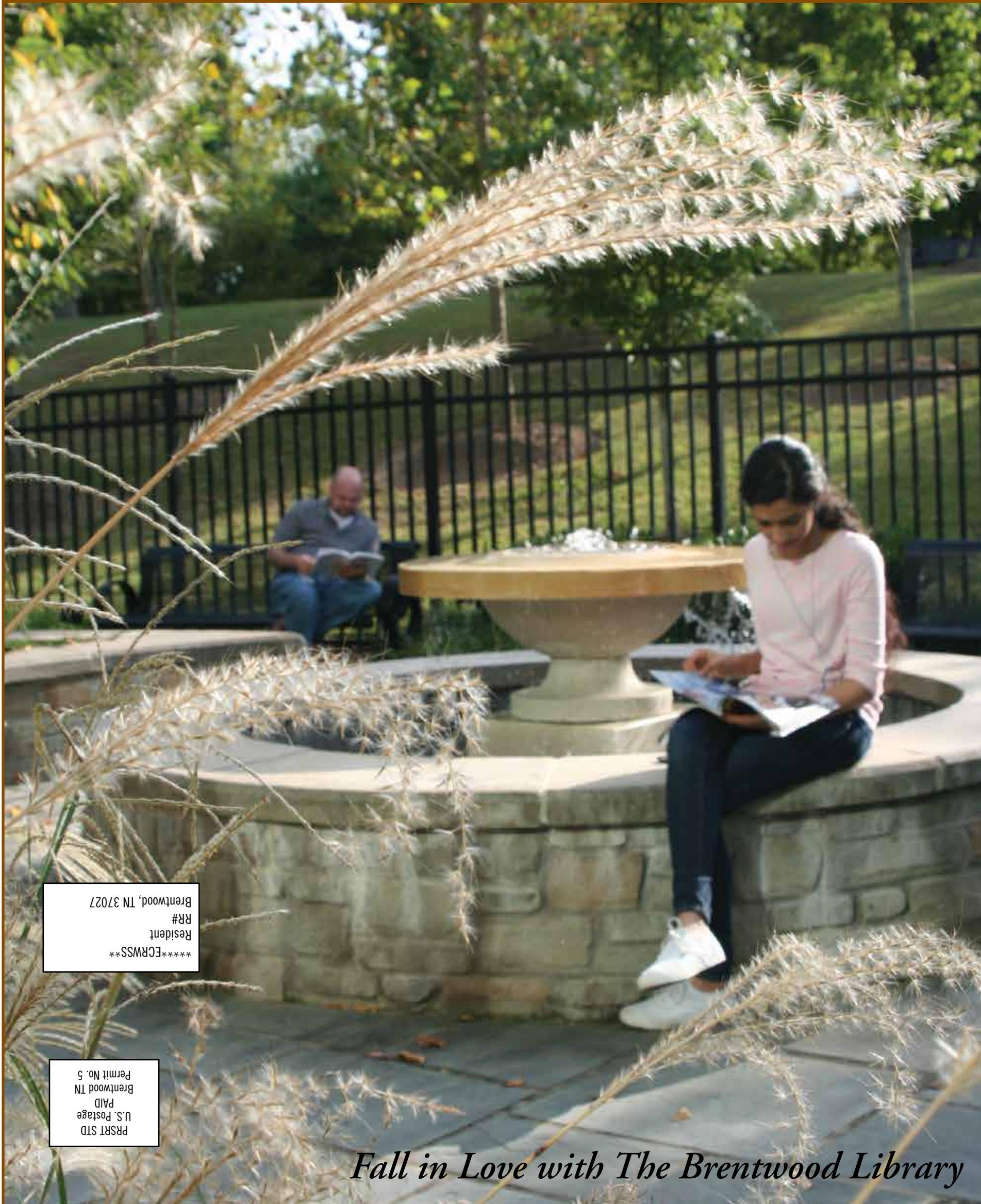


Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

Fall 2015

News You Need to Know About Your City



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Fall in Love with The Brentwood Library



Plan Your Special Event at Ravenswood Mansion

Located amongst the picturesque rolling hills of south Brentwood, the Ravenswood Mansion is an idyllic setting for weddings, receptions, corporate parties, business retreats and other special events. This 1825 historic home, located in Marcella Vivrette Smith Park on Wilson Pike, features a grand entryway, elegant rooms and a picturesque back porch while still providing modern amenities including a fully functional catering kitchen. This beautiful home is rich in history and charm and is surrounded by 400 acres of wooded countryside that is home to abundant wildlife, nature trails, and the spring headwaters of the Little Harpeth River. Ravenswood Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 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.

Intersection Safety Improvements

Brentwood is taking steps to make one of its most dangerous intersections safer. The Ragsdale and Sunset Road intersection, just south of the Governor's Club neighborhood, has been the site of numerous accidents over the past several years. The City is currently designing a project to completely realign the Ragsdale and Sunset Road intersection.

The project will eliminate a sharp curve where Ragsdale Road crosses over Owl Creek and move the intersection further east to the top of the hill on Sunset Road. Roughly three-fourths of a mile of Ragsdale Road will undergo widening and realignment as well as a one-fourth mile section of Sunset Road, including a new Sunset Road bridge over Owl Creek.



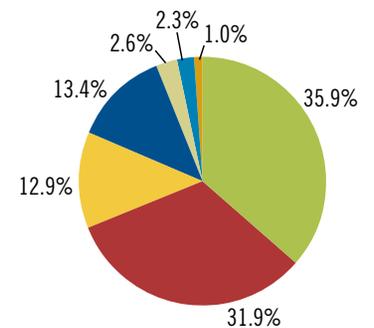
Ragsdale and Sunset Road Intersection

Engineering design work is currently underway and construction could begin as early as summer 2016, subject to right of way acquisition, and be completed by the end of 2017. Upon completion of this project, the Ragsdale and Sunset Road intersection will be much safer for our community.

Your General Fund Budget Summary

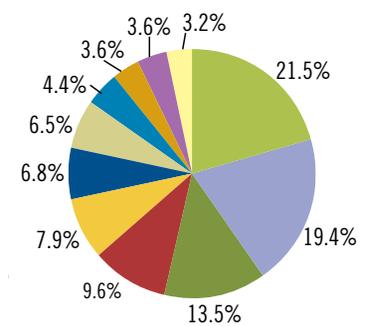
Revenues by Source FY 2015-16

Revenues	2015-16 Amount	Budget %
Local Sales Taxes	\$12,600,000	35.9%
Property Taxes	\$11,206,700	31.9%
State Shared Revenues	\$4,534,550	12.9%
Other Local Taxes	\$4,685,000	13.4%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$901,800	2.6%
Licenses/Permits	\$800,200	2.3%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$351,000	1.0%
Total Revenues	\$35,079,250	100.00%



Expenditures by Source FY 2015-16

Expenditures	2015-16 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$7,543,085	21.5%
Fire & Rescue/Safety Center East	\$6,804,055	19.4%
Public Works/Services	\$4,733,100	13.5%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,350,000	9.6%
General Government	\$2,752,665	7.9%
Public Library	\$2,390,735	6.8%
Parks & Recreation	\$2,270,670	6.5%
Technology/GIS	\$1,541,590	4.4%
Miscellaneous	\$1,264,545	3.6%
Planning and Codes	\$1,259,810	3.6%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$1,110,000	3.2%
Total Expenditures	\$35,020,255	100.00%

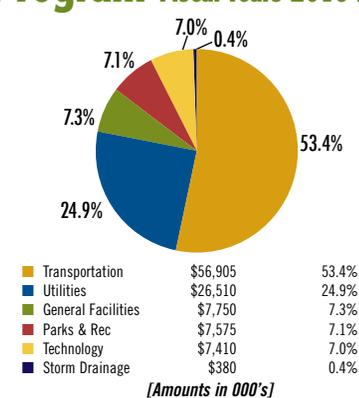


General Government consists of City Commission, City Court, City Manager's Office, Elections, Finance, Legal Services, Human Resources and Community Relations.

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

Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2016-2021

The primary focus of this \$106.5 million, six-year program is to address the infrastructure and facility needs for one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Tennessee. The program concentrates on improvements in six areas: General Facilities, Technology, Transportation, Storm Drainage, Parks and Recreation and Utilities. Copies of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are available online at www.brentwood-tn.org/finance or for review at the Brentwood Public Library and the Municipal Center. Please call Jay Evans, Assistant City Manager, at 615-371-0060 for more information.



Brentwood was incorporated as a city in 1969, but its documented history dates from the late 1700s. Some scientists have theorized that what is now the Gulf of Mexico stretched northward to Brentwood millions of years ago, as evidenced by ocean fossils found in the area.

City Briefs

Need Help?

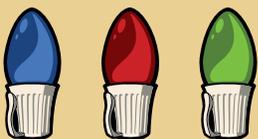
Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Linda Lynch – Community Relations Director at 615-371-0060 or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org**. She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

Christmas Luminaries

December 12, 2015 • 5:30 p.m.
(Second Saturday in December)

The City of Brentwood is encouraging the community to join the city in decorating for the holiday season. Christmas lights are a significant part of the spirit of Christmas for children and adults.

Rain date – Sunday, December 13



Fall 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.:

October 24 – Granny White Park

October 31 – Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Road

November 7 – Granny White Park

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

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)

Franklin Solid Waste Station

417 Century Court, Franklin, 615-794-1516

Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Williamson County Recycling Center

Next to Fire Station No. 2

1301 Wilson Pike • 615-790-5848

Williamson County Convenience Centers Locations

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

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

Trinity Convenience Center

3004 Wilson Pike • 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.

on left behind the County Volunteer Fire Department

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

Citizen's Update

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NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT — FALL 2015

Residential Development

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

The number of new single-family home permits issued so far this calendar year is ahead of the number issued during the same period in 2014. Through September 30, 2015, a total of 196 new permits have been issued. Historically, Brentwood issues an average of 250 new single-family residential permits per year.

In July the Planning Commission approved a preliminary plan for a new residential subdivision along the west side of Ragsdale Road. The plan shows a total of 76 lots on approximately 115 acres.

Commercial Development

Mallory Park Phase 2

Mallory Park, Phase Two development includes the construction of two single-story office buildings in a campus setting, having a combined area of 82,940 square feet on approximately 12.50 acres



Mallory Park, Phase Two under construction

Music City Motorcars

A new high-end automobile dealership, located in the Mallory Park Development, will sell Maserati, Aston Martin, Bentley and Rolls Royce vehicles. The 29,117 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 was demolished and a new 8,940 square foot building that will seat 404 has been constructed.



Cheddar's Casual Café located in Westgate Commons

Hill Center Brentwood

In March 2015 the Planning Commission approved a site plan for the Hill Center Brentwood expansion, which will be a mixed use office/retail development located on approximately 17 acres of land at the corner of Maryland Way and Franklin Road.

Development of the project is well underway with construction of Building B, which includes a total of 150,700 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space and the adjacent parking garage, which includes 860 parking spaces. Also included as part of the first phase is Building D, which will include approximately 8,000 square feet of retail space.

In September the second phase of the development was approved. The plan includes Building A, having three stories and an area of approximately 96,000 square feet. Construction plans have not yet been submitted for staff review.

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.



Hill Center Brentwood Development

CityPark Brentwood

Construction of the six buildings, consisting of 39,512 square feet of new retail and restaurant space along Executive Center Drive has been completed. Several business are now open and include—American Jewelry, Blaze Pizza, The Boardroom, BurgerFI, Comfy Cow, The Exercise Coach, The Copper Penny, Just Love Coffee Roasters, Newks Eatery, Neighborhood Barre, Taziki's Mediterranean Café and Lacrosse Nashville.

Work on the Hilton Garden Inn hotel is also progressing. Brick is currently being added to the exterior. The hotel will include 126 guest rooms. The hotel design is integrated with the historic Mooreland Mansion, ca 1838. The home is also in the process of being restored and preserved with upgrades and interior enhancements.

The new hotel will front Centerview Drive. Improvements along the street are nearing completion. These improvements are designed to make the street more pedestrian friendly and to incorporate design features that will reduce vehicle speed. The modifications provide for two 11 foot wide lanes, on-street parallel parking, and a six foot wide sidewalk from Tapestry north to Church Street.



CityPark—The hotel design is integrated with the historic Mooreland Mansion

Tapestry at Brentwood Town Center

Construction at the Tapestry at Brentwood project located on Centerview Drive is complete with both buildings now open for residents.

Carothers Self Storage

A site plan that proposes the construction of a four-story, 97,000 square foot, self-storage building has been approved. The tract is currently vacant and is located on the east side of Carothers Parkway, east of the existing Shell convenience store and north of the Holiday Inn.

Springhill Suites

A site plan has been approved that proposes the construction of a 97,000 square foot, four-story mixed used building which will include hotel, office and retail uses. The project is to be constructed on the currently vacant tract located at 136 and 138 Wilson Pike Circle, within the C-4 Town Center zoning district.

Outback Steakhouse

Revisions to the exterior of the existing Outback Steakhouse, located at 8005 Moores Lane are underway. The revisions included: addition of new entrance towers and side towers; addition of new exterior finishes; a new color scheme and building signage.

Kroger Grocery Store

In August, the Planning Commission approved a revised site plan for the former location of Harris Teeter at 210 Franklin Road, which closed in June 2015. The proposal includes the expansion and remodel of the existing 58,315 square foot Harris Teeter space. The plan expands the space to include the adjacent vacant spaces of Leslie Pool Supply and Office Max to create an 89,012 square foot Kroger grocery store. It is expected that the remodeled Kroger store will re-open in the Spring of 2016.

The other side of The Brentwood Library



Change your perspective and see your Brentwood Library from a different view.

Have you ever noticed the banner at the top of our library homepage with the illuminated windows, bordered by two children reading books? Have you ever wondered what that is, and what it has to do with the library? Well, you're in luck, because we're a library and we love a good story. So, let's take a walk to the other side of The Brentwood Library.

That panoramic window encases the enchanted forest in the children's library. And, in case you haven't noticed, our Brentwood Library is surrounded by beautiful trees, woven into a tapestry of brown and green hues, and dotted with curious wildlife. Just like squirrels have been hiding their treasures for fall's approach, we're nestled into the landscape in much the same way.

The picture shown above was taken by local photographer, Aubrey Haines. It captures the beauty in the architecture of the building, and we like to think it's a representation of The Brentwood Library - hidden treasures around every corner. The old adage tells us not to lose sight of the forest for the trees. It's easy to move with the ebb and flow of daily life - taking children to Saturday story time, picking up teens from ACT/SAT preparation exams, or choosing DVDs for weekend entertainment. We come. We go. Alas, we miss the forest for the trees.

Consider this an invitation to experience everything the library has to offer: enjoy the peaceful reading terrace with its lovely fountain donated by the Library Foundation, or meander around the walking trail and discover the natural beauty in the arboretum. In the meantime, take a look through these pages and discover what else you may not know about The Brentwood Library.



eLibrary

Did you know that the library has a lot of great online resources that you can access from home – all FREE with your library card? You can download or stream music through Freegal, watch movies on IndieFlix, read magazines through Zinio, learn a language through Mango, and much more! Or if you're making a big purchase ConsumerReports can give you the latest information. For our students, we offer lots of online help, from live one-on-one help through Tutor.com to many great research databases for all subjects. Head to the library's website and check out our eLibrary any time of day!



Movies

Gather your blankets & bring your family for a free, fun-filled afternoon at the library! Grab bag giveaways for the kids and buttered popcorn provided!

Tuesday, December 22nd: Polar Express (G)

Saturday, February 20th: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (PG)

Saturday, April 23rd: The Lion King (G)

Brentwood Library Rooms A & B

Dates are subject to change, no advanced registration required.

For more information call Amanda Chappell @ (615) 371-0090 ext. 8290, or ext. 8380.



Friends of the Library Book Sale

January 15th - 17th

Friday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

All monies from the book sales go directly back into the library! The Friends have accomplished much during its 40 years of service working side-by-side with library staff. They have contributed funding for electronic equipment, the library's strategic plan (in partnership with the Library Foundation), the teen, adult and children's Summer Reading Programs, librarian professional development, holiday decorations, and countless hours of volunteer work.

If you can't shop the Friends book sales on site, consider perusing the 1,000s of items online through the Amazon Friends Storefront at <http://www.amazon.com/shops/friendsbooksters>. And...if you start in the Amazon Smile storefront, a portion of your sale can be designated to benefit the Library Foundation!

Vice Mayor and At-Large Member of the Friends' Board of Directors, Jill Burgin says, "Ever since millions of us joined the online social media site Facebook, we have thought about the word "friend" in a new way... This has enabled me to observe firsthand that, at The Brentwood Library, "Friend" is certainly a verb... I encourage you to find out for yourself! Join the Friends of The Brentwood Library today!"

The Brentwood Library A Center for Fine Arts



Art Gallery & Display

Each month a different artist is featured on The Friends of The Brentwood Library's (FOBL) Gallery Wall and Showcase Display.

Fall Gallery artists:

October - Renay Knight Compton with portraits in the old master style.

November - Dave Woodward (FOBL member) with realistic animals and architecture in water-colors.

December - Sandy Coomer's birds, flowers and word art using a mixed medium palette.

Fall Showcase artists:

October - Teva Chaffin with sterling silver jewelry.

November - Don Rounsavill with trays, bowls, cutting boards and other woodworking gifts.

December - MC Sparks with a variety of unique multimedia artistic works.

Art to Borrow

Generous donations from local artists make their way into the library's art collection. Each exhibitor that displays their collection in the Friends' Art Gallery contributes one piece to the library's collection.

This artwork is a beautiful addition to the library decor that includes original artwork in acrylics, oils, pen and ink, pastels, photographs, and water colors, in a variety of genres. In addition, patrons are able to check out items on display in the **Art Lending Library** for a ninety-day lending period.

Anyone can view the collection, which has grown to over 230 individual pieces displayed throughout the library. In addition, a full detailed description of most items can be found in the Digital Collection on the library's website.

Art Performances

The library strives to be Brentwood's Center for the Arts with live theatre productions and concerts. Recent past productions include *The Ryman Diaries* and *My Father's War*. Programs by Nashville Symphony Music Director Maestro Giancarlo Guerrero, internationally renowned artist Dr. William DeVan, as well as Stillwater Bluegrass, and Andre and the Heartsounds have also graced the halls of the library.

This fall, The Brentwood Library and Steinway and Sons presents the soulful jazz sounds of John Birdsong and Friends on Sunday, November 8th at 4pm at the library. Donations collected at this event will benefit the Steinway Initiative – to purchase a Steinway for The Brentwood Library. More information can be found on the Library Foundation's website.

Self-Service Options

Self-service options are changing the way Brentwood residents interact with the library. Online catalogs, public computer usage, self service holds, self check stations, online fine payment, and our newest addition, an automated book return lovingly dubbed "The Bookie Monster" provide privacy and independence for our patrons.

And no, we're not cutting staff. "The most common misconception is that we're implementing these options in order to eliminate employees," said Heather Lanier, Circulation Supervisor. "The self-service technology is there to provide an option for patrons who don't have time to wait in line, or prefer to maintain their privacy when borrowing library materials. But it is a choice. We will continue to have library employees standing by, happy to help you."



Pictured: Will and Owen Coulam (top) and Anne Dunn (bottom) who submitted the winning name - "Bookie Monster" for the automated book return.

Library Services 2014

680,510
items checked out

269,090
visitors to the library

185,791
items in the collection

115,845
electronic books

20,428
adult card holders

19,455
kids attended programs

7,071
adults attended programs

6,582
juvenile card holders

1,268
loans to other libraries

BRENTWOOD BOARD of COMMISSIONERS



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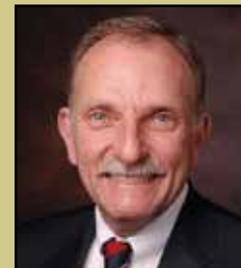
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 2, 2017.

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.

IMPORTANT — Emergency Notification

Would you like to receive critical public safety information quickly? If you do, please sign up for Everbridge, Brentwood's Emergency Alert Program. This alert system improves the ability to rapidly mass-notify residents about emergencies and gives them control over the process.

The City will provide you with time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You can select where you receive alerts and how you receive the alerts.

By signing up you will automatically begin receiving emergency alerts. You can also select additional alerts that you might want to receive. For more information, go to www.brentwood-tn.org/police.

CITY OF BRENTWOOD INFORMATION

ON THE WEB

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

CABLE CHANNEL 19

- **City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast**
~ Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- **Continuous City Information** – Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.

COMMUNITY GUIDE 2013-2015

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



Brentwood Police Officer Saves a Life

Recently Brentwood Police Sergeant Chris Woodard was awarded the Police Department's “Lifesaving Award” for his outstanding efforts and for saving a life. Sgt. Woodard responded to a medical call with CPR in progress. He was the first emergency responder to arrive on the scene and immediately began chest compressions on the



(L-R) Sergeant Chris Woodard, Mona and Ted Beard

male patient who was in full cardiac arrest. He continued performing chest compressions on the victim until Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department personnel arrived.

Due to the efforts of Sgt. Woodard and the victim's wife, Mona Beard, the victim, Ted Beard, later regained a pulse at his home and was transported to a local hospital for further treatment. Mr. Beard has since made a full recovery.

The family of Mr. Beard commended Sgt. Woodard for his actions and the daughter stated that Sgt. Woodard was “monumental” in saving her father's life.

AAA Bond Ratings

The City of Brentwood places the highest priority on operating the municipal government in a financially sound manner. In September, 2008, Brentwood became the first government in Middle Tennessee to receive the highest bond rating possible from two major credit rating agencies, Moody's Investors Service (Aaa) and Standard and Poor's (AAA).

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

It is impossible to drive around Brentwood today, especially the northern part of town along Franklin Road, and not see major changes to the visual landscape of the community. The newly opened retail and restaurant establishments in the CityPark development provide new dining and shopping options in a setting very unique to Brentwood. Even bigger changes are in the works across the street at the Hill Center. The two large cranes at the corner of Franklin Road and Maryland Way are signs that redevelopment of this corner is well underway. When the first phase is complete in fall of 2016, Brentwood residents and office workers will have even more unique dining and retail options to choose from.

These new developments bring a different experience to Brentwood. Instead of massive parking lots in front of every store, these are designed to be very pedestrian friendly with wide sidewalks, outdoor dining, and outdoor plazas with plenty of places for people to gather during a lunch hour or to let the kids run while waiting for a table at one of several restaurants that will be unique to the Middle Tennessee area.

As with any type of new development, there are some people who may not embrace all of this change. Traffic is certainly a concern, as it has been in this area even before these developments were proposed. A number of traffic mitigation projects are included as part of these redevelopment efforts and the City must continue to look for longer-term solutions and options to deal with traffic.

Another traffic related outcome from these new developments which I hope we will begin to see is much greater pedestrian “traffic.” Planned signage, striping and sidewalk improvements at several intersections along Franklin Road are intended to make this area much more pedestrian friendly and promote more walking to and from offices to restaurants and shops. For drivers, it may mean a few extra seconds at a red light so walkers can safely cross Franklin Road, but it will also mean fewer cars on the road making unnecessary trips just to go a block or two.

Finally, it is important to note that these changes are happening on land that has always been zoned for commercial use. Approximately 5% of Brentwood's land is zoned for commercial use and I don't foresee that changing in the coming years. Brentwood will always be primarily a residential community that prides itself on providing a high quality of life for our residents. That quality of life comes from things like parks, schools, libraries, trails, etc. But quality of life also comes from unique and attractive commercial areas that provide residents with options for working, shopping and dining without having to go to Franklin or Nashville.

Kirk Bednar,
City Manager



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, 24 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!

Educating Students About Our Environment

The City of Brentwood Engineering Department recently hosted an environmental educational day at Deerwood Arboretum for Junior/Senior level science students from Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools.

The field trip included hands on education regarding clean water in our creeks and rivers; habitat and ecology of streams and natural areas; the importance of these ecosystems to the animals that live and thrive in them; and the impact human actions and development have on our natural ecosystem.

Approximately 240 students participated in this innovative approach to hands on instructions about our natural environment. Many thanks to the growing number of volunteers in the environmental industry that generously give of their time to provide a fun and enjoyable atmosphere for the students to learn about the environment.



Financial Management Recognition

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again recognized the City of Brentwood for excellence in financial reporting. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 29th year in a row and the Distinguish Budget Presentation Award for the 23rd consecutive year. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Carson Swinford, places the highest priority on producing accurate, timely, high quality financial documents that are understandable by the public and essential to maintaining the City's high credit rating. Copies of the reports are available for your review at our website www.brentwood-tn.org/finance. Bound copies are also available for review at the Finance Department in the Municipal Center and at the Brentwood Library.

Water Services Department

Water capacity projects continue with the installation of the Johnson Chapel water station. The new station, located at the intersection of Johnson Chapel Rd. and Murray Lane, is an upgrade to the original Johnson Chapel station installed in 1990. The station should be pumping water to Brentwood customers by late October. This station, along with the recently upgraded Murray Lane station, is intended to increase the water system efficiency and capacity to better meet the growing demands of Brentwood residents.

Sewer Projects

The City's sewer rehabilitation project is a multi-year project directed at corrective actions and fulfilling regulatory compliance requirements. This comprehensive program with a projected cost of \$30 million is targeted at the elimination of sewer overflows at the Brentwood/Metro sewer pumping station caused by excessive storm water infiltration and improving the City's overall Capacity Management, Operations & Maintenance Program (CMOM). Specific work has included rehabilitation and repair of aging sewer pipes, manholes, service lines and upgrade of the Brentwood/Metro sewer lift station. To date, the program has achieved the following documented success:

- Reduction in system flows of over 1,000,000 gallons per day (mgd); from over 5 mgd to less than 4mgd; and a reduction in metered flows to Metro or equal to \$1 million in savings annually;
- 90% reduction in overflows at the pumping station;

Customers can help by maintaining your home's plumbing, particularly the service line running from your home out to the street to prevent leaks. Additionally, if you suspect your homes gutters are connected to the underground sewer (typically only applies to homes built before 1985), please contact our office for an evaluation.

Remember, your sewer bill for the year is based on your water usage during the winter months (November through February).

Brentwood Police Captain Completes Leadership Law Program

The Brentwood Police Department is pleased to announce the graduation of Captain David O'Neil from the 2015 Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law program. The Leadership Law program is designed to equip Tennessee lawyers with the vision, knowledge and skills necessary to serve as leaders in their profession and local communities. Captain O'Neil will use his professional skills learned in this program for the betterment of the Brentwood community.

Captain O'Neil has served on the Brentwood Police Department since 1996 and now serves as Field Operation Captain.



Brentwood Parks Update

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

Two New Parks – Flagpole & Wikle Park

Construction has begun on these new parks. Flagpole Park with vehicle access through the Mallory Park commercial development will be used for active recreation purposes including unlighted athletic practice fields with parking and restroom facilities. Wikle Park adjacent to Wikle Road west will be passive in nature with a playground and trails. The goal is to have the parks ready for use in the summer of 2016.

For more information about the Brentwood Parks, visit www.brentwood-tn.org/parks or call 615-371-2208; for sports contacts, visit www.brentwood-tn.org/index.aspx?page=145

New Rescue Unit

Brentwood Fire and Rescue department responded to a record number of calls in fiscal year 2015, exceeding the 3,000 mark for the first time in history. A majority of these incidents, nearly 60%, were calls for emergency medical care.

Brentwood's population continues to grow and has now reached in excess of 40,000 residents. As the number of people living in and traveling through Brentwood increases, the fire and rescue department continuously evaluates response procedures in order to ensure efficiency. This ongoing process resulted in the establishment of a Rapid Response Unit (RRU) program. This program, in which paramedics staff a small SUV at the Municipal Center in Maryland Farms, is dedicated to the quick, efficient, and effective delivery of emergency medical services to this heavily traveled section of the city.

While Brentwood continues to staff engine companies throughout the City with paramedics capable of delivering advanced care, the RRU enables our medics to respond more quickly in heavy traffic which translates to faster response times, improved patient outcomes, and reduced cost when compared to using a much larger fire truck. RRUs are quickly becoming an industry standard for the delivery of emergency medical services.



Brentwood Students Earn Perfect Score on ACT

Two students from Ravenwood High and one student from Brentwood High have accomplished a feat few students in the nation have: they earned a perfect score on the ACT. The ACT assesses students' academic readiness for college and consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score.

Williamson County students performed better on the ACT test this year than any year in Williamson County history. Brentwood High School had the district's highest average composite score of 25.6 and Ravenwood High School was second with a score of 25.3.

Congratulations to our schools and keep up the good work!

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act

The City of Brentwood is strongly committed to complying with the provisions of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Right Act which states: "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

If you have any questions on this act, please contact the Human Resources Director at 615-371-0060, ext. 215.



City Commissioner Betsy Crossley, City Manager Kirk Bednar, Captain David O'Neil, TML President Tom Rowland, Police Chief Jeff Hughes, Captain Richard Hickey and City Mayor Regina Smithson are pictured with the TML Award.

Congratulations Brentwood Police Department!

The Tennessee Municipal League recently awarded the City of Brentwood with the Excellence in Police Services Award during the league's 76th annual conference. The Brentwood Police Department received the award in recognition of Brentwood's outstanding efforts to employ the best practices within its police department by managing limited resources, proactively approaching crime and delivering quality services to citizens on a smaller-than-average staff.

The Brentwood Police Department is the most tenured accredited agency in the state of Tennessee and has been internationally accredited and recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Congratulations! The City is proud of our outstanding Police Department.

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 July 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 Drive. 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 Spring 2016.

Special Census

On June 30, 2015 the State of Tennessee, Department of Community and Economic Development certified the results of the recently completed Citywide Special Census. The new Population, effective July 1, 2015 and as published in the 2015 Certified Population of Tennessee Incorporated Municipalities and Counties is 40,401.

The population as determined by the 2010 U.S Decennial Census, was 37,060. The increase in population of 3,341 residents is estimated to result in an additional \$300,000 for the General Fund and an additional \$85,000 for the State Street Aid Fund.



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 bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org.

BRENTWOOD WORKS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The Tennessee Department of Transportation recently announced that the City of Brentwood has been awarded a \$216,000 no-match grant for a traffic signal timing study on its major corridors. The funds, which come from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, are being provided to improve traffic flow along four primary roadways: Concord Road, Moores Lane, Wilson Pike and Murray Lane.

There are 31 intersections with signals included in the study, and four timing plans will be developed for each. The goal of the project is to get vehicles moving as efficiently as possible through these intersections, especially during peak-hour traffic.

The City has another study in progress. It is a joint Brentwood/Metro/TDOT study for the heavily traveled Old Hickory Boulevard, Maryland Way/Church Street, and Franklin Road corridors. This study involves 35 intersections, including a few along Granny White and Church Street and includes traffic counts, signal timing, modeling of signal systems, evaluation of signal equipment, and recommendations for improvements.

The above studies are just two of several important transportation-related projects the City is pursuing in response to community input received during the Brentwood 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update process. During that process, citizen surveys identified traffic on major streets as the most important concern of Brentwood residents. In response, the Brentwood City Commission included \$2.1M in new, small-scale transportation projects in the FY 2016 Budget. The first of these improvements, the addition of a turn lane at Granny White Pike and Murray Lane, has already been completed. Other projects are currently in the design phase, with construction slated for later in the fiscal year.

Questions may be direct to City Engineer Mike Harris, harrism@brentwood-tn.org or 615-371-0080.



Brentwood conducts studies to improve traffic problems

City Funding for Schools & Recreation Service Providers

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

The City of Brentwood's total contribution to the two high schools, three middle schools, and six elementary schools in the current fiscal year 2015-2016 is \$214,500. Since 1986, the City of Brentwood has contributed over \$4.8 million to enhance the educational opportunities provided to Brentwood students.

In addition, the City makes annual contributions to local service and not-for-profit groups totaling \$87,000 in support of the active recreational programs provided to Brentwood residents. Since 1992, the City of Brentwood has contributed almost \$1.7 million to these groups that provide youth football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball programs in the City plus programs geared to the needs of senior citizens. This approach benefits the taxpayers by allowing the Parks Department to serve primarily as a facility provider and avoid having to provide active recreation programs. This eliminates duplication of effort and reduces cost for the entire community.

BRENTWOOD CHIPPER SERVICE

Fall is always a busy time for our chipper service.

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

ALERT – Absolutely no trimmings cut by commercial tree trimming and landscape 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.

