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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JANUARY 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE:

A public hearing meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. for consideration of proposed Ordinance 2017-5, on second reading, with caption as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14-204 (1)(C) OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGE IN ELEVATION.

All meetings are held at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Rd., Nashville Tennessee 37205.
The public is invited to attend.

INNOVATIONS IN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

In mid-December, Mayor Hunt participated in a conference at Opryland attended by over 350 individuals representing state parks, national parks, cities, horticultural societies and vendors of invasive species management techniques and equipment.

Steve Manning, President of Invasive Plant Control of Nashville, coordinated and managed the event. We thank Steve for his commitment to this event and to WeedWrangle®. More about this later. Several Nashville entities were represented; Garden Club of America (Cayce McAlister), Cheekwood (Peter Grimaldi), Nashville's WeedWrangle® (Carter Dawson), Friends of Warner Parks (Elizabeth Lamar) and others.

Cayce McAlister opened the afternoon session on December 14th with a presentation "Organizing a WeedWrangle® in your State".

Mayor Hunt followed Cayce expanding on the Weed-

Wrangle® initiative with a presentation entitled "Invasive Species Management in an Affluent Urban Area". He noted that while the City of Belle Meade maintains its properties free of most invasive species, there are plenty of opportunities to educate and communicate the need for management to homeowners and other private residents of the city. Belle Meade Plantation, for example, could recruit volunteers to clear the invasive plants in the area bordering Richland Creek at Leake Ave and Harding Road. St. George's Episcopal and Immanuel Baptist Churches could recruit their members to eradicate honeysuckle, privet and other species on their properties. The Temple could clear their property along Richland Creek and compliment the Belle Meade Plantation's efforts. Once these initiatives are underway and publicized, the individual homeowner would be encouraged to do the same with their properties.

The day set aside for WeedWrangle® in Nashville is Saturday, March 3, 2018. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer to help eradicate the invasive species in Belle Meade, send an email to jhunt@citybellemeade.org and you will be contacted with suggestion on how you can help.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday. If you have to be out during snow and ice conditions, please remember these DRIVING TIPS:

- Allow extra time to reach your destination
- Leave plenty of room to allow for long stopping time or to avoid stalled vehicles
- Turn on your lights to increase visibility for yourself and other motorists (All types of weather)
- Do Not use Cruise Control
- Remember bridges and overpasses will typically freeze first
- Keep a blanket in your vehicle in case you become stranded
- If you begin to skid, remain calm, release the accelerator, carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go and apply pressure to the brakes if you have ABS. If you do not have ABS (anti-lock brakes) gently pump the brake pedal in attempt to keep the wheels from locking up. If your wheels are not rolling, you will not have control of your vehicle.

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR:

- Set your home alarm system any time you are away. Arm the exterior when you are home, especially at night when you are sleeping.
- Prepare an inventory of your valuables. Photograph and record the serial number of items that have them. This greatly increases the chances of recovery and prosecution should you have a theft, or if you have to file a claim for fire damage or theft.
- Park Smart by locking your vehicle and removing or placing items of value out of sight or in the trunk.
- Call in suspicious activity when you observe it - 615-297-0241.
- Be aware of scams that occur daily by phone, in person and internet. If you are concerned that something is a scam, please contact us. Before engaging the services of a new contractor, contact Detective Tom Sexton at tsexton@citybellemeade.org or call him at the police station. He can do a public background check to verify references.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLE MEADE STAFF MEMBERS:



The Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Tyler Parrish graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy on December 21st, 2017 as a Certified Police Officer. Officer Parrish joined the police department as a part-time dispatcher in October, 2013 and became a

full time dispatcher on January 1, 2016. He performed his duties very well and is good with people. When Officer Norm Shelton announced his retirement in the spring of 2017 Officer Parrish requested to be considered to replace Officer Shelton. Officer Parrish has a few more weeks of field training before being assigned to a permanent shift. He is looking forward to serving the residents of Belle Meade in his new capacity.

Congratulations to Finance Director Aspen Collins, who completed the requirements for the mandatory Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) certification from the State of Tennessee. This program usually takes two years to complete, but Aspen successfully tested out of several components to complete the program in less than one year.



The Municipal Finance Officer Certification and Education Act of 2007 (TCA 6-56-400 et al) (the Act) requires municipalities to have a chief financial officer, who is either a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO), or an individual who is exempt from the educational requirements leading to the CMFO designation, such as a CPA. CMFOs must complete state approved training each year to maintain their certification.



The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Audit of the City's finances has been approved by the Board of Commissioners and can be viewed on the website, www.citybellemeade.org. If you wish to review a paper copy, please call Finance Director Aspen Collins, 615-297-6041.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the December 20, 2017 regular meeting:

- Approved the low bid from ALT Masonry in the amount of \$1,500 for repairs to the stonework on the Forsythe bridge.
- Deferred action on amendments to Harding Place Sidewalk project (sidewalk extension and additional crosswalk)
- Deferred action on purchase of two security camera poles
- Approved the appointment of Mal Wall as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, 3-year term ending June 2020
- As a courtesy to Metro Parks, approved the construction plans for the Page Road Lot Parking lot
- Approved the Audit Report for fiscal year 2016-2017



- Approved the re-engagement of Kraft CPAs, LLC for fiscal year 2018 audit services
- Deferred for one month, Ordinance 2017-5, on second reading, Amend Zoning Code, Title 14-204 (1)(C), Change in elevation
- Approved Resolution 2017-012, Amending Ordinance 2017-3, Budget Appropriations
- Approved Resolution 2017-013, Authorizing a Change in Financial Institutions for Beautification and Employee Funds
- Motion to approve Resolution 2017-014, Recognizing January 21-27 as City of Belle Meade School Choice Week, failed, due to tie vote and one commissioner abstaining

STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City will be improving the stormwater infrastructure in the vicinity of Iroquois Avenue and Belle Meade Boulevard as budgeted for this fiscal year. The primary purpose of this project is to re-route stormwater flow to the right-of-way from where it currently crosses private property and flows under a house. The

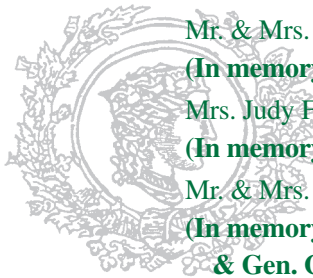
City's engineering consultant, Steve Casey of CEC, Inc., will perform the survey and design work and assist City staff with bid preparation. Construction is scheduled to begin late spring 2018. Please contact Public Works Director Larry Smith if you have any questions: 615-297-6041 or lsmith@citybellemeade.org.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – NOV. & DEC. 2017

Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
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(In memory of Capt. Martin E. Simmons, Army)
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(In memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee, CSA
& Gen. George S. Patton, USA)



The city hall staff wishes to thank all the residents who sent us Employee Fund donations and delicious treats over the holiday season. We truly appreciate your kindness! The Employee Fund provides opportunities throughout the year for employee functions and gifts and we are grateful for your generosity. It is a pleasure to work in Belle Meade and provide services to all of you! Please do not hesitate to call on us when you need assistance.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2018**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 20th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, March 13th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 10th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, March 20th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 21st at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18th at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

TRASH/RECYCLE REMINDERS:

- Remember to have all trash/recycle cans out by 7:00 a.m.
- Do not block access to the cans.
- Line your cans with 33 gallon bags. Loose trash will not be picked up.
- Trash missed? For quickest response, report all trash misses directly to City Hall by phone, 615-297-6041 or on website at

<https://www.citybellemeade.org/report-a-concern/>

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return service requested