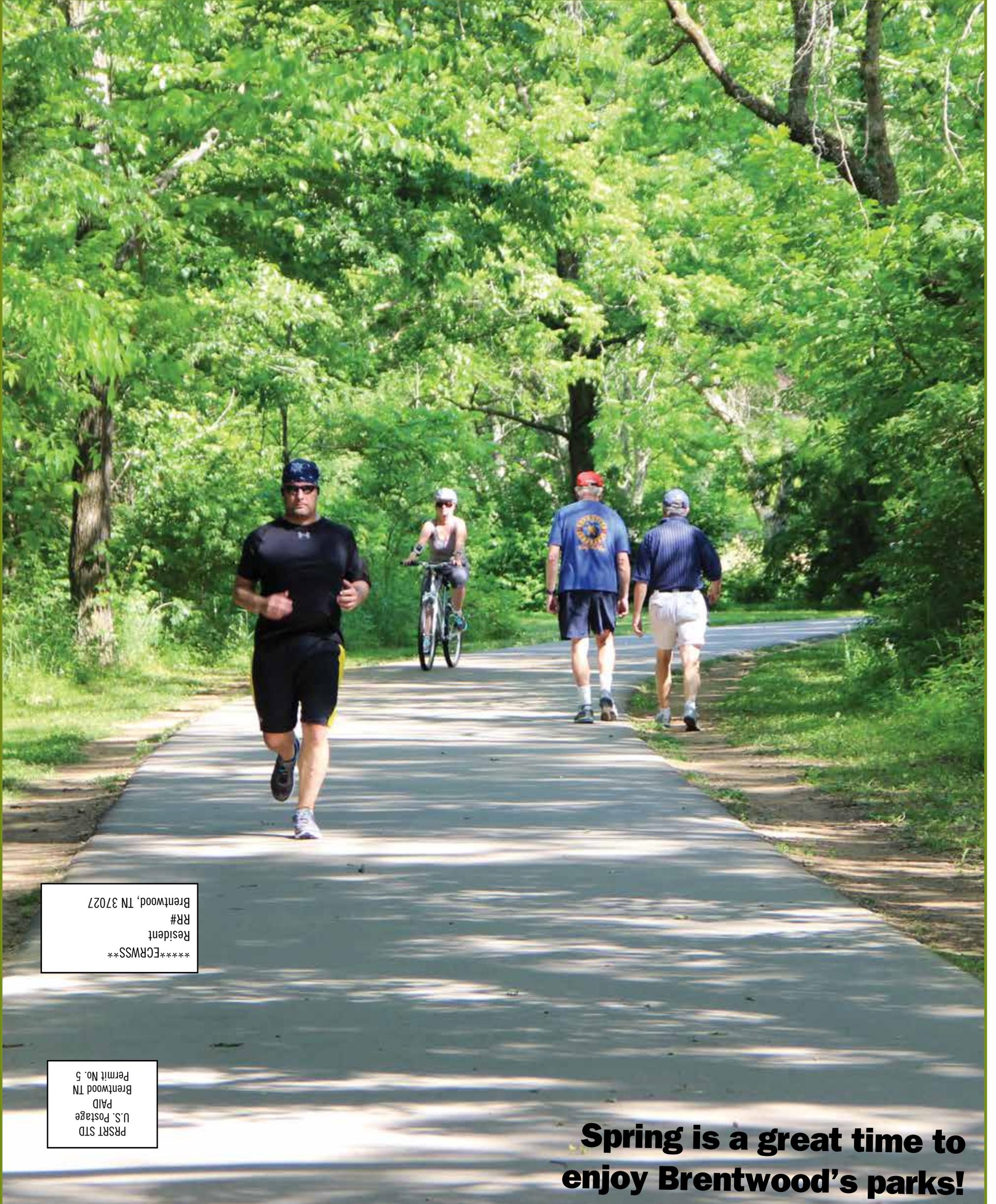


Brentwood, Tennessee

# Citizen's Update

Spring 2014

News You Need to Know About Your City



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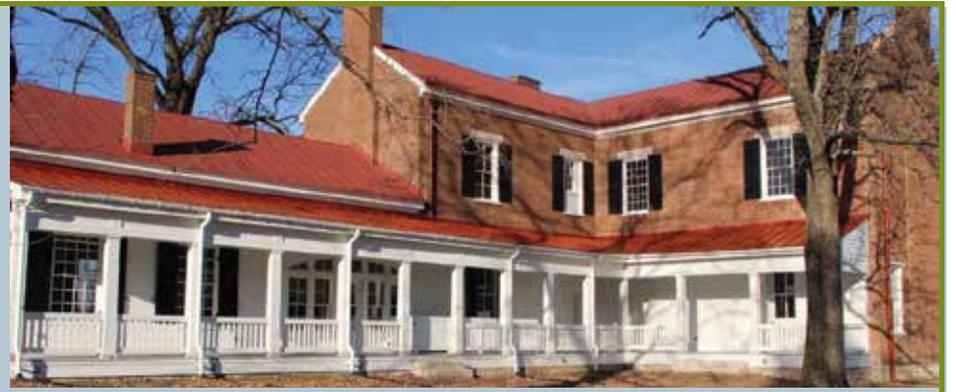
**Spring is a great time to  
enjoy Brentwood's parks!**



## Update on Smith Park

Construction on Phase I improvements to Marcella Vivrette Smith Park is nearing completion. 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 multi-use trail that will enter the park from a new signalized, four-way intersection at Wilson Pike and Split Log Road. Improvements will also include a limited internal roadway and parking improvements, development of the initial hiking trails, and extension of water, sewer and other utilities to serve the property. The targeted date for the grand opening of Smith Park is summer 2014.

In October of 2013, the City Commission approved the purchase an additional 78 acres of adjacent land in Ravenswood Farm for \$2.9 million. This expanded the park to almost 400 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 in the center suburban development.

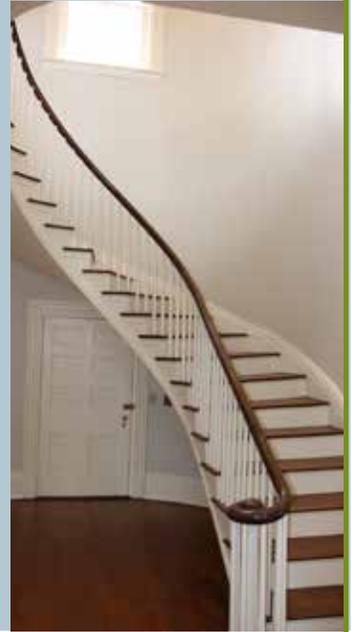


## Ravenswood Mansion Available for Events

As part of the Phase I improvements at Smith Park, the city undertook a complete restoration of the Ravenswood Mansion, originally built in 1825. This project included restoration of the original parlors and grand entryway while also providing modern amenities including a fully functional catering kitchen. This grand home is now available for weddings, reception, corporate parties and other special events.

Anyone interested in renting Ravenswood Mansion should contact Amanda Bledsoe at 615-371-0060 or via e-mail at [bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org).

For additional information about Marcella Vivrette Smith Park and the Ravenswood Mansion, go to [www.brentwood-tn.org/parks](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/parks).



## Most Business Friendly City in Tennessee for Second Year

Out of the 50 most populous cities in the State of Tennessee, the City of Brentwood was honored as the number one most 'business friendly' city by the Beacon Center for the second year in a row. The award is the result of data collected across ten factors considered to affect economic stability and growth.



L-R Beacon Center of TN President Justin Owen, Mayor Betsy Crossley, City Manager Kirk Bednar and City Commissioner Rod Freeman

According to the Beacon Center report, "Brentwood is an inviting place to do business. The City's dedication to economic growth, low taxes, and community allure has paid off, leading it to the top of the business-friendly rankings"

The full report is available online at [www.beacontn.org](http://www.beacontn.org).

## AMERICA'S BEST SCHOOLS

The City of Brentwood is fortunate to have quality public schools for our children to attend. Both public high schools, Brentwood High and Ravenwood, have been named among the nation's best in two publications. In The Washington Post, Brentwood High was ranked #3 in Tennessee and #209 in the nation and Ravenwood was ranked #5 in Tennessee and #715 in the nation. In U.S. News & World, Ravenwood was ranked #4.

Brentwood Middle was recently honored by TheBestSchools.org as the #30 best middle school in the nation and by SchoolDigger.com as the #1 best middle school in Tennessee.

Congratulations to our schools and keep up the good work!

## Tree City, USA Award for 25 Years

At the Brentwood Tree Board's Arbor Day the City received the prestigious, national Tree City, USA Award for the 25th year in a row. This Award recognizes the City's long standing commitment to tree planting and conservation. To encourage a greener Brentwood, the Tree Board distributed over 2,000 seedlings to the community.

## HAPPY ENDING TO 911 CALL

Recently the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department and Brentwood Police Officers assisted with the birth of a baby on I-65. The mother and father had been on their way to the hospital when their baby boy decided he was not willing to wait. The father stopped on the side of I-65 near Concord Road and called 911.

Brentwood Police Officers and Brentwood Firefighters, which included two certified paramedics trained in childbirth, arrived just in time for the birth.

"It was definitely the most dramatic of all the childbirths we've had, but it also seemed like the fastest," said Greg Pope (father of now 7 children).

Mother and baby are doing fine. The firefighters and police officers said that they were excited to help with the birth of the baby. Everyone agreed that it is always nice to answer a 911 call that has such a happy ending.



Dispatcher Amanda Lariscy and Officer Lori Hayes, Shannon and Greg Pope with baby Atticus and his six siblings, EMT Brian Garrand, Firefighter Scott Ellis and EMT Desi Boyle.

## Calling 9-1-1 from a Cell Phone

Did you know most 9-1-1 calls answered at the City of Brentwood 9-1-1 Center are placed from cellular phones? While cell phones add convenience and mobility to our lives, 9-1-1 calls from these devices add extra challenges to 9-1-1 Telecommunicators trying to send responders to the scene. Here's what you need to know:

- Cell phones do not operate the same way as the landline telephone that automatically displays your address when you call 9-1-1.
- Cell phones only provide one of two locations: 1) the location of the cellular tower transmitting your call or, 2) an estimated location based on GPS that could be as much as 900 feet from your actual location!
- That means when you call 9-1-1, the first thing you should tell the Telecommunicator is *the location of the emergency*.

Remembering these simple tips will save time and could save you or someone you love!

## Next Generation 9-1-1

The City of Brentwood is working with state 9-1-1 officials preparing for the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) service that will deliver more features from wireless callers. Features include a text message and video from your wireless phone directly to the 9-1-1 Center and Telematics (information sent from your car when there is an accident). Brentwood Communications Center was the first in the state to connect to this new NG911 network Tennessee is deploying.

# NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – SPRING 2014

## 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 Morgan Farms and Glen Abbey located on Split Log Road, and Owl Creek located at the intersection of Concord and Waller Roads.

The number of single family home building permits issued so far this calendar year is up slightly as compared to the same period last year. Through April 30, 2014 a total of 86 permits have been issued. This number compares with 79 permits issued in the same period last year. Since the beginning of calendar year 2010 the City has issued an average of 222 permits per year. Historically, Brentwood has issued an average of 250 new single-family residential permits per year.

Several existing subdivisions showing steady development include Borgata on Wilson Pike, Cromwell on Split Log Road, Elmbrooke on Concord Road, Hidden Creek on Pinkerton Road, Taramore on Split Log Road, and Whetstone on Edmondson Pike.

## Commercial Development

**Nordstrom Rack** – Nordstrom Rack plans to move into the former Stein Mart location in Brentwood Place with the opening planned in fall of 2014. Stein Mart plans to relocate to the Cool Springs area.

**Tesla Motors** – Tesla Motors will bring their first Tennessee location to Brentwood at 1641 Westgate Circle, the former site of Five Star Motorcars. The dealership will offer sales and service for their 100% electric vehicles. Tesla designs and manufactures luxury electric vehicles in California that rival the performance and provides comparable range of some gasoline powered vehicles. The vehicles may be charged at home or on the road at one of Tesla's public charging stations.



Brentwood is the first Tennessee location for Tesla, luxury all electric car.

**BMW of Nashville** – BMW of Nashville is moving to Mallory Park off of Moores Lane. The 13.22 acre site is located immediately north of the existing Mini of Nashville dealership. The area is also home to the Audi of Brentwood and Porsche of Nashville new car dealerships. The plan includes a building that provides sales, service and parts and a 153 space parking area that will also be used for vehicle display. A vehicle preparation building to service all three dealerships is also located in Mallory Park.

**Jaguar of Nashville** – Jaguar of Nashville moved to its new home at Andrews Cadillac/Land Rover on Cadillac Drive the end of March. Sales of the vehicles have begun using space within the existing building, but a future expansion of the existing buildings is proposed to accommodate the new dealership.

**Brentwood High School Performing Arts Center** – A new Brentwood High School performing arts center will be constructed adjacent to the existing Campbell Center. The 15,157 square foot art center will include 486 seats, a lobby, a concession area and restroom facilities. Modifications will be made to parking areas on the western side of the building to accommodate the proposed addition.



## CityPark Brentwood (Formerly Synergy Business Park)

Last summer Boyle Investment Company purchased the Synergy Business Park which includes 34 acres and eight office buildings on Franklin Road. The name has been changed to CityPark 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 were 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, and a six foot wide sidewalk from Tapestry north to Church Street.

**Envirotest vehicle Emissions Testing Facility** – A new vehicle emissions testing facility is being built at 273 Wilson Pike Circle. The site will provide six vehicle testing bays similar to the emissions facility in Franklin. The new dedicated southbound right turn lane will aid in access to and circulation within the site.



Brentwood's new Envirotest Vehicle Emission Testing Facility located at 273 Wilson Pike Circle.

## HG Hill – Southwest corner of Maryland Way and Franklin Road

HG Hill Realty Company recently announced their plans for the approximately 17 acres which currently houses the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the former Murray of Ohio site. HG Hill has conducted three community meetings to receive citizen input on the development of the plan. The plan will include additional retail and dining options. The property is currently zoned only for office uses and will require a rezoning to the City's Commercial Retail (C-2) zoning district to allow the proposed mixed office and retail uses. Residential uses will not be included as part of the design. The project will be called the Hill Center Brentwood.

The proposed development plan includes approximately 600,000 square feet of retail and office space. The plan will include above ground structured parking.

HG Hill has received a letter of intent from accounting firm Lattimore, Black, Morgan and Cain (LBMC) and its affiliates to occupy approximately 65,000 square feet of space in an office building it plans to build on the property.

The rezoning process could begin as early as June 2014.

**Franklin Synergy Bank** – Construction on the new Franklin Synergy Bank, located at the corner of Town Center Way and Pewitt Drive, is nearing completion. The mixed use building will include the bank and a medical office for the Vanderbilt Walk-In Clinic. The building will open in mid-summer 2014.

**Tractor Supply Corporate Headquarters** – Work on the Tractor Supply corporate headquarters buildings is nearing completion. The two four-story office buildings include an area of 260,000 square feet connected by an atrium and 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 connecting Virginia Way to the park.

**Tapestry at Brentwood** – Construction continues at the Tapestry at Brentwood project located on Centerview Drive. The first phase of the project, which is Building Two includes 52 units and should be completed later this summer. The entire project should be completed in early 2015.

At left: CityPark Brentwood (formerly Synergy Business Park)

# BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEERS

**Quality of life in any community is measured by its volunteer support. The City of Brentwood is very fortunate to have thousands of citizens who unselfishly volunteer their time and expertise to community programs and projects. These volunteers make a difference in the lives of others by their service and in addressing the challenges that face our city.**

Citizens with a variety of experiences and educational backgrounds lend their expertise to community projects. The additional knowledge, skills and commitment of volunteers makes our City a wonderful place to work, live and raise families.

The City of Brentwood encourages all citizens to participate in city programs and to have a voice in the development of our community. Volunteers help to maintain and expand existing programs and help implement new ones. Many citizens experience firsthand how the city functions and are instrumental in developing the City's policies and vision plans.

In addition, Brentwood citizens are actively involved in many other organizations—schools, churches, youth sports associations, scouts, civic clubs and other organizations that enrich our community. It is through

the commitment of our residents and businesses that our city continues to grow and thrive.

Brentwood has been recognized internationally by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), City County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) and statewide by the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) for its volunteer/citizen involvement.

The City of Brentwood would like to thank our volunteers for sharing their talents and for their willingness to serve others. Brentwood has truly been blessed by the commitment and dedication of so many citizens who give of themselves. These are the City Commission appointed volunteer boards and committees that play a vital role in the affairs of City Government:

## Volunteer Boards



### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Don Robinson, Bill Cleland, Alex Noble, Courtney White and Todd Lockhart. BZA hears requests for variances to the zoning regulations, hears appeals of city decisions where an error is alleged and hears applications for special exceptions to the regulations. Meets 3rd Monday at 5:30 p.m.



### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Boyd Fulton, Todd Fogelberg, Glenda Murray, Bob Bellenfant, Tom Carr, Jill Burgin, Barry Evans and Brad Cole. *Not Pictured:* Catherine Cothran. The Environmental Board studies and investigates environmental issues in our community, promotes recycling, energy conservation and water conservation. Meets second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 6 p.m.



### HISTORIC COMMISSION

*Standing:* Anne Dunn, Linda Lynch, Chuck Sherrill, Tom Bain, Sherry Hammond and Thomas Carden. *Seated:* Arlene Cooke, Anne Goad, Ashley McNulty and Hollie Cummings. *Not Pictured:* Carol Crigger, Kathie Greaves. The Historic Board is dedicated to the preservation of Brentwood's heritage through activities such as educational programs, demonstrations, living videos and encouraging legislation to protect historic sites. Meets 3rd Friday at 10 a.m.



### LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

*Standing:* Thomas Henry, Larry Kain, Shelia Cleveland, Judy Foster, Francene Kavin, Susan Falls and Randy Lee. *Seated:* Suzan Hindman, Dottie Grief, Linda Lynch and Diane West. *Not Pictured:* Janet Donahue, Bert Bosse and Susan Earl. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization chartered in 2002 to solicit contributions for enhancements to the Library's facility, collections and programs. Meets 4th Thursday at 5 p.m.

### CITY COMMISSION APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Brentwood citizens are encouraged to become involved with our community. The best way is to volunteer your time and energy. Vacancies on city appointed boards and committees are publicized in the local media, on the City's Cable television channel and on the City's website, [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org). Board appointments for various boards occur throughout the year. Applications are available at City Hall and online. Applicants must be residents of Brentwood and are appointed by the City Commission. For more information contact Linda Lynch, Community Relations Director, [lynchl@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:lynchl@brentwood-tn.org) or 615-371-0060.

**VOLUNTEERING IS A TWO-WAY STREET.**  
 When you give of your time and talents, you will learn,  
 grow and experience fulfillment in a new way.



**LIBRARY FRIENDS BOARD**

*Standing:* Robin Gray, Margie Jones, Laura McClendon, Susan Earl, Wanda Graham, Karen Anderson, Earl Fitz, Angela Leach, Debbie Heibert, Julianne Fitz. *Seated:* Elaine Rohrig and Pat Buzzell. The Friends is a nonprofit service organization which provides financial support to the library through the sponsorship of book sales four times a year. Meets every odd month, 2nd Monday, at 2 p.m.



**PARK BOARD**

*Standing:* Preston Bain, Dave Bunt, Lenda Elmlinger, Dave Olmstead, Elizabeth Whittemore and Rhea Little. *Seated:* Vicki Sanford, James Parker, Bob Bellenfant and Angie Miller. The Park Board provides guidance and input on park related issues and activities. Meets 1st Monday at 5:30 p.m.



**LIBRARY BOARD**

*Standing:* Paul Webb, Jim Burgin, Laura McClendon, Dottie Grief, Bert Bosse and Susan Earl. *Seated:* Charles Scott and Pat Buzzell. *Not Pictured:* Betsy Crossley. Library Board provides citizen input into the library's policies, programs and collections. Meets 2nd Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.



**PLANNING COMMISSION**

*L-R:* Bob Power, Janet Donahue, Rod Freeman, Shalini Rose, Randy Campbell, Sandi Wells, Scotty Goodrich, Glenda Murray and Carol Crigger. *Not Pictured:* Bill Porth and Jeff Dobson. The Planning Commission reviews and approves applications for commercial and subdivision development and provides recommendations to City Commission on proposed zoning ordinances. Meets 1st Monday at 7 p.m.



**BOARD OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION APPEALS**

Michael Vines, Bonn Latimer, Michael Hindman, Dan Jordan and Todd Craver. *Not Pictured:* Tim Harrington. The BBCA has expertise in the building and construction trades. It periodically hears specific appeals of Brentwood codes, staff decisions on individual building plans, and cases involving dilapidated structures. Board meets when specific cases warrant consideration.



**TREE BOARD**

*Standing:* David Kumatz, Charles Grummon, Patty Shultz, Cindy Harrison, Skip Hebert, Rhea Little and Bob Power. *Seated:* Erin Kiney, Lynn Tucker and Linda Lynch. *Not Pictured:* Lenda Elmlinger, Tim Lawyer and Daniel McHugh. The Tree Board is dedicated to planting and preserving trees and educational programs. Projects involve Arbor Day, Deerwood and Library Arboretums, Tree Ordinance and Tree City, USA. Meets monthly on 4th Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does.”**  
 –Margaret Mead

## BRENTWOOD BOARD of COMMISSIONERS



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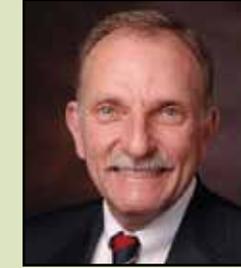
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 5, 2015.

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.

### Brentwood Parks

The Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. Spring 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.

For more information about the Brentwood Parks, visit [www.brentwood-tn.org/parks](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/parks) or call 615-371-2208

### SPORTS INFORMATION Who You Gonna Call?



<b>BRENTWOOD PARKS</b>	
Information/Reservations	371-2208
Granny White Park Hotline	373-8310
Crockett Park/Tower Park Hotline	373-7752
<b>BASEBALL/SOFTBALL</b>	
Brentwood Travel League	377-6734
Civitan Bball/Sball	brentwoodcivitan.com
Civitan Hotline	937-3800
Williamson County Adult Softball	370-3471
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	
YMCA	373-9622
<b>SOCCER</b>	
YMCA	373-9622
Tennessee Soccer Club (travel)	tennesseesoccerclub.org
<b>TENNIS</b>	
Williamson County Parks	370-3471
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
Brentwood Blaze	478-9636 tnyfl.org/brentwoodblaze
<b>RUGBY</b>	
	218-6062
<b>LACROSSE</b>	
Boys	585-1564
Girls	579-8908
<b>INDOOR ARENA AT CROCKETT PARK</b>	377-6530

### Police Department Offers Free 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](http://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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**For additional information, including links to each program, visit the police department website at [www.brentwood-tn.org/police](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/police).**

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Hardly a week goes by in this job when someone doesn't ask me "Why doesn't the City just ...?" The topic of the actual question is often something related to traffic, parks, new development, or some other type of regulation or policy. Often, the answer is that we are working on it. Sometimes the answer is "We can't," usually because of cost, insufficient support throughout the community, or it is just physically impossible. However, one of the other reasons we often have to say "We can't" is because, as a city, we simply do not have the authority to do whatever we wish or whatever our residents want us to do.

It is a well-established rule of law that cities are created by the state and only have the authority given to them by the state. Much of our authority comes from our city charter which was created by the state legislature. Other authorities given to cities come from general laws of the state that apply to all cities regardless of what type of charter they have. The recent debate in the state legislature over the so called "Guns in Parks" bill is a good example of how the state can dictate what powers a city has. Had this bill passed, Brentwood would have had no authority to prevent someone with a handgun carry permit from bringing their gun to the next soccer or youth football game at Crockett Park. The City's long standing position has been that we don't desire to have guns in our parks and prefer that the city have the right to decide this issue instead of the state deciding it for us..

The other institution which often limits a city's authority is our court system. There are numerous court cases which put limits on a city's authority to regulate various activities. For example, it may come as a shock to many residents that our zoning ordinance allows adult entertainment businesses to operate in certain locations in Brentwood. The obvious question is why doesn't the city prohibit such businesses, and the simple answer is because the United States Supreme Court says we can't. Though the vast majority of our residents may object to a business like this in our City, the rule of law trumps the will of the majority. Thankfully, we have not been confronted with this situation to date.

So, the next time you see a situation and wonder why the city doesn't do something to stop it or fix it, it could be we are working on it, it could be we considered it and decided against it for any number reasons, or, quite possibly, it could be we would like to but the state legislature or the courts say we can't.

Kirk Bednar  
City Manager



## 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. Construction began in late 2013 and is expected to be complete by summer 2016. This project will also extend the 10 foot wide paved bikeway/pedestrian trail from Sunset Road to Nolensville Road.

**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. ROW acquisitions are complete and have been approved by TDOT. The bidding process will take place as soon as the final construction 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 are underway and will be completed by the middle of CY 2015.

## Remembering Police Chief Howard Buttrey 1932–2013

The City of Brentwood recently lost a very special member of our family with the passing of retired Police Chief Howard Buttrey.

Howard Buttrey began his employment with the City of Brentwood on February 1, 1971, two years after the City was incorporated. He was the first Chief of Police to serve Brentwood and consequently the first Police Officer as well. Chief Buttrey led the Police Department for 29 years before his retirement on February 19, 2000.

Chief Buttrey was a visionary and a pioneer in the field of Law Enforcement. Under his guidance, the Brentwood Police Department became nationally accredited in 1989 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agency. Chief Buttrey realized the importance of implementing good sound policies and procedures based on nationally accepted standards for best practices in law enforcement and how it would promote excellence and professionalism within the department. Today, the Brentwood Police Department has the distinguished honor of being the most tenured accredited agency in the State of Tennessee.

Under his guidance, the Brentwood Police Department developed from a one-man department to one of the most distinguished police agencies in the State of Tennessee. The legacy he leaves behind and the foundation he built is reflected in the men and women of the Brentwood Police Department who serve our community today and make Brentwood a safe and great place to live.



## Park Smart!

### Don't Make it Easy for Criminals!

**Keep your vehicle locked at all times and remove valuables!** Brentwood is a safe community, but you must do your part to discourage unnecessary thefts.

While car break-ins and thefts occur infrequently, they do occur more often when items such as purses, wallets, laptop computers, GPS units, personal electronics and other valuables are left visible in an unlocked vehicle.

### Don't make it easy for the bad guys!

- **Park Smart!** • Remove all valuables from your vehicle
  - Lock your car doors • Take your keys with you
- Don't leave your purse or wallet in your vehicle – even if you think it is hidden from view
  - Call the police immediately if you suspect a crime is being committed or something unusual appears to be happening nearby

For more information visit our website at [www.brentwood-tn.org/police](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/police) and look for **Park Smart!** signs at many local parks and recreation centers. Do your part to keep Brentwood safe.

## County High Schools Square Off in History Bowl

Six high schools battled it out recently at the Brentwood Historic Commission's annual History Bowl. The event featured students from Brentwood, Centennial, Franklin, Independence, Ravenwood, and Summit High Schools competing for the Sarah Bayrd American History Trophy.

The fast paced Jeopardy styled game was a close battle but when the smoke cleared, Summit High School won first place, Centennial High won second and Brentwood High School won third. The History Bowl is available on the City's website, [www.brentwood-tn.org/history](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/history).



## What Is Happening at the Library?

There is always something happening at the Brentwood library. Exciting new additions include the introduction of a mobile app which is available by searching your app store for "Brentwood Library", a self-service pickup of books on hold, a downloadable collection of audio books, and a language learning e-resource

Lily, a READING Paws-certified dog visits the library twice a month to listen to children read, and the ever popular Lego Mania has doubled its enrollment.

Patrons have enjoyed live performances by pianist Beegie Adair and the Birdsong Davidian Ensemble. Steinway & Sons has brought internationally known performers to our library

The library has been recognized as one of the premier public libraries in Tennessee. It is also one of the busiest, with more than 1,000 visitors daily. Last year, 655,761 items were circulated and 282,131 patrons visited the library. The library offered 444 children's programs attended by 15,040 children.



Our Reference Librarians answered more than 56,900 questions last year. The Brentwood Library depends on its 273 volunteers who totaled 10,082 hours of service this year. And overall, a whopping 97 percent of people are satisfied with the library.

Recently, Reading Rainbow named The Brentwood Library's Children's Library as third on its top ten list of children's libraries.

## WATER SERVICES

### Water Capacity Projects

The Belle Rive/Granny White Pike water system improvements project consists of water line improvements which will take up to 9 months to complete. The Murray Lane/Johnson Chapel Road water station improvements project consists of two water station replacements which will continue through the Spring, 2015. Both projects are intended to increase capacity for the water system to better meet the growing demands of Brentwood customers.

### Sewer Capacity Projects

The Water Services Department continues its efforts to investigate, identify and correct failing sewer infrastructure in order to increase system capacity and insure the life of its assets. The current program includes a comprehensive, \$30 million dollar corrective plan that extends through the year 2016 and is aimed at eliminating sewer overflows by reducing storm water infiltration into the sewer system. Work has been ongoing, mostly via trenchless technology in which pipes and manholes are "lined" as opposed to the traditional dig up method and is much less disruptive to neighborhoods.

Other department projects include implementing an Asset Management program. This program is intended to minimize the cost to own and operate water and sewer infrastructure and help to ensure sustainability of infrastructure and reduce cost of operations and capital.

## BRENTWOOD CHIPPER SERVICE

**Spring 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](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/pw) or 371-0080.



## 2014 Concert Series

Eddy Arnold Amphitheater, Crockett Park - 7 p.m.  
Family Oriented and Free Admission



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<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>Boomerang</b>
<b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>Nashville Symphony Orchestra</b>
<b>JUNE 15</b>	<b>The WannaBeatles</b>
<b>JUNE 22</b>	<b>The South Street Players</b>
<b>JUNE 29</b>	<b>Bad Dog Band</b>
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>Fireworks Celebration – Featuring The Kadillacs</b>
<b>JULY 13</b>	<b>The Entice Band</b>

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION CROCKETT PARK – 7 p.m.

LIMITED PARKING – You can park at the library or River Park and use bikeway;  
Residents from nearby subdivisions, please walk or ride bikes.

# Happy Birthday Brentwood!

*Celebrating 45 Years  
1969-2014*

The City of Brentwood was incorporated in April 1969 with a population of 3,378 and a budget of \$60,000. In May of that year, the City elected its first three City Commissioners. At the time of Brentwood's incorporation, the developed area was about 10 square miles, from Wilson Pike to Granny White Pike and from Old Hickory Boulevard to just south of Concord Road.

The city has now grown to 42 square miles and population of over 37,000. Much of this growth was due to the construction of I-65 in the 1960s. The easy accessibility to Nashville and the open country character of the area made Brentwood one of the most attractive and fastest growing communities in Tennessee. Brentwood has come a long way in 45 years – from a small rural crossroads community to a premier place to live and work.

### Lowest Combined City/County/Special School Property Tax Rates for Largest Tennessee Cities

(Population 25,000 or Greater) (2013 Effective Rates – Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranking	City	County	Tax Rate	Ranking	City	County	Tax Rate
(1)	Hendersonville	Sumner	\$2.67	(14)	Columbia	Maury	\$4.04
(2)	Morristown	Hamblen	\$2.69	(15)	Jackson	Madison	\$4.12
(3)	<b>BRENTWOOD WILLIAMSON</b>		<b>\$2.70</b>	(16)	Kingsport	Sullivan	\$4.25
(4)	Spring Hill	Williamson	\$2.85	(17)	Maryville	Bount	\$4.32
(5)	Gallatin	Sumner	\$3.01	(18)	Clarksville	Montgomery	\$4.38
(6)	Franklin	Williamson	\$3.35	(19)	Nashville	Davidson	\$4.52
(7)	Smyrna	Rutherford	\$3.47	(20)	Bristol	Sullivan	\$4.56
(8)	Johnson City	Washington	\$3.49	(21)	Knoxville	Knox	\$4.71
(9)	Laverne	Rutherford	\$3.57	(22)	Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$4.74
(10)	Cleveland	Bradley	\$3.59	(23)	Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$5.07
(11)	Lebanon	Wilson	\$3.63	(24)	Collierville	Shelby	\$5.07
(12)	Cookeville	Putnam	\$3.71	(25)	Bartlett	Shelby	\$6.04
(13)	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	\$3.84	(26)	Germantown	Shelby	\$6.35
				(27)	Memphis	Shelby	\$7.78

\*Note: Effective rates are based on actual rates adjusted by appropriate appraisal ratios as determined from the most recent appraisal date. Rates shown are as established for the 2013 tax year. As reflected in the chart above, the 2013 combined Brentwood and Williamson County effective property tax rate compares favorably with other Municipalities across the state. In the largest Tennessee Cities with Populations 25,000 or greater, Brentwood's effective property tax rate of \$2.70 per \$100 of assessed value (.44/City, \$2.26/County) is the 3RD lowest in the State. The City's FY 2014 property tax rate of \$.44 represents the same effective City tax rate for the twenty-third (23rd) year in a row.

Sources: 2013 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory Service Website.

## 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.

### City Web Sites

- [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org) for City & Planning Commission agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast and other city information;
- [www.explorebrentwood.com](http://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](http://www.brentwood-tn.org) for more information

### City Cable Channel 19

- **City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast**  
~ 1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month  
~ Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

### Community Guide

‘Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!’ available at the Brentwood Municipal Center, Library and on the City's website, [www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide).

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

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

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY CONVENIENCE CENTERS LOCATIONS

They 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 DAILY 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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## Honoring Our Hometown Heroes

On Veterans Day, the City of Brentwood unveiled an original piece of artwork to honor our local servicemen. This unique wall art includes a large metal American Flag with attached magnetic engraved medallions honoring our local servicemen for their military service. This beautiful piece of original art is located in the lobby of the Brentwood Municipal Center and sponsored by Tractor Supply Co.

Etched in the second to last stripe of the flag is a quote attributed to an unknown person: “America sleeps peacefully in their beds at night because our military stands on the wall on their behalf.”

Unveiling the piece of art were Marine Lance Cpl. Ben Maenza and Army Spc. Andrew Wilson, of Brentwood who lost both their legs to IEDs while serving in Afghanistan.

Recently a new medallion honoring one of our Brentwood firemen, Don Lines, was added to the flag. Don has been deployed to Afghanistan for the next year.

Thank you, Hometown Heroes!



Brentwood's two most honored wounded warriors, Marine Ben Maenza (behind the American Flag) and Army Specialist Andrew Wilson (behind the Tennessee one), unveiled the city's new artwork.