

Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

Fall 2013

News You Need to Know About Your City



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JOIN IN ON THE FUN AT THE BRENTWOOD LIBRARY

It is never a dull moment at the Brentwood Library. There is always something happening, whether you are interested in a healthy body or a healthy mind or both. To get your blood flowing you can attend one of the many classes we offer, such as Zumba, Tai Chi and Yoga. You can fulfill your urge to learn by attending any one of the book discussions or hone your skills in finance by preparing for a rise in interest rates. You can soothe your mind by attending meditation classes or even a self-love class. The library is your neighborhood gathering place where conversational French or Spanish can be shared or attend a special program like "Ebe Kruge: A Story about Charles Dickens" in November. Attending the Tree Lighting is something that every family should never miss and even if you don't have little ones, volunteering at the Morning with Santa is magical.



Just in case you can't make it to the library all the time, you can take the library with you. Zinio downloadable magazines and Freegal downloadable music can be yours on a plane, a train, or in an automobile. Or you can check out our gaming collection, now with the addition of Wii U games expanding our already popular collection. The Brentwood Library is there for you on the go, but we always welcome you to join in on the fun at the Brentwood Library, where the countless possibilities for you to find something that will tease your brain and please your soul abounds.

Local Schools Rank #1 in State TCAP Scores

Williamson County Schools is the highest achieving district in the State of Tennessee, according to overall preliminary TCAP Achievement data released by the state. The district had the highest scores in the state for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to the great schools in our community.

City of Brentwood Named Among Most Educated Cities

Brentwood was named the 13th most educated city in the country by consumer advocacy web site NerdWallet. The web site used broad-based methodology and considered increasing levels of education in its study. To compile the list, NerdWallet considered the percentage of residents who had finished high school or have an associate's degree; completed a bachelor's degree; completed a master's degree; or completed a professional or doctoral degree as their highest level of education.

Brentwood was the only city in Tennessee to make the list. According to the list, Bethesda, Maryland is the most educated place in America.

AAA Bond Ratings

The City of Brentwood places the highest priority on operating the municipal government in a financially sound manner. In September, 2008, Brentwood became the first government in Middle Tennessee to receive the highest bond rating possible from two major credit rating agencies, Moody's Investors Service (Aaa) and Standard and Poor's (AAA). These ratings were reaffirmed in July 2013 in advance of the issuance of \$10 million in General Obligation Public Improvement Refunding Bonds.

The City of Brentwood is among a unique group (2%) of the local governments in the USA today having an AAA rating with a stable outlook. This rating makes our bonds attractive to investors and allows the City to receive the most favorable interest rates. This is very important in today's unstable investment market where credit quality is king. The rating agencies cited the City's strong financial management practices, solid financial reserves, diverse tax base, the extremely strong wealth and income levels in the community, and low overall debt burden as criteria for the high ratings.

EDUCATING STUDENTS ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT

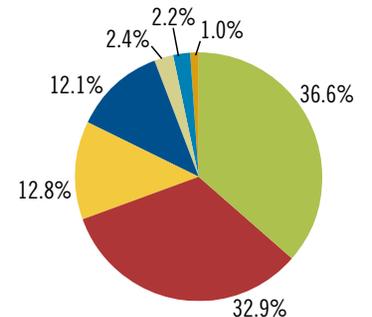
Each year, The City of Brentwood Storm Water Program hosts an environmental education day at Deerwood Arboretum for Junior/Senior level science students from Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools. The field trip includes hands on education regarding clean water in our creeks and rivers; habitat and ecology of streams and natural areas; the importance of these ecosystems to the animals that live and thrive in them; and the impact human actions and development have on our natural ecosystem.



Your General Fund Budget Summary

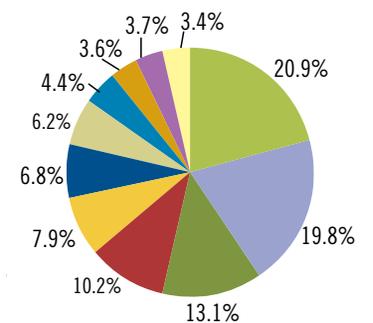
Revenues by Source FY 2013-14

Revenues	2013-14 Amount	Budget %
Local Sales Taxes	\$12,015,000	36.6%
Property Taxes	\$10,810,000	32.9%
State Shared Revenues	\$4,210,050	12.8%
Other Local Taxes	\$3,975,000	12.1%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$776,100	2.4%
Licenses/Permits	\$729,700	2.2%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$344,000	1.0%
Total Revenues	\$32,859,850	100.00%



Expenditures by Source FY 2013-14

Expenditures	2013-14 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$6,879,010	20.9%
Fire & Rescue/Safety Center East	\$6,495,625	19.8%
Public Works/Services	\$4,287,770	13.1%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,350,000	10.2%
General Government	\$2,581,475	7.9%
Public Library	\$2,236,045	6.8%
Parks & Recreation	\$2,044,820	6.2%
Technology/GIS	\$1,433,715	4.4%
Miscellaneous	\$1,185,500	3.6%
Planning and Codes	\$1,228,515	3.7%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$1,123,135	3.4%
Total Expenditures	\$32,845,610	100.00%



General Government consists of City Commission, City Court, City Manager's Office, Elections, Finance, Legal Services, Human Resources and Community Relations.

Miscellaneous consists of Insurance/Other Benefits, Education, Economic Development, City Boards and Historic Sites.

City Briefs

Need Help?

Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Linda Lynch – Community Relations Director at 371-0060 or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org**. She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

Fall Clean Up

When you are fall cleaning, if there are items too large for the regular trash pick-up, you can take them for disposal by the City at the following locations between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates

October 19 • Granny White Park

October 26 • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Rd.

November 2 • Granny White Park

Important: We cannot accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings.

Keep Brentwood Beautiful!

Williamson County Recycling Center

Visit the expanded facility located in Brentwood next to Fire Station No. 2
1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848
7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Williamson County Convenience Centers - Locations

Centers will accept household garbage plus the disposal of brush, metal and construction debris. They will not accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries or tires. Recycling bins are also available.

OPEN EVERY DAY 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904
2 miles south of city limits on left

Nolensville Convenience Center
1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717
.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind the County Volunteer Fire Department

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)
Franklin Solid Waste Station
417 Century Court, Franklin, 790-5848
Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center 371-0060
Planning/Codes 371-2204
Water Billing 661-7061
Water Maintenance 371-0080
Public Works 371-0080
Service Center 371-0080
Police 371-0160
Fire 371-0170
Wm. Co. Ambulance 794-2800
Library 371-0090
Parks 371-2208
Emergency 911

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NEW CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT – FALL 2013

Residential Development

Several new subdivisions and sections within existing subdivisions have been approved over the last year and are in the early development stages. These newest projects include Owl Creek on Concord Road and Azalea Park on Split Log Road.

The number of permits issued so far this year is down slightly as compared to the same period last year. Historically, Brentwood has issued an average of 250 new single-family residential permits per year. Through September 20th the City has issued a total of 186 new single-



family permits. This number compares to 213 permits that were issued in the same period in 2012.

Some of the subdivisions showing increases in permit activity include Taramore, Cromwell, Sonoma and Tuscany Hills along Split Log Road and Elmbrooke on Concord Road.



Franklin Synergy Bank

Franklin Synergy Bank – Construction has begun on the new Franklin Synergy Bank, which will be located in Town Center at 134 Pewitt Drive, the former location of the Campbell Glass Company.

Tractor Supply Corporate Headquarters – Work on the Tractor Supply corporate headquarters building is in full swing. The two four-story office buildings include a leasable area of 260,000 square feet connected by an atrium. The project also includes a 952 space parking garage. The site is located on approximately 17 acres lying south of Virginia Way in Maryland Farms. The project is part of the Virginia Springs development which includes two lots having an area of approximately 31 acres and two additional office buildings totaling 214,000 square feet. The campus is designed to complement the adjacent 24 acre Margaret Hayes Powell Park. A walking trail will be constructed as part of the site development that will connect Virginia Way to the park.



Porsche Facility – Mallory Park

Commercial Development

Porsche, Audi, Mini Auto Dealerships – Construction of the new Porsche of Nashville dealership, located at 1580 Mallory Lane has been completed. The dealership is the first of three new cars franchises that have relocated to Mallory Park from the Melrose and Armory Oaks areas in Nashville.

The Audi of Nashville and the Mini of Nashville facilities are under construction.

The development of the auto dealerships includes a paved parking lot, which will be used for additional parking, storing, displaying and unloading of new vehicles. Also included is a private car wash and detail facility that is intended to serve all three dealerships.

Quest Sports Center – The Quest Sports Center, 31,000 square feet, located in Mallory Park is a two-story office and sports training facility.



Tractor Supply Corporate Headquarters

Tapestry at Brentwood – Construction continues at the Tapestry at Brentwood project located on Centerview Drive. Crews are in the process of completing the foundation in preparation to begin vertical construction.

Woodland Middle School Auditorium – Plans have been approved for a 10,440 square feet addition including a performing arts stage, 306 seats, restrooms, a lobby area and two additional classrooms. The auditorium will be located at the front of the school adjacent to the existing bus unloading area.

City Park Brentwood

Formerly Synergy Business Park

Recently, Boyle Investment Company purchased Synergy Business Park which includes 34 acres and eight office buildings on Franklin Road. The name has been changed to City Park Brentwood. The new development plan includes a new hotel and retail buildings.

The Hilton Garden Inn will have 76,710 square feet and 126 guest rooms. The hotel design is integrated with the historic 1838 Mooreland Mansion. The home will be restored and preserved with upgrades and interior enhancements. In order to construct the hotel, the more recent additions to the home at the rear, including the enclosed “Dog Trot” and the original detached kitchen, will be removed. However, the historically significant portion of the original home will be preserved.

Also included in the new plan is 39,512 square feet of new retail and restaurant space which will be constructed along Executive Center Drive. The plan includes a “village green” gathering area in front of the Mooreland Mansion.

Since the hotel will front Centerview Drive, the intent is to make the street more “pedestrian friendly” and to incorporate design features that will slow vehicle speed. The proposed modifications provide for two 11 foot wide lanes, on-street parallel parking spaces, and a six foot wide sidewalk from Tapestry north to Church Street.



Your Tax Dollars at Work

Brentwood is one of the most desirable communities in the state of Tennessee to live and work.

Our excellent quality of life is reflected in the wide range of low density housing options, attractive parks/bikeways and open space, excellent library, schools and religious institutions, safe environment for families, convenient office parks with a variety of employment opportunities, and strict land use controls.

The City of Brentwood knows that a strong financial position is essential to achieving these objectives. Having a broad, diverse tax base is important but spending the public's money wisely while keeping your taxes as low as possible is a priority.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Brentwood is recognized nationally for its sound financial management. The City has received the highest possible bond rating from both Moody's Investors Services (Aaa) and Standard and Poor's (AAA).

At \$.44 per \$100 of assessed property value, Brentwood has one of the lowest effective property tax rates for any full service city in Tennessee. The City has maintained the same effective tax rate for 23 years in a row.

The City has strategically used its financial resources to provide quality services in a cost-effective manner and systematically improve the core infrastructure (roads, utilities, parks, facilities, etc.) – so essential for maintaining our competitive position as an attractive community.

The following are a variety of services that the City provides – “Your Tax Dollars at Work.”

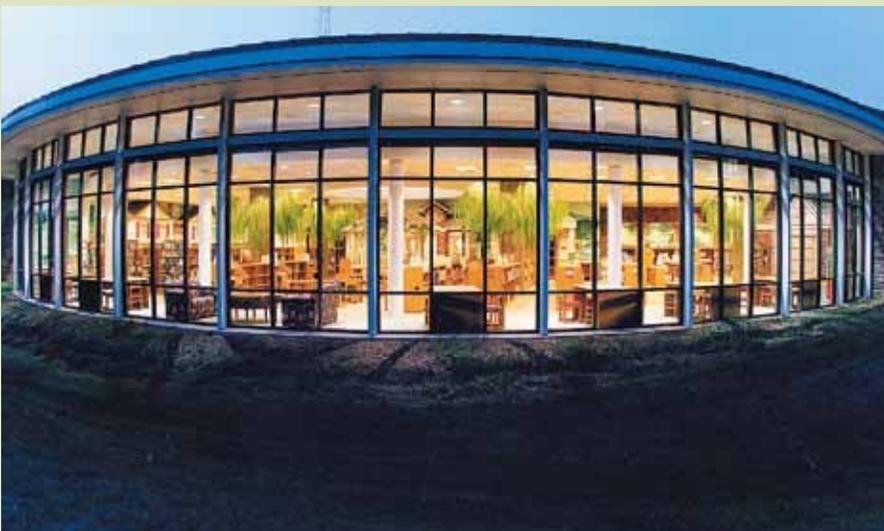
PARKS

- Oversees 13 parks, 966 acres, with lighted tennis courts, lighted ball fields, multi-purpose fields, walk/jog/bike trails, amphitheater, sand volleyball courts, children's playgrounds, pavilion and picnic shelters, fitness trail stations, dog park, arboretum with educational amphitheater and historic sites.
- Maintains five greenways and 15 miles of walking/jogging/biking trails with interpretive signs.



LIBRARY

- Oversees state-of-the-art facility with over 180,000 books, audio-visuals and periodicals
- Provides professional staff to serve residents in both adult and children's areas
- Conducts children's pre-school story hours, summer programs and activities
- Provides programs for adults and teens including author lectures, book discussion groups, computer classes and more
- Provides computers with Internet access and a variety of databases for investors, readers and scholars.



Back view of Children's Library

PLANNING

- Oversees all preliminary land use decisions and construction in city for compliance with strict zoning codes
- Provides technical information and guidance to citizens, builders, and developers
- Conducts building inspections to insure compliance with building codes and life safety standards
- Prepares recommendations for changing codes based on planning and development innovations while protecting the low density, residential nature of Brentwood
- Undertakes long range city planning, examines ongoing trends and expected challenges (Brentwood 2020 Update)



FIRE AND RESCUE

- Responds to all fires and emergencies in a timely manner with Advanced Life Support first responder medical services
- Educates children and adults about fire hazards, escape planning, and maintenance of smoke detectors
- Conducts ongoing training programs of staff to ensure rapid response, efficient fire suppression and quality medical care
- Utilizes state-of-the-art equipment and technology which includes thermal imaging cameras and Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) carried on all trucks.
- Conducts fire safety inspections to ensure safe occupancy of public buildings
- Services and maintains the more than 2,400 fire hydrants in the City twice annually
- Conducts Citizen's Fire Academy



POLICE

- Responds to all emergencies in our community in a timely manner
- Patrols residential and business areas to keep our community safe
- Directs traffic enforcement to encourage safe driving and fewer accidents
- Provides 911 Emergency Dispatch Services
- Provides drug education for elementary and middle school students
- Provides free Neighborhood Watch Programs
- Conducts home & business security surveys
- Provides self-defense classes and fingerprinting for individuals and businesses
- Conducts Citizens Police Academy
- First Tennessee police department to be nationally accredited



PUBLIC WORKS

- Responsible for installing and maintaining 415 miles of roadway and 14 miles of sidewalks
- Removes snow and ice on main streets
- Provides monthly chipper service to residences
- Installs and maintains street signage
- Provides emergency storm damage clean up crews to clear streets
- Addresses drainage problems

TECHNOLOGY

- Oversees Early Warning System
- Provides Wide Area Network—connects City buildings together
- Maintains Public Safety Mobile Data Computing
- Oversees City Cable Channel 19
- Supports technologies in the Communications Center – 911
- Provides Emergency Call Boxes in the parks
- Maintains Radio Systems for all City departments



TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION

- Oversees 46 signalized intersections
- Maintains 21.5 miles of fiber
- Provides 28 traffic control cameras
- Provides battery back-up systems for critical intersections in case of power failure
- Upgrades all signal controllers and software to better optimize signals

ENGINEERING

- Oversees residential and commercial subdivision design and construction
- Reviews transitional (steep) residential lot site plans
- Manages Brentwood's storm water program compliance to help protect local water quality
- Inspects driveways and drainage on new residential construction
- Reviews commercial site plans for proper drainage and driveway compliance



WATER/SEWER

- Provides reliable water and sewer services to residents and businesses within designated service area
- Maintains and upgrades water tanks, pumps & lines to provide more water to meet irrigation needs during the peak summer months
- Maintains public grinder pump service to all Brentwood neighborhoods (2,500 homes) that were originally on septic systems
- Uses telemetry technology to remotely monitor and control water tank levels, water pump stations and sewer lift stations
- Uses computerized water meters for more accurate readings of water usage

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Makes every effort to hire and retain the best qualified city employees to serve residents
- Insures safe working environment for city employees

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Restores, maintains and oversees operations of all historic areas in the city including Ravenswood House in Smith Park, Cool Springs House in Crockett Park and Boiling Spring Academy in Primm Park
- Produces city newsletters, Community Guide and new resident information packets
- Oversees volunteer organizations including Historic Commission and Tree Board and all activities/fundraisers
- Landscapes and maintains Interstate 65 Interchanges and Town Center Way/ Round-About
- Plans summer concerts in Crockett Park including July 4th
- Creates wayfinding/city limits and interpretive signage for city
- Coordinates and oversees Brentwood business website, explorebrentwood.com



BRENTWOOD PARKS

The Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. Fall is a great time to enjoy the City's park land and greenways. The City encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your "community backyard." With the emphasis on good health and physical fitness today, it is good to know that use of our passive park facilities including bike/walking paths is available for free.

Bikeway Trail Sense

Within the parks system we currently have over 15 miles of bike trails with 4 more eventually going to be built within Smith Park and along Concord Road. As you can imagine they can be very busy and in some areas very congested. We ask all users to adhere to these rules:

- Always walk, skate and ride to the RIGHT; Pass on the LEFT
- Give a SHOUT when passing. "Skater/Biker to your left."
- Rules to Right-of-Way
 - Walkers/Joggers – First
 - Skaters – Yield to those on foot
 - Bikers – Yield to all
- Bikers – No high speed use of trails is permitted
- Be aware of maintenance vehicles on trails including trucks and mowers
- Dogs must be on short leashes
- Clean up after pets

Please remember to wear your protective gear and helmets and have fun! For more information about the Brentwood Parks, visit www.brentwood-tn.org/parks or call 615-371-2208



City Funding for Schools & Recreation Service Providers

One of the primary reasons Brentwood is an attractive place to live is the quality of public education which consistently ranks among the best in the nation. The City of Brentwood provides voluntary, supplemental funding to the Williamson County Schools that are located inside the city limits or have a significant enrollment of Brentwood students. City funding is used to purchase equipment or fund supplemental programs that benefit children over and beyond what is normally funded by the County. City funding cannot be used for on-going educational programs with reoccurring expenses next year.

The City of Brentwood's total contribution to the two high schools, three middle schools, and six elementary schools in the current fiscal year 2013-2014 is \$215,250. Since 1986, the City of Brentwood has contributed over \$4.4 million to enhance the educational opportunities provided to Brentwood students.

In addition, the City makes annual contributions to local service and not-for-profit groups totaling \$87,000 in support of the active recreational programs provided to Brentwood residents. These groups provide youth football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball programs in the City plus programs geared to the needs of senior citizens. This approach benefits the taxpayers by allowing the Parks Department to serve primarily as a facility provider and avoid having to provide active recreation programs. This eliminates duplication of effort and reduces cost for the entire community.

BRENTWOOD BOARD of COMMISSIONERS



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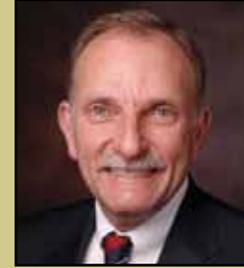
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 7, 2013.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor are City Commissioners appointed by their fellow board members after each election to serve for two-year terms.

Unless otherwise rescheduled, the City Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way.

CITY OF BRENTWOOD INFORMATION

ON THE WEB

- **www.brentwood-tn.org** for City & Planning Commission agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast and other city information;
- **www.explorebrentwood.com** – “Shop in Brentwood”, businesses and community information
- **Facebook, Twitter** and/or **Nixle** – keep up with important information from the city; to join us, go to www.brentwood-tn.org for more information

CABLE CHANNEL 19

- **City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast**
~ 1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month
~ Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- **Continuous City Information** – Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.
- **Monday • Wednesday • Friday**
~ Historic Interviews, 7 p.m.
~ Historic Brentwood Video, 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY GUIDE 2011-2013

‘Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!’ available at Brentwood City Hall, Library and on the City’s website, www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES – Second Saturday, December 14, 2013



County Trustee to Begin Billing and Collecting Brentwood Property Taxes

Earlier this year, the cities of Brentwood and Franklin approved an interlocal agreement with the Williamson County Trustee’s office for billing and collecting the municipalities’ property taxes, as well as administering state and local tax relief programs. Effective with the October 2013 property tax billing cycle, you will no longer receive two separate tax billing notices. Instead, you will receive one statement that will reflect both the City of Brentwood and Williamson county property taxes. For additional information, please refer to the Trustee’s website at www.williamsonpropertytax.com or call (615) 790-5709.

Brentwood



PLANNING FOR BRENTWOOD’S FUTURE

2020 Comprehensive Plan Update

Late this fall, the City of Brentwood will begin a process to update the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The project will include an update of the City’s Major Thoroughfare Plan. The 2014 update will include an assessment of the accomplishments of 2020 Plan goals and objectives to date; identification of existing goals that may not be consistent with current thinking and need to be removed; and incorporation of new goals and objectives that better meet the needs and priorities of the community today.

The update process will include a very open and interactive public engagement process that will provide ample opportunity for all residents to participate in the process. This will include public workshops, stakeholder meetings, formal citizen surveys, online input options, and other strategies supplemented with a variety of tools and approaches specifically designed to gather public input.

The project also includes a study of the technical standards currently included as part of the C-4, Town Center zoning district. The objective is to identify issues of concern with the C-4 zoning provisions and develop possible revisions to address community concerns.

The plan update is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

Public Safety Day Festival

In an effort to better educate Brentwood residents, especially children, on the type of emergency services provided in the community, the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department hosted a Public Safety Day Festival on Saturday, October 12. The festival was a great success with something of interest for the whole family. It included children’s activities, displays of police and fire vehicles, residential fire sprinkler exhibition and a live vehicle extrication featuring the use of tools and equipment from the city’s newest fire engine.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

We all recognize there are so many wonderful qualities about living in Brentwood and Williamson County. High quality schools, beautiful parks, great neighborhoods, numerous job opportunities, and abundant retail options all make this a great place to live, work, and play. However, living in such a wonderful place also has its challenges, mainly related to growth and its impacts on our everyday life.

Anyone who has lived in Brentwood for 25 years or more will tell you that the community you see today is very different than it was in the late 1980’s. Knowing all of the changes that have occurred in the past 25 years, it is daunting to think that current projections show the population of Williamson County almost doubling by the year 2040. While Brentwood may be limited in how much developable land is left, this type of growth in the surrounding county will have great impact on Brentwood in terms of schools, traffic, jobs, etc.

Beginning in November, the City of Brentwood will be undertaking an update to its 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The 2020 Plan is the City’s guide to future growth and development. Topics to be addressed during this 2020 update include land use issues such as senior housing options and the future of Town Center, transportation needs, environmental concerns, green space preservation, long-term infrastructure planning, etc.

Over the course of the next twelve months or so, there will be numerous opportunities for all residents of Brentwood to provide their opinions and ideas via community input meetings, formal surveys, online idea exchanges, etc. For this updated plan to have true value, it must represent the views and ideas of all residents. Whether you have lived here your whole life or moved here last month, your input is important.

While no city is perfect, I’d like to think that most people who live in Brentwood recognize it is a unique and wonderful place to live. As we look to the future and all of the challenges to come, it is important that all of us take the time to participate in the 2020 Plan update and help keep Brentwood a wonderful place for our children and grandchildren.

Kirk Bednar
City Manager



Financial Management Recognition

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again recognized the City of Brentwood for excellence in financial reporting. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 27th year in a row and the Distinguish Budget Presentation Award for the 21st consecutive year. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Carson Swinford, places the highest priority on producing accurate, timely, high quality financial documents that are understandable by the public and essential to maintaining the City's high credit rating. Copies of the reports are available for your review at our website www.brentwood-tn.org/finance. Hard copies are also available for review at the Finance Department in the Municipal Center and at the Brentwood Library.

Upcoming Road Improvements

CONCORD ROAD EAST PROJECT – PHASE II. These improvements will address substandard road conditions on this State highway from Sunset Road to Nolensville Road. Improvements will be similar to the recently completed work from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Road. TDOT bid the project in August 2013. Construction is expected to begin in late calendar year 2013 and will take approximately two years to complete. This project will also extend the 10 foot wide paved bikeway/pedestrian trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.



CONCORD ROAD PROJECT – PHASE III. Phase III of Concord Road will upgrade the last substandard section of this State highway from Jones Parkway east to Arrowhead Dr. The design plans are complete. ROW acquisitions are complete and are under review by TDOT. The bidding process will take place as soon as the ROW documents have been approved by TDOT. This phase will include an improved three lane section of roadway with a separated, 10 foot wide multi-use pedestrian/bikeway trail on the south side of the road that will extend to Wilson Pike and a 5 foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition and 20% of the construction cost with over \$3 million in federal transportation funds covering 80% of the construction cost.

FRANKLIN ROAD SOUTH PROJECT. Improvements will include widening Franklin Road to five lanes from Concord Road to just south of Moore's Lane. The project will include a separated 10 foot wide multi-use pedestrian/bikeway trail on the east side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition with State expected to fund utility relocations and road construction. Right-of-way appraisals and acquisition is scheduled to begin in early calendar year 2014 and will be completed by the end of CY 2014.

Brentwood Ranks Among America's Top 'Booming Suburbs'

Brentwood recently ranked seventh in Caldwell Banker's list of the "Top Booming Suburbs in America." The ranking rated 1,500 communities based on job growth, access to services, proximity to good schools, commute times and community safety.

BRENTWOOD CHIPPER SERVICE

Fall is always a busy time for our chipper service.

Please help us serve you better: stack brush close to the curb with the cut end toward the curb. No brush should be longer than 12 feet and limbs/stumps greater than six inches in diameter will not be picked up by the City and the homeowner must dispose of these large limbs by some other means.

ALERT – Absolutely no trimmings cut by commercial companies will be accepted – trimmings must be hauled away by the companies doing the trimming.

To provide chipper service efficiently, there is an established monthly route schedule. For information - contact Brentwood Public Works, www.brentwood-tn.org/pw or 371-0080.



Brentwood Police Conduct "Active Shooter" Training Exercise

The Brentwood Police Department in conjunction with Brentwood Fire and Rescue and several other Williamson County public safety agencies recently conducted a full scale "Active Shooter" exercise at Ravenwood High School. The purpose of this exercise was to assess the current capabilities of public safety agencies in Brentwood and Williamson County to respond to and manage such an incident. Approximately 85 volunteers participated in the exercise and more than 100 law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians served as role players.

The exercise was evaluated by professionals from the different disciplines such as Law Enforcement, Fire, Medical, Communications and Emergency Management. The training exercise was considered a huge success. Using the information gathered from the volunteers, evaluators, and observers, city staff will now be able to better train, prepare and equip our personnel for such an incident.



In addition to the full scale exercise at Ravenwood High School, Williamson Medical Center simultaneously conducted a similar exercise to assess their capabilities. Their exercise was designed to simulate the emergency room treatment of the number of and type of injuries which would be sustained in an incident of this nature.

While the thought of such an incident occurring in Brentwood is horrific, conducting this type of exercise is critical to assess the preparedness of first responders. Our first priority is providing for the safety of our residents. As a result of this exercise the public safety agencies in Brentwood and Williamson County will be better prepared than ever to deal with multi-casualty incidents of this nature.

Police Department Offers Public Safety Programs

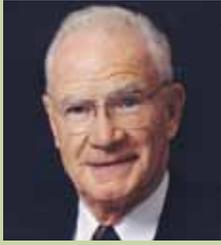
In a continual effort to enhance public safety and provide services for our residents the Brentwood Police Department offers a number of public safety programs. These programs are provided to residents at no cost and are important elements in our goal to provide the citizens of Brentwood with the latest in public safety technology. For additional information, including links to each program, visit the police department website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police.

Smart911 – Smart911 allows residents to enter personal information into a secure online database. The information provided is then automatically displayed to 911 operators when an emergency call is placed from a registered phone. The information can include medical conditions, photos, disabilities, info on children and/or pets, and other important information. The additional data is far more extensive than what is typically available to 911 telecommunicators. We strongly encourage residents to sign up for this valuable service. Visit our website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police and click on the Smart911 link or go to www.smart911.com.

NIXLE – NIXLE is a communications system that connects residents with the Police Department. Messages are created by officers when critical incidents occur or when information needs to be relayed to the public in a timely manner. Residents can sign up to receive the alert information via text message and/or email. Messages are only delivered in the event of severe weather, significant road closures, or other major incidents. For additional information or to sign up for this free service visit our website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police or www.nixle.com.

MapNimbus – An easy to use online crime mapping solution for the public that provides citizens with information on crimes and other incidents which have been reported to the police department. MapNimbus has intuitive search capabilities allowing users to search by address or general location. It also includes e-mail notification capabilities which will automatically e-mail users information on incidents within a predefined area. Click on the MapNimbus tab on our website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police and you will immediately be directed to the crime map.

A Child Is Missing – ACIM is a nationwide organization that assists law enforcement agencies in locating missing children as well as elderly, mentally or physically challenged and disabled adults. ACIM utilizes sophisticated computer mapping programs with the capacity to place 1,000 alert phone calls in one minute to residents and businesses in the area where someone has been reported missing. Additional information is available by clicking the link on our website.



'The End of an Era' Remembering Joe Sweeney 1927-2013

The City of Brentwood recently lost someone very close and special to us... a member of our family – former Mayor and Commissioner, Brian “Joe” Sweeney.

Joe was first elected to the Brentwood City Commission in 1972, just three years after the City's incorporation in 1969. He served Brentwood 38 uninterrupted years until his retirement in 2011 due to health issues. He served four, two-year terms as the City's mayor, and served as commissioner longer than any other commissioner in the City's history. Joe not only provided the City with a wealth of historical knowledge, he also provided a steady, calm leadership during Brentwood's major growth and development years.

“Joe Sweeney was always the City's biggest cheerleader,” said City Manager Kirk Bednar. “His tenure as a city commissioner will likely never be matched, and he could always be counted on to do what he thought was best for Brentwood. He was always very supportive of the city staff, and never missed an opportunity to express his thanks to city employees. I always cherished Joe's humor and love of life, and I think it is safe to say that Brentwood would not be the great community it is today had it not been for Joe Sweeney.”

His love for the city was only surpassed by his faith and his family. He and his wife of 57 years, Maureen, had five children, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joe genuinely loved Brentwood, was a friend to all and never met a stranger. He greeted everyone with a smile, a joke, a handshake or a hug. Joe and his Irish charm will be missed by our Brentwood community.

Update on Smith Park

Construction on Phase I improvements to Marcella Vivrette Smith Park is in progress. This 320 acre tract is located south of Split Log Rd and west of Wilson Pike and the CSX Railroad. With this purchase of land formerly known as Ravenswood Farm in late 2010 for \$10 million, the City increased its total park land and other City owned open space by 50%. To put Smith Park in perspective, it is roughly twice the size as Crockett Park, at 160 acres.

In addition, the City is exercising its option to purchase an additional 78 acres of land at the back of Smith Park and adjacent to the Carriage Hills subdivision for \$2.9 million. Smith Park will then grow to 398 acres for public use and enjoyment. As Brentwood and the Cool Springs area builds-out in the next 10-15 years, Smith Park will become an increasingly important green space.

Master Plan: The Smith Park master plan will guide the location and placement of improvements to the park which will be developed in 3 or 4 phases over the next 6-8 years, subject to the availability of funding. Roughly 75% of the land located in the western area of the park is mostly wooded and has both hillsides and scenic valleys. This area will remain in a natural state with about 9 miles of hiking trails available for public use. Other improvements will include restoration of the historic Ravenswood home built in 1825 and the two remaining slave cabins, construction of practice athletic fields with no lights, picnic shelters, restrooms, parking lots, etc. A bikeway system will directly connect the park to adjoining neighborhoods and the City's main bikeway system along the Little Harpeth River.

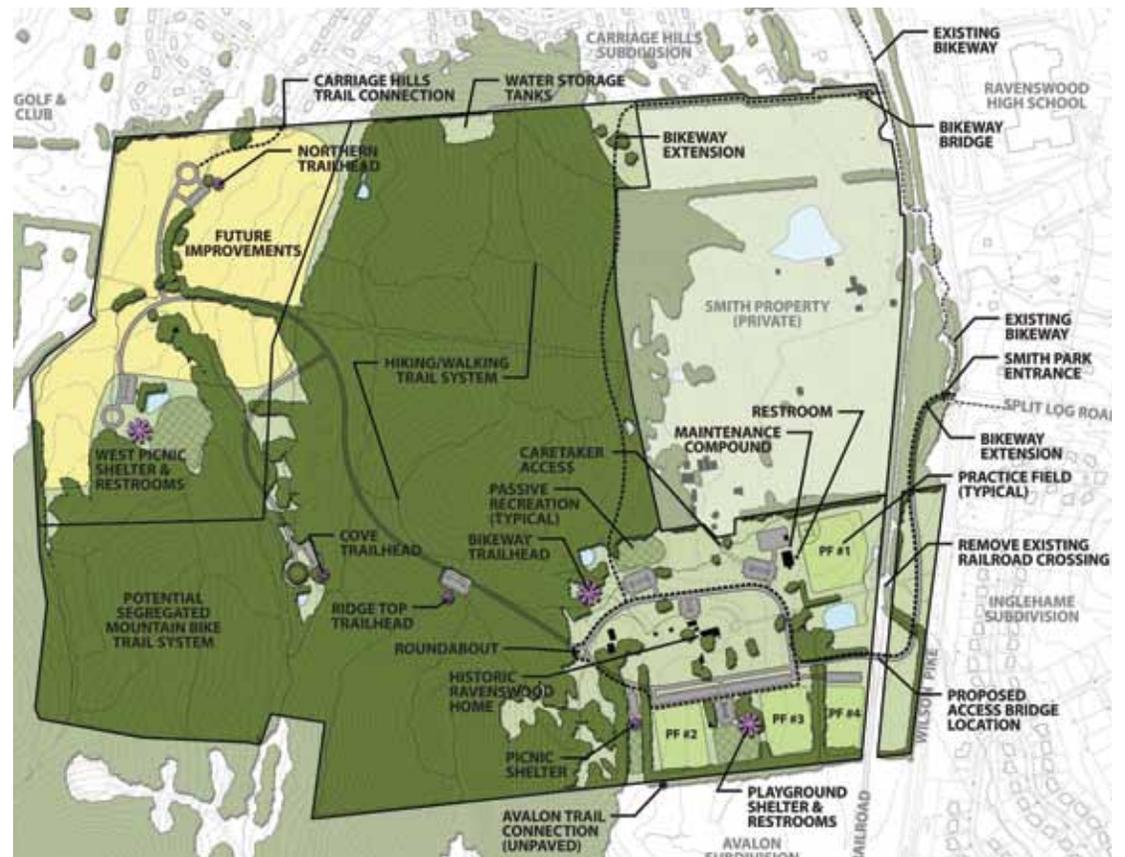
Phase I Improvements: The first phase of park development is focused on construction of the core infrastructure needed for public access and use of the Smith Park, including an access road and bridge over the CSX railroad with a parallel paved pedestrian/bikeway that will enter the park from a new signalized, four-way intersection at Wilson Pike and Split Log Road. The first phase



Construction of Smith Park bridge over railroad track



Internal road construction



WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

Water System Improvements Project This proactive project is intended to meet the needs of future water system improvements that will increase system capacity to better meet peak summer day demands. The project scope includes replacing and upsizing water lines along Johnson Chapel Rd., Belle Rive Dr. and Granny White Pike. Additionally, there will be improvements to two water pumping stations. A new station will be installed along Murray Lane near the entrance to Windstone Subdivision and at the intersection of Johnson Chapel Rd. and Murray Lane. Construction is scheduled to begin around the first of the year (2014) and take 12–14 months to complete. Traffic patterns will be impacted, particularly along the Johnson Chapel and Belle Rive corridor.



also includes restoration of the grand, pre-Civil War home for receptions, weddings, and other events. Improvements will include a limited internal roadway and parking improvements, development of the initial hiking trails and pedestrian/bikeway system, and extension of water, sewer and other utilities to serve the property.

Construction on the entrance road, bridge and other Phase I improvements is in progress and the targeted date for the grand opening of Smith Park is spring 2014.

For additional information about the master plan for Marcella Vivrette Smith Park and the history of the Ravenswood house, go to www.brentwood-tn.org/parks.

