

A meeting of the Neighborhood Associations was held on **October 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.** at City Hall in the Planning Department's first floor conference room, 1911 Boundary Street. In attendance were the Neighborhood Association Representatives and City Staff.

### **NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

**Isiah Smalls from Public Works** spoke since he needed to leave the meeting early. Mr. Smalls spoke about tree debris and containment for leaves. Regarding leaves, he said residents cannot have piles left in the right-of-way or put into garbage cans. The leaves must be bagged. Regarding tree debris, he said only limbs and branches will be picked up. "Logs" resulting from tree cutting will not be picked up. If there is an abnormal case, he advised the residents are to contact the office of Waste Pro for help at (843) 645-4100. Mr. Smalls passed out an information sheet from Waste Pro (see attached).

### **NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES**

**The Bluff Rep**, asked about updates on the mooring field. Ms. Anderson replied by saying, it is in the process and a grant was submitted to pay for mooring buoys. Mr. Smalls said a consultant has been hired to prepare the OCRM application. Ms. Anderson said the permit will last 5 years.

**Cottage Farms**. Mr. Smalls said the contractor is working on the repairs to the stormwater drain due to the work done on the railroads.

**Islands of Beaufort Rep**, one home were finished and three more are in the works. The permits will be coming in the next few months.

**Jericho Woods Rep** said he missed the final presentation of the Sector 2 & 3 plan and asked where he could obtain a copy. Ms. Anderson referred him to the Office of Civic Investment's website.

**Twin Lakes Rep** said the house at 3 Twin Lakes Road needs the grass cut badly. Dawn Boren, City Codes Enforcement Officer, responded by saying she send two notices to the resident and a third one will be going out. She also said the addresses that the Beaufort County Assessor's Office has are often incorrect. The representative also mentioned that the house at 9 Twin Lakes Road had a bad leaf and moss problem. He said someone was out there taking pictures. It was confirmed that this is a foreclosure. Ms. Boren said not raking leaves is not a violation.

**Northwest Quadrant Rep, Charles Lind Brown**, gave an update on the Washington Street Park and the Activity Center.

**Pigeon Point Rep**, the house on 916 – 919 Lafayette Street will be demolished and subdivided so 2 Habitat houses can be built, 1 being a veteran's house. He also mentioned mosquito

issues. Isiah Smalls had arranged for mosquito spraying in the park area before the neighborhood picnic.

**Donnie Beer** talked about her involvement with the Red Cross. She said there have been recently several house fires and five could have been prevented. She reminded everyone about their smoke detectors. She also mentioned the Water Oaks that are becoming dangerous and falling down lately. Ms. Anderson said owners could request a tree assessment from a Certified Arborist. She had said she had one done at no charge.

**The Point** talked about the Office of Civic Investment's presentation. He also mentioned the yellow lines DOT painted on King Street. They are trying to get this removed.

### **MORE NEWS FROM CITY STAFF AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

**Jim from Waste Pro** talked about the leaf situation previously mentioned by Isiah Smalls of Public Works. Jim said leaves that are picked up by using a tractor contain dirt making the bags ripped. He also said to be patient with the large limb pickups. Jim offered his phone numbers to anyone that needs them which are (843) 247-4076 (work) and 843-379-2003 (home).

**Jerry Ashmore, The Greenery**, gave an update on issues such as storm debris, fall color change outs, irrigation reduction for water irrigation, and October festivals. He also mentioned that his crews are working on the R-O-Ws, sight lines, cleaning drains, vista pruning, and buffer pruning. He said he is working with the city with people who cannot do the work themselves; for example, the Fort Lyttleton house in Spanish Point.

**Lundy Baker, Lanier Parking**, mentioned that October was a busy month for them due the festivals, especially the Shrimp Festival. He said it was a great turnout with no parking left. He also mentioned Trick-or-Treat event will be on October 27 from 4:30 – 6:30 and the Bay & Port Republic streets will be closed off.

**Dawn Boren, Codes Enforcement Officer**, said she is working with Isiah Smalls on the basketball backstops; with the Police Department regarding unlicensed vehicles; and with Donna Alley and Libby Anderson from the City Planning Department on the historic vacant and abandoned homes. Ms. Boren also commented that the porch at the Tabernacle Church looks fantastic.

**Capt. John Robinson, Fire Department**, mentioned the following items:

- October is Fire Prevention Month – extremely busy
- Chimney inspections are important and inexpensive
- Burn week is the first full week in November (16<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>). Call 525-7055 for a permit.
- Fire Safety Rules advertised in the newspaper
- Cooking and warming fires are legal if it's less than 50 degrees outside (i.e. Oyster Roast)

**Officer Squires, City Police Department**, passed out a Crime Prevention Flyer (see attached) and spoke about other Neighborhood Association Meetings, and Crime Prevention Meetings. Officer Squires said he has been working with the City Codes Department. He also mentioned more officers will be seen during the month of October especially at football games, movie theatres, and stores. He mentioned that there have been quite a few crimes lately in the Boundary Street corridor late at night and advised the residents to be cautious.

**City Planning Department**, Libby Anderson spoke about the Office of Civic Investment's Sector 1 Master Plan presentation at the Metropolitan Planning Commission on October 17 that was approved. She said council will hold a public hearing on the Section 1 Master Plan on November 8. She also spoke about the ordinance addressing the underground power lines; the ordinance changes regarding Bladen Street area; and the annexation of the O.C. Welch property for Vaden Chevrolet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

## Waste Pro

Tele: 645 4100

Bagging Ordinance has NOT been repealed:

It States: items (leaves, not dirt) must be placed in plastic bags of less than 50 lbs and 4 ft length. Branches do not have to be bundled any longer (per Waste Pro request); however, they should also meet the requirements of not being any longer than 4 ft in length and a pile not more than 50 lbs.

If you have more than 12 bagged leaves and/or a large pile of loose small limbs, you must call Waste Pro and advise them of the large load. They will make the decision (after hearing the size of what is out) of having their "clam truck" retrieve; or if it's an unusually large load, or large tree branches are out, they may require a "special trash pickup" and that has a fee.\*\*\*

This is the same regulation and rules that we have had in existence for over 20 years. The only difference is Waste Pro does not need the resident to "tie" the lose branches into bundles\*\*\*.

Also may request by going to the city website and making a request. Always leave your name and telephone number for contact:

[www.cityofbeaufort.org](http://www.cityofbeaufort.org)

go to "Department"

go to "Sanitation"

go down the page to where it has three (3) choices of: "Make a request" "Make a complaint" "Make a compliment"

Hit "make a request".

This is the "Trac Ez" system and this is where you fill in the blanks and report what you want or have out.



# Beaufort Police Department

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*Moving forward into the future...  
While preserving our heritage with...  
Community Policing*

## **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

The Beaufort Police Department is dedicated to a community partnership that can keep our city safe and secure. Cooperation between the department and the citizens we serve is key to delivering the desired service and the proper deployment of appropriate resources where they will be the most beneficial. There are numerous sources available for crime reduction tips. Below are listed some of the most important to provide increased safety in our community.

### **BURGLARY PREVENTION**

- Don't give burglars a place to hide – keep bushes and other vegetation trimmed around windows and doors – certain thorny plants can help keep burglars away
- Have and use good quality locks on doors and windows
- If you have an alarm test it periodically
- Install and maintain good outdoor lighting
- Have a bedtime or close up routine that includes locking up and setting alarms

### **VEHICLE SECURITY**

- Always lock your car doors and roll up your windows
- Keep valuables out of sight (lock them in the trunk or take them with you)
- Don't leave keys in the car

### **ASSAULT PREVENTION**

- Install peepholes in your doors
- Do not let strangers in your home for any reason
- Get to know your neighbors and look out for each other
- Walk close to the curb; avoid doorways, bushes, alleys etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings

### **IDENTITY THEFT**

- Limit access to your personal data
- Check your credit statements for unusual or unauthorized activity
- Destroy documents that have sensitive data on them
- Do not give out personal information over the phone or internet unless you are sure of the other party