



CITY OF BERRY HILL

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Harold Spray, Mayor Beth Sartain, Vice-Mayor Judy Calhoun, Commissioner

An Easter Message from the Commissioners:

A community is wonderful neighbors and friends. It's making memories that shape your life and give you a sense of belonging. It's where your dreams begin and where those who care give unending support. Berry Hill is such a community. This season of new beginnings, of Easter and Passover, reminds us to reflect on the things that matter most and to rededicate ourselves to loving our neighbors. At this special time, we wish you a beautiful spring and all the joys and blessings of the season.

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Spring 2013 Newsletter

Melrose Area Seeing New Development

Three new developments are under construction in the Melrose area of Berry Hill. Two of the projects will add a total of 480 new apartment units, almost certainly doubling Berry Hill's current population of 537.

A mixed-use development, dubbed ***The Melrose***, is in the early stages of construction at 2600 Franklin Pike, the former site of Melrose Lanes and, reaching even further back in memory, the Melrose Theater.

The former theater and commercial strip will be converted into new restaurant, retail and office space, and an apartment amenity center including a pool, indoor and outdoor kitchens, and a workout facility. 220 upscale apartment units will be located in three and four story additions to the north and south ends of the commercial space and in a separate four story building just east of the existing building. The development will include improvements to the Franklin Pike/Kirkwood Avenue intersection, including a new turn lane.



Rendering of apartment addition at south end of "The Melrose"



Rendering of 23 Hundred at Berry Hill

A few blocks to the north, at 2300 Franklin Pike, a 260 unit upscale apartment development is also in its early construction stages. Located at the northern entry to the city, the five story ***23 Hundred at Berry Hill*** will feature a parking structure wrapped on three sides by apartment units. Amenities will include a workout facility and two courtyards, one with a swimming pool and outdoor kitchen. Other improvements will include on-street parking on Franklin Pike, upgrades to the Franklin Pike/Bradford Avenue intersection, including new crosswalks and pedestrian signals, and Berry Hill welcome signage.

Just east of Franklin Pike, at 509 Craighead Street, Frank Crowell, Jr. is developing the ***Craighead Business Center***, a 10,000 square foot commercial building at the intersection of Craighead Street and White Avenue. This project is directly across Craighead Street from Centerstone's new facility, now under construction at the Dede Wallace Campus, which is just outside Berry Hill.

City Brush Collection

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. Brush and limbs 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.**

Spring Cleaning Time - Bulk Trash Pickup

On the first two Tuesdays in April, 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 Waste Industries, our new solid waste contractor. 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 City Hall at 292-5531. These semi-annual pick-ups are the only times we can help you with bulk items. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Trash & Recycling News

Waste Industries is now providing residential trash and recyclables collection in Berry Hill. They assumed the city contract from PDQ Disposal in January.

Collection days and procedures are:

- Trash and recyclables will be collected from single and two-family dwellings each Tuesday. They should be out for pickup no later than 7 am.
- Trash must be in **white plastic trash bags with capacity of 32 gallons or less** (to tell it apart from the recyclables), tied shut and placed in your lidded trash receptacle. There is no limit on the number of trash receptacles you may have.
- Paper, plastic and recyclable metal may be mixed together in **black plastic trash bags with capacity of 32 gallons or less**, which must be tied shut and placed in the blue recycling can.
- Glass bottles and jars must be placed in a separate bag, tied shut and placed in the recycling can on top of the other recyclables.
- Cardboard boxes should be broken down and may be placed beside the recycling can (you may place them inside if there is room).
- Your receptacles, both trash and recycling, may be left at your back door, if accessible to the Waste Industries employees, or at the street for collection.

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



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City Hall

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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

All City meetings are open to the public and all Berry Hill citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events

April 2nd and 9th - Semi-annual **Bulk Trash Pickup** for Berry Hill residents will be the first two Tuesdays of April. (See article on Page 2)

April 27th (Saturday)– **Festival of the Flowers at Azalea Park and Community Yard Sale on Bransford Avenue**, sponsored by the Berry Hill Business Association. For upcoming details visit berryhilldistrict.com.

June 8th (Saturday) - The **Berry Hill Summer Picnic** will be held at Azalea Park from **5:30 to 8:30 pm**. There will be food, games and music. All Berry Hill residents and businesspeople and their families are welcome.

Second Tuesday of Each Month, 8:00-9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast and Lecture Series, held at the Learning Center in the Office of Pinnacle Bank, 2833 Bransford Avenue:

April 9th -Will Preparation and Review

May 14th -Assurance with Insurance-life, key man, business, etc. (Rusty Dallas)

June 11th -Better Understanding Your Business' Cash Flow (Chip Higgins)

July 9th -Your Merchant Questions Answered (Gail Outland)

August 13th -Protecting your ASS-ets

September 10th -Understanding the new FDIC rules and regulations

October 8th -What You Need to Know about Health Savings Accounts (Larry Whisenant)

November 12th -Invest in Your Future (Judy Alexander, P.A.M.)

December 10th -Complimentary Gift Wrap-Adopt a Child/Children (100 Oaks associates)

Breakfast served from 8-8:30

Speaker begins at 8:30

Concludes at 9:30

The breakfast and lectures are free, courtesy of Pinnacle Bank. To give them an idea of the number of attendees to expect, please RSVP to 615/690-1440 or by e–mail to sherri.hicks@pnfp.com.

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month, 8:30-9:30 am – Berry Hill Women's Group meets at rotating locations. Contact Melissa@yourhomeenhanced.com for details.



City Clerk Cheri Thompson receives her CMFO Certificate

Thompson becomes Certified Municipal Finance Officer

Berry Hill City Clerk Cheri Thompson recently received Certified Municipal Finance Officer designation. Thompson’s graduation from the CMFO program culminated two years of class attendance and passing eleven exams covering all aspects of municipal finance, such as budgeting, purchasing, financial reporting, and government accounting.

Police Department News



Officer Roy Morris is sworn in by Chief Robert Bennett

Morris Joins Police Department

Officer Roy Morris joined the Berry Hill Police Department on March 4th. Roy recently retired from the Metro Nashville Police Department following a 22 year career, including 18 years as a patrol officer and four as a crime scene investigator.

Proposed Legislation would Clarify Smaller Cities’ Powers

House Bill 1204 and its companion, Senate Bill 1248, would clarify that the smaller cities of Davidson County, Belle Meade, Berry Hill, Forest Hills, Goodlettsville, and Oak Hill, have authority to provide their citizens with the same services as other cities in Tennessee.

The bills would resolve a question of interpretation of the Metro Nashville/Davidson County Charter that has been in contention for many years. The Charter provides that “[a]ny city in Davidson County not abolished by this Charter shall continue to exist and function the same as prior to adoption of this Charter...”

The smaller cities interpret the clause as authorizing them to continue to exist as cities and to function as cities, with the same authority as other cities in the state. Metro has argued that the clause means a smaller city is limited to providing only those specific services it was providing in 1963, when the Metro Charter was adopted.

The bills confirm that Berry Hill and the other smaller cities are entitled to adapt their services to economical, technological and other changes that have occurred in the last 50 years and that will occur in the future.



Chief Bennett presents Mike Lewis his Corporal’s Badge

Lewis Promoted to Corporal

Officer Mike Lewis was promoted to Corporal of the Berry Hill Police Department effective March 1st. Lewis, a six-year veteran of the department, previously spent eleven years serving on police departments in South Fulton, Tennessee and in Mayfield and Fulton, Kentucky, where he served as Sergeant and canine officer.