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Fall 2009 Newsletter

Berry Road Sidewalk Completion Awaits Tying Up Loose Ends

Construction of the new Berry Road sidewalk is within sight of completion. The city's contractor, Roy T. Goodwin Contractors, has finished the sidewalk, curb and gutter along most of the length between Bransford Avenue and the interstate underpass. Completion awaits the railroad crossing on the west end of the project, to be constructed by CSX, and completion of a separate construction project at the Metro Schools Complex on the east end of the project, which will clear the way for the final segments of sidewalk.



Colson Joins Berry Hill PD

Officer Greg Colson joined the Berry Hill Police Department on June 1st. He previously served as an officer with the Vanderbilt University Police Department. Officer Colson is currently the department's "Floater" Patrolman, working both day and evening shifts.



Police Chief Robert Bennett administers the Oath of Office to Officer Greg Colson.

Community Development Code Receives Final Review Before Planning Commission Vote

The city's Zoning and Planning Commission held its final public meeting on the Berry Hill Community Development Code on October 5th. Consultant David Coode of Kimley-Horn & Associates led the Zoning Commissioners and stakeholders through the process property owners will follow to improve or redevelop their properties, then responded to questions and comments from those in attendance.

A copy of the draft code may be reviewed at City Hall or downloaded from the city's website, www.berryhilltn.org. Comment forms are also available at City Hall and on the website and may be submitted through October 23rd. The Zoning and Planning Commission will consider their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting, November 2nd.

Did You Know?

- The City of Berry Hill will celebrate its 60th anniversary early next year. On February 28, 1950, Berry Hill citizens voted to incorporate by a three-vote margin, 138–135.
- The Melrose Post Office on Berry Road now processes passport applications. The hours for this service are Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For information, call (615) 385-5390. To find out what you need to apply for a passport, visit www.travel.state.gov.
- City Recorder Michelle Honick is co-author of a new book, *Ghosts, Gangsters, and Gamblers of Las Vegas*, which explores Vegas' rich history and stories of past residents. It's a handy guide to Vegas' most intriguing sites.
- Talk about "night and day". According to the U.S. Census, Berry Hill's nighttime population of 674 balloons to 6,562 during the daytime, an increase of 874%, ranking it 20th in the nation among cities in its population range in terms of daytime growth. No.1? Lake Buena Vista, Florida, otherwise known as Disney World.

Bulk Trash Pickup

It's time for our semi-annual bulk trash pickup. On the first two Fridays in November, November 6th and 13th, Berry Hill residents with city-provided trash collection may leave large items at the edge of the street in front of their homes by 7:00 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.

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, being careful not to put them in the ditch. Public Works will pick them up with the city's leaf vacuum.

Beginning the 24th 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, you may leave them at the edge of the street but please don't mix them with your leaves or 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. 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 city parks and street cul de sacs), highway department right of way, or vacant lots owned by others violates litter laws.



---- Rain Gardens ----

Gardening with Water Quality in Mind

When you make a garden a "rain garden" you can improve local water quality while creating a beautiful natural area that will attract birds and butterflies. Rain gardens allow rain to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge our groundwater supply, and prevents a water quality problem called polluted runoff. Rain gardens are an important way to make our cities more attractive places to live while building urban ecological health.

What makes a garden a rain garden? All it takes is a few simple steps in the following three areas:

(1) Landscaping:

Rain gardens are designed with a dip at the center to collect rain and snow melt. Any degree of indentation is useful, from slight dips made with your garden trowel to large swales created by professional landscapers. Neatly trimmed shrubs, a crisp edge of lawn, stone retaining walls and other devices can be used to keep garden edges neat and visually appealing

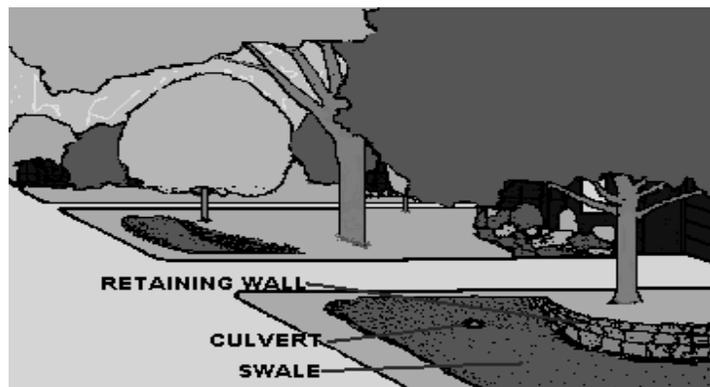
(2) Location:

Strategic placement next to hard surfaces such as alleys, sidewalks, driveways and under gutters makes your rain garden effective. Following you will find descriptions for how rain gardens can work in the front, side and back sections of your property.

(3) Plant choices:

Hardy native species that thrive in our ecosystem without chemical fertilizers and pesticides are the best choices. Many rain gardens feature shrubs as well as wild flowers and grasses. As a rule, the less "turf" on lawns, the better it is from a water quality standpoint -- turf-style lawns create a harder surface, which does not absorb water as readily as garden areas. Also, turf-style lawns often require chemical treatments and extra water to look uniform. Yards that feature native plants, grasses and shrubs are much easier to maintain.

Provide for overflow from heavy rains. A small culvert or swale may be used to move excess water to another rain garden. There may even be a community rain garden that receives water from a number of nearby properties. Loosening compacted soil will increase infiltration. Infiltration will also increase with addition of humus, or a mix of humus and sand.



This front yard garden includes a culvert to move water to neighborhood nature gardens, a stormwater infiltration swale and stone retaining wall.



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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 the first two Fridays of November, **November 6th and 13th**. (See article on Page 2)

The **Berry Hill Halloween Party** will be **Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 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 **Berry Hill Merchants' Association** will host **“Making Merry in Berry Hill” on Saturday, November 14th, from 10 am to 7 pm**. Local businesses will offer refreshments, shopping specials, and prize drawings. There are planned activities for adults and children, including a stage with live music and other entertainment. Santa will be there too. This event is the same weekend as Christmas Village at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

Join us on **Sunday, December 6th** for the **Annual Berry Hill Holiday Open House at City Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Come join your Berry Hill neighbors for plenty of refreshments and good fellowship. We have it on good authority that a large bearded man, who likes to wear red, will be stopping by for hot cider and photo ops. He's never failed us yet. Come help us celebrate Christmas and the holiday season.

