

Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

Spring 2016

News You Need to Know About Your City

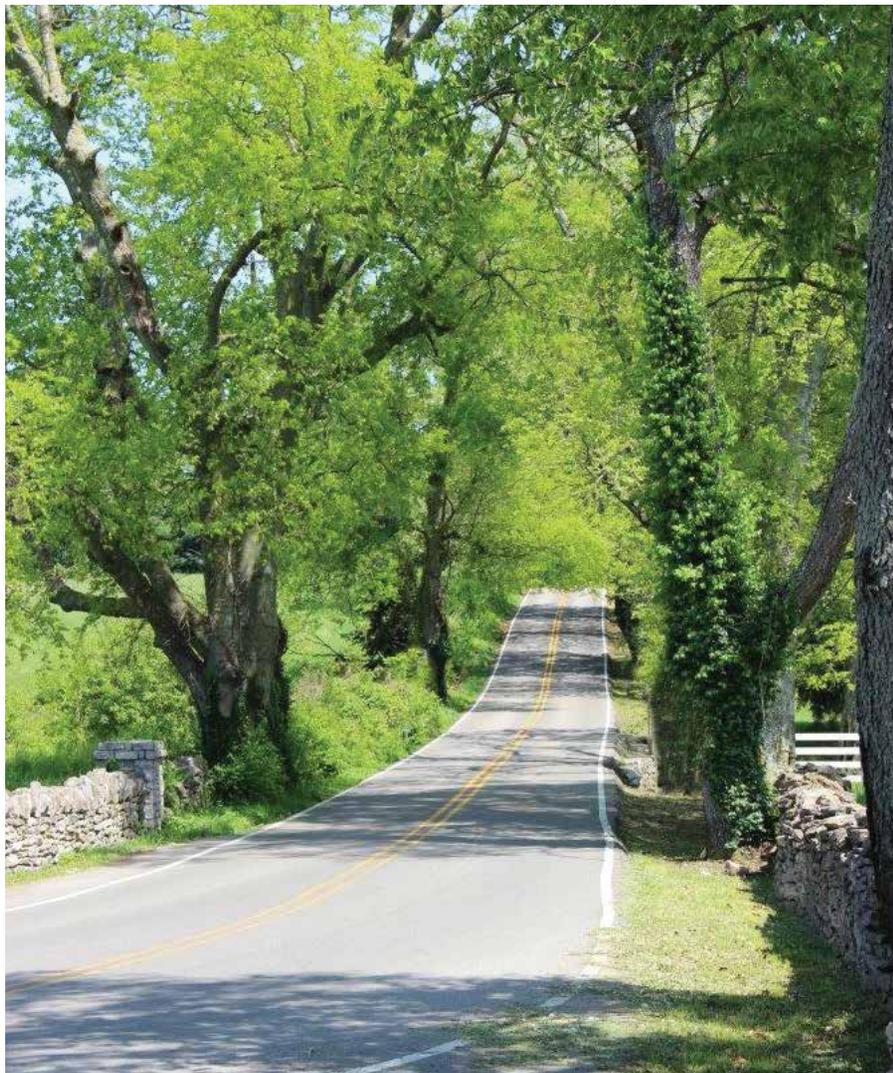


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Springtime in Brentwood

Photos courtesy of Brentwood residents



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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 and wifi. 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 www.ravenswoodmansion.com or contact Amanda Bledsoe at 615-371-0060, amanda.bledsoe@brentwoodtn.gov.



State's Best Elementary Schools

The City of Brentwood is fortunate to have quality public schools for our children to attend. Two of Brentwood's elementary schools, Kenrose Elementary and Edmondson Elementary, have been ranked by Niche.com as the top two best schools in Tennessee. Scales, Crockett and Lipscomb Elementary Schools were ranked in the top 15. Niche.com, which evaluates public and private schools both locally and nationally, has Williamson County schools earning an A+ overall. Schools were ranked based on academics, teachers, student culture and diversity grade and the overall experience in the district.

Congratulations to our great schools!!!!

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 linda.lynych@brentwoodtn.gov**. 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;
- **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 16 – Granny White Park

April 23 – Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Road

April 30 – 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 strong with most of the permits issued within established subdivisions. Some of the projects include Cromwell, Morgan Farms, Glen Abbey, Owl Creek, Tuscany Hills, Governors Club and Whetstone. Other subdivisions include Arden Woods, Glenshadows, Parkside Downs, Taramore and Valle Verde.



New Subdivisions

Johnson Cove Subdivision – a final plat has been approved for 4 lots on 7 acres of land. The property is currently zoned R-2 and is located on the south side of Johnson Chapel Road.

Sneed Manor – The development plan for Sneed Acres tract includes 31 acres located on the south side of Old Smyrna Road. The historic Sneed house, which includes the original 1798 log cabin, and historic cemetery will be preserved. The home will be located on three acres. The plan proposes the development of 8 lots of 3 acres or larger and a gated subdivision.

The two existing 1800's barns on the property have deteriorated beyond repair. They will be dismantled and the reclaimed wood will be used on the amenity improvements at the entrance and at the cemetery.

The Sneed cemetery will provide public access and parking area. A covered pavilion will be constructed from reclaimed wood from the barns. Portions of the existing historic stone wall will be restored and re-constructed. Construction of the entrance features will include fieldstone from the property.



The historic Sneed Acres house, which includes the original 1798 log cabin, and Sneed Cemetery on Old Smyrna will be preserved.

Rezoning

Holtland/Wildwood Property – the approved rezoning plan includes a total of approximately 264 acres and is located on the south side of Crockett Road, across from Holy Family Catholic Church. The approved Development Plan shows a total of 154 lots.

The development's name is Witherspoon Subdivision. The plan requires the preservation of the historic 1835 two-story Holtland Home and 7.45 acres surrounding the house.



The historic 1835 two-story Holtland/Wildwood House will be restored and surrounded by 7.45 acres.

The proposed plan also provides for a 10-foot-wide paved public multi-use path which will become part of the City's trail system. The trail is intended to connect Raintree Forest subdivision, east of the project, to Somerset subdivision, west of the property. The trail will provide for pedestrian access to a signalized intersection and pedestrian crossing to the schools and Crockett Park.

The plan proposes a roundabout at the project entrance on Crockett Road at its intersection with Arrowhead Drive in lieu of a two-way stop. The roundabout would be the first in Brentwood on an arterial street. The City also is in the process of developing plans for the construction of a second roundabout on Crockett Road at its intersection with Green Hill/Raintree Parkway.

May Property – a plan was recently approved for 24 lots on 32 acres on the east side of Murray Lane between the Waterford and Forest of Brentwood subdivisions. The plan proposes the relocation of a portion of an existing stream. The project is situated within the Little Harpeth River watershed.

Bluff Road Property – a rezoning plan for 29 lots on 36 acres has been approved. The project, named the Stonecrest Subdivision, is located on the west side of Bluff Road, in the northeastern portion of the City, adjacent to the Davidson County/City of Brentwood boundary.

Commercial Development

Quest Office Building – located at 1595 Mallory Lane in Mallory Park, is making revisions to the existing building; converting it from a sports related use to office/medical office space.

Mallory Park Phase 2 – construction at 1577 Mallory Lane includes two single-story office buildings on 12.5 acres in a campus setting. The building will be Quorum Health Systems corporate headquarters.

Knoll – Guy Brown Office Building

The site plan of a new two-story office building located at the intersection of Mallory Lane and Commerce Way, north of Moores Lane has been approved.

Hill Center Brentwood

The Hill Center Brentwood expansion received approval for the third site plan. It includes two stand-alone restaurant buildings fronting on Franklin Road, a plaza with a water feature, landscaping and an area for patrons to congregate.

The entire project will consist of a total of 600,000 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space, and a total of 2,374 structured and surface parking spaces. Currently, the first phase, which includes an office building and the parking garage fronting Maryland Way, are the most visible.



Hill Center Brentwood Development

The Crossings at Brentwood

The construction of a new senior community building, located in the northeast corner of Church Street East and Overlook Boulevard, will offer a mixture of continual care, providing a total of 191 units and 242 beds. A total of 84 independent living units, 69 assisted living units and 38 memory care units will be provided. The historic Owen Cemetery will be preserved as part of the development plan.

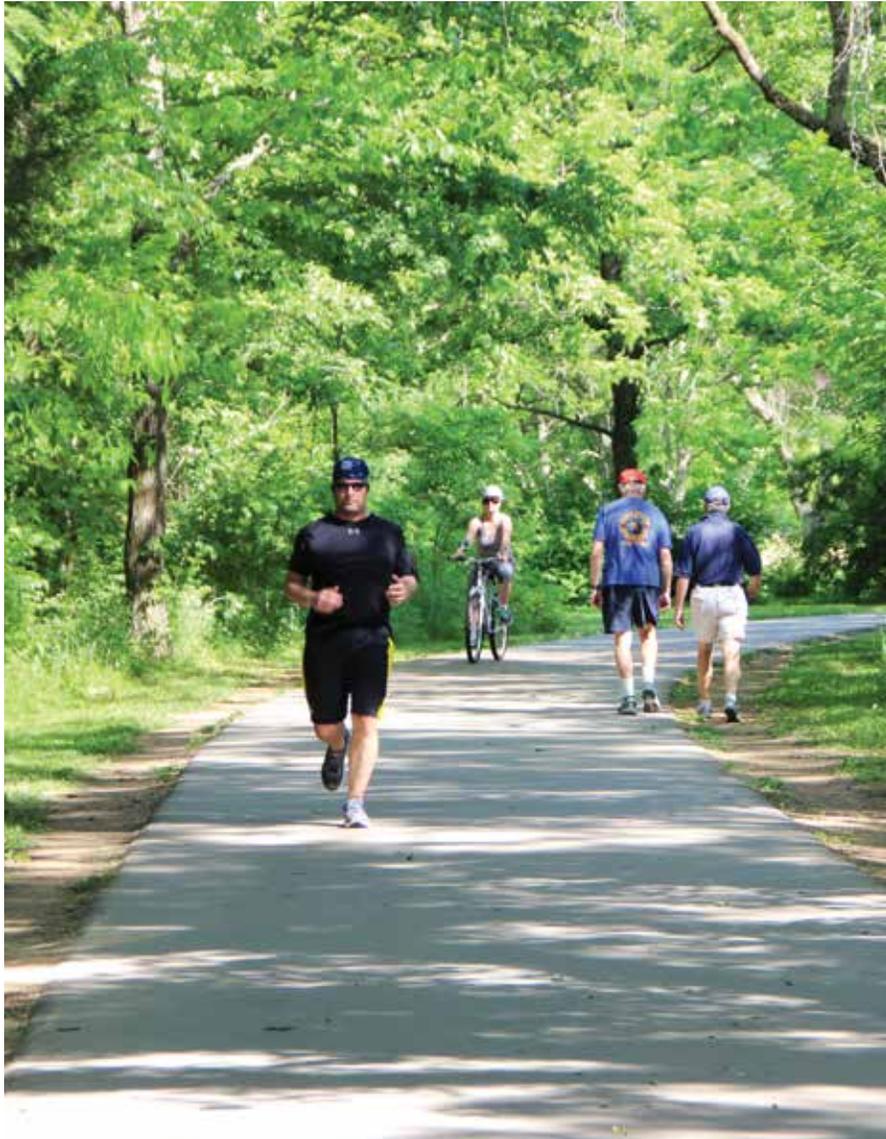
Hilton Garden Inn – CityPark

The Hilton Garden Inn, located in the CityPark project, is officially open. The hotel includes 126 guest rooms. The hotel design is integrated with the historic Mooreland Mansion, ca 1838. The home is also being restored and preserved with upgrades and interior enhancements.

The new hotel fronts Centerview Drive. Improvements have been made along the street to make it more pedestrian friendly and to incorporate features that will reduce vehicle speed.

Kroger Grocery Store

The new Kroger Grocery Store is located at 210 Franklin Road. The new store replaces the former Harris Teeter, Leslie Pool Supply and Office Max stores.



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, multi-use 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 walk/jog trail

Maryland Way Park, 7 acres in Maryland Farms Office Park, walk/jog 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 and Maryland Farms office park.

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 complete and improvements will 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; construction is completed and park will open this summer

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; construction is completed and park will be open this summer

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)

Bike and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee

In June of 2015, the Board of Commissioners created a Bike and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee to provide the Board with recommendations for the short-term and long-term improvement or expansion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs in Brentwood. The Committee has been meeting monthly to develop suggested plans and policies. Public input is also an important part of the Committee's work. There was a public input meeting at the Brentwood Library in late January and the Committee also conducted an online survey to get input from residents about bike and pedestrian issues and concerns. The committee is charged with making a final report to the Board of Commissioners by the summer of 2016.

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 provided 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. There will be a half-court at Flagpole Park when it opens this summer.



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

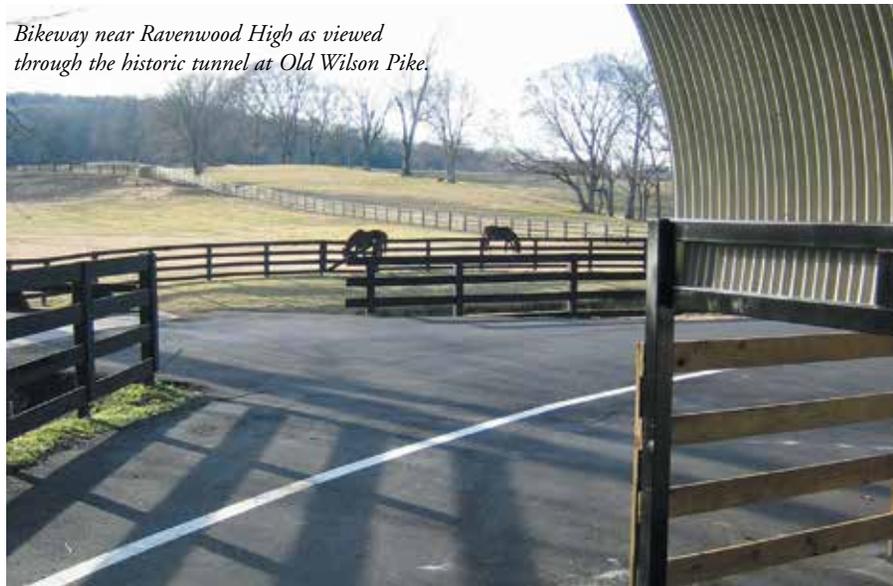
Three picnic shelters at Crockett, Owl Creek, and River Parks and one large picnic pavilion at Granny White and River Parks are available to rent for special events. A gas grill is available at the large picnic pavilion at Granny White Park.

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 2016, 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	
Civitan Baseball Bball/Sball	brentwoodballclub.com
Civitan Baseball Info	615-739-3137
Williamson County Adult Softball	615-370-3471
BASKETBALL	
YMCA	615-373-9622
SOCCER	
YMCA	615-373-9622
Tennessee Soccer Club (travel)	tennesseesoccerclub.org
TENNIS	
Williamson County Parks	615-370-3471
FOOTBALL	
Brentwood Blaze	615-423-6000
	tnyfl.org/brentwoodblaze
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.

2016 Concert Series

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



JUNE 5	Nashville Symphony Orchestra
JUNE 12	The WannaBeatles
JUNE 19	7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band
JUNE 26	The Devonshires
JULY 4	The Kadillacs — Fireworks Celebration
JULY 10	Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band
JULY 17	The Bicho Brothers

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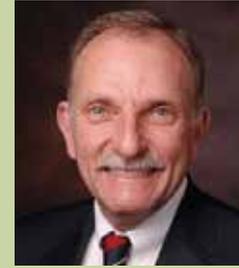
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 2, 2017.

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.

Police Department Announces Promotions

The Brentwood Police Department recently announced the promotion of Officer Guy Carden and Officer Lori Russ to the rank of Detective.

Detective Carden is a 15 year employee with the Police Department. He has served as a Patrol Officer, a Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Technician, Honor Guard member, and S.W.A.T. Team member. Carden received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from MTSU and is a graduate of the National Forensics Academy. Detective Carden is a second generation employee of the police department following in his father's footsteps at BPD.

Detective Lori Russ has 11 years of service with the Brentwood Police Department. She has served as a Patrol Officer, a Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Technician, Crisis Negotiator, Domestic Violence Instructor and Bike Patrol member. Russ received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Bethel University. Detective Russ is the *first female Detective in the history of the Brentwood Police Department.*



The Police Department is excited to bring the wealth of training and experience of these two long term employees to our Criminal Investigations Division.

Citizens Fire Academy

Have you ever pried the door off of a mangled car to gain access to an injured person or repelled down a building to rescue a downed patient? Most people never get to experience these things, but it is all part of the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Citizens Fire Academy.

The Academy offers a comprehensive "behind the scenes" glimpse of what our personnel encounter on a daily basis. Participants will place themselves in the role of firefighter for three months to gain the experience of a lifetime!

Applications are now being accepted. For more information or to fill out an application visit <https://brentwood-tn.org/index.aspx?page=319>.



Police Department Staff Reassignments

Recently, the Brentwood Police Department reassigned several long time staff members to new positions of responsibility.

Two Detectives, Jeff Dooley and Jim Colvin, transferred from the Criminal Investigations Division to the Patrol Division where they filled vacant Sergeant positions. Both Dooley and Colvin bring a wealth of experience to their new positions. Dooley is a 14-year employee who previously was employed by the Columbia Police Department. Colvin is an 11-year employee who began his career with BPD after graduating with a degree in Criminal Justice from UT Martin.

Two other long time employees swapped positions. Former Criminal Investigations Captain Richard Hickey moved to the Patrol Division in the same capacity and Captain David O'Neil moved from the Patrol Division to Criminal Investigations. Captain Hickey is a 24-year veteran of BPD who has worked in a variety of positions in his tenure. Captain O'Neil is a 19-year employee who came to BPD after working for the Williamson County Sheriff's Department.

The Police Department is excited about the staff reassignments and believes that they will result in an improved level of service for our residents.



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

(Population 25,000 or Greater)

(2015 Effective Rates - Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranking	City	County	Tax Rate
(1)	BRENTWOOD	WILLIAMSON	\$2.70
(2)	Mount Juliet	Wilson	\$2.77
(3)	Spring Hill	Williamson	\$2.79
(4)	Morristown	Hamblen	\$2.87
(5)	Hendersonville	Sumner	\$3.25
(6)	Franklin	Williamson	\$3.46
(7)	Gallatin	Sumner	\$3.49
(8)	Smyrna	Rutherford	\$3.56
(9)	Lebanon	Wilson	\$3.63
(10)	Cleveland	Bradley	\$3.64
(11)	Lavergne	Rutherford	\$3.65
(12)	Cookville	Putnam	\$3.71
(13)	Johnson City	Washington	\$3.85
(14)	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	\$3.89
(15)	Columbia	Maury	\$4.06
(16)	Jackson	Madison	\$4.11
(17)	Clarksville	Montgomery	\$4.31
(18)	Nashville	Davidson	\$4.52
(19)	Maryville	Blount	\$4.64
(20)	Kingsport	Sullivan	\$4.65
(21)	Bristol	Sullivan	\$4.83
(22)	Knoxville	Knox	\$5.05
(23)	Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$5.07
(24)	Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$5.11
(25)	Bartlett	Shelby	\$5.99
(26)	Collierville	Shelby	\$6.15
(27)	Germantown	Shelby	\$6.30
(28)	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 2015 tax year. As reflected in the chart above, the 2015 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 lowest in the State. The City's FY 2016 property tax rate of \$.44 represents the same effective City tax rate for the twenty-fifth (25th) year in a row.

Sources: 2015 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory Service Website.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Spring usually brings thoughts of warmer weather, longer days, working in the yard, outdoor sports, flowering trees, etc. For those of us in city government, it means all of those things too, but it also means budget season. The city operates on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year, which means we are required to adopt a new budget on or before July 1 of each year.

The City's total budget for the current year is \$69.2 million. This covers all operations including water and sewer service, debt service, capital projects such as road improvements, emergency communications, etc. The General Fund, which covers most basic city services such as police, fire, parks, public works, library, etc. has a budget of \$35 million.

Within the General Fund, there are three main categories of revenues. The City's share of the local option sales tax accounts for 36% of General Fund revenues with the city property tax providing an additional 32%. The remaining 32% comes from a combination of revenues collected by the state and distributed back to cities and other fees and taxes such hotel taxes, businesses taxes, building permits, etc.

Brentwood has a long history of being very conservative when it comes to budgeting and overall management of finances. The city has an established goal of maintaining General Fund reserves equal to 40% of the annual budget. This reserve serves to cushion any sudden economic downturn that negatively effects revenues, and also allows the city flexibility to cash flow some capital projects instead of going into debt via bonds. As of June 30, 2015, the General Fund had

undesignated reserves totaling \$32.8 million, or 87% of the annual budget. It is this conservative financial management and disciplined budgeting philosophy that allowed the city to earn the highest possible bond ratings from both Moody's and Standard and Poor's.

While city finances are healthy and the Middle Tennessee economy continues its strong growth, we have to always look to the challenges ahead. It is likely over the next 5-10 years that changes in state law related to the Hall Income Tax will mean the city will lose on average \$2.5 million a year. This is money that is mostly used for one-time capital projects like road widening and park land acquisition and development. Also, as the city nears residential build out, we will see reduced growth in new development related revenues such as building permits and property taxes. Finally, local government is a very labor intensive business and the thriving economy here in Middle Tennessee continues to challenge all governments to maintain a competitive pay and benefits plan for employees.

As a local government, Brentwood prides itself on providing a high level of service in a very cost efficient manner. That will continue to be our goal in the future as we navigate our way through the ever changing economic and political world in which we operate.

Kirk Bednar, City Manager



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 September 2016. This project will also extend the 10 foot wide paved bikeway/pedestrian trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.

CONCORD ROAD PROJECT – PHASE III. Phase III of Concord Road will upgrade the last substandard section of this State highway from Jones Parkway east to Arrowhead Dr. Construction began in March 2015 and will be completed by late spring 2016. 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.



Construction continues on Concord Road

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 Summer 2016.

9-1-1 Employees Receive Prestigious Honor

Brentwood's 9-1-1 telecommunicators Pamela McKelvy and Laurel Kazenske recently received certification from the National Emergency Number Association's (NENA) Emergency Number Professional (ENP). Only 38 professionals in Tennessee have received this honor.

To be eligible McKelvy and Kazenske had to meet a series of professional and personal prerequisites, including education, on-the-job experience, professional development and service.

This is a prestigious honor of which McKelvy, Kazenske, the Department, the City and its residents should be proud. Emergency Communications Supervisor Stephen Martini earned his ENP in 2013. The City of Brentwood 9-1-1 ECD has 25% of its total staff ENP certified – more than any other dispatch center in the State.



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.

Engineering design work is currently underway and construction could begin in early 2017. Upon completion, the Ragsdale and Sunset Road intersection will be much safer for our community.



Ragsdale and Sunset Road Intersection



Brentwood conducts studies to improve traffic problems

BRENTWOOD WORKS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

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 several 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 multiple 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 study will generate new "time-of-day" plans that are designed specifically for the traffic movements and volume for that time of the day.

The City already 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 36 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. We anticipate implementation of new timing plans along these corridors in the spring of 2016.

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 as well as a longer turn lane on Moores Lane into Westgate. 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, mike.harris@brentwoodtn.gov, or 615-371-0080.



County High Schools Square Off in History Bowl

For the first time in its history, all eight of the county high schools battled it out recently at the Brentwood Historic Commission's fifth History Bowl. The event featured students from Brentwood, Centennial, Fairview, Franklin, Independence, Page, Ravenwood and Summit High Schools competing for the Sarah Bayrd American History Trophy.

Former television anchor and now MTSU Professor Chris Clark moderated the event and Chuck Sherrill, Director of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, was the game show host.

The fast paced Jeopardy styled game was a close battle but when the smoke cleared, Brentwood High School won first place, Independence High won second and Centennial High School won third. The 'History Bowl' is available on Comcast Channel 19 at 3 p.m. or on the City's website, www.brentwood-tn.org/history.

♪ We Will Miss Them ♪

From time to time, we are all faced with the pain of losing a relative, a friend or a co-worker. The City of Brentwood family has recently experienced such a loss with the passing of good friends and fellow employees, Finance Director Carson Swinford, Fire Engineer Doug Goddard and Parks Employee Jeff Mitchel.

For the past 17 years, Carson was an integral part of our Brentwood management team. Though his position presented many challenges, Carson always provided calm, steady leadership for the City's Finance Department. His excellence and integrity in his work are clearly present in the top financial awards that our Finance Department received every year.

Fire Engineer Doug Goddard served the City of Brentwood for 28 years. He served first as a dispatcher and then as a firefighter. Doug was a devoted firefighter and will always be remembered by his peers for his competence, kindness, and willingness to serve others.

Jeff Mitchell transferred to the Parks Department in 2009 after being with the Police Department since 1978. For the past 6 years, Jeff enjoyed being a part of the Brentwood Parks system. Whatever Jeff did for the department he did well. He loved his job, he loved being outside, and he loved being around his co-workers.

Carson, Doug and Jeff were wonderful people whom we considered much more as friends than coworkers. They are a tremendous loss for our city.

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.

Congratulations – the Children's Library is recognized for its fairytale forest children's section by people all over the world. Not only was it rated alongside libraries in Washington, New York and California as the second best children's library in the Nation by MommyNearest.com, a family activity app, but it also stood next to libraries in Sweden, England and Thailand as being ranked the fifth most incredible children's library in the entire world by Retale.com, a website that gives hyper-localized information on things to do in cities all over the globe.

Harry Potter Alliance – The library has joined the Harry Potter Alliance, a nonprofit that engages fans through work for equality, human rights and literacy, putting Brentwood's library on the list of chapters all over the world.

Reserve Meeting Rooms Online – The library implemented a new software platform, LibCal, to manage meeting room reservations and programs. Members can reserve rooms, pay fees, and manage documentation electronically. Only library cardholders may reserve rooms.

HotSpot – The Brentwood Library offers its members mobile HotSpot devices for rent. The program allows library patrons to have mobile Internet service virtually anywhere in the nation and Western Europe. Ten devices can be connected to the HotSpot at one time.

Summer Reading Theme – The library's summer reading themes include: 'Exercise Your Mind' for adults; 'Get in the Game: Read!' for Teens; and 'On Your Mark, Get Set: Read!' for children.

Vintage Base Ball Is Alive in Brentwood!



If you are not familiar with vintage base ball, you are in for a treat. The City of Brentwood is pleased to announce the Travellers Base Ball Club of Brentwood will play games this season at the Ravenswood Mansion in Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. Vintage base ball, (yes—two words) brings the 19th century to life by using the rules, equipment, costumes, and culture of the 1860s.

The City of Brentwood's newest park, located at 1825 Wilson Pike, will host free, 1864 base ball matches on April 24, June 19, and July 10.

One of the first things you will notice as a spectator of the game is that the fielders and catcher play with bare hands. Gloves, mitts, and other equipment did not make an appearance until the 1870s. Fielders are able to catch the ball in the air or on the bound (one bounce) for an out.

The home team does not necessarily bat last. There is a bat toss where the arbiter (umpire) tosses the bat up between two players. Whoever grabs the knob of the bat chooses the order of first offense or defense.

All games are free, and wonderful family events. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy a lovely day of gentlemanly sport because in vintage base ball there is no spittin', no swearin', and no gloves.

City property tax rate is \$.44 per 100 assessed value—there has been **No effective** City tax increase for the past 26 years!



photo by Laana Eiker

City Solicits Shutterbugs

The City of Brentwood is in the process of redesigning its website and is placing a call for great photos that capture the essence of Brentwood. Images of scenic vistas, historic sites, stone walls, parks, bike/walk trails and anything that truly shows off Brentwood's character are of particular interest.

The best submissions will appear not only on the website, but also in social media posts and print publications. Some photos will be selected for inclusion in the Citizen Update newsletter that is published every spring and fall. (see cover)

Photos may be uploaded to this site: <http://tinyurl.com/zzmrg35>.

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 amanda.bledsoe@brentwoodtn.gov.

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.

