

# The Barbourmeade News

December 2006

Please Keep This For Future Reference

## *Message From the Mayor*

I would like to start by saying "Thank You" to the residents of Barbourmeade for electing me to lead our wonderful City. I hope to continue improving communication and services while guiding our City in a positive direction.

I am happy to report that your City Commission has been very busy since our last newsletter in June. In an effort improve communication; we have established a City website. Residents will find useful information ranging from City provided services to contact information for all commission members and appointed officials. You will also find a photo gallery and a section titled "Frequently Asked Questions" or FAQ's. Minutes from previous meetings, along with our yearly budget, are also available on our website. Once our ordinance compilation is complete, a list of ordinances will be posted for your review. We will be adding information in the future so please feel free to forward comments, suggestions and pictures of City events, to our City Clerk. Our website address is: [www.barbourmeade.org](http://www.barbourmeade.org)

I am also very excited to announce that the City of Barbourmeade is one of only 13 cities throughout Kentucky, and the only city within the Louisville area, to be awarded a "Safe Routes To School" Grant. Barbourmeade applied for and received \$64,800, which will be used to implement safety measures and to decrease traffic

### City Commission

*Mayor - Kim Holsclaw*  
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### City Commissioners

*Bryan Coomer - Roads & Maintenance & Animal Control\**  
327-6230, [roadmaintenance@barbourmeade.org](mailto:roadmaintenance@barbourmeade.org)

*Lisa Crockett - Sanitation*  
426-9811, [sanitation@barbourmeade.org](mailto:sanitation@barbourmeade.org)

*Anne Jay - Beautification*  
412-6144, [beautification@barbourmeade.org](mailto:beautification@barbourmeade.org)

*Dan A. Streit - Insurance & Public Safety*  
426-4323, [safety\\_insurance@barbourmeade.org](mailto:safety_insurance@barbourmeade.org)

### City Officials

*City Clerk - Erica Albrecht*  
429-3842, [cityclerk@barbourmeade.org](mailto:cityclerk@barbourmeade.org)

*City Treasurer - David Butke*  
899-7750, [citytreasurer@barbourmeade.org](mailto:citytreasurer@barbourmeade.org)

*City Attorney - L. Stanley Chauvin III*  
584-6394, [cityattorney@barbourmeade.org](mailto:cityattorney@barbourmeade.org)

*City Engineer - Robert Trautwein*  
425-2742, [cityengineer@barbourmeade.org](mailto:cityengineer@barbourmeade.org)

*\*Beginning January 1, 2007*

## *Message from the Mayor (continued)*

along Hwy 22, Barbour Lane, and some Barbourmeade streets. Our area of Jefferson County is growing rapidly and traffic has increased dramatically in a short period of time. Although we cannot control new development, we can do our part to ensure that increased traffic has as little impact on our quality of life as possible. Please feel free to contact me or Anne Jay if you would like more information regarding this wonderful opportunity for our city. Additional information is also available on our city website.

**Please take time to read our entire newsletter.** Inside this issue you will find contact information for each Commissioner and the departments for which they are responsible. Some of this information has changed so I encourage you to look this over and attach the list to your current Barbourmeade Directory. This will enable you to contact the appropriate Commissioner who will be able to address your questions and concerns most accurately.

You will also find a report from Sergeant John Nissen, with Graymoor-Devondale Police Department, in this newsletter. Barbourmeade, along with surrounding Cities, has experienced a number of car break-ins recently. Sergeant Nissen has included useful information to help protect residents from this type of crime. Please take note of the phone numbers listed for Graymoor-Devondale Police Department and report any information you may have to them immediately.

I hope you enjoy the latest issue of the Barbourmeade Newsletter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions as to how we can better serve you.

I hope you and your family have a joyous holiday season and a wonderful start to the New Year!

Sincerely,

Kim Holsclaw

## *Power Outages*

by Commissioner Anne Jay

\*Every residence should report an outage as soon as it happens (call LG&E at 589-3500). The more people that report the outage, the easier it is for LG&E to see where the problem might be. Just a few people calling for several streets that have lost power is not very effective in helping get power restored. LG&E needs to know of each residence that does not have power as soon as possible.

\*LG&E has begun evaluating our power lines because of the frequent power outages our City experiences. The first step in the evaluation process is for LG&E to trim trees away from power lines. LG&E will then evaluate the actual lines to see if work needs to be done on the lines. Currently, LG&E is trimming trees in our City (this step can take several months to complete).

We live in a beautiful, friendly City. Please help keep it that way by noting the following... As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions and concerns regarding Beautification in our City. I am proud to serve you and our City.

**SIGNS** Please remember that our City has an ordinance that bans the placement of any type of sign at our entryways and that bans placing signs on our light and sign posts. It is also our policy that signs are not permitted in the rights-of-ways that the City mows and maintains.



**LEAVES** Please make sure you have removed all leaves from your yard by then end of December. I do receive calls from residents who are frustrated because they have to clean up their neighbors' leaves that have blown into their yards. Leaf removal takes a great deal of work but it helps our City look neat...and it helps keeps neighbors happy.

**GROUND MAINTENANCE** Effective this past July, our grounds maintenance company is Greenscapes, Inc. They have been doing a good job keeping our City mowed, trimmed, and landscaped.

**BRICK ENTRYWAY SIGNS** This fall, in an effort to maintain our six brick entryway signs, all brick signs were power washed (to remove algae and air pollution stains) and sealed (to prevent algae growth and stains). New landscape lighting was installed to replace lighting that was in poor condition. The lettering on the signs is currently being painted and sealed. The lettering will be off of the brick signs until sometime in January. In the meantime, holiday décor will accent our entryways.

**MAILBOXES** In the June newsletter, I asked residents to give me their opinions on whether or not Barbourmeade should have any kind of mailbox program for our City. I only heard from 10% of our residences, but the majority of those responses were not in favor of the City having a mailbox program.

**LANDSCAPING** Something or someone is damaging valuable landscaping in our City, especially along the landscaped island at the Coronado entryway. The oak leaf hydrangeas along there are getting stripped and will have to be replaced. Anyone noticing damage in progress should contact me immediately. Our landscaping is visually beautiful but is not to be walked upon, chewed, etc.

**If you have any concerns or questions regarding Beautification, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Jay at 412 – 6144, at [annejjay@bellsouth.net](mailto:annejjay@bellsouth.net), or at 3512 Breeland Avenue, 40241.**

**Lost Bowl** A beautiful wooden bowl was found on Anne Jay's yard Halloween night. If you are missing this bowl, please call her at 412 – 6144.

# GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT



John Vaughan  
Mayor

Joe Renzi  
Chief of Police

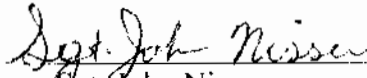
1500 Lynn Way  
Louisville, Kentucky 40222

Barbourmeade Residents,

Recently we have had a number of car break-ins in your city. I have a few tips that may help us catch the people responsible for these acts. They are very simple tips that may keep you from being a victim if this crime happens again.

1. Always lock your car. Unfortunately this is not the 1950's anymore and we have to lock our doors at night.
2. Try to park your vehicle in the garage with the garage door down. If you have to park your vehicle outside, try to park it in a well lit area. Try not to park the vehicle in an area that has no visibility from the house.
3. Do not leave anything of value in the car such as laptops, music equipment, video games, golf clubs, etc. It may take a little extra time to take these things inside, but it will be worth it in the long run.
4. Install motion lights that come on when someone walks near the vehicle.
5. When you purchase anything that has a make, model, and serial number please make a list. The police can enter that information into a crime database that is checked by the detectives and pawn detectives nationwide. If they run that serial number then it will show when and where it was stolen. If you do not have a serial number then have the item etched with a number that is only familiar to you. That will work in place of a serial number. Additionally, if you do not have etching equipment, you may check with your local police department or district because they sometimes have that equipment available to loan to you at no cost.
6. Always report any type of crime no matter how insignificant it may seem to you. If you see a suspicious person or vehicle in the area, do not hesitate to call the Graymoor Devondale Police or Louisville Metro Police.

Thank you,

  
Sgt. John Nissen

My focus is to make our city a safe and better place to live.

**Car Break-ins and Vandalism** We have recently had a rash of car break-ins, If you experience either of these problems, PLEASE call Graymoor-Devondale Police. You can help deter these problems with good or increased lighting. Please review the attached letter from Sergeant Nissen.

**Speeding and Stopping at Stop Signs** Our contracted police, Graymoor-Devondale are in our City several times a day and will continue to issue traffic citations for violations. If you violate the traffic laws in Barbourmeade, you will be cited and your wallet will be lighter.

**To help combat traffic violations,** we are asking for your permission to let the police park in your driveway in order to monitor traffic, PLEASE contact Dan A. Streit, 426-4323.

**Parking on the Street and Impeding Traffic** PLEASE try to avoid parking on the street, because impeding the flow of traffic could result in your getting a citation. Not parking on the street also makes it safer for our residents, especially our young children. If you are having a party, PLEASE ask all guests to park on the same side of the street. Also, PLEASE park on the right side of the street (passenger side on the curb).

**Loud Vehicles** I have had several complaints about loud cars and trucks. PLEASE do whatever it takes to keep the noise level down.

**House Numbers** PLEASE be sure your house number is placed on your house so that it is visible from the street. It may be

necessary for the fire or police departments, EMS or others to locate your residence quickly. It would also help to have your house numbers on your mailbox.

**Norton School Property** If you see a gathering of people on the school grounds, especially after dark, that might create a problem, PLEASE advise the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department.

**Going on Vacation or Out of Town?** Upon request, the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department will check your house while you are on vacation. Also, don't forget to discontinue your mail and newspaper or have someone collect them daily.

**Block Watch** A Block Watch program helps create a safer City. PLEASE call me if you are interested in this program.

**Street Lights** We will be looking around our City to see if we need additional lighting. If an existing light is out, PLEASE call LG&E at 589-1444.

**Walking and Biking** Please walk facing the traffic. Bike riders should be on the side with car traffic and stop at stop signs. Do not walk or bike down the middle of the street.

**Phone Numbers to Know**

For Emergencies – 911  
Graymoor-Devondale Police Department  
(502) 574-5471  
Graymoor-Devondale Officer-on-Duty  
(502) 643-0691 (cell phone)  
Louisville Metro (non-emergency)  
(502) 574-2111  
Street Light Outage  
(502) 589-1444  
Dan A. Streit  
(502) 426-4323

Thank you for your votes and your support. It was very exciting to get out and meet some more of my neighbors; I appreciate your positive comments and encouragement. Thanks again. A few notes regarding the sanitation / yard waste services:

1. Weekly yard waste service will END in December. January, February and March pick-up schedule will be the SECOND Monday of each month and weekly schedule will resume the first week of April.
2. Christmas and New Years fall on Monday, therefore garbage/yard waste will be on Tuesday. Those dates would be December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Rumpke will be providing us with a special cardboard pick-up on December 26<sup>th</sup>, see details in box below. This service has been provided at no extra cost to the City and will help get rid of those large boxes that accumulate on Christmas Day. If there is enough participation, hopefully Rumpke will offer this service again next year. Thank you, Rumpke.
4. PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T SET YOUR TRASH CANS OUT BEFORE SUNDAY. Put them out as late as possible if you can. Remember to pull your trash cans in on Monday evening. I have been getting complaints from residents about trash being put out on Saturday. I do realize from experience, that it would be easier to put bags full of leaves at the curb on Saturday, since some of us do our yard work on that day. However, it does not look attractive to have trash cans/ yard waste containers sitting out for several days. Not to mention that they can get scattered about the neighborhood. Thank you for helping me with this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at 426-9811 with any questions regarding Sanitation.

### Special Cardboard Only Pick-up December 26<sup>th</sup>

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, Rumpke will send a truck through the City to pick-up cardboard ONLY. Gift boxes, cereal boxes, newspaper, and other paper products will not be collected at that time, only cardboard. Place all boxes at the curbside by 6AM. Boxes do not need to be broken down (unless very large, such as refrigerator box). Remove all packaging materials, such as peanuts, tissue paper. Rain or snow will not contaminate the material. You may bundle loose material. You may place smaller boxes inside larger ones. If you can carry it to the curb, Rumpke will pick it up. Please try to keep all bundles down to under 50 lbs.



**BARKING DOGS AND WANDERING CATS** Please help to restore or maintain good neighborly relations by controlling barking dogs. Good neighborly relations can also be improved by keeping cats on the owner's property. By far, the most frequent concerns I hear from residents are in regards to barking dogs and to cats that dig in neighbors' yards. Also, please make sure you clean up after your pet when you are out and about with them in our City.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Animal Control, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Jay at 412 - 6144 or at [annejjay@bellsouth.net](mailto:annejjay@bellsouth.net). Please note that effective January 1st, Bryan Coomer will be the Commissioner for Animal Control, please contact him in the future with Animal Control concerns.

Once again winter is upon us. As your Commissioner in charge of Roads and Maintenance I will do my very best to see that the City streets are kept clear of ice and snow. I have discussed the issue of snow and ice removal with our contractor and have added additional services to the snow removal plan in the event that we have a severe snowstorm. Hopefully these improvements will result in our streets being kept clear throughout the season.

The deteriorating road signs and street signs that are found throughout our City will soon be replaced and the signs poles painted. Once this work is completed I believe that the appearance of our City will be greatly improved. The City streets were re-stripped and the Coronado entrance was repaved this past summer. These projects have improved the appearance of our City.

Potholes are another maintenance issue that needs to be constantly addressed. If you have any potholes in your area, please let me know and I will have them repaired as soon as possible.

As you are probably aware the City has an ordinance prohibiting the taping of signs and/or notices on street signs and poles. Please continue to comply with this ordinance as the tape damages the paint on the signposts.

As your Commissioner in charge of roads and maintenance, it is my goal to improve the appearance of our City. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to call me at 327-6230 or e-mail me at [bnc48@aol.com](mailto:bnc48@aol.com).

### **Bellsouth & Cable Work Along Highway 22**

Near the Coronado entryway, Bellsouth and cable companies have been doing line work over the past several months. This work is necessary as a result of the turning lane being added at Barbour Lane. This work is scheduled to continue through February. When the work is completed, Bellsouth will seed dirt areas and repair our white vinyl fence. If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please contact Anne Jay at 412 - 6144.

**Important Notice to All Residents (Owners and Renters)**

Your insurance company knows your address, but do they know that you live in the City of Barbourmeade? Please notify your insurance company that you reside in the City of Barbourmeade.

I estimate that the City should receive \$50,000 or more from the 5% tax placed on insurance premiums. These tax dollars benefit the City and all of us by enabling us to keep our City fiscally sound, our tax rate low and offering us a discount on timely paid Barbourmeade property tax bills.

Also, call or write your insurance company and have them change your mailing address to the Barbourmeade (instead of Louisville). With this change, you must provide the nine digit zip code which can be found on your Louisville Gas & Electric monthly statement. Please do this for every policy and every insurance company. Some of the types of policies that include this tax are: homeowners insurance, motor vehicle insurance, renters insurance, inland marine insurance, and life insurance. Health insurance, Accident insurance, worker's compensation, and annuities are not taxed.

I want to thank everyone who has notified their insurance company. Please used the attached forms to notify your insurance company that you live in Barbourmeade.

Any questions, please all me at 426-4323.

***Thank you for your vote.***

**It shall be unlawful, while waiting to drop-off or pick-up a student from Norton Elementary School, to stand, stop, and/or park a motor vehicle on Pompano Drive, Barbourmeade Road, or from Coronado Drive to Old Gate Road, or Sorrento Avenue to Old Gate Road between the hours of 8:15 Am to 9:15 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM, on school days. On days when the school is not in full session, this ban shall apply for thirty (30) minutes from the time the students are to arrive and from when they are to be discharged.**

This ordinance will be enforced by the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department and fines will be assigned to persons found in violation of this ordinance.

This Ordinance was put in place for the safety of the children and adults who WALK to and from school. If you drive please use the carpool line or park in the school parking lot and walk your child into school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Any questions regarding this Ordinance should be directed to Dan A. Streit, City of Barbourmeade Safety Commissioner, 426-4323.



Please contact Dan Streit, 426-4323 for additional forms – Thank you!

Wrap this form around your check

**City of Barbourmeade**

Please remit the Kentucky Insurance Premium Tax for this Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ to the City of Barbourmeade, PO Box 6677, Louisville Kentucky, 40206-6677.

Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_

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Send or Phone This Information To Your Insurance Company

**City of Barbourmeade**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_, am a resident of the City of Barbourmeade and request that the 5.0% Kentucky Insurance Premium Tax that you are collecting on my insurance premiums be paid to the City of Barbourmeade, PO Box 6677, Louisville Kentucky, 40206-6677. Please insure that this information is properly entered into your files. In addition, please change my city and zip code listing to: Barbourmeade, KY \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Barbourmeade Commission is comprised of 5 voting members which are all elected positions; the Mayor and four Commissioners. All motions and expenditures must be approved by a majority vote. The City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Engineer and City Attorney are appointed positions. City Commission responsibilities are divided as follows:

**Mayor, Kim Holsclaw:** Facilitates monthly City Commission meetings, Oversees ethics issues, Deals with planning, zoning and development issues in and around the Barbourmeade community, Signs all checks and contracts

**City Clerk, Erica Albrecht:** Manages City website, Publishes City directory, Publishes City newsletter, Organizes City Commission meeting agendas, Produces City Commission meeting minutes

**City Treasurer, Dave Butke:** Prepares and collects Barbourmeade City Tax Bills, Facilitates and monitors Barbourmeade City Budget, Executes payment of monthly expenses and monitors asset investments

**City Engineer, Ted Trautwein:** Oversees Storm water drainage, Oversees Roadway repairs, Reviews Building permits

**City Attorney, Stan Chauvin III:** Serves as Legal Counsel for the City

**Roads & Maintenance Commissioner, Bryan Coomer:** Oversees condition of traffic, street, and speed limits signs and poles in the City, Oversees City street conditions (potholes, striping, etc.), Oversees debris and litter removal from City streets, Oversees snow removal from City streets, Keeps tree branches over City streets at a height of 15 feet, Monitors Power Outages (residents should first report outages LG&E)

**Sanitation Commissioner, Lisa Crockett:** Prepares and proposes sanitation contract for approval by Commission, Oversees trash, recycled materials, and yard waste collection

**Animal Control Commissioner, Bryan Coomer:** Monitors animal nuisances (barking dogs, loose pets, "pooper scooper" ordinance, rodents, etc.), Monitors lost and found pets, Facilitates mosquito control with Metro Louisville Health Department

**Safety Commissioner, Dan A. Streit:** Oversees Neighborhood Watch Program and Safe Routes to School Program, Serves as liaison between City and Graymoor-Devondale Police, Department concerning incidents of thefts, speeding, traffic violations, vandalism, graffiti,

**Insurance Commissioner, Dan A. Streit:** Ensures that City has insurance, Insurance Tax revenue

**Beautification Commissioner, Anne Jay:** Maintains brick entryway signs and lighting, Maintains landscaping on City property and right-of-ways (includes planting of annuals), Works with grounds maintenance company, supervising mowing and trimming of City property and some City right-of-ways, Maintains irrigation system for City's landscaped areas, Maintains white vinyl fence along Hwy. 22, Monitors litter removal from landscaped and mowed areas, Coordinates Holiday decor