throughout the City, adopted a tree ordinance and established an historic zoning board. I believe the greatest strength I have brought to the city is a calming and collaborative approach to issues that have arisen. I am proud of the Belle Meade Boulevard Committee I promoted and the City's thorough response to the ice storm disaster. And, most importantly, we have continued to balance a responsible budget to maintain valuable city services. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve our community.

Rusty Moore and his family have been residents of the City of Belle Meade for 34 years. Rusty is a 1981 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Public Administration and was active in the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. After graduation, Rusty was appointed as staff assistant to United States Senator Jim Sasser in his Washington D.C. office. He received his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1985 and joined the firm of Stokes & Bartholomew, P.A. in Nashville. His practice focused in the area of real estate and commercial transactions. He is now president of Bankers Title & Escrow Corporation, a real estate closing and title insurance practice formed by Rusty and his colleagues in 1992. Rusty is a frequent speaker for professional groups on real estate closings and title issues.

Rusty Moore is active in our community, serving in leadership and volunteer roles for W.O. Smith Nashville Community Music School, Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity, American Heart Association Heart Gala and myLIFEspeaks in Nepal, Haiti. Rusty is an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he is an Elder. He has been an involved member of the parents' associations for the Oak Hill School, Montgomery Bell Academy and the Harpeth Hall School, including leading the Harpeth Hall Fathers' Network. In addition to closing real estate transactions, Rusty enjoys boating, skiing and assisting friends and family with home improvement projects.



GRAY OLIVER THORNBURG

Gray Thornburg was born and raised in Belle Meade and has been active in the city in her adult life. She and her husband, Charley, have built two houses and renovated two others in Belle Meade through the years. Their daughter, Anne Gray, lives in Austin, TX.

Gray graduated from Harpeth Hall and Vanderbilt. She worked at Lloyd's of London, Life and Casualty Insurance Company and Northwestern Mutual (Member, Million-Dollar Round Table), as well as Editor, The Orthodontic Directory of the World. She has been active in the community serving on various boards including The West End Home Foundation (Treasurer and President), The Junior League and The Senior Trust (distributing \$40 million to agencies throughout the state). She is a reserve Elder at First Presbyterian Church.

Gray is a former Commissioner and Mayor. She was instrumental in establishing a "rainy day fund" for the City and developing and implementing the LPR program.

Gray Thornburg brings institutional knowledge to the city. Safety throughout the city in various areas (driving, walking, personal and home safety) is important to her as well as using technology to increase the efficiency and safety of the city. She understands the system and its capabilities and how it can help the city meet the goals of its citizens.

In running for the Belle Meade Commission, Gray's overall objective is to make the city safer for all citizens. She continues to work for the greater good in the city as well as her personal life. Gray feels that using common sense in decision making allows multiple voices to be heard and results in a better outcome. She has the time, interest and experience needed.