



CITY OF BERRY HILL

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Fall 2012 Newsletter



Barry the Bear

***Making Merry in Berry Hill* returns**

Berry Hill businesses will kick off the holiday season on Saturday, November 10th, with "Making Merry in Berry Hill".

The festivities will start at City Hall at 9:00 am with refreshments and the dedication of Barry the Bear, the wood sculpture carved by nationally recognized chainsaw artist, Kelly Madsen at last year's event (Chilton's Turf Center and Designer Renaissance will have Kelly back this year to carve a new sculpture to be located in Berry Hill).

Following the dedication, the Mayor's Parade will proceed to Bransford Avenue, where the festivities will continue. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for photos. The Curious Heart's Christmas Magical Mystery Bus will tour the area with on-board entertainment. There will be a "Kids Zone" with lots of fun activities, a strolling magician, a balloon artist, face painting, food and drink, and musical performances, including a dance group from Fall Hamilton School and the swing band, *The Establishment*, which will close out the event.

Many local businesses will have booths or will serve refreshments and offer special deals to festival attendees. Come join us for a great kick-off of the holiday season.

Ferguson Joins Police Department

Patrolman Ray Ferguson joined the Berry Hill Police Department in August. Ray was previously an officer with the Lebanon Police Department for 12 years.



Officer Ray Ferguson

Car Break-In Prevention Tips

There have been a number of thefts from vehicles in Berry Hill recently. In several cases the vehicle had been left unlocked. Please help us prevent these crimes by taking the following precautions:

- 1. Keep your car visible:** Park in well-lit areas, avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in private.
- 2. Don't make it easy:** Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Almost one-fourth of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.
- 3. Activate your vehicle's alarm:** Don't have one? Factory-installed and-theft systems are best, but a professionally installed alarm can discourage a car break-in thief who likes to work in silence.
- 4. Hide your valuables:** Many smash-and-grab thieves act on impulse. So keep your stuff out of sight – either with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into.
- 5. Hide your valuables 2:** If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.
- 6. Don't hand a thief your keys:** Take your keys with you. And if you think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, car break-in thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.
- 7. Stow your stuff before arrival:** Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots to watch for people putting items in their trunk. Help prevent car break-ins by putting valuables, like laptops, messenger bags and electronic devices, into your trunk before you get to the parking lot.
- 8. Stash the evidence, too:** After you've put your stuff in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.
- 9. Take it one more step:** Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Visible anti-theft devices, like steering wheel locks, steering column collars or brake pedal locks, may discourage the would-be thief from breaking in and trying.
- 10. Report Suspicious Activity:** If you see any suspicious activity, such as persons looking into parked cars, persons sitting in running parked cars for protracted periods, or vehicles dropping one person off and continuing to cruise the same area, please report the activity (**Berry Hill Police Department 297-3242**). We'd prefer to check on an innocent citizen going about his business than to not check and end up taking theft-from-vehicle reports. If you see evidence that someone has gone through your vehicle, even if nothing was stolen, please call us. It might help us prevent another crime.



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



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 for Public Works to pick up with the city's leaf vacuum. Please do not put leaves in the ditch, where they may cause flooding.

Beginning 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 generally limited to the last week of the month and is not available on request.

If you have brush and limbs, please leave them at the edge of the street but don't 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. They also cannot collect limbs or brush clippings mixed with leaves, roots, soil, or rocks. 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 brush on city property (including parks and cul de sacs), highway department right of way, or vacant lots owned by others violates litter laws.**

Be Aware of Illicit Discharges.

Illicit Discharges are any substances other than stormwater, rainfall and snow melt that end up in the storm sewer system. These contaminants affect the health of our local waterways, and the communities of people surrounding them.

Potential sources of Illicit Discharges

- Sanitary wastewater or water from sinks, toilets and bathtubs
- Discharge from septic fields and tanks
- Commercial car wash wastewaters (if not handled properly)
- Improper oil disposal
- Radiator flushing disposal
- Laundry wastewaters
- Spills from roadway accidents
- Improper disposal of automobile and household toxics

If you find what appears to be an illicit discharge, contact the City of Berry Hill at 292-5531 or go to www.berryhilltn.org to report your concerns.



Time for our Fall Bulk Trash Pickup

On the first two Fridays in November, the 2nd and 9th, Berry Hill residents with city-provided trash collection may leave large items at the edge of the street in front of their homes to be collected by PDQ Disposal. Items to be picked up may be placed out the day prior to the pickup or by 6 am on the collection day. 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.



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Police Dept.
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Tel. – 615-297-3242
Fax – 615-269-9819

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 **Berry Hill Halloween Party** will be **Wednesday, October 31st from 5 to 8 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. The *Rusty Tabor Band* will entertain. All Berry Hill residents and businesspeople and their families are welcome.

The semi-annual **Bulk Trash Pickup** for Berry Hill residents will be the first two Fridays of November, **November 2nd and 9th**. (See article on Page 3)

The **Berry Hill District** is the place to be on **Saturday, November 10th**, for **“Making Merry in Berry Hill”**. (See article on Page 1)

Join us on **Sunday, December 9th** for the annual **Berry Hill Holiday Open House at City Hall from 2 to 4 pm**. Come join your Berry Hill neighbors for plenty of refreshments and good fellowship. The jolly one himself will be here to see the kiddies and take photos with everyone. Come help us celebrate Christmas and the holiday season.

