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Fall 2008 Newsletter

Final Community Design Standards Meeting Scheduled

The third and final public meeting and open house to discuss development of community design standards to govern future development in Berry Hill will be held

**Thursday, October 16th
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the
gymnasium of Rosedale
Baptist Church at 503
Rosedale Avenue.**

In the previous meetings, the city's planning consultants, David Coode and John Lavender, of Kimley-Horn & Associates, sought participants' opinions on appropriate property uses for each area of the city, and responses to photo images of various building and street types. Based on those responses, the consultants prepared conceptual design plans for a few sample streets and sought participants' responses to those concepts.

Meanwhile, Ron Cooper, with the state's Local Planning Assistance office, was drafting regulatory text for the new

zoning ordinance. Cooper recently retired but Bryan Collins, also with Local Planning Assistance, has taken his place as City Planner. Collins will work with the city, Coode and Lavender to complete the new ordinance.

At the upcoming public meeting, Coode and Lavender will share revised concept plans and proposed guidelines, addressing issues such as building setbacks and height limitations, green space retention and location of parking areas. The consultants will seek stakeholder input before finalizing the design guidelines for the city's new form-based zoning ordinance.

Once the proposed zoning ordinance is drafted, it will come before the Berry Hill Zoning and Planning Commission for revision or approval, before it goes to the Berry Hill Board of Commissioners for final adoption. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the ordinance before adoption.

Berry Hill Merchants' Association Producing Quarterly Newsletter

The Berry Hill Merchants' Association has begun production of a quarterly newsletter promoting activities of the association and including information and news items relating to Berry Hill businesses and happenings in the community. The fall edition will be mailed to all Berry Hill businesses and residents and will be available at businesses that are members of the association.

If you have a news item or article you would like to submit, or you would like to advertise in the newsletter, please contact Charity High Law of James A. Freeman & Associates, P.C. at claw@jafreemanlaw.com (615-383-3787) or Pat Embree of the Stitchin' Post at stitchin@usit.net (615-383-3672). Call now to get your item in the fall edition.

Fall Leaf Collection and Brush Chipping

The Berry Hill Public Works Department provides fall leaf pickup for Berry Hill residents and businesses. Please don't bag your leaves. Just rake them to the edge of the street or drainage ditch, being careful not to put them in the ditch. Public Works will pick them up with the city's leaf vacuum.

Beginning the 24th of each month, the Public Works Department runs chipper routes to collect brush and limbs in the city and continues until all streets in the city have been covered. While extra routes may occasionally be run following storms, chipper service is generally limited to the last week of the month and is not available on request.

If you have brush and limbs, you may leave them at the edge of the street but please don't mix them with your leaves or place them in your drainage

ditch. Public Works cannot dispose of whole trees, logs, or limbs with a diameter greater than nine inches or a length shorter than two feet because they will not go through the chipper. No milled lumber may be chipped.

Hired tree cutters and trimmers must remove all materials they cut. Leaves and brush should only be left on your own property for pickup. Dumping them on city property, highway department right of way or vacant lots owned by others (including the ends of street cul de sacs) violates litter laws.



Bulk Trash Pickup

On the first two Fridays in November, **November 7th** and **14th**, Berry Hill residents with city-provided trash collection may leave large items at the edge of the street in front of their homes by 7:00 a.m. to be collected by PDQ Disposal, the City's refuse contractor. Items that cannot be taken due to environmental restrictions are:

- Paint, oil and other hazardous liquids or solids
- Tires and batteries
- Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, unless a free certificate is provided.

If you have a question about a particular item, please call **PDQ Disposal** at 254-6666. These semi-annual pick-ups are the only times we can help you with bulk items. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Azalea Park Shelter & Berry Hill Community Center

The Azalea Park picnic shelter and the Berry Hill Community Center may be reserved for noncommercial purposes. Berry Hill residents and businesses may reserve on a first come/first served basis up to one year in advance. Nonresidents may reserve on a first come/first served basis up to one month in advance. There is no charge for using the facilities if you clean up after your event.



Azalea Park Shelter



Berry Hill Community Center

Berry Road Sidewalk Project May Include Post Office Turn-Lane

While design of the Berry Road sidewalk is substantially complete, a new element has been added to the project. The city is working with the U.S. Postal Service to try to improve traffic flow and eliminate a dangerous driving practice near the post office on Berry Road.

Due to the location of the Illinois Central railroad crossing next to

the existing post office entrance, access to the post office is blocked whenever a train crosses Berry Road. When traffic backs up at the crossing, drivers headed east on Berry to the post office often drive down a westbound lane to the post office entrance, bypassing the line of vehicles waiting for the train to pass. While time-saving, this practice is both illegal and dangerous as traffic exiting the post office is using the same westbound lanes.

The city plans to designate the left eastbound lane as a left-turn only lane for vehicles turning into the post office, with all vehicles continuing east on Berry merging into the right lane to cross the railroad tracks. The modification will require the post office to reverse the flow of traffic in its parking lot, making its west driveway the entrance drive and its east driveway the exit drive. It is hoped the redesign will not unduly delay the sidewalk project.

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE STORM DRAIN

When grass clippings, pet waste, automotive products, fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals wash into a storm drain or ditch, they flow into rivers and lakes, harming plants and animals and contaminating drinking water. The technical term is "nonpoint source pollution." Here's how to avoid feeding the storm drain:

YARD

Two of our biggest sources of nonpoint source pollution are over-watering and excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides. Here are some tips for reducing nonpoint source pollution from your yard.

- Do not overfertilize. Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer and soil off driveways and walkways. Use native and adapted plants and grasses that require less water and fertilizer.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and to insulate and nourish the soil.
- Use nontoxic pest controls.

AUTO

Each year millions of gallons of used motor oil are improperly dumped. One quart can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water, enough water to supply a family of four for a year!

- Recycle used motor oil, filters, fluids and batteries by taking them to a service station that has a recycling program or other collection center. Visit <http://state.tn.us/environment/swm/oil/> or call **1-800-287-9013** to locate the collection center nearest you.
- Drive less to reduce auto runoff, carpool, consolidate trips or use mass transit whenever possible.

PETS

Every year thousands of pounds of pet waste wash down storm drains and into rivers, lakes and other sources of drinking water. For your health and the health of others, please pick up after your pet.

- Pick up pet waste from your lawn. It is not a fertilizer.
- Encourage friends and family to pick up after their pets using a mutt mitt or plastic, disposable bag and never allow pet waste to wash into storm drains.

HOME

Although most cleaners, paints and pesticides used at home go into the trash or down the drain, if they are used outside or improperly discarded, they create nonpoint source pollution.

- Use cleaning products that are phosphate free, biodegradable or nontoxic, especially if they are used outdoors. Avoid products with ammonia, chlorine, diethylene glycol, hydrochloric acid, oxalic acid and petroleum solvents.
- Discourage insects with good housekeeping. Avoid toxic chemicals or use pest control companies that use less toxic products.



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Monthly Meeting Schedule

Board of Commissioners
 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals
 1st Monday at 6:00 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission
 1st Monday at 6:15 pm

Traffic Commission
 1st Monday at 6:30 pm

Municipal Beer Permit Board
 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Municipal Court
 3rd Friday at 2:30 pm

Upcoming Events

The third public meeting to discuss **Berry Hill Community Design Guidelines** will be held **Thursday, October 16, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**, in the gym of **Rosedale Baptist Church**, 503 Rosedale Avenue (at Winford Ave). (See article on Page 1)

Are you ready for healthcare that’s more focused on you and closer to where you live? Introducing **Vanderbilt Health at One Hundred Oaks**, an idea that will change the whole experience of going to the doctor. To keep you informed of their progress and plans, Vanderbilt at 100 Oaks will host two **Neighborhood Meetings: Monday, October 27, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts Center**, 3414 Hillsboro Rd (at the intersection of Woodmont Blvd.) and **Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at New Song Church**, 2949 Nolensville Rd. (just south of Thompson Lane). For more information, visit www.VanderbiltOneHundredOaks.com.

The **Berry Hill Halloween Party** will be **Friday, October 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Azalea Park**. Chili, hotdogs, chips and cupcakes will be served from 5:30 to 6:30, followed by costume contests, cakewalks, a bonfire and hayrides. All Berry Hill residents and businesspeople and their families are welcome.

The **Berry Hill Merchants’ Association “Holiday Happenings”** will be **Saturday, November 15th**. Local businesses will have refreshments, specials, discounts, or prize drawings during the event. This is also Christmas Village weekend at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

Join us on **Sunday, December 14th** for the **Annual Berry Hill Holiday Open House at City Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. There will be plenty of refreshments and we’ll have our trusty Polaroid on hand in case Santa stops by. He’s never failed us yet. Come help us celebrate Christmas and the holiday season.

If you’ve got next year’s calendar handy, mark **Saturday, April 25th**, as the tentative date of the **Berry Hill Merchants’ Association Annual City-Wide Yard Sale**.