

The Barbourmeade News

June 2007

City Commission

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Message From the Mayor

Greetings to all Barbourmeade Residents. I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the summer season. I would like to encourage each of you to take the time necessary to read our entire newsletter. It includes a list of our City's Ordinances and a questionnaire relating to a new Barbourmeade Directory.

For your convenience we have attached the Directory questionnaire to the back of this newsletter. **Please complete the form and submit to our City Clerk, Erica Albrecht, 3519 Coronado Drive, 40241 by June 30th.** You may also contact Erica through our City's website, www.barbourmeade.org. Please be sure to give your name, address and phone number. The information we receive will only be used in the creation of a Barbourmeade Directory. We will **not** post this information on our website or share it in any way.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that your Barbourmeade City Commission has successfully completed the codification of our City's ordinances. This is the first time in recent history that our ordinances have been reviewed, updated and copies have been made available to all residents.

The Ordinance Ad hoc Committee met several times during the past two years to review, update, and condense existing ordinances in

Message from the Mayor (continued)

order to make them more concise. Their recommendations were reviewed and approved by the City Commission and **no new** ordinances were added during this process.

Our ordinances are in place to ensure we have a safe and well-maintained City. City ordinances will be consistently enforced; therefore, we recommend you take some time to review the attached ordinance summary. This summary states the basic points of each ordinance and the corresponding fine.

We would like to thank all residents for their cooperation in helping to keep Barbourmeade a safe and desirable place to live. If you would like more information concerning an individual ordinance, or would like a comprehensive ordinance list, please refer to our City's website, www.barbourmeade.org, or contact our City Clerk, Erica Albrecht.

Ted Trautwein has presented to the Commission a 20 year road maintenance plan for the repaving of our streets. Our nine miles of roadways have been divided into phases based on their condition. We will be accepting



bids this summer for Phase I of our project which will include Pine Meadows Drive, Hillvale Road, the west side of Barbourmeade Road, Circle Crest Drive, Pinehurst Lane, and the Brownsboro Road access road. Breaking down the project into phases allows us to control costs while ensuring our roads are well maintained.

Your City Commission has also accepted bids for the replacement/repair of our street signs. The level of disrepair is not only aesthetically unattractive but has become a safety issue. Some signs are unreadable or missing, which could inhibit the response time of emergency vehicles. I would like to thank Commissioners Lisa Crockett and Anne Jay for taking over this project in March to ensure it was completed in a timely manner.

As always, I would like to encourage residents to stay active in our community by attending monthly City Commission meetings and contacting us if you have suggestions or comments. Meetings are the third Monday of every month at Springdale Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm. Your input is always appreciated.

Beautification

by Commissioner Anne Jay

Barbourmeade is beautiful when Residents...

- Keep their yards mowed and trimmed
- Trim back grass growing over pavement & sidewalks
- Keep sticks and leaves picked up
- Remove grass clippings from streets after mowing
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed
- Remove stumps when a tree is removed
- Keep their mailboxes structurally sound and in good working order
- Pick up litter

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Your neighbors are grateful when you take good care of your yard. **THANK YOU** for your hard work and effort in doing so! As homeowners in Barbourmeade, we have all invested in our City...let's make sure our investment is beautiful.

Updates...

*Based on feedback from residents, pansies were planted in the fall so that Residents could enjoy fall and early spring color in our landscape beds.

*For the summer annual selection this year, Cocktail Vodka Begonias have been planted.

*Our perennial, tree, and shrub plantings will continue to be evaluated...in the fall, we added knock-out roses to 3 landscape islands in an effort to have color for a longer period of the growing season. Please keep in mind that the heavy, damaging frost we had this spring may have affected how some of our plants look...if these plants do not recover after several months, they will be replaced. Native, hardy, drought resistant plants have been planted in all areas in an effort to reduce mowing and maintenance (reduces fuel consumption & air pollution) AND to improve the attractiveness of our City.

*The refurbishing of our brick entryway signs is now complete...mortar has been repaired, the brick has been cleaned and sealed, lettering has been painted and sealed, and new landscape lighting has been installed.

*For safety and aesthetic reasons, the northern right-of-way along Pompano Drive at the intersection of Coronado Drive will be replanted in the near future.

City Ordinances pertaining to Beautification...

Ordinances in our City (read attached Ordinance summary, please) will be consistently enforced...in particular, please make sure:

*stumps are removed from your yard (or at least cut down to ground level)

*your mailbox is structurally sound and in a state of good repair (no bungee cords, duct tape, etc., should be used to hold it together...the mail box should be parallel to the ground and the post should be perpendicular to the ground)

*boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles are stored outside of our City.

Please remember that our City has an ordinance that bans the placement of signs at our entryways and that bans the placing of signs on our light and sign posts. It is also City policy that signs are not allowed in the rights-of-ways that the City mows and maintains. Please keep this in mind, especially as we approach election season this fall. An exception exists for garage sale signs and real estate open house signs...such signs may be posted at City entryways from 5:00 p.m. on Fridays until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Sundays.

Greenscapes, Inc. handles all of our grounds maintenance and landscaping needs. They have been doing a fine job and you may already have noticed some pleasant changes in annual selection and in trimming. However, we will continue to fine tune their services for our City as we progress through the growing season. If you notice any grounds maintenance issue that needs to be addressed (mowing, trimming, weed control, landscaping), please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Beautification, please do not hesitate to contact Commissioner Anne Jay at 412 – 6144 or at annejjay@bellsouth.net.

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

Speeding (Speed Limit – 25 mph) and Stopping at Stop Signs (Please Obey) 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.

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).



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.

Car Break-ins and Vandalism If you experience either of these problems, PLEASE call Graymoor-Devondale Police. You can help deter these problems with good or increased lighting.

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.

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

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.

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.

Street Lights If a light is out, PLEASE call LG&E at 589-1444 and report the outage.

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
- Commissioner Dan A. Streit (502) 426-4323

Removing Paint? WATCH OUT

If you are renovating, remodeling or redecorating a house built before 1978, you could unknowingly poison yourself, your family and your pets. Renovation of some older houses in Metro Louisville has been documented to cause lead poisoning in children.

The Metro Louisville Health Department provides free lead testing for children ages six months to six years old. For more information on lead paint poisoning and detailed lead paint removal guidelines, contact the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of Metro Louisville Health Department at 574-6644

Many residents have noticed that Rumpke is taking a stricter approach to THEIR policy regarding yard waste. If you do not properly bundle your yard waste, Rumpke may choose to not pick it up. Yard waste will need to be prepared in one of the following ways.

- * Place loosely in a 30-35 gallon can clearly labeled "YARDWASTE ONLY"
- * Place in 30-35 gallon PAPER yard waste bags.
- * Place in 30-35 gallon plastic bags.
- * Brush and branches may be tied in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than 75 lbs.

On most days, we have only 1 garbage collector; he both drives and picks up the yard waste. When yard waste is not correctly bundled it makes his job time consuming and difficult. It also increases the chances of debris being left on our streets.



I still continue to have several complaints about garbage cans being set out well in advance of the pick-up date. Some of these cans do not have lids and therefore animals are carrying trash throughout the neighborhood. It is our policy NOT to put cans out prior to the night before pickup. This also applies to yard waste. Setting out waste cans early only makes our city look unsightly.

If you have any extremely heavy or bulky refuse, such as stoves, refrigerators etc., you can contact Rumpke and they will haul it away at a price agreed upon between the Resident and Rumpke. You will need to contact Rumpke in advance to arrange pickup. Also, if for any reason (such as moving or house cleaning) you have a large amount of garbage, it would be wise to contact Rumpke on the

Friday before pickup and notify them of additional waste.

In the event Rumpke misses your house on regular pick up time, you can call Rumpke at (568-3800) during business hours or myself at (426-9811). If notified early enough Rumpke can usually get a truck back to our area within 1 day.

Rumpke employees are to be respectful while working in our city, if you experience a problem please notify me as soon as possible.

Rumpke holidays are, NEW YEAR'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING DAY and CHRISTMAS DAY. As always, if our regular pick-up day falls on one of the above holidays, pick-up will be on TUESDAY.

Over the last several weeks I have been out walking and driving in our beautiful City, taking a closer at the condition of our street signs. Everyone has been very encouraging and appreciative of this timely project. To those residents that have taken the time to talk with me, THANK YOU. It has been a pleasure to talk with you.

Thank you,

Lisa Crockett, Commissioner
426-9811
sanitation@barbourmeade.org

Roads & Maintenance and Animal Control

by Commissioner Bryan Coomer

Submission not provided by deadline

Insurance

by Commissioner Dan Streit

**Important Notice to All Residents (Owners and Renters)
Re: 5% Tax on Insurance Premiums**

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 want to **THANK** everyone who has notified their insurance company.

These tax dollars benefit the City and all of us by helping us to keep our City fiscally sound and our tax rate low.

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.

THANK YOU – Dan A. Streit 426-4323

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, _____

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, _____

Want to be in the New Directory??

The City is preparing to publish a new Directory. For those of you who have an old Directory, you know it is a great way to keep your neighbors phone numbers handy and also has other important City information. If you would like to have your name, address and phone number published in the City of Barbourmeade Directory, you can send us your information 1 of 3 ways shown below. Please note that if you do not send your information in, only your street address will be included (not your last name & phone number).

1. Fill out the form below and mail it to:
City Clerk, City of Barbourmeade
PO Box 6677
Louisville, Kentucky 40206-6677
2. Fill out the form below and place in the City Clerk's newspaper box at:
3519 Coronado Drive
Louisville, KY 40241
3. Email the information to cityclerk@barbourmeade.org



LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____

NOTE: By submitting the information above, the resident is authorizing the City of Barbourmeade to publish their information in a City Directory which will be given to residents of the City only and will not be used for any other purpose.

Worthington Volunteer Fire Department

PLEASE Support Worthington Volunteer Fire Department who does an outstanding job for our community. If you are interested in joining, stop by their Fire Station or call Kevin Jump at 425-2711

American Red Cross

This organization always needs blood donors. Donating is easy. The nearest facility is located at 291 N. Hubbard's Lane at Westport Rd. near Kroger in the Woodlawn Center. Hours are Monday and Thursday – 12 to 7 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday – 10am to 6pm, Friday 7am to 3 pm, Saturday – 9 am to 1 pm . If you have any questions PLEASE call 540-7059

General Insurance

For your protection ask for a "Certificate of Insurance" when you are having work done on your house or property. Ask the company or independent contractor for **proof of insurance** (general, auto, liability and workman's compensation). If you have any questions PLEASE call your homeowner's insurance agent.

TAXES

by City Treasurer Dave Butke

THE CITY WILL BE PREPARING PROPERTY TAX BILLS FOR HOMEOWNERS IN THE CITY OF BARBOURMEADE AND MAILING THEM OUT IN MID AUGUST. THE DISCOUNTED AMOUNT OF CITY TAXES MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2007. AFTER THAT DATE, A PENALTY OF 10 % AND INTEREST CHARGES OF 18% APPLY. ESCROWED PROPERTY TAXES WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE MORTGAGE COMPANY FOR PAYMENT. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO USE A BANK LOCK BOX FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES.

David B. Butke
City Treasurer

Position of City Treasurer

by Mayor Kim Holsclaw

It is with much regret that I announce the retirement of our longtime City Treasurer, Dave Butke. Dave has served Barbourmeade since 1978 either as our City Clerk, City Treasurer or both! We will greatly miss his expert financial guidance, sense of humor and honesty. Along with retiring from Barbourmeade, Dave has also sold his accounting firm. Fortunately for our City, Andy Alvey who has purchased Dave's company is interested in serving as our City Treasurer. Although we are glad for the easy transition, we would ideally like to appoint a Barbourmeade resident to this position. **Anyone who may be interested please contact our City Clerk, Erica Albrecht, or refer to our website www.barbourmeade.org for a list of duties performed by our City Treasurer. All résumés should be submitted to: Mayor Kim Holsclaw, 3409 Hillvale Road, Louisville, KY 40241 by October 1, 2007.** The City Commission will make a final decision during the month of December.