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## NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE MAY 2018

### Wanted: Commissioner Candidates for November Election

While the November elections are 6 months away, qualifying your candidacy begins next week. Three of the five commissioners' terms will end in November, and we need candidates to run for the office of Belle Meade Commissioner. At least one, possibly two incumbents, will not be seeking re-election. WE NEED YOU!!!

#### WHAT IS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS?

The City of Belle Meade is chartered as a City Manager-Commissioner form of government. The Board of Commissioners is the policy making body, while the City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer. The citizens elect five Commissioners for staggered four-year terms and the Commissioners elect two of their members to serve as Mayor and Vice-Mayor for two-year terms.

Regular meetings of the Commissioners are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and all residents and other interested parties are invited to attend.

#### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A COMMISSIONER?

- The Board of Commissioners exercises legislative duties, taking official action by passing or adopting ordinances and resolutions that affect the overall operation of the city.
- The Board is tasked with developing the long-range vision for the community. The Board focuses on the city's goals and major projects, as well as long-term planning such as community growth, capital improvements, financing and strategic planning.

- The Board adopts the city's annual budget appropriating all funds and claims on the city's finances. The Board also approves bids, contracts, and other agreements that financially binds the city, levies taxes, approves the incurrence of debt, issues bonds/notes, approves individual expenditures over \$5,000, and conducts public hearings as needed.

#### HOW DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify your candidacy, you must first file a nominating petition with at least 25 signatures of registered voters of Belle Meade residents. Addresses must match the signer's residence as shown on voter registration.

- First day to pick up petition – Friday, May 18th Pick up the petition at Election Commission, located at 1417 Murfreesboro Pike
- Last date to return and qualify your petition, – NOON, Thursday, August 16th
- Withdrawal deadline – NOON, Thursday, August 23rd

Note: A candidate must file a Statement of Disclosure of Interests for State and Local Elected Officials with the Tennessee Ethics Commission.

Contact Mayor Jim Hunt ([jhunt@citybellemeade.org](mailto:jhunt@citybellemeade.org)) if you have even the slightest interest in becoming a candidate. A meeting will be held at City Hall in June to discuss specifics of the responsibilities and answer any questions.

### The Sewer Department Story – from Vice Mayor Bob Weigel

Approximately two years ago the City of Belle Meade separated the Sewer Department from the General Fund. The State of Tennessee mandated this change to all municipalities within the state. Beth Reardon, Larry Smith, independent engineers, and myself studied the financials and came up with a necessary plan and rates to support the operations.

How are we doing? To answer that question, I am proud to say three words. GREAT! GREATER! GREATEST! My reasons are as follows:

- This sewer department has all of the characteristics of a privately owned business.
- “The customer is always right” Larry Smith and Nathan McVay run the business like a well-oiled machine.

- We are hitting our projected budget numbers, therefore no need to raise rates.
- The city's sewer rates are very competitive with our neighbors and in most cases your rates are a real bargain.
- We commissioners never hear a cross word from the citizens of Belle Meade concerning the Sewer Department.

I would also like to thank Aspen Collins, our financial director who makes sure our numbers are in line. Thank you Charlotte Hunter for the smile in your voice when the residents call in about an unhappy situation.

This has been a very successful story and is one of the highlights of my three and a half years as commissioner.



## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



- Practice good crime prevention! Always be aware of your surroundings at home and away and reduce your chances of becoming a victim.
- Report suspicious activity to us immediately at 615-297-0241.
- Neighborhood Watch information—contact Officer Dee Howell [dhowell@citybellemead.org](mailto:dhowell@citybellemead.org). She will be happy to help you get signed up with your Neighborhood Captain.
- Scam Update—We have had four reports in the last two months of a scam in which the person receives a letter in the mail telling them that there is information about them cheating on a spouse and unless they pay the scammers in “Bit Coin”, the information will be released to their spouse and friends. We are currently working with the U.S. Postal Service to resolve these cases. If you receive such a letter please report it to us.
- Park Smart by locking your vehicles and removing or securing items of value in your trunk.
- Always set your home alarm system when you are away. Know how to use your system effectively.
- Use our House Check Service if you are going to be out of town. We conduct extra patrols of your residence while you are away. There is an online request form available on the City’s website at [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)

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## Perils of Walking Increase

USA TODAY NETWORK 5/8/2018

“Pedestrian fatalities in the USA have skyrocketed 46% since 2009, creating a public health crisis as researchers try to understand the reasons.

The increases far outpace growth in overall traffic deaths, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Almost 6,000 pedestrians—people who might have been out for a walk after dinner, hurrying to get to work or rushing to cross a street—were killed by motor vehicles on or along American roads in 2016.”

We are very fortunate that Belle Meade has not had a pedestrian fatality in many years; however, the dangers clearly exist.

These primary factors amplify the dangers of walking, jogging or bicycling in Belle Meade.

- At dusk and night, visibility diminishes greatly. Belle Meade ordinances require reflective clothing and/or lights to distinguish walkers, runners and cyclists. Police citations will be issued for failure to wear reflective clothing or have lights on bicycles.
- Continued traffic violations for speeding and DUI offenses. Police citations or arrests continue to be issued for traffic violations.
- Distracted driving/distracted walking. This is a cause of many accidents that could be avoided if people would not access their cell phones while driving, walking or crossing streets.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL and be aware of your surroundings when out walking or cycling. DO NOT assume that the drivers see you!

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## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the Regular meeting on Monday, April 30, 2018:

- Approved CEC’s engineering proposal of the 2018-2019 Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements for \$17,000.00 for the projects at 508 Belle Meade Blvd., 607 Belle Meade Blvd., 704 Lynwood Blvd. and 604 Westview Ave.
- Approved the purchase of 20 delineators from TAPCO for installation on Jackson Blvd and Harding Place for \$1,087.12
- Approved two additional sets of “25 MPH” street striping on Jackson Blvd. for \$1000.00 from Kerr Bros. & Associates.
- Approved the low bid from Pavement Restoration, Inc (PRI) for the construction of a sidewalk on both sides of Harding

Place between Lynwood and Belle Meade Blvd. for \$342,800.00.

- Approved hardwire and wireless connectivity for the Video Surveillance cameras from AT&T and FirstNet for an annual cost of \$9,600.
- Approved the Dumpster Access Control and Fence Improvements to be completed by Nashville Fence & Deck for \$ 4,730.00.
- Approved SkyCop to add three video cameras to the Dumpster area for \$ 2,150.00.
- Approved the Davey Tree Company to remove an Elm and Hackberry Tree near Deer Park Circle for \$ 3,870.00, to be paid from the Beautification Fund.



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- Approved (3) invoices from :
  - Commonwealth Chemical for \$19,880.00
  - Kerr Electric \$ 41,700.00
  - Wascon, Inc \$ 5,193.00
- Ordinance 2018-1, to Change Speed Limits on all Streets in the City Limits - FAILED due to lack of a motion.
- Deferred consideration of Resolution 2018-02, Establishing Criteria for Construction of Sidewalks.

## CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – APRIL 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Niles Borop  
Mrs. James Bradford, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. John Burch, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Barney Byrd  
Mr. & Mrs. John Campbell, III  
Mr. & Mrs. Neely Coble, III  
Mr. David Cohen  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Connolly  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Corts  
Ms. Deborah Craig  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Crumbo  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dale  
Mr. Alphonse Davis  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Dawson  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Demetros  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Doubleday  
Mr. M. Houston Estes  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fleischer  
Ms. Katherine Follin  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Girgus  
The Glencourt Condos  
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Goldner  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gravette  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hartzog  
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Heller  
Mr. & Mrs. James Hogg  
Mrs. Ellen Warner Hudson  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Jones  
Dr. & Mrs. Seth Karp  
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Laine  
Ms. Theresa Lapidus  
Dr. & Mrs. Macrae Linton  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lowe, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hill McAlister  
Mr. & Mrs. Wylie McDougall  
Ms. Priscilla McKeenan  
Mr. & Mrs. French McKnight, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael McWherter  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Mitchell  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Overstreet  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Philpot  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramsey  
Mr. & Mrs. John Rochford  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rzasnicki  
Mrs. Kay Scruggs  
Dr. & Mrs. Manuel Sir  
Mr. & Mrs. James Stadler  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Stanley  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stringham  
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Viner  
Mr. & Mrs. Mal Wall, Jr.  
Mr. Joshua Wheeler & Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Dr. & Mrs. Taylor Wray

### OAK SOCIETY - \$1,000 and above

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Andreen  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bovender, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Colclasure  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Corcoran  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Crumbo  
Dr. & Dr. Jeffrey Marvel  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCabe  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller  
Mr. Gene Stribling  
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Wilson  
Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson

### MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. J. William Blevins  
Mr. & Mrs. George Bullard  
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Carlton  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Casetty  
Mr. & Mrs. Britt Hunt  
Mr. William C Ireland, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph LaGasse  
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Lawrence  
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Lyons  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Douglas McDowell  
Ms. Katherine Murfree  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Parkes  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Pilkinton, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Rechter  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Reynolds  
Mrs. Anne Russell  
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Scarola  
Mr. & Mrs. Lem Stevens  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Taylor  
Mr. & Mrs. William Warfield  
Mr. & Mrs. David Wilds  
Mrs. Eleanor Whitworth  
Mr. Gar Wong & Ms Allison Hanlon

### TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. J. Clark Akers, III  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Barry Banker  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barnes  
Mr. James O. Bass, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James O. Bass, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Bates  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bellar  
Mrs. Boyd Bogle  
Mr. & Mrs. David Brown  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brown  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Calk  
Mr. & Mrs. John Cheadle, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Clement  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coleman  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cooper  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cowan  
Ms. Tonya Cumbee

Mr. Michael Dixon  
Dr. Leslie Doss  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Echols  
Mr. & Mrs. William Earthman, III  
Mrs. Irwin Eskind  
Mr. & Mrs. Seth Eskind  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Falk  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Frist  
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Gideon, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Greene  
Mr. & Mrs. Tuck Hardie  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Harlan  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Burton Harvey  
Dr. & Dr. J. Matthew Hassan  
Mr. & James O. Hastings, Jr.  
Dr. & Mrs. J. Brevard Haynes  
Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Hays  
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hensley  
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Herbert  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hiatt  
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Hickerson, III  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hooper  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Horrell  
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Houff  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hull  
Dr. & Dr. Jeffrey Hymes  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ishee, II  
Mr. Burton Jablin & Mr. Barron Patterson  
Mrs. Mary Loventhal Jones  
Mr. Bill Justus  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kimbrell  
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Kinnard  
Dr. & Mrs. John Lea, IV  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lester  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Banks Link  
Mr. & Mrs. Monnie Lusky  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Stephen Lynn  
Mrs. Ellen Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mastrapasqua  
Mr. & Mrs. John McDougall, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. George McGugin  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Morgan  
Mr. & Mrs. Rock Morphis  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moses  
Ms. Angela Murphy  
Mr. Thomas Ostrander  
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Papel  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Poe  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Price  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Brian Reames  
Mr. & Mrs. Al Rhodes  
Mr. & Mrs. John Riddick  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ripley

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rolfe  
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Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Smith  
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Spalding  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stack  
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Stengel  
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Sternberg  
Mr. & Mrs. William Stevenson  
Mrs. John Fred Tarkington, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Taylor  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Thompson  
Mr. & Mrs. James Turner, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Turner  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Wade  
Mr. & Mrs. James Ward, III  
Dr. & Mrs. John Warner  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Webb  
Mrs. Samuel Welborn  
Mrs. Colleen Conway Welch  
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wendell  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff White  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wieck  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zerfoss, III

### CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. June Greer Bogle  
**In Memory of Boyd Bogle, III**  
Ms. Laurie Jewett  
**In Memory of James Regen Jewett**  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Jones  
**In Memory of Jane Entrekin**  
Mrs. Lacy Perry  
**In Memory of Coleman R. Perry, Sr.**  
Mr. Gene Stribling  
**In Memory of Frances Stribling**  
Mrs. Sandra G. Welborn  
**In Memory of Samuel K. Welborn, Jr.**  
Mrs. Eleanor Whitworth  
**In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles B Whitworth, Jr.**

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2018

Due to Early voting, please check location of meetings on the website or call us!

### Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 19th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 17th at 4:00 pm

### Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, June 12th at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 10th at 4:00 pm

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, June 19th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 17th at 5:00 pm

### Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 20th at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, July 18th at 4:00 pm

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

## REMINDERS:



EARLY VOTING - Continues through Saturday, May 19th.  
For a detailed schedule of locations and times, click here:

<http://www.nashville.gov/Portals/0/SiteContent/ElectionCommission/docs/main/Early-Voting-Schedule-May-24-2018-Mayor-and-D-1.pdf>



St. George's Farmers Market – each Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot along Harding Road.



City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day. In case of a sewer, traffic, or other emergency, please call the Police Dept. at 615-297-0241 and the dispatcher will contact city staff.

**NO TRASH & RECYCLE PICKUP ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28TH.** MONDAY ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, MAY 29TH AND TUESDAY ROUTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH PLEASE HAVE YOUR CANS OUT BY 7:00 A.M.

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return service requested