



# CITY OF BERRY HILL

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## Spring 2010 Newsletter

### **Berry Hill Community Development Code Adopted – In Effect January 1, 2010**

The Berry Hill Board of Commissioners took the final step in a two-year process to adopt new design guidelines and zoning provisions governing development of property in Berry Hill. Following three public meetings to gather input from stakeholders and hearings before the city's Zoning and Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners, the Board adopted the proposed Community Development Code at its December 14th meeting. The code went into effect on January 1st. Copies of the code are on file at Berry Hill City Hall and may be downloaded from the city's website: [www.berryhilltn.org](http://www.berryhilltn.org).

### **Semi-Annual Bulk Trash Pickup**

Are you ready for some spring cleaning? On the first two Fridays in April, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Berry Hill residents with city-provided trash collection may leave bulk items at the edge of the street in front of their homes by 7 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 freon free certificates are provided
- Computers and monitors

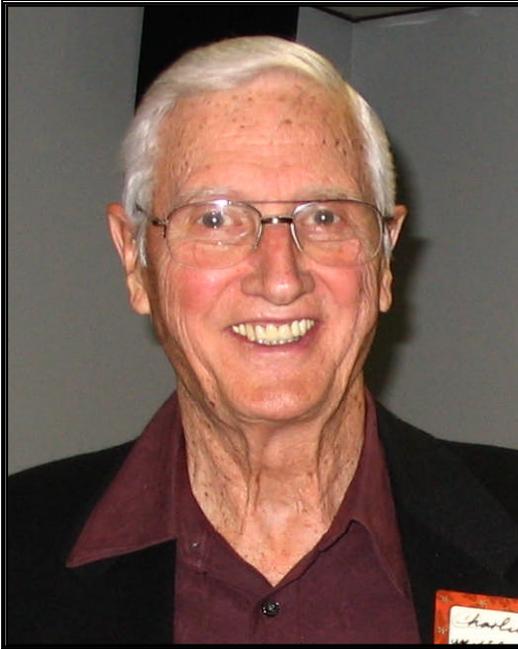
If you have a question about a particular item, please call **PDQ Disposal** at 254-6666. These semi-annual pick-ups are the only times we can help you with bulk items. Please take advantage of this opportunity.



### **Azalea Park Shelter & Community Center**

The Azalea Park picnic shelter and the Berry Hill Community Center may be reserved for noncommercial events and uses. 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.





### **Berry Hill Saddened by Death of Former Mayor and City Manager Charles McKelvey**

Former Mayor and City Manager Charles F. McKelvey passed away January 16<sup>th</sup>. Charlie served as Mayor of Berry Hill from 1986 to 1995 and as City Manager from 1995 to 2000. He was also Berry Hill's building inspector, beginning when he was Mayor and continuing through his tenure as City Manager and for several years after he retired. Charlie also served as designated driver for the city's monthly senior trips for many years.

Charlie was instrumental in a number of city projects, including overseeing the addition to City Hall that houses the Berry Hill Police Department, construction of the City Shop that houses the Public Works Department, and the renovation and expansion of the Community Center. He will be greatly missed.

### **New Book Now Available:**

#### ***A Place Called Berry Hill - Tales by the Kids who Lived there in the 40's and 50's***

Former Berry Hill residents, Jan Brach and John Tidwell, are the editors of a new book documenting life in Berry Hill when it was still predominantly a residential community. *A Place Called Berry Hill (Tales by the Kids who Lived there in the 40's and 50's)* is a collection of childhood memories by Berry Hill kids who lived there in a quieter and simpler time. The price of the book is \$10.00. Please e-mail: [berrhillbook@comcast.net](mailto:berrhillbook@comcast.net) or call Jan Brach (646-8651) or John Tidwell (855-1755) to get your copy.

### **City Brush Collection**

The last week 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 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 any leaves, roots or dirt, or place them in a 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, as they will not go through the chipper. No milled lumber may be chipped.

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

### **Berry Road Sidewalk/Turn-Lane Project to Include Upgrade of CSX Road Crossing**

In addition to widening the Berry Road railroad crossing to accommodate the new sidewalk, the entire crossing will be rebuilt and upgraded. The Board of Commissioners has approved the replacement of the existing asphalt vehicle crossing with a concrete crossing, which should greatly improve the smoothness of the road crossing. Once the railroad crossing is complete, Berry Road will be restriped, including the addition of a left turn-lane at the post office entrance.



Members of the Berry Hill Police Department, from left: Cpl. Bob White, Sgt. Monty Sands, Cpl. Andy Holliday, Sgt. David Gross, Ptlmn Mike Lewis, Cpl Ronnie Hill, Sgt. Tim Coleman, Lt. John Gleixner, Ptlmn Greg Colson, Chief Robert Bennett, Ptlmn Jim Upchurch, Ptlmn Kevin Spencer, and Ptlmn Roy Yoquelet

### **Police Force at Full Strength**

The Berry Hill Police Department entered 2010 with a full complement of thirteen police officers. Patrolman Kevin Spencer joined the department the first of January. He was previously an officer with the Vanderbilt University Police Department.

Officer Bob White was promoted from Patrolman to Corporal in November, 2009.



Chief Robert Bennett swears in Officer Kevin Spencer.

### **Please Be Thoughtful of Your Neighbors**

- Leaving dog waste on city property or on others' property without their permission is a violation and carries a \$25 fine.
- Littering on city property or on others' property (including cigarette butts) carries a fine of up to \$50.
- To avoid parking citations, please obey all No Parking signs, do not park facing oncoming traffic, and do not block driveways, mailboxes or any part of a travel lane.
- Weeds, grass and undergrowth should be maintained at a height no greater than 8 inches.
- Trash, rubbish and refuse must not be allowed to accumulate on one's property to the extent it creates a nuisance.
- Inoperative and unlicensed vehicles may not be parked, stored or left on any private property unless they are fully enclosed within a building.



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**Public Works**  
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**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

Board of Commissioners  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:00 pm

Zoning & Planning Commission  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:15 pm

Traffic Commission  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm

Municipal Beer Permit Board  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Municipal Court  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 2:30 pm

**Upcoming Events**

**Berry Hill Commissioner Elections** will be held **Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**, to fill two of Berry Hill’s three Commission seats. Incumbents, Mayor Harold Spray and Commissioner Beth Sartain, are the only candidates on the ballot for the two seats. For this city election, all voting will take place at Berry Hill City Hall, 698 Thompson Lane, between 7 am and 7 pm.

The semi-annual **Bulk Trash Pickup** for Berry Hill residents will be the first two Fridays of April, **April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. (See article on Page 1)

The **Berry Hill Merchants Association** will sponsor its **Annual Citywide Yard Sale** on **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Berry Hill businesses interested in participating should contact Pat Embree of the Stitchin’ Post at 383-3672 by April 1st. Berry Hill residents are also encouraged to hold and promote their own yard sales on the day of the merchants’ yard sale.

**Davidson County Primary Elections** will be held **Tuesday, May 4**. Most Berry Hill residents live in Precinct 5 and vote at Berry Hill City Hall. Precinct 4, which votes at Sevier Park Community Center, primarily includes residents living west of Franklin Pike. To determine in which voting precinct you live, visit <http://findwhereivote.nashville.gov>.

The **Berry Hill Summer Picnic** will be **Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Azalea Park**. There will be food, games and music. All Berry Hill residents and businesspeople and their families are welcome.

