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Spring 2011 Newsletter



Mayor Harold Spray presents Chief Bennett with a Certificate of Recognition for twenty years of service with the Berry Hill Police Department

Police Chief Robert Bennett Honored for Twenty Years of Service to the City of Berry Hill

Berry Hill Police Chief Robert Bennett, the city's longest tenured employee, recently celebrated his twentieth anniversary as a member of the Berry Hill Police Department.

At the February Board of Commissioners meeting, Mayor Harold Spray presented Chief Bennett with a Certificate of Recognition, thanking him for his years of service to the City and citizens of Berry Hill.

Semi-Annual Bulk Trash Pickup

Time for spring cleaning! On the first two Fridays in April, April 1st and 8th, 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:

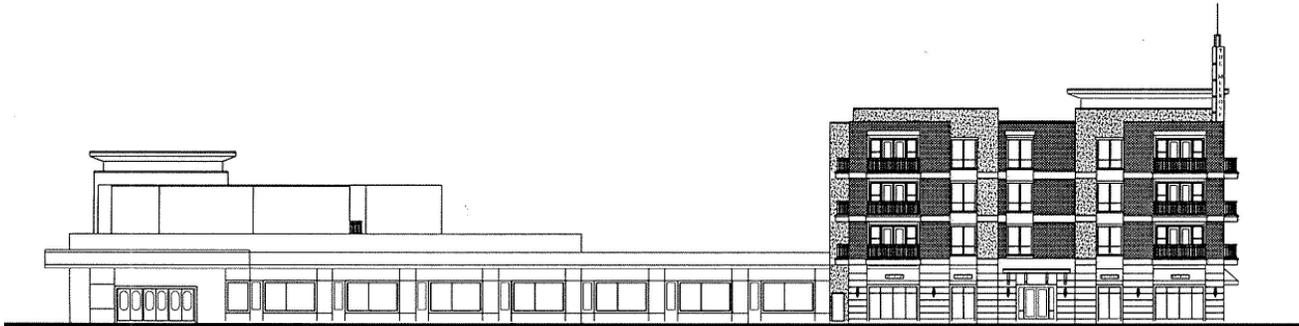
- Paint, oil and other hazardous liquids or solids
- Tires and batteries
- Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, unless freon free certificates are provided
- Computers and monitors

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.

THE MELROSE

FRANKLIN PIKE

BERRY HILL (NASHVILLE), TENNESSEE



Mixed-Use Development Plans for Melrose Property Near Approval

A proposed redevelopment of the Franklin Pike property that was once home to the Melrose Theatre and Melrose Lanes bowling alley has received the approval of the Berry Hill Planning Commission. A final vote on zoning approval will be on the agenda of the Berry Hill Board of Commissioners at their March meeting.

The proposed development, to be called “The Melrose,” is a joint venture of Parkes Development Group and Fulcher Investment Properties. Their proposal includes retaining the existing building, which formerly housed the Melrose Theatre and the Sutler.

The developers’ plans call for the existing building to be reconfigured for restaurant, retail and office occupancies, as well as an amenity center for the 199 apartment units

that will be housed in two additions to the original building, as well as in a separate four story building to be constructed behind the existing structure. A four story addition on the south end of the original building, the site of the former Melrose Lanes, will have three stories of apartments above ground level restaurant and retail space, with parking garages under and behind the restaurant/retail space.

Design plans include retaining elements such as the theater marquee and the angled storefronts, and bringing back tall obelisk-shaped signs similar to original signs that graced the theater’s parking lot and the bowling alley’s roof.

Above is a rendering of the existing building with proposed additions.

White, Westwood, Franklin Pike Area to Receive Water Line Upgrades

A Metro Water Services project to upgrade water lines between Craighead Street and Biloxi Avenue is scheduled to begin in late March. The project, to be performed by contractor W.L. Hailey & Company, will include water lines on White

Avenue, Westwood Avenue, Inverness Avenue, Biloxi Avenue, and Franklin Pike. Existing 1 inch to 2½ inch water mains will be replaced with 4 inch to 8 inch water mains. The upgrades are expected to increase water flow rates to area properties.

Help Our Streams

Small streams in Nashville are characterized by quick rises in stream water levels during storms, elevated levels of nutrients and contaminants, and more rapid bank erosion and sediment depositing than expected. Most of these impacts are linked to stormwater run-off. That is, the water that flows down into ditches or storm sewers in your neighborhood when it rains. That water flow is full of pollutants from roofs, yards, parking lots and streets. Here are a couple of easy projects that help reduce pollution of our small streams.

Install Rain Barrels

What

Rain Barrels are used to harvest rain from the rooftop. The harvested water may be used for outdoor purposes such as watering plant beds. You might be surprised by the amount of water you collect: one inch of rain on 1,000 square feet of rooftop creates over 600 gallons of water.

Why

Using a rain barrel can save you some money, give your plants a water they will like more than tap water, and help to slow stormwater runoff. By using harvested water for watering plant beds, you save the cost of buying water processed to drinking standards. Why pay for drinking quality water for your garden when harvested water will make your plants just as happy.

How

Metro Water Services sells, delivers and installs rain barrels and also maintains a list of retailers that sell rain barrels. They also have instructions on how to install a rain barrel and how to make your own. For more information, visit <http://www.nashville.gov/water/education/rainbarrel.asp>.



Disconnect Downspouts

What

Maybe you're not ready for a rain barrel. A simple yet effective way for property owners to keep the streams clean is by disconnecting their downspouts. In some neighborhoods gutter downspouts lead directly to the street where the rainwater flows to the nearest stream.

Why

Appropriately disconnecting downspouts benefits property owners as well as the environment. In our city neighborhoods, allowing rainwater to naturally soak into the soil keeps it from entering our stormwater system. In most neighborhoods, slowing the flow of storm water into the small neighborhood streams by disconnecting downspouts keeps streams cleaner.

How

Find the place where the downspout is connected to the horizontal pipe that carries water to the street. It could be a clay pipe or PVC. Disconnect the gutter there. Redirect rooftop water into the garden with a gutter adapter and flexible pipe available at a home improvement store. You can also install an automatic downspout extension.



*Examples of
Disconnected
Downspouts*



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Public Works

Hours – Mon–Fri, 8:00 am–5:00 pm
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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 semi-annual **Bulk Trash Pickup** for Berry Hill residents will be held the first two Fridays of April, **April 1st and 8th**. (See article on Page 1)

The **Berry Hill Merchants Association** will sponsor its **Annual Community-wide Yard and Sidewalk Sale** on **Saturday, April 30th**. All Berry Hill businesses are invited to participate and have their businesses promoted. Call Pat Embree at the Stitchin Post for more details at 615-383-3672 or email her at stitchin@usit.net. Berry Hill residents are also encouraged to hold and promote their own yard sales on the day of the merchants' yard and sidewalk sale.

The **Berry Hill Summer Picnic** will be **Saturday, June 25th 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.

Did You Know?

EarthSavers, a recycling company, is now offering recycling service to Berry Hill businesses for as low as \$25 per collection, and to Berry Hill residences for \$14 per month for backdoor collection. Please call 615-481-9640 for more information.

The City maintains Mutt Mitt dispensers in city parks and other locations in the residential district, to make it easy for residents and visitors to clean up after their pets. Leaving dog waste on city property or on others' property without their permission is a violation and carries a \$25 fine.

The Azalea Park picnic shelter and 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 two months in advance. There is no charge for using the facilities if you clean up after your event.