



CITY OF BERRY HILL

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Spring 2012 Newsletter

Semi-Annual Bulk Trash Pickup

Time for spring cleaning! On the first two Fridays in April, the 6th and 13th, 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 coolant-free certificates are provided
- Computers and monitors

If you have a question about a particular item, please call **PDQ Disposal** at 254-6666.

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, grass, 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 on other private or public property (including cul de sacs) violates litter law.



Azalea Park Shelter & Community Center Reservations

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 two months in advance. There is no charge for using the facilities if you clean up after your event.





Commissioner Beth Sartain, Vice-Mayor Haskins & Mayor Spray

Vice-Mayor Haskins Honored for Service to Berry Hill Community

Retiring Vice-Mayor Polly Haskins, was honored at her final commission meeting March 12th. Mayor Harold Spray presented Berry Hill’s first female Commissioner with a Key to the City and plaque, thanking her for her many contributions to Berry Hill, as a civic volunteer, coordinator of the Berry Hill Seniors program, Commissioner, and Vice-Mayor.



Incoming Commissioner Calhoun with Vice-Mayor Haskins

Calhoun Elected Commissioner

Judy Calhoun has been elected to the Berry Hill Board of Commissioners in the city election held March 6th. Ms. Calhoun will serve a four-year term, filling the seat to be vacated in April by Vice-Mayor Polly Haskins. The election results are scheduled to be certified by the Davidson County Election Commission on March 21st and Ms. Calhoun will be sworn into office at the Board’s April 9th meeting.

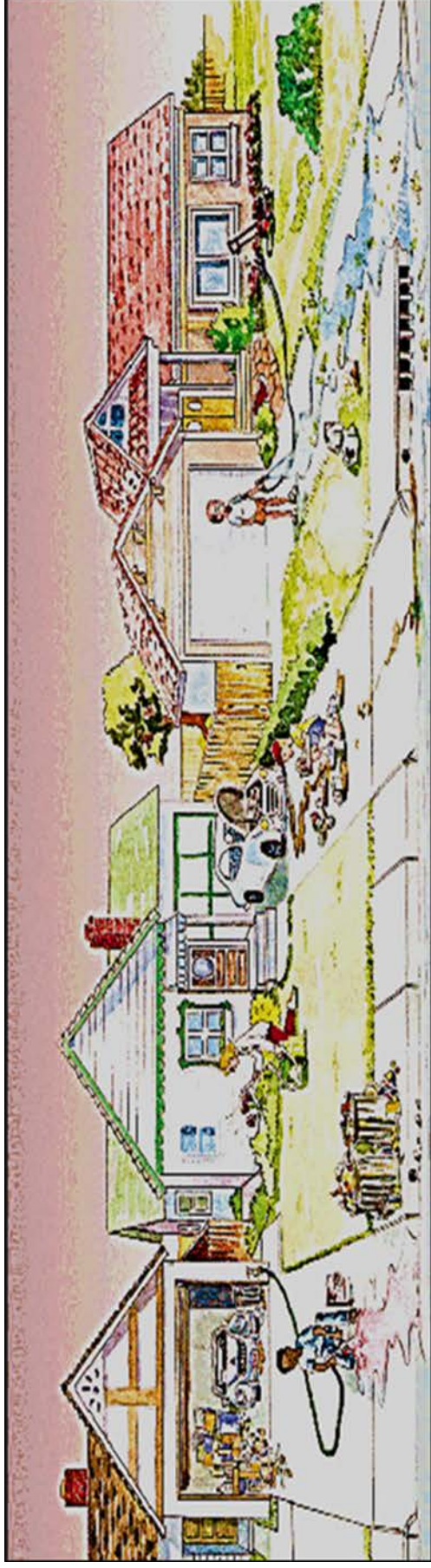


Berry Hill Rolls Out Updated Website

Berry Hill's newly redesigned website (www.berryhilltn.org) has now gone live with many new interactive features. Using the Notify Me button, users may sign up to receive e-mail or text alerts of meeting agendas, job openings, bid postings, and weather alerts.

The new Homepage (pictured above) gives users direct access to many of the website's most used features, such as the municipal code and zoning ordinance. The Report A Concern button allows citizens to send requests for services directly to the responsible city department.

Stormwater Pollution Producing Activities



The people above are taking care of their homes and cars, but they are also doing things that can damage the environment, especially our water. How many pollution producing activities can you identify?

1. **Leaks from Household Chemicals:** Household chemicals like paint, cleaning supplies, bug spray, and plant fertilizers leaking onto the garage floor can end up in the storm drain, harming fish and wildlife, and making the water unsafe to drink and swim in. Household chemicals should be sealed for storage or disposed of properly.
2. **Vehicle Leaking Oil:** Vehicles leaking oil or other fluids onto the garage floor can end up in the storm drain.
3. **Cleaning Paintbrushes:** Cleaning painting utensils on or near a curb and gutter can result in paint in the storm sewer. Clean and dispose or used paint supplies properly and never pour paint down the sink or storm drain. These things can end up in our rivers and streams.
4. **Garbage Overflowing from Trashcans:** Animals can eat the trash or get caught in it, and rotting yard waste can harm the water and clog streams. Also, putting trash and yard waste in storm drains can clog them up and cause streets and roads to flood during heavy rains.
5. **Spraying Chemicals on Plants and the Lawn:** Bug sprays, weed killers, and fertilizers we put on our plants can also run off into storm drains or ditches, hurting wildlife and polluting streams and lakes. Follow directions and use chemicals properly, and dispose of unused chemicals and containers correctly. Also explore using other methods to fertilize and control weeds and pests, such as compost and organic soaps.
6. **Changing Oil in the Driveway:** Spilled motor oil can be washed into storm drains or ditches and into rivers and streams. Oil and other vehicle fluids should be disposed of safely and never poured onto the ground or into a storm drain.
7. **Washing off the Driveway:** Trash, leaves, sticks, and grass clippings can float into storm drains or ditches, clogging them and causing flooding.
8. **Pet Waste on the Yard:** Whether your pets are in the yard or you are walking them down the street, it is important to clean up after them and put their waste in the trash. Pet waste can contain bacteria and viruses that can make wildlife and people sick. It also acts as a natural fertilizer and can cause algae growth in streams.
9. **Mowing the Yard:** Seem like you're mowing too often? You may be overfertilizing your lawn, which creates run-off pollution that can cause rapid growth of algae and other plants in lakes, rivers and streams. This can deplete oxygen levels and harm fish and other aquatic life. Consider grasscycling (leaving clippings on the lawn), a natural way to release nutrients back into the soil.



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Police Dept.

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Public Works

Hours – Mon–Fri, 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Tel. – 615-297-2262

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 6th and 13th**. (See article on Page 1)

The **Berry Hill Business Association** will sponsor its **Annual Sidewalk/Yard Sale** on **Saturday, April 21st**. Hours are up to the individual business or resident participating. All Berry Hill businesses and residents are invited to participate. The event will be posted on the Berry Hill District website and facebook page. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Pat at the Stitchin Post stitchin@usit.net by April 7th. Your business name and address will be included in the advertising. If you are a resident, only your address will be advertised.

The **Berry Hill Summer Picnic** will be **Saturday, June 23rd 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.

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.