

Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

News You Need to Know About Your City

Spring 2015

Springtime in Brentwood



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Plan Your Special Event at Ravenswood Mansion

As part of the Phase I improvements at Smith Park, the City undertook a complete restoration of the Ravenswood Mansion, which was built in 1825. This project included restoration of the original elegant rooms, the grand entryway and the picturesque back porch while still providing modern amenities including a fully functional catering kitchen. This beautiful home is rich in history and charm and offers the ideal venue for weddings, receptions, corporate parties, business retreats and other special events. Anyone interested in renting the Ravenswood Mansion can view the website at www.ravenswoodmansion.com or contact Amanda Bledsoe at 615-371-0060, bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org.



Arbor Day

The City of Brentwood Tree Board recently held its annual Arbor Day at the Brentwood Library. The celebration included something for everyone—displays, food, children's activities and guided tours of the library arboretum. The Elementary and Middle School Poster Contest and the High School Essay Contest winners were recognized during the program. The winning posters were exhibited in the library.

This year the Tree Board planted a tree in honor of lifelong resident and former City of Brentwood Commissioner Alex Noble. The Noble family, instrumental in the incorporation of the city, settled in the area in the 1920's operating a pharmacy and motel on what is now Walgreens. Alex currently serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals and is a board member of Citizens for Green Space.

At the celebration the City received the Tree City, USA National Award for the 26th year. The award recognizes the City's long standing commitment to tree planting and conservation. Over 4,000 seedlings were distributed to local schools and attendees of the event.

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.

Everbridge – Everbridge is a citizen alert notification tool used by the Police and Fire Departments to deliver critical public safety information to residents quickly. Registered users will receive alert messages by telephone, email, text message or through the Everbridge app. You can choose how you want to be notified. It is very important for all residents to sign up for this service, and to provide both cell phone numbers and home landline numbers (if applicable). Visit the city website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police for more info or to sign up.

NIXLE – NIXLE is similar to Everbridge, but typically limited to traffic and/or weather notifications. Messages are created by officers when 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 incidents where Everbridge is not used.

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.

Crime Mapping – An easy to use online crime mapping solution that provides citizens with information on crimes and other incidents which have been reported to the police department. Each incident is overlaid on a city map with basic information about what took place. Residents can sign up to be notified by email concerning incidents that occur close to your home. We recently updated this service to enhance the information available to the public. Visit the police department website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police and click on the crime mapping tab.

A Child Is Missing – ACIM is a nationwide organization that assists law enforcement agencies to locate 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.

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 615-371-0060 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 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, Everbridge** and/ or **Nixle** – keep up with important information from the city; to join us go to 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.

Spring Clean Up

When you are spring 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.:

April 18 – Granny White Park

April 25 – Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Road

May 2 – Granny White Park

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 • 615-790-5848
7 a.m.-5 p.m.
williamsonrecycles.com

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

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike • 615-794-3904
2 miles south of city limits on left

Nolensville Convenience Center
1525 Sunset Road • 615-776-2717
.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 615-371-1697
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. behind Volunteer Fire Department

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Contact
Franklin Solid Waste Station
417 Century Court, Franklin
615-790-5848
Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center	615-371-0060
Planning/Codes.....	615-371-2204
Water Billing	615-661-7061
Water Maintenance	615-371-0080
Public Works	615-371-0080
Service Center	615-371-0080
Police.....	615-371-0160
Fire	615-371-0170
Wm. Co. Ambulance ...	615-794-2800
Library	615-371-0090
Parks	615-371-2208
Emergency	911

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NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Residential Development

New residential construction remains steady with most of the permits issued within established subdivision. Some of the projects include Morgan Farms, Taramore, Owl Creek, Glen Abbey, Cromwell and Whetstone.

The number of new single-family home permits issued so far this calendar year is slightly ahead of number issued during the same period in 2014. Through February 28, 2015, a total of 39 new permits have been issued. Historically, Brentwood issues an average of 250 new single-family residential permits per year.

Two residential rezoning applications have been approved: Glen Abbey Subdivision's Section Three plan included a total of 25 lots on approximately 35 acres of land. The subdivision is located on the north side of Split Log Road, east of Northumberland; and Ragsdale Property Subdivision included 76 lots on approximately 115 acres, located on the west side of Ragsdale Road. The property includes the historic Fly-Wilburn home, originally constructed circa 1860, that will be preserved.



Commercial Development

Mallory Park Phase 2

Mallory Park, Phase Two development plan includes the construction of two single-story office buildings in a campus setting, having a combined area of 78,400 square feet on approximately 12.50 acres.

Music City Motorcars

A new high-end automobile dealership, located in the Mallory Park Subdivision, will sell Maserati, Aston Martin, Bentley and Rolls Royce vehicles. The 27,717 square foot building will include a showroom, sales, parts and service.

Cheddar's Casual Café

Cheddar's Casual Café restaurant is coming to Brentwood. It will be located at 1654 Westgate Circle in Westgate Commons, the former site of Cozymel's. The old building has been demolished and a new 8,940 square foot building that will seat 404 will be constructed.



Hill Center Brentwood

HG Hill Realty Company received approval for Phase 1 of the Hill Center Brentwood expansion, which will be located at the corner of Maryland Way and Franklin Road. The first phase of the project includes a new 105,671 square foot office building, 6,672 square feet of restaurant space and 8,000 square feet of retail space. The plan also includes the construction of the interior street connecting the intersections of Chadwick Drive to East Park Drive. Finally a total of 900 structured and surface parking spaces will be provided.

The off-site traffic improvements as detailed in the Traffic Impact Study, which was prepared for the project, will also be constructed as part of the first phase of development. These improvements are intended to help alleviate some of the traffic conditions in the area.

At full development, the entire project will include a total of 600,000 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space, and a total of 2,374 structured and surface parking spaces on the currently vacant tract, containing approximately 17 acres. Residential units are not included as part of the project.

CityPark Brentwood

Construction of the six buildings consisting of 39,512 square feet of new retail and restaurant space along Executive Center Drive continues. The plan also includes a "village green" gathering area in front of the Mooreland Mansion.



The Hilton Garden Inn hotel will consist of 126 guest rooms. The hotel design is integrated with the historic Mooreland Mansion, ca 1838. The home will be restored and preserved with upgrades and interior enhancements.

The new hotel will front Centerview Drive. Improvements along the street are currently underway in an effort to make the street more pedestrian friendly and to incorporate design features that will reduce 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.

Several permits have been issued for tenant finishes in the six new commercial buildings that are currently under construction. City staff is either in the process of reviewing the submitted finish plans or have issued permits for the following businesses:

Neighborhood Barre (Dance Studio), Just Love Coffee Roasters, The Boardroom Salon, Blaze Pizza, Comfy Cow Handcrafted Ice Cream, American Jewelry, Newk's Eatery, Taziki's Mediterranean Café and Exercise Coach (1 on 1 fitness).

Jaguar Nashville

Construction on the previously approved renovations at the Land Rover Nashville site to support a new Jaguar dealership has been completed. The newly renovated Jaguar Nashville opened its doors to customers in February. The approved plan provided an additional 3,759 square feet of area within the existing Land Rover building, located on Cadillac Drive.

Tapestry at Brentwood Town Center

Construction continues at the Tapestry at Brentwood project located on Centerview Drive. Building Two, which is located closest to Brentwood Place, will be the first building ready for occupancy. The project has experienced delays however construction should be completed on both buildings in early summer 2015.

Firestone Complete Auto Care

The Firestone Complete Auto Care facility, located at 7029 Church Street East, is now opened to the public. The two-story building includes an area of 9,800 square feet.

Murff's Craft Beer & Burgers

In October a site plan was approved for the former location of the Phillips Deli, 5015 Harpeth Drive. Murff's Craft Beers and Burgers, a new fast casual restaurant featuring burgers and specialty menu items, renovated the existing 2,679 square foot building. The work was completed in February 2015.

Holiday Inn

A revised site plan for the existing Magnuson Hotel which will be converted to a Holiday Inn has been approved. The existing building includes a total of 107 guest rooms and is located at 1738 Carothers Parkway. City staff is currently in the process of reviewing the Commercial Renovation plans for the proposal.

Prices Collision Center

Recently a site plan for a new building adjacent to the existing Prices Collision Center located at 1680 Mallory Lane was approved. The new building includes an area of 11,038 square feet and will be constructed on the adjacent 1.43 acre lot, which is currently vacant. The building will include a mixture of uses including offices and support areas that will serve the collision repair activities on the adjacent lot.



2020 Plan Update

The full results of the business survey were recently released and are available on the website, www.brentwood2020.com. The City has since conducted a second resident survey and the results are being tabulated now. This survey was designed to dig deeper into a limited number of issues that seemed to be most important from the results of the first survey, including traffic concerns and senior housing.

Citizens can always get up to date information from the 2020 Update project web site, including the final report from the first resident survey with over 100 pages of written comments. Also, videos from all previous 2020 Update community meetings are available for viewing on the project web page, www.brentwood2020.com.



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.

PARKS

Concord Park, 40+ acres, site of city library; open areas for flying kites, family picnics and practice fields; multi-use trail.

Crockett Park, 164 acres, Brentwood's feature active park; includes 7 lighted tennis courts, restroom/concessions buildings, 8 lighted ball fields, 11 multi-purpose fields, multi-use trails, amphitheater, 2 historic homes, community playground, picnic shelters, summer concerts and July 4th Event.

Deerwood Arboretum and Nature Area, 27 acres bordering the Little Harpeth River on the west side of the city; a collection of native trees, plant life, wildlife, 2 ponds, a one-mile bike path, outdoor classroom, educational amphitheater, bikeway/jogging trail with 2 bridges linking the Wildwood/Laurelwood subdivision to the Arboretum.

Granny White Park, 30 acres, featuring 3 lighted ball diamonds, 4 lighted tennis courts, 2 sand volleyball courts, a multipurpose field, large pavilion with gas grill, playground area, lighted walking/jogging trail.

Maryland Way Park, 7 acres in Maryland Farms Office Park, walking/jogging trail and fitness trail stations.

Owl Creek Park, 21 acre neighborhood park located between Concord Pass and Chestnut Springs Road; includes a picnic shelter, a playground, basketball courts, and walking paths.

Primm Park, 31 acres on Moores Lane; historic Boiling Spring Academy and prehistoric Native American Mound Site.

River Park, 70+ acres; corner of Knox Valley and Concord Road; includes the area along the Little Harpeth River; features children's playground, outdoor basketball court, picnic shelter and the trailhead for the multi-use trail.

Tower Park, 50 acres, north of WSM Tower; multi-use trails, multi-purpose fields, natural open spaces; Nutro Dog Park.

Margaret Hayes Powell Park, 22 acres; located at the corner of Virginia Way and Granny White Pike; passive in nature with a 1 mile paved multi-use trail and a .4 mile trail in the wooded portion of the park property; pedestrian access for the adjoining Meadowlake subdivision.

Marcella Vivrette Smith Park, 398 acres; Wilson Pike at Split Log Road; Phase I is complete and park is open; includes the new access road and bridge, hiking trails, renovated Ravenswood Mansion and parking areas; Phase II engineering is scheduled for 2015 with improvements to begin in 2016.

Flagpole Park, 8.7 acres; located at the end of Mallory Lane, turn north off of Moores Lane; active park; will include a new access road, two unlighted practice multipurpose fields and a walking/jogging path; engineering and architectural design work to be completed this spring; construction is scheduled to begin summer 2015 and be open summer 2016.

Wikle Park, 15 acres; turn east off of Franklin Road onto Wikle Road West; passive park; will include a playground, open play area, walking/jogging trail, bathroom & limited parking; engineering and architectural design work will be completed this spring; construction is scheduled to begin in summer of 2015 and open summer of 2016

For more information about the Brentwood Parks, visit www.brentwood-tn.org/parks or call 615-371-2208



GREENWAYS

Greenways are passive open space area with no active recreation features or activities permitted.

Maryland Farms Greenway, 20 acres, buffer between corporate activity and adjacent residential areas.

Wilson Pike Greenway, 2.5 acres, south of Fire Station #2.

Moores Lane East Greenway, 20 acres, buffer between commercial development along Moores Lane east and the neighborhoods.

Split Log Greenway, 10 acres, located on Wilson Pike opposite the Split Log Road intersection.

TRAILS

Walkers, joggers, bikers and skaters can take full advantage of the 15 miles of trails; Owl Creek, Powell Park, Granny White and Maryland Way Parks are best for walking and jogging; Crockett, Concord, River, Tower Parks and Deerwood Arboretum are for walking, jogging, biking and skating; and all of the trails are perfect for nature walks. (Maps available at 6 trail heads)



ATHLETICS

There are numerous lighted fields and courts for athletic users. Tower, Granny White and Crockett Parks have baseball, softball, soccer and football fields. Granny White and Crockett Parks also have tennis courts.

CONCERTS & STAGE PRODUCTIONS

Crockett Park features a beautiful outdoor amphitheater with lawn seating for approximately 2,500. Free summer concerts on Sunday evenings are sponsored by the City and local sponsors.

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL

Three outdoor basketball courts are available on a first-come/first-serve basis – Granny White on the west side of town and River Park & Owl Creek on the east side of town.



PLAYGROUNDS

Four playgrounds are available: Owl Creek, Granny White and River Park playgrounds for ages 2–12 and Brentwood Community Playground (built by volunteers) in Crockett Park; restrooms and picnic shelters are conveniently located near the playgrounds except for Crockett Park.

SHELTER & PAVILION RENTALS

Three picnic shelters at Crockett, Owl Creek and River Parks and one large picnic pavilion at Granny White and River Parks are available to rent for special events. A gas grill is available at the large picnic pavilion at Granny White Park.

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Interpretive signs add another dimension to the city’s trail system. These signs have been placed strategically along the walking, jogging and biking trail system. They are informative as well as decorative. The signs include: *Granny White Pike* at Granny White Park; *Deerwood Arboretum*; *Maryland Farms history* at Maryland Way Park; *Lipscomb Elementary School* on Concord Road; *Native American Town* at the Library; the *Importance of Trees* at the entrance to the Library; *Spring House* behind the Library; the *History of the WSM Tower* at Tower Park and Library; *Wildlife and Harpeth River* on the river between River Park and Crockett Park; *Cool Springs House* at Crockett Park; *Boiling Springs Academy*, *Native American Mounds and Archaeological Excavation* at Historic Primm Park on Moores Lane; Four new interpretive signs will be added at Smith Park. They include the *Ravenswood Mansion*, the *Root Cellar/Cistern*, the *Detached Kitchen/Slave Cabins*, and the *Spring House* (Smith Park spring is the headwaters of the Little Harpeth River).

DID YOU KNOW? The Parks Department was officially started in 1989. At that time the population of Brentwood was 16,392 and the City had 3 parks totaling less than 50 acres. Now in 2015, the City’s population is over 40,000 and the Parks system has grown to 961 acres with 13 parks and numerous greenways. The City now ranks near the top of cities in the State of Tennessee in the amount of dedicated park acreage per 1,000 residents.



Bikeway near Ravenwood High as viewed through the historic tunnel at Old Wilson Pike.

SPORTS INFORMATION
Who You Gonna Call?



BRENTWOOD PARKS	
Information/Reservations	615-371-2208
Granny White Park Hotline	615-373-8310
Crockett Park/Tower Park Hotline	615-373-7752
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	
Brentwood Travel League	615-319-7707
Brentwood Bball Club	brentwoodbaseballclub.com
Williamson County Adult Softball	615-370-3471
BASKETBALL	
YMCA	615-373-9622
SOCCER	
YMCA	615-373-9622
Tennessee Soccer Club (travel)	888-562-8112, ext. 2002
TENNIS	
Williamson County Parks	615-370-3471
FOOTBALL	
Brentwood Blaze	615-478-9636 or 615-557-7716
RUGBY	
	615-218-6062
LACROSSE	
Boys	615-585-1564
Girls	615-579-8908
INDOOR ARENA AT CROCKETT PARK	
	615-377-6530

GENERAL PARK INFORMATION

Solar powered emergency call boxes are available in most of the city parks and along the bikeway. Upon opening, these boxes will automatically notify the Police/Fire of the call location.

Park Reservations – To make reservations for park shelters, pavilion, courts and fields call 615-371-2208.

Hot Lines – Ball fields’ playing conditions: Crockett Park, 615-373-7752; Granny White Park, 615-373-8310

Leash Law in Park – City ordinance requires dogs and cats be kept on a leash while in city parks, owners should clean up after their pets; For complaints about roaming animals, call Williamson County Animal Control at 615-790-5590.

Walking/Jogging/Biking Trails – Maps are available for the city trails at six trail heads throughout the parks. As more and more citizens use the walking paths and bikeways, it is very important to remember that bicycle riders must stay on the right side and should always yield to pedestrians. All trails are designed for low speed use. Bicyclists are encouraged to use regular roadways for high speed training. Also for dog owners, please pick up after your dogs and always have them on a short leash for everyone’s safety.

Lightning Detection System – Designed for your protection, this system detects lightning strikes within an eight-mile radius of Brentwood. Please clear all fields when the detection alarms sound. The alarm will continue every 10 minutes until the lightning has passed.



2015 Concert Series
Eddy Arnold Amphitheater, Crockett Park – 7 p.m.
Family Oriented and Free Admission

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MAY 31 7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience

JUNE 7 The Nashville Symphony

JUNE 14 Groove Addiction

JUNE 21 The South Street Players

JUNE 28 WannaBeatles

JULY 4 Fireworks Celebration – Featuring The Kadillacs

JULY 12 Who’s Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band

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.

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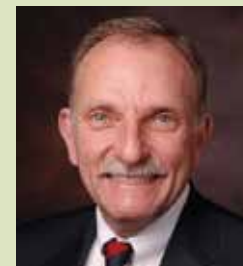
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(H) = Home Telephone • (F) = Fax Line • (VM) = Voice Mail • (EM) = E-mail

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 four 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.

Open Space Preservation a Priority

Very few cities in Tennessee and the southeastern United States can compare with Brentwood on the percentage of land dedicated as permanent open space and to accomplish this land preservation in such a cost effective manner. Most of the land owned by the City was either donated at no cost or purchased at a very low cost when the market conditions were favorable to buy. In addition, the preservation of private open space as part of an OSRD subdivision generates no maintenance obligations to City taxpayers. It is always a priority of the City to increase the amount of permanent open space in the future as additional areas are made available at favorable pricing or presented with private development plans. The status of open space preservation is summarized below:

Brentwood Park Land & Dedicated Private Open Space:

- The total area in the City today is 26,414 acres or 41.27 square miles
- The total area of park land is 961.6 acres or 1.5 square miles.
- The total area of dedicated private open space is 2497.4 acres or 3.90 square miles.
- The combined total land in Brentwood dedicated to permanent preservation is 3,459 acres or 5.4 square miles. This represents 13% of the total land.

The amount of preserved land will likely increase in the future but at this point, having permanently preserved 13% of the total land is very impressive.

America's Best Schools

National Merit Scholarships

The City of Brentwood is fortunate to have quality public schools for our children to attend. Both public high schools, Brentwood High and Ravenwood High, have been named among the nation's best. Recently, 21 of their high school seniors were named 2015 National Merit Scholarship finalists. These students will compete for National Merit Scholarships offered this spring. High school seniors enter the National Merit Program by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. Qualifying students are judged on their academic record, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, employment and honors received.

Congratulations to our schools and keep up the good work!

Protect Your Child

Did you know that several members of the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department have been certified under National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) standards to conduct child passenger safety education and child car seat inspections? The purpose of this valuable service is to make sure that we assist and educate our citizens on properly installing and securing their children in vehicle restraint systems according to child passenger safety guidelines.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death each year in children from 2-14 years of age. Child safety seats, when properly installed, save lives! Studies have shown that properly installed child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by over 70 percent for infants and toddlers in passenger car collisions. A study released by the National Safe Kids Campaign reports that at least 85 percent of the 17,500 seats inspected were installed incorrectly. In Brentwood that number has proven to be closer to 90 percent.

Our certified personnel are now providing seat inspections at our fire stations by appointment. Please allow at least 30 minutes for the inspection and, if possible, bring the child with you. Please call 615-371-0170 to schedule your car seat inspection today!

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

(Population 25,000 or Greater)

(2014 Effective Rates - Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranking	City	County	Tax Rate
(1)	Morristown	Hamblen	\$2.69
(2)	BRENTWOOD	WILLIAMSON	\$2.70
(3)	Spring Hill	Williamson	\$2.79
(4)	Hendersonville	Sumner	\$3.15
(5)	Smyrna	Rutherford	\$3.37
(6)	Franklin	Williamson	\$3.38
(7)	Laverne	Rutherford	\$3.48
(8)	Gallatin	Sumner	3.49
(9)	Johnson City	Washington	\$3.60
(10)	Lebanon	Wilson	\$3.63
(11)	Cleveland	Bradley	\$3.64
(12)	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	\$3.69
(13)	Cookville	Putnam	\$3.71
(14)	Columbia	Maury	\$4.06
(15)	Jackson	Madison	\$4.11
(16)	Clarksville	Montgomery	\$4.16
(17)	Maryville	Blount	\$4.32
(18)	Kingsport	Sullivan	\$4.38
(19)	Nashville	Davidson	\$4.52
(20)	Bristol	Sullivan	\$4.56
(21)	Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$4.74
(22)	Knoxville	Knox	\$5.05
(23)	Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$5.07
(24)	Collierville	Shelby	\$5.90
(25)	Bartlett	Shelby	\$5.99
(26)	Germantown	Shelby	\$6.30
(27)	Memphis	Shelby	\$7.77

*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 2014 tax year. As reflected in the chart above, the 2014 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 2nd lowest in the State. The City's FY 2015 property tax rate of \$.44 represents the same effective City tax rate for the twenty-fourth (24th) year in a row.

Sources: 2014 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory Service Website.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

On more than one occasion over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the outstanding services provided to the residents of Brentwood by our city employees. We are certainly not perfect, and we do make mistakes from time to time, but day in and day out our employees work extremely hard to provide residents with the level of service they expect for the taxes they pay. Whether it is the chipper guys loading limbs on a 90+ degree day, a police officer or firefighter responding in a time of need, a librarian reading to a child, a utility worker responding to a grinder pump emergency call at 3 a.m., or any number of other jobs our employees do every day, we take pride in our work and the community we serve.

Less than 10% of our 250 or so full-time employees live in Brentwood. This means that every day most city employees drive to Brentwood (some long distances), do their jobs, and leave Brentwood to go home without having the opportunity to enjoy the quality of life benefits that they helped provide to residents. This situation could easily create a problem motivating employees and keeping them engaged in their jobs. However, it amazes me when I talk to our employees and hear the pride they have for their work and the excitement and fulfillment they feel when they help a resident or solve a problem. Nothing exemplifies this better than our efforts during the recent winter storm events. We had snow plow drivers and utility workers who didn't go home for several days and slept on cots to be sure they were available when needed, public

safety personnel who worked extra shifts to cover for those who couldn't make it to work, and even administrative secretaries who braved the road conditions to be here to answer the phones and handle citizen concerns.

Our city employees, like most government employees, don't do it for the money. For some of our employees, like those in police and fire, it is a job they have dreamed about since they were a kid. For others, it is a good, steady job that they have enjoyed doing for years because they are good at it, they enjoy their coworkers, and they like the community. Finally, some will be with us for only a short period of time as they move on in their career to a job somewhere else. Regardless of their motivation, our employees work hard for the residents of Brentwood and are proud of the great community they help to sustain. If you see a city employee out on the street, in a park, or in your neighborhood, I hope you will take the opportunity to thank them for their commitment to you and your neighbors.

Kirk Bednar,
City Manager



Fire and Rescue Department Unveils New Facebook Page!

At the beginning of the new year, the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department unveiled a new informational Facebook page. This page, which replaces the former Chief's Blog, contains photos, updated response information, safety tips, and other content that the department feels may be of interest to our citizens. Stop by, check it out and "Like" the page to receive alerts on your Facebook page when new content is posted. You can find us at www.facebook.com/COBFD.

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 calendar year 2013 and is expected to be complete by May 2016. This project will also extend the 10 foot wide paved bikeway/pedestrian trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.



Construction continues on Concord 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. Construction began in March 2015 and will take approximately one year to complete. 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 acquisitions have started and will be completed by July 2015.

Water Services Department

Water Capacity Projects

The Belle Rive/Granny White Pike water system improvements project consists of replacing and upsizing water lines along the Fisher Ct., McClanahan Dr., Johnson Chapel, Belle Rive and Granny White corridor. These lines were successfully installed and are now in service. The Murray Lane and the Johnson Chapel Road water station improvements project consists of replacing two water pumping stations with a completion date of fall 2015. Both projects are intended to increase the water system efficiency and capacity 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 reduce system overflows and increase system capacity. The program includes a comprehensive, multi-million dollar corrective plan that is aimed at eliminating sewer overflows by reducing storm water infiltration into the sewer system. To date, the program has been very successful, removing over 700 million gallons annually of infiltration and inflow of surface and/or ground water and reducing the overall cost of transportation and treatment of wastewater. Likewise, sewer overflows have been reduced by 70%.

Other department projects include continued implementation of an Asset/Work Order Management and Control program which is intended to minimize the cost to own and operate the water and sewer infrastructure and help to ensure sustainability of infrastructure and reduce future cost of operations and capital. The Department is also continuing to update its water meter reading system from a labor-intensive "walk by" system to a radio read system. The updated system will significantly reduce labor costs and provide for greater customer service and data management.



BRENTWOOD WRAPPING UP SPECIAL CENSUS

The City is near completion with its 2015 city-wide special census. This mid-decade people count is done in order to determine the number of residents now living in Brentwood. The primary benefit of this effort is to increase Brentwood's amount of state-shared revenues that are distributed by the State of Tennessee to cities on a per capita basis, which lessens our dependency on property taxes to fund basic services.

As of March, the population estimate based on census responses was 40,400. That number is subject to revision, but may represent a roughly 12% change in population since the 2010 Federal Census.

IMPORTANT—Emergency Notification in Brentwood Has Changed

Your help is needed to ensure you receive critical notifications when they are issued by the City of Brentwood or Williamson County. What used to be known as "Reverse 911" has changed dramatically. The City and County now use a vendor called Everbridge, one of the fastest and most flexible mass-notification systems in the world. This change greatly improves the ability to rapidly notify residents about emergencies and gives them control over the process.

When critical events happen, would you like to be notified on your home phone, cell phone, or by text? Do you wish to receive notifications about weather events? If a small-area notification is issued for the area around your child's school, parent's home, or your work, do you want to be notified? You now have the ability to specify how and where you receive alerts—all you have to do is sign up!

Lastly, if your home phone is internet based (Comcast, Vonage, etc.), you **MUST** sign up to receive alerts of any kind. The City does not automatically have access to these numbers. Please help us help you in an emergency, sign up with Everbridge today at www.Brentwood-TN.org/citizenalert.

Traffic Study for Northwest Brentwood

The City of Brentwood, Metro Nashville, and TDOT are partnering on a traffic study of the heavily traveled Old Hickory Blvd./Maryland Way/Franklin Road corridors. The study involves 35 intersections, including a few along Granny White and Church Street. The scope of work will include traffic counts, signal timing, modeling of signal systems, evaluation of signal equipment and recommendations for improvements. Questions about this project can be directed to Mike Harris, Director of Engineering, at 615-371-0080.

Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

The City of Brentwood continues to be a desirable place to live and raise a family. Some of the reasons it is so attractive are its great schools, wonderful parks, outstanding police and fire departments, and responsive city services. Additionally, Brentwood residents continue to enjoy a relatively low crime rate compared to other communities.

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps that you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- **Know where your children are.** Have your children tell you where they will be or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home.
- **Work together with your neighbors.** Watch out for suspicious or unusual behavior in your neighborhood. If you notice something or someone suspicious, notify the police department immediately.
- **Lock your doors.** Keep exterior doors and windows locked at all times—even when you are at home. Lock your car doors after removing items from inside. Never leave your purse, wallet or other valuables in your vehicle. Don't make it easy for the bad guys to succeed!
- **Take advantage of Crime Prevention Programs provided by the Brentwood Police Department.** We offer several programs at your convenience including: Neighborhood Watch, Home Security Surveys, Bicycle Rodeos, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and RADKids courses.
- **Drive safely in your neighborhood.** Be mindful of children, particularly on school days. Obey the posted speed limit and avoid distractions while driving.
- **Sign up for SMART 911, Everbridge and other programs.** The Police Department provides many programs and services for residents at no cost. These services can save time and can provide you with valuable information in the event of an emergency. Don't wait until the emergency happens to sign up. Visit our website for details on each of the programs we offer.

By working together we can keep Brentwood safe. Contact Crime Prevention Officers Samuel Bady and Mark Wood at 615-371-2267 or visit our website at www.brentwood-tn.org/police for additional information.



Brentwood Public Works is ranked among the very BEST at snow removal for communities in Middle Tennessee.

Thanks to Public Works

Thanks to our great crews in the Public Works Department who worked around the clock in response to the ice/snow storms this past winter. Ice and snow removal are not the normal priority for most Public Works Departments in the Southeast, but our crews understand the importance of keeping our main streets safe and passable. They pride themselves on Brentwood having the cleanest streets of any community in Middle Tennessee.

Below are two of the many comments received by the City this winter:

"Thank you to (public works) drivers and to you and all your team. They worked long hours in treacherous conditions doing all they could to keep city streets open. You probably heard many undeserved complaints and criticisms from people who had no real idea of what you all were facing. You all just did your jobs and took care of business. You all deserve our thanks and appreciation and respect."

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the hard work of the Public Works employees during the ice/snow storms. I drove to work and all the roads were clear in Brentwood. When I crossed the city limits line, the road was a solid sheet of ice. Please extend my thanks to Jeff Donegan and the magnificent Public Works staff for helping to keep the citizens of Brentwood safe. This is just one of the many reasons why our City is such a great place to live."

Cool Springs House



The Cool Springs House in Crockett Park is a charming victorian house that is perfect for social as well as business events. Although historically oriented, the first floor of the house has facilities to accommodate parties, receptions and other gatherings. A portion of the second floor has a large conference room and is an ideal setting for workshops and business retreats. For more information go to www.coolspringshouse.com; anyone interested in renting the house may contact Amanda Bledsoe, 615-371-0060 or via email at bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org.

Water Pollution

The City needs your help. Suburban runoff known as nonpoint source pollution is the single largest factor affecting water quality today. It occurs when water from storms picks up pollutants and deposits them away from the source of the pollution. This runoff finds its way into water sources, through storm drains or directly into streams, from which much of our drinking water comes. Typical nonpoint source pollutants in suburban areas are household chemicals, yard waste, trash, salt and sand, excess nutrients (including lawn fertilizers, septic systems and pet wastes), pesticides, cleaning agents, grease and auto products.

The City's Engineering Department wants to remind you that everything entering the storm drain flows directly into our creeks, streams, and rivers and affects the overall water quality. Storm water drains are not places to dispose of waste. If you see something other than storm water flowing into one of these drains, please contact the engineering department at 615-371-0080. Working together, we can keep our creeks, streams and rivers clean!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

BRENTWOOD CITY COMMISSION ELECTION

May 5, 2015 Election ★ 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

★★★ EARLY VOTING ★★★

April 15-30

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekdays 8 a.m.-Noon Saturdays

Brentwood Library, 8109 Concord Road

Brentwood Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way

Williamson County Administrative Complex
1320 West Main Street, Franklin

For additional information – 615-790-5711

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Brentwood Library

The Brentwood Library is the City's go-to place for work, study, programs, computers, pleasure reading, and quiet. The Library is also a cultural center for the community and offers learning and discovery in many other forms. On any given day, you can find a wide array of programs such as exhibits, musical performances, creative workshops, free seminars, and computer classes that range from operation basics to digital media. Of course we still offer annual events for the whole family, such as the Summer Reading Program.

The Summer Reading Program – *Every Hero Has a Story*

The library staff is powering up for another fantastic Summer Reading Program. Children will be discovering heroes in every walk of life. Teens will unmask the hero within, discovering their strengths and talents. Adults will escape the ordinary and embark on new adventures at the library. Connect with your inner superhero this summer at The Brentwood Library.

Adult Programing

Patrons can participate in free monthly seminars on a variety of topics such as health, law, and finances. There are opportunities throughout the year to take classes in bridge, photography, painting and even weekly exercise classes.

ConsumerReports.org

The Library gets many requests for the latest issue of Consumer Reports magazine or the popular Buying Guides located in our Reference section. Did you know that you can access this information from home through our website, www.brentwood-tn.org/library? You can log into ConsumerReports.org to look at reviews, buying advice, product comparisons, and current news. All you need is your library card to get started! To find the ConsumerReports.org database, go to our webpage and click on the eLibrary icon. Go to Online Resources and click on Consumer Info to login and start researching.

Congratulations, Brentwood!

Brentwood has been named one of the Top 10 Best Cities for Kids by Livability.com, a national website that ranks quality of life and travel amenities of America's small and mid-sized cities.

Brentwood was chosen for its highly rated schools, large-lot neighborhoods and ideal small-town atmosphere. Also taken into account were the number of parks, playgrounds, walking/biking trails, library and recreational venues geared specifically for children, as well as the availability of great options for parents.

City property tax rate is \$.44 per 100 assessed value—there has been **No effective** City tax increase for the past 24 years!

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 or 615-371-0080.

