

COMMISSIONERS: George W. Crook, *Mayor* • Thomas F. Corcoran, *Vice Mayor* • Julia F. Landstreet  
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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

December 2006

## Commissioner Election Results

The Metro Nashville/Davidson County Election Commission certified the results of the November 7, 2006 Belle Meade Commissioners election for the two candidates running unopposed for the two open Commission positions:

Tom Corcoran . . . . .1,437 votes  
Gray Oliver Thornburg . . . .1,319 votes

Both candidates will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. The public is invited to attend. Also at this meeting, the commissioners will elect one member to serve as mayor and one member to serve as vice-mayor, each for a two-year term.

## From the Zoning Department

The Commissioners recently approved some changes to the mandatory notification process for the monthly Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meetings. To satisfy legal notification requirements, the City always sent a copy of the proposed BZA agenda to the surrounding neighbors of each appellant indicating the meeting date and time and the nature of each appeal. Many neighbors did not know why they were receiving this notification and often ignored it. Now, along with a copy of the agenda, the City will send an informational letter that explains the process to voice support or opposition to the appeal and that construction plans for any of the appeal items can be reviewed at City Hall. In addition to the letter, the Commissioners gave approval for a sign to be visibly placed on each property that is on the BZA agenda for a variance or special exception. Please feel free to call the City Building Official, Terry Franklin, at 297-2364 if you have any questions about these new changes.

## New City Attorney and Judge Appointed

At their October 18, 2006 meeting, the Commissioners appointed Robert S. (Bob) Patterson of the firm Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry as the City Attorney. Bob and his family have made Belle Meade their home for over sixteen years and he looks forward to working closely with Commissioners, Board members, and City staff. William L. Brooks was appointed as the City Judge for a three-year term, beginning November 1, 2006. Judge Brooks previously served as the substitute judge under Richard Hart.

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### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR CITY OF BELLE MEADE DECEMBER 2006

Municipal Planning Commission  
Tuesday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Tuesday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, December 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available at: [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)

Note: City Hall offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas holidays.

Garbage pickup days will be as follows:  
Monday's and Tuesday's route will change to Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively

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### GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Goodwill Industries will once again have their truck at City Hall each month to accept donations of clothing, furniture, and other usable household items. On Saturday, December 16th, the truck will be in the City Hall parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS**

**September 20, October 18, and November 15, 2006**

### **SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING October 3, 2006**

#### **The Commissioners took action on the following items:**

- Approved pay request #3 from Nickell, Inc. for the Belle Meade Boulevard Paving Project, in the amount of \$64,795.17.
- Approved a proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., not to exceed \$9,950.00, for design and construction bid specifications for a chemical feed station at Park Hill near Carriage Hill.
- Approved changes to the "Public Notice" procedures for the monthly Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. (see related article).
- Awarded the contract for the Street Striping Project to Kerr Brothers & Associates, in the amount of \$89,661.00.
- Approved the extension of Belle Meade's Landscape Maintenance Contract with Landscape Services, Inc. for one year ending December 31, 2007, at the same annual cost of \$47,940.00.
- Awarded the contract for Belle Meade City Hall Landscape and Irrigation Project to Greathouse Landscaping, the lowest of five sealed bids received, in the amount of \$47,851.33. Subsequently, the Commissioners approved a change order request for this project in the amount of a \$598.32 reduction to the contract sum.
- Approved the appointments of Belle Meade City Attorney to Mr. Robert S. Patterson, 106 Westhampton Place and City Judge to Mr. William Brooks, 4406 Harding Place (see related article).
- Approved the purchase of Christmas Wreaths from Boy Scouts of America, Troop 6, the lowest of three bids received, in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- Approved the purchase of additional components for existing office furniture in City Hall, in the amount of \$2,184.87.
- Awarded the contract for the 2006-2008 Chipper Service, Brush and Leaf Collection Contract to the Parke Company, the lowest of three sealed bids received, in the amount of \$12,700.00 per month.
- Approved the extension of the Snow Removal Contract with Johnson Lawn & Landscape for one year ending October 31, 2007. All equipment and labor contract prices will remain the same.
- Reviewed a request from two residents to remove the small islands on Lynwood Boulevard near Millrace Lane and requested the City Manager to mail a letter to all residents in this area to determine support for the proposal.
- Approved the extension of the Street Sweeping Contract with Sweeping Corporation of America, Inc. for one year ending October 31, 2007 in the amount of \$1,795.84 per sweep of Belle Meade.
- Approved Change Order #6 to the Construction Contract for City Hall, in the amount of \$16,139.00, for site utility modifications and addition of bluestone at front entrance.
- Contracted with Myers Plumbing, Inc. for sewer line repairs near 424 Lynwood Boulevard, at a cost of \$1,950.00, the lowest of four estimates received.
- Approved a proposal from The Parent Company for fence screening around the dumpsters, generator and HVAC equipment in the amount of \$14,000.00, plus overhead and bond premium.
- Adopted Ordinance 2006-3, amending the Storm Water Regulations. Deferred, on second reading, Ordinance 2006-6, amending the Zoning Code.

## From Police the Department



### A Note From the New Chief of Police:

To the Citizens of Belle Meade: I would like to say that I am very happy and humbled to have been selected to serve as your Police Chief. I would also like to thank the Commissioners for giving me the opportunity to serve.

I am looking forward to working with everyone in this community and city government. I would like for the citizens to know that they have a wonderful group of people serving their community, from the Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager, and staff. Everyone here has gone the extra mile to help make my transition easy and comfortable. I have also had the opportunity to meet some of you at city hall and out in the neighborhoods. Thank you for being so warm and gracious!

I started my career in 1987 with the Dickson County Sheriff's Office and served in various capacities from Patrol Deputy to Chief Deputy during my twenty years of service. I hope to use this experience to better serve the citizens of Belle Meade and the surrounding communities. Belle Meade is my number one priority; therefore I encourage you to contact me about any concerns or ideas that you may have that will help the Police Department better serve you and the City.

Sincerely,  
Chief Tim Eads



Teddy Murphy



J.B. Killmon



Caroline Russell



Jon Carter

## New Additions to the Police Department

Due to several long-time officers taking early retirement this year, the Police Department found itself in need of four new officers. After an extensive recruitment process, the City hired these well-qualified POST certified officers: Teddy Murphy, J.B. Killmon (evening shift), Caroline Russell (day shift) and Jon Carter (midnight shift). Officer Murphy was previously employed by Dickson County, Officer Killmon served with the Celina P.D., Officer Russell graduated in April from the Academy, and Officer Carter came from Vanderbilt University P.D. Combined, they bring many years of experience to the Belle Meade department and an enthusiastic approach to their job, which is the safety and protection of Belle Meade citizens and their properties.

## From Public Works

**BRUSH** - As of December 1, the Parke Company, Inc. is the new contractor for the weekly brush, leaf removal and chipper service. They will work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to complete once-a-week pickup at each household in the City. Please continue the practice of putting all brush and bagged leaves at the street. The Parke Company comes to us with excellent recommendations and promises to uphold the tradition of excellent service we experienced with the previous contractor, Queens Tree Surgery. Please call George Bartlett at City Hall, 297-6041, if you have any questions or concerns about this service.

**RECYCLE** - We have been notified by the trash collection contractor, PDQ, that many residents are mixing trash or non-acceptable recyclable items with the recyclables in the blue

plastic bags. Once this happens, PDQ must treat the entire contents of the bag as trash and nothing goes into the recycle truck! Please do not use the blue bags for trash – the contractor supplies them to the residents for recycling purposes only.

**CONSTRUCTION PARKING** – Construction projects can be found on almost every street, and while they often result in beautiful enhancements to our City, property owners must be courteous to the neighborhood during the process. We have had numerous complaints from residents concerning construction workers parking their vehicles on the street and partially blocking lanes or reducing the visibility of motorists and pedestrians. If your property is undergoing construction, please notify the job superintendent that workers' vehicles must be parked off the street and on the property where the construction is located.



*A Child's Christmas at Belle Meade Plantation*

Become a part of the Jackson family as you take in various Christmas traditions from the 1880s at Belle Meade Plantation's annual holiday tours through December 31, 2006. Visitors will feel as though they have been invited to share in a Jackson family Christmas as they make their way through the house viewing many 1880s Christmas traditions.

In addition, visitors can enjoy "Toys and Trees", a special exhibit of themed Christmas trees and Victorian dollhouses on display in the Martin Education Building through December 16. At the end of the exhibit the trees will be donated and transported to area children's charities including Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Angel Heart Farm and the Ronald McDonald House.

Holiday tours run daily through December 31, 2006, except Christmas Day. Regular admission fees apply. The "Toys and Trees" exhibit is on display until December 16, 2006. Admission is included with a regular mansion tour ticket or can be purchased separately for \$5.00 per person for ages 6 and up.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



***HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CITY OF  
BELLE MEADE EMPLOYEES***

The staff at City Hall and the Police Department wishes everyone a joyous and safe holiday season. At this time of year, many residents wish to show their appreciation for services provided by City staff. All contributions received are put into the Employee Fund, which allows employees to benefit equally from these gifts.

*We are dedicated to serving you and your needs.  
Please do not hesitate to call on us!*

