

The Barbourmeade News



December 2009

Mayor's Notes

Happy Holidays from the Barbourmeade Commissioners and Officers!

Letter from Sergeant John Nissen of the Meadow Vale Police Department: Please find attached a letter written to the residents of the City of Barbourmeade from Sergeant John Nissen regarding helpful tips to prevent becoming a victim of crime (especially during the holiday season). The letter also addresses the use of non-legal street vehicles such as ATV's and golf carts, which is a violation of state law. Please note that go-carts and motorized scooters such as pocket rockets are also not legal to use on our City streets.

City Clerk Position: Our City Clerk, Beth Sedgwick, will be leaving this position as of January 1, 2010. The City Clerk is responsible for attending monthly City meetings, recording the minutes of the meetings, creating and distributing the quarterly City newsletter, and compiling and publishing the bi-annual City Directory. If you are interested in filling this paid position, please email your resume to mayor@barbourmeade.org. It is also strongly recommended that you attend the next City meeting on December 21st if you are interested. Residency in the City is preferred but not required.

Beautification News

Fall pansies have replaced the red begonias at all of the city entrances and islands. The begonias will magically reappear in the Spring.

If you notice any of the lights out at the entrance signs, please email beautification@barbourmeade.org or call Tom Budniak at 425-0750.

Holiday decorations are up! They will be taken down on the first weekend of the New Year, weather permitting.

PLEASE be a good neighbor and clean up leaves and trash in your yard! We have had several complaints from residents who work hard cleaning their yards only to have them covered with leaves blowing from other yards. There are no rules and regulations requiring the removal of leaves, so please be considerate of others who take pride in their yard.

Please note also that it is illegal to dump leaves, limbs, or trash on the City's islands and entrances.

Sanitation News

Due to complaints from residents regarding Rumpke's early pick-up time, they have changed their route on Monday mornings. They will now start on Barbour Lane and then move to Ashley Woods before returning to our City. Please keep in mind that this may delay or change our trash pick-up times on Mondays.

Since we now have yard waste pick-up every Monday, you can place your Christmas trees curb side on any Monday in January (no decorations or tinsel please).

REMINDERS: Rumpke's policies on setting out your yard waste:

- ◆ Place yard waste loosely in 30-35 gallon cans or PAPER or PLASTIC bags clearly labeled "Yard Waste" (stickers are available if you contact Lisa Crockett or Rumpke)
- ◆ Brush and branches should be tied in 4 ft. lengths weighing no more than 75 lbs. Also, for your convenience, a 95 gallon waste wheeler for YARD WASTE ONLY can be leased by individual homeowners for \$2.50/month. This cuts down on bag usage and allows Rumpke to move through our City faster. Please call Rumpke at 568-3800.

Rumpke is NOT obligated by contract to pick up any more than 10 bags/bundles or can per household each week. However, this policy is not usually enforced except in unusual situations like last year's ice storm.

If you have large items like furniture or appliances to be picked up by Rumpke, you will need to call ahead of time to arrange pick-up.

If you are not recycling and would like to start, Rumpke will provide you with a red recycling container.

Please continue to keep Barbourmeade looking beautiful by NOT putting your trash cans or yard waste out before late afternoon on Sunday and bringing cans in by Monday evening. THANK YOU!!!!

Safety News

DO NOT open your door to strangers. Also, for your safety, close and lock all your doors and windows, provide good outside lighting and keep your valuables out of sight. If you experience a home or car break-in or vandalism, PLEASE file a report with the Meadow Vale Police Department. Also, please use the Meadow Vale Hot Spot Traffic/Ordinance/Criminal Activity Form found on the City's website if you would like to report any problem situations in writing.

Also, PLEASE observe the following:

- Please do not place yard waste or garbage cans on the street as they impede traffic
- Do not speed or run stop signs, citations (not warnings) will be written (so far this year, 44 citations have been written)
- Do not impede traffic when parking on the street and park with the (passenger side on curb). Guests should be on one side of the street only.
- Do not park within 30 feet of a STOP or Yield sign
- Please call LG&E for the following: street light outage-589-1444; electric trouble-589-3500; gas trouble-589-5511
- Have a visible house number and good outside lighting.
- Our Police will check your house when you go out of town upon request
- Other important phone numbers:
 - Louisville Metro Sheriff's Department (Call 1st): 574-5471
 - Louisville Metro Police (non-emergency): 574-2111
 - Meadow Vale Police (answering machine): 412-5500
 - Worthington Fire Dept. (They Need Volunteers) 425-2711
 - American Red Cross (They Need Blood) 589-4450
 - Commissioner Dan A. Streit 426-4323



Insurance Taxes

The tax that you pay with auto, boat and/or homeowners' insurance might not come back to Barbourmeade unless your insurance company knows that you are a Barbourmeade resident. PLEASE advise your insurance company and change your mailing address to Barbourmeade, KY and use the nine digit zip code which can be found on your LG&E statement. Last fiscal year, Barbourmeade received over \$50,000 from this tax. As you receive your insurance statement, it is important that you check every bill to make sure that Barbourmeade is getting the tax monies. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Streit at 426-4323.



Like to shovel driveways? If you'd like to add your name to the City website as a snow remover for hire, please send an email to cityclerk@barbourmeade.org

City of Barbourmeade Commission Members:

Mayor:

- Kim Holsclaw, 412-8268, mayor@barbourmeade.org

City Commissioners:

- Tom Budniak - Beautification, 425-0750, beautification@barbourmeade.org
- Bryan Coomer - Roads & Maintenance & Animal Control, 327-6230, roadmaintenance@barbourmeade.org
- Lisa Crockett - Sanitation, 426-9811, sanitation@barbourmeade.org
- Dan A. Streit - Insurance & Safety, 426-4323, safety_insurance@barbourmeade.org

City Officials:

- City Clerk - Beth Sedgwick, 426-9522, cityclerk@barbourmeade.org
- City Treasurer - Andrew Alvey, 894-8432, citytreasurer@barbourmeade.org
- City Attorney - L. Stanley Chauvin III, 584-6394, cityattorney@barbourmeade.org
- City Engineer - Robert Trautwein, 425-2742, cityengineer@barbourmeade.org

City Website: www.barbourmeade.org

Special Note: Please be advised that some Commission Members' personal email addresses have changed. Please contact all Commission Members using the above City email addresses.

MEADOW VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Roy Fey
Mayor

Connie Henson
Chief of Police

To: Barbourmeade residents

From: Sergeant John Nissen

Date: December 01, 2009

Subject: Safety tips

Dear Residents:

On behalf of the Meadow Vale Police Department we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Our department has recently received reports of golf carts being operated in the city. These carts are not considered street legal vehicles by Kentucky state law and cannot be on the roadway. It was reported that juveniles have been operating these vehicles in violation of state law. There also has been an All-Terrain Vehicle seen in the area of Hillvale Road. This vehicle is not street legal by Kentucky state law. I have personally spoken to the operator of that ATV and have resolved the problem.

Recently there have been many burglaries and home invasions in the Graymoor Devondale, Lyndon, and Louisville Metro areas. To keep from becoming the next victim please see the below tips for safekeeping of your valuables.

1. Keep all valuable items inside your residence and not in your car.
2. Lock your car and home each night. Do not forget to include the garage door that is attached to your home.
3. Turn on any exterior lighting at dusk. This will help eliminate dark areas around the home.
4. Do not set out Christmas packages any earlier than necessary. This keeps thieves from being able to see what you have under the tree.
5. Cut up large boxes that may have contained expensive audio/visual equipment and put the pieces in a garbage can with a lid.
6. If you go out of town please call us and set up a house watch. These will be completed at least once a shift.

Thank you,
Sgt. John Nissen
Office: 412-5500
Dispatch: 574-5471