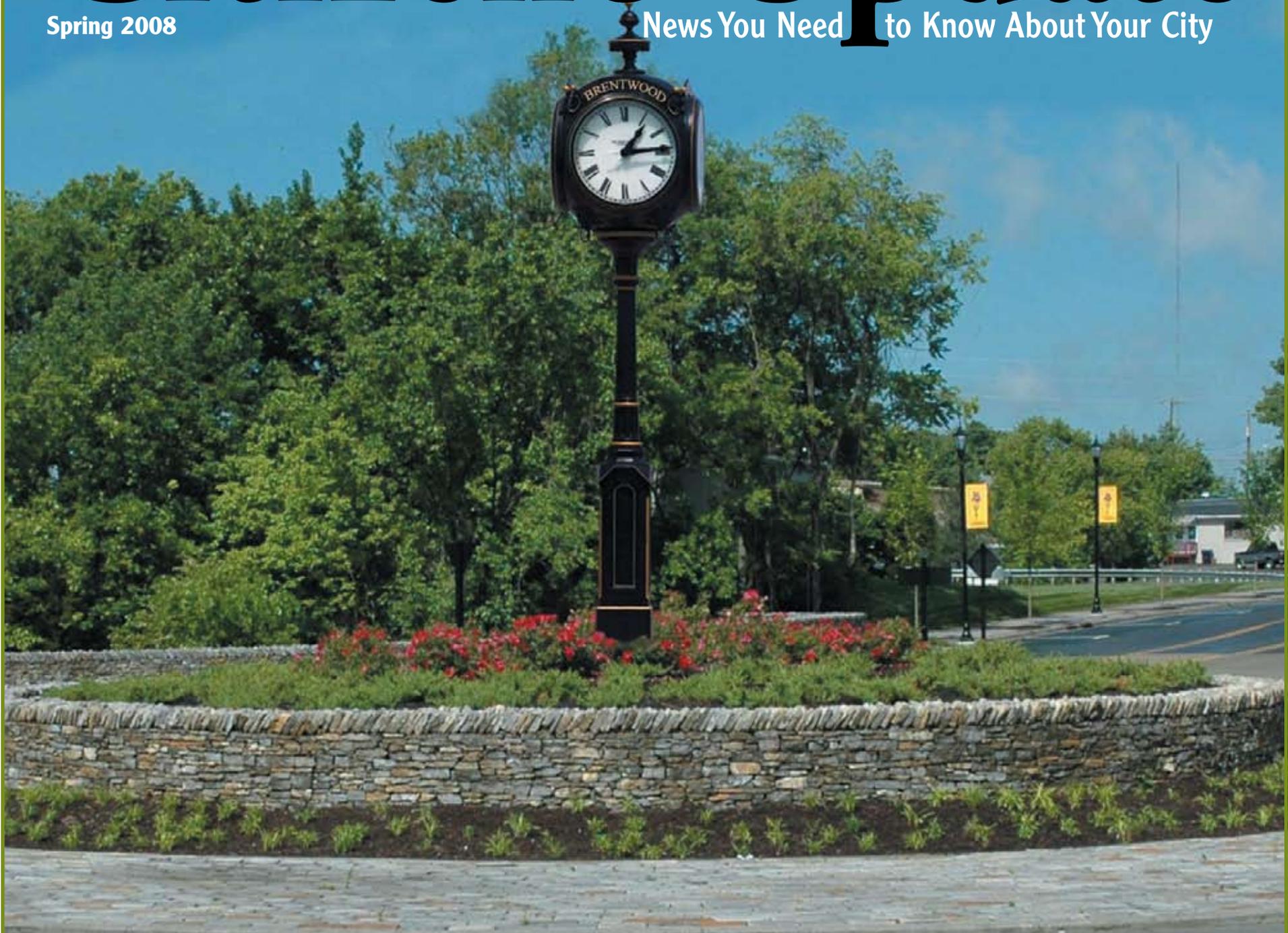


# Citizen's Update

Spring 2008 News You Need to Know About Your City



**Town Center Clock**  
Recently installed in the Roundabout  
at Wilson Pike and Town Center Way

Brentwood, TN 37027  
RR#  
Resident  
\*\*\*\*\*EGRWSS\*\*

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## Our Library Is Growing

**THE BRENTWOOD CITY COMMISSION** RECENTLY APPROVED FUNDING TO EXPAND the library building starting in the summer of 2008. The plans will add about 13,000 sq. ft. of space to the present 43,000 sq. ft. building, a 30% increase.

The largest areas of expansion will be in the Children's Library and along the front of the building on the adult side. All improvements will match the architecture of the existing building.

By adding this space and renovating portions of the current building, the library plans to provide these new features and enhanced services:

**LARGER STORYTIME AND CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER** A larger story time room and instructional area will be added to the Children's Library. This space can also be used for reading and study sessions. In addition, shelf space for children's books will grow by 30%.

**AUDIOVISUALS** Space for the collection of movies and audio-books will double and will be located near the Reference Desk.

**YOUNG ADULTS** A new space dedicated to serving teens with comfortable seating, areas for group work, contemporary decorations and, of course, a great book selection.

**COMPUTER LAB/CONFERENCE ROOM** Finally! A room designed for computer instruction and presentations, seating 15.

**CONFERENCE AND STUDY ROOMS** A new 12-seat conference room and four-person study rooms with large, wall-mounted computer screens to make collaborative work easier.

**BRENTWOOD ROOM** The local history area will be enlarged with space for books, files, and displays. This area will double as a quiet study room.

**PERMANENT RECOGNITION AT THE LIBRARY** The Brentwood Library Foundation will be working with donors who would like to help enhance the quality and finishes in this new addition. Opportunities for permanent recognition for businesses or individuals are available. For more information about contributing to the growing Brentwood Library, contact Library Director Chuck Sherrill at 371-2279 or [sherrill@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:sherrill@brentwood-tn.org).



## Brentwood Library Offers Hi-tech Options

**VIDEOS AND AUDIO BOOKS** have been around for many years, but Brentwood Library patrons are enjoying new technology that allows them to download movies to their computers and books into portable MP3 players. The library has offered downloadable audio books and e-books for two years. Recently it began offering free film downloads through MyLibraryDV. Library patrons can checkout and download these items from home with a valid library card. The library offers free classes instructing residents on how to download audio books to MP3 players which are available on loan from the library. For more information visit the library web site at [www.brentwood-tn.org/library](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/library) or contact the library's Reference Department at 371-0090.

**INTERESTING FACT** In 2007 Brentwood users downloaded more audio books per-capita than listeners in any other city in the state.

**WIRELESS INTERNET @ THE LIBRARY** Have you noticed all the people using laptops around the library? They are taking advantage of the City's free wireless connection to the internet. Fast access is provided by Comcast as part of the City's Channel 19 services. Wireless can also be used on the Outdoor Reading Terrace for al fresco computing!

## Water and Sewer Projects

**SPLIT LOG ROAD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS** The Water Department has completed work on the newly installed Split Log Road water booster station and a 12-inch water line along Split Log Road from Wilson Pike to Ragsdale Road. Final work continues on the new 2.5 million gallon water tank as well as the 8-inch water line along Split Log Road east of Ragsdale Road. The improvements will be paid for from increased tap fees collected from new development in an area that was previously served by the Nolensville/College Grove Utility District.

**SEWER REHABILITATION** Work has been initiated on the City's sewer rehabilitation program which is designed to reduce the amount of stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system. This \$30 million project is scheduled to be ongoing through the year 2015 and includes installing slip lining into existing sewer pipes in the Little Harpeth River basin in the central and western sections of the City.

**GRANNY WHITE PIKE IMPROVEMENTS** Water line improvements along Granny White Pike will begin in early summer. The project is scheduled to occur while school is out to minimize traffic congestion.

## Rape Aggressive Defense

**R.A.D. (RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE)** is a training program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The class teaches awareness, prevention, risk reduction, risk avoidance, and hands-on defense training. Participants meet for three hours (6-9 p.m.) on four consecutive nights. The program has received high marks from past participants with many mothers and daughters attending the class together. The course is free to Brentwood citizens.

**Upcoming class dates are:**

**April 14-17**

**May 19-22**

**June 9-12**

For more information, contact Brentwood Police Officer Mark Wood, 371-2267 or by e-mail [woodm@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:woodm@brentwood-tn.org).

## Citizen Access to GIS Technology

**BRENTWOOD'S GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)** IS A VALUABLE tool that greatly improves the city's ability to make practical and informed operational and infrastructure decisions. The system is an integration of graphic and database information.

GIS is increasingly important in planning and utility management decisions with the use of aerial photographs and topographic base maps.

It is also important to the police and fire emergency routing to ensure the quickest and most direct route to the scene of an emergency.

The system allows citizens 24-hour access to planning and zoning information. Such as:

**PROPERTY INFORMATION** – Find out who owns the property, its size or historical significance.

**ZONING INFORMATION** – View a parcel's zoning designations with a link to the City Code's zoning descriptions.

**PARKS** – View all park locations within the city as well as all walking trails and emergency call box locations and tornado siren locations.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** – Visit our interactive mapping web site at [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org) and click on the GIS Mapping link.

## News Briefs

### Community Guide 2007-09

'Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!' Guides are available at Brentwood Municipal Center, Brentwood Library and the city's Web site at [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org) (*click on Brentwood A-Z on the home page*)

### City's Web Site

Visit our Web site at [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org)  
**City & Planning Commission** Agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast are available at [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org)

### Tune In Channel 19

#### City & Planning

#### Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weeks each month

Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**Continuous City Information** Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.

**Historic Interviews with Vance Little** 7 p.m.

**Historic Brentwood Video** Mon., Wed., Fri. 8 p.m.

## Do You Know Your Representatives on the Williamson County Commission and School Board?

**Greg Davis**  
County Commission  
591-8444

**Sina Miller**  
School Board  
373-1042

**Bert Chalfant**  
County Commission  
373-4119

**Tom Bain**  
County Commission  
373-1812

**Terry Leve**  
School Board  
476-3001

**Arlene Cooke**  
County Commission  
377-1347

**Jeff Ford**  
County Commission  
376-8814

**Jack Walton**  
County Commission  
373-3346

**Pat Anderson**  
School Board  
377-8562

**Cheryl Wilson**  
County Commission  
771-3567

**Gary Anderson**  
School Board  
776-2942

**Tommy Little**  
County Commission  
395-8814

**Jason Para**  
County Commission  
791-9124

**Frank Comer**  
School Board  
771-0725

**Lewis Green, Jr.**  
County Commission  
776-2816

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### County Mayor Rogers Anderson



County Administrative Complex  
1320 West Main Street, Suite 125  
Franklin, TN; (615) 790-5700

The County Mayor is Chief Executive Officer of the county. He is elected by popular vote at the regular August election every four years, coinciding with the Governor's election, and may serve an unlimited number of terms. He exercises a role of leadership in county government and is responsible for the County's fiscal management and other executive

functions. He has custody of the county property and compiles the county budget for consideration and approval by the County Commission. The County Mayor is a nonvoting ex-officio member of the County Commission.

### School Board Representatives

(Districts & photos above)

The Williamson County Board of Education consists of one member from each of the 12 districts of the County. Each person serves a four-year term. Upcoming elections will be held for odd numbered districts in 2008 and even numbered districts in 2010. School Board members establish policies, approve the budget and appoint the Director of Schools who is responsible for the day-to-day operations. For more information: [www.wcs.edu](http://www.wcs.edu) or 615-472-4000.

### County Commission

(Districts & photos above)

The Williamson County Board of Commissioners is the legislative body of County government. It consists of 24 elected members, two from each of the 12 districts of the County, who serve a four-year term of office. The next election is August, 2010.

The most important function of the county legislative body is the annual adoption of a budget for county operations and departments. The county legislative body has considerable discretion in dealing with the budget for all funds except the school budget, where it has no line item veto authority over expenditures.

The County Commission sets a property tax rate which is used to fund the budget for all county services, including the schools. Revenues from other county taxes and fees, as well as state and federal monies allocated to Williamson County, also help fund county services.

Some of the Williamson County functions that directly affect Brentwood citizens include:

- > School System
- > Court System
- > Medical Center
- > Ambulances
- > Property Assessor
- > Economic Development
- > Health Department
- > Solid Waste Management (landfill)
- > Recycling Centers
- > Animal Control
- > County Parks & Recreation  
(Facilities in Brentwood: Indoor Soccer Arena in Crockett Park and Sports Center on Heritage Way)

For more information: 615-790-5700 or [www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov](http://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov)

## DID YOU KNOW?

- That Brentwood's population is 35,262.
- That Brentwood ranks 16th in population out of the 350 cities in the State of Tennessee.
- That Brentwood's population is larger than 50 of the 95 counties in the State of Tennessee in 2000.

Brentwood was officially incorporated as a city in 1969, but its modern history dates from the late 1700s when pioneer settlers entered the area. 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.



### Long Time City Employees:

- **Missy Dillingham**  
Children's Librarian, 23 years
- **Debi Meadows**  
HR/Payroll, 22 years
- **Roger Horner**  
City Attorney, 23 years

# New Development Spotlight

**BRENTWOOD MAINTAINS ITS STRONG RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER WHILE AFFORDING opportunities for quality commercial and service institutional facilities in designated areas. In addition to traditional commercial development in the areas (5% of total land) on the northern and southern boundaries, Brentwood is encouraging redevelopment of the Town Center area, the original commercial district in the Franklin Road/Church Street area.**



*Gateway Plaza II, corner of Maryland Way and Granny White*

## Office Development

The Planning Commission recently approved the construction of a three-story mixed use office-residential structure on Harpeth Drive in the Town Center. In Maryland Farms, the TN Society of Certified Public Accounts facility will expand by 3,200 sq ft. At Westgate Commons in south Brentwood, B3 Studios, Inc will construct a two-story dental office facility, 18,500 sq ft on 1.4 acres.

## Retail-Service Development

The new Mallory Park commercial area located north of Moores Lane on Mallory Lane has several new projects: California Closets, an office, retail and warehouse facility,



*Redevelopment within the Town Center includes new construction as well as renovating existing buildings. For example, the little house on Pewitt Drive that served as Brentwood's City Hall in the late 1960s and 1970s and then China Hut restaurant was recently renovated into the Harpeth Grill, a casual dining restaurant.*

4,000 sq ft on 2.2 acres; H. Whitman Plaza a 30,000 sq ft two-story office building on 2.5 acres; and TMG Data Center, a two-phase technology facility, 119,000 sq ft on 6.4 acres. Price's Collision Center on Mallory Lane will expand by 12,700 sq ft.

On the northern end of Brentwood is an extensive upgrade of Brentwood Place Shopping Center including refacing of the exterior, outside dining areas, new pedestrian walkways and enhanced landscaping.



*Brentwood Place Shopping Center*

## Service-Institutional Development

Service-institutional development continues to grow with new facilities to serve the residents of Brentwood. The Brentwood Baptist Church on Concord Road will expand to a 312,700 sq ft facility including a 6,400 sq ft chapel and a 77,600 sq ft "connection center" (a youth assembly, Sunday school classes and a deaf congregation facility). Other projects are: the Columbarium expansion at the Brentwood United Methodist Church; and a replacement pool at the Maryland Farms YMCA.

## Residential Development

Residential development in Brentwood reflects the desirability of the community as the place to live. New developments have been initiated during recent months while established subdivisions continue to complete successive phases of their projects. While the number of new housing starts have declined in recent months due to overall slowdown in the economy, the local real estate market remains strong compared to other areas in the United States.



*Residential development in Brentwood*

## Personal Wireless Service Facilities

The Brentwood Planning Commission reviews and approves new applications for personal wireless service facilities. In order to better serve our residents' communications needs, new mobile phones and wireless internet facilities were approved recently. Brentwood regulations direct companies to locate antennas on existing structures wherever possible so as to preclude unsightly new celltower structures. New antennas were recently approved on four existing TVA electrical structures and two existing communications towers.

The Brentwood Historic Commission Invites the Community to the Spring Opening of Boiling Spring Academy Primm Park – Moores Lane May 4, 2008 • 2-4 pm



## Brentwood's Historic Legacy – Primm Park

*Explore Our City's History!*

AS URBAN AREAS GROW, HISTORICAL SITES ARE QUICKLY DISAPPEARING. PRIMM Park is a microcosm of Tennessee history representing prehistoric Native American culture and education of the 1800's.

Historic Primm Park, which includes the Boiling Spring Academy (circa 1830) and the Native American Prehistoric Mounds (circa 900), contains some of the most important historical and cultural resources in Tennessee.

The academy is open to the public on the third Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm. The entire site reflects Brentwood's commitment to historic preservation for the benefit of future generations.



### Long Time Service Center Employees:

- **Kenneth Hawkins**  
**Water & Sewer, 27 years**
- **Gary Petway**  
**Public Works, 29 years**



### Brentwood Chipper Service

*Spring is always a busy time for our chipper service.*

Please help us serve you better: Stack brush close to the curb with the cut end toward the curb. No brush should be longer than 12 feet and stumps are not permitted.

**NOTE – No Commercial trimmings will be accepted – trimmings must be hauled away by the company.**

To provide chipper service efficiently, there is an established monthly route schedule. For information, call the Brentwood Service Center at 371-0080.

The City appreciates your cooperation.

# Why Sewer Rates Are Increasing

THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD RECENTLY INCREASED SEWER RATES BY 25% FOR ALL customers effective with the bills that are delivered to customers in mid April to early May with payments due on May 7 or May 22. This applies to 9,300 residential dwellings and 300 commercial/ institution users in Brentwood that receive sewer service from the City. For the average residential customer with a winter month water usage of 5,800 gallons, the monthly sewer bill will increase from \$27.09 to \$33.86 or \$6.77 per month. City water rates will not be affected with this rate adjustment.

## What will these increases cover?

1. Debt service associated with issuance of \$30 million in bonds over the next 7 years to undertake State mandated improvements to eliminate storm water infiltration into the lines and sewer overflow discharges from manholes into the river during heavy rainfall/high stream flows. While the use of substandard clay and concrete lines and placement within creek and river channels was an acceptable design standard in the 1970's, the result was a system that is structurally sound, but not watertight. Until recently, a limited number of discharges annually during high water flows/flooding were tolerated by the regulatory agencies because the water flows would dissipate potential pollution concerns. Now, however, most if not all cities across Tennessee and the nation including Metro Nashville are or will be facing similar requirements to upgrade their sewer systems as the accepted standard for "clean" evolves.

2. Cost of wastewater treatment services from our sewer provider – Metro Nashville. The City has joined together with nine (9) other wholesale customers that surround Nashville to negotiate a fair and equitable cost with Metro that is as low as possible and pays for only the true cost of wholesale treatment services. Rate negotiations with Metro may not be completed until the end of 2008. The above rate increase will cover future Metro wastewater treatment cost increases to \$.83 per 1,000 gallons treated, up from the current cost of \$.63.

## What is the amount of the increase?

(New residential rates effective with bills due after May 1, 2008) \*\*

Inside City	Current Rates	New Rates
2,000 gallons or less (minimum bill)	\$11.62	\$14.53
Next 8,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$4.07	\$5.09
Over 10,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$4.65	\$5.81

**\*\*Winter Water Average** The monthly sewer rate charged by the city is based on each customer's average winter water consumption as billed in the months of December through March using the previous rate schedule. For sewer customers who are not water customers of the city, the computation of average winter water consumption is based upon the four-month period that most closely corresponds to that used for other customers. The established rate per 1,000 gallons above the minimum bill is prorated for each 100 gallons consumed.

**Metro Wastewater Treatment Surcharge** If at some point in the future the cost of Metro wastewater treatment services to the City increase above \$.83 per 1,000 gallons treated, the additional increase would appear as a surcharge on the customer's monthly sewer bill. For example, if the negotiated wastewater treatment rate is \$1.08 or \$.25 higher per 1,000 gallons, the average residential customer with a winter water use average of 5,800 gallons per month would have \$1.45 added to their monthly sewer bill (\$.25 x 5.8) to be reflected as a separate line item listed on the monthly bill.

**Summary** The City of Brentwood regrets the need for this sewer rate increase. Water and Sewer Operations by law are funded by users and not by tax dollars. We have no choice but to undertake the mandated improvements that will lead to a cleaner environment and enhanced sewer infrastructure for the years ahead. We must be as proactive in this endeavor as we were in securing an ample water supply for Brentwood customers. Ironically, while federal grants were available to fund most of the original sewer system in the 1970's, no such funding is available to Brentwood today. Finally, our geographic location away from a major river limits our wastewater treatment options.

Additional information on the rate and fee adjustments is available at the City of Brentwood web page – [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org)



**Long Time Police Employees:**

- **Tommy Campsey**  
Captain (CID), 30 years
- **T.C. Bowling**  
Patrol Officer, 23 years



## Traffic Enforcement – Targeted for Your Safety

TRAFFIC IN BRENTWOOD CONTINUES TO GROW ANNUALLY FROM NEW DEVELOPMENT IN our community and surrounding jurisdictions plus cut-through traffic movement due to our location in a fast growing region. The Police Department continues to utilize a proactive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in an effort to reduce or slow the growth of traffic collisions in our city. Agency personnel identify the top collision locations each year and conduct enforcement activities concentrated at those locations.

Despite the significant growth in traffic, the number of collisions in 2007 at 826 was 54 less than occurred in 2006. This number compares to 950 in 2000 and 1,037 in 1998. Directed traffic enforcement along with road improvements pay dividends in making your drive safer in Brentwood.

The major contributing factors for accidents in Brentwood were failure to yield, following too closely, weather, and speeding combinations. There are several locations in town where extra caution in driving is warranted:

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>Top 10 Locations</b>					
1. Concord Road - Wilson Pike to City Limits	61	68	48	44	29
2. Concord Road - Intersection of I-65/Lipscomb Drive	35	19	7	18	18
3. I-65 Exit Ramp @ Moores Lane	33	41	24	\	\
4. Maryland Way - Including All Intersections	30	32	28	27	28
5. Moores Lane - Franklin Road to I-65	26	26	13	9	8
6. Franklin Road - Church Street to Murray Lane	20	23	17	26	31
7. Concord Road - Franklin Road to Wilson Pike	19	19	12	21	14
8. Crockett Road	17	15	15	14	12
9. Seaboard Lane	16	11	7	9	8
10. Moores Lane @ Galleria Boulevard	15	18	16	23	24
10. Moores Lane - I-65 to Wilson Pike	15	9	14	8	21

## Tornado Season Is Here!

SEVERE WEATHER CAN HAPPEN with little or no advance notice. Knowing when a potential storm is in the immediate area and what to do can mean the difference between life and death.

Outdoor sirens are located throughout Brentwood to alert residents of possible emergency weather. The sirens are only activated when a tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. When sirens are activated, residents should seek shelter immediately and tune in a local television channel. The warning devices in the park also have lightning detection devices that play verbal messages warning of possible lightning strikes.

A TORNADO WARNING is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

A TORNADO WATCH (sirens not activated) is issued by the National Weather Service when tornado conditions are possible.

Additional information – <http://www.nfpa.org/riskwatch/RWND/tornado.html>. Sirens are tested monthly – first Saturday at 1 p.m.

## Lowest Combined City/ County Property Tax Rates For Largest Tennessee Cities (Population 25,000 or Greater) (2007 Effective Rates – Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranking	City	County	Effective Tax Rate
(1)	Brentwood	Williamson	\$2.75
(2)	Hendersonville	Sumner	\$2.91
(3)	Lavergne	Rutherford	\$2.94
(4)	Smyrna	Rutherford	\$3.30
(5)	Morristown	Hamblen	\$3.31
(6)	Cookeville	Putnam	\$3.36
(7)	Franklin (FSSD)	Williamson	\$3.50
(8)	Columbia	Maury	\$3.58
(9)	Cleveland	Bradley	\$3.67
(10)	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	\$3.85
(11)	Johnson City	Washington	\$4.28
(12)	Jackson	Madison	\$4.41
(13)	Clarksville	Montgomery	\$4.45
(14)	Nashville	Davidson	\$4.69
(15)	Kingsport	Sullivan	\$4.83
(16)	Bristol	Sullivan	\$4.95
(17)	Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$5.33
(18)	Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$5.36
(19)	Collierville	Shelby	\$5.37
(20)	Knoxville	Knox	\$5.50
(21)	Bartlett	Shelby	\$5.63
(22)	Germantown	Shelby	\$5.63
(23)	Memphis	Shelby	\$7.47

\*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 2007 tax year. As reflected in the chart above, the 2007 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 \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed value (.49/City, \$2.26/County) is the lowest in the State. Sources: 2007 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory Service Website.

## Wilson Pike North Study

THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD IS CONDUCTING AN ENGINEERING REVIEW FOR potential minor road improvements along Wilson Pike between Church Street and Concord Road. This section of Wilson Pike has narrow driving lanes with steep shoulder drop-offs.

The review will identify intersections where protected turning lanes could be added and areas where shoulders could be added at reasonable cost with minimal impact to adjoining properties and stack stone walls.

Prior to this review, the city had already completed plans to construct left turn lanes in both directions on Wilson Pike at the Old Smyrna Road intersection. This project will be a significant safety enhancement to the roads with work to begin this year.

Because Wilson Pike is a state highway, the design standards for any recommended improvements need approval of the Tennessee Department of Transportation.



### Pay Traffic Tickets Online

A new court software system is helping the City of Brentwood better manage the traffic citation system while providing a long-term cost savings to the city.

The program, OmniCourt, enables an officer to input ticket data into the laptop in his patrol car. The information immediately is uploaded into the court system. From this information, the system generates electronic court dockets, necessary statistical reports, court action forms, monthly state-mandated reports, and 'Failure to Appear' notifications.

This software also allows recipients of traffic tickets to pay their fees online. The online payment web service is [www.brentwood.paymycitationonline.com](http://www.brentwood.paymycitationonline.com).

## City Manager Elected to ICMA Board

Brentwood City Manager Mike Walker was recently elected to a three-year term on the Executive Board of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) as a vice president from the southeast region.

ICMA is a local government leadership organization committed to excellence in delivery of local government services through effective professional management. ICMA provides publications, data, technical assistance and professional training to its 9,000 members worldwide.

Walker has served as City Manager in Brentwood since May 1990 during which time the population has more than doubled – from 16,300 to 35,500. He has been actively involved in many community projects and endeavors including development of Crockett Park and City bikeway system; construction of the Brentwood Library, Service Center, two fire stations and numerous road improvements; extension of public sewer to 2,700 homes previously served by septic systems; capacity expansion of the water system; formulation of the Brentwood 2020 Comprehensive Plan and associated revisions to the zoning ordinance; receipt of a AAA bond rating from Moody's Investors Services; and preparation of the annual budget for 17 consecutive years without an increase in the City's effective property tax rate.

An ICMA representative said that 'Mike is the epitome of a professional city manager and that he has a reputation amongst his colleagues not only for his intelligence, but for having unmatched leadership skills.'

Walker has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee and 30 years of public service to cities in Tennessee. He was President of the Tennessee City Management Association in 1997-98 and was selected Tennessee City Manager of the Year by his colleagues in 2005.

Congratulations to City Manager Mike Walker. The City appreciates his outstanding leadership and genuine concern and commitment to the citizens of Brentwood.



### Brentwood Fire Department Total Calls for Service in 2007 – 2,488 Calls by Type of Incident

Structure Fires:	0.6%	(15)
Other Fires:	3.2%	(80)
Medical Calls:	45.2%	(1124)
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	9.8%	(244)
Alarm Activations:	22.8%	(567)
Service Calls:	6.7%	(166)
Other Calls:	11.7%	(292)

Brentwood Fire Department responds to a variety of calls each year, with the largest majority being medical emergencies. The 2007 call volume increased by 4.5% over the 2006 total (2,376 calls).

### Need Help?

Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call Linda Lynch, Community Relations Director, at 371-0060. She will be glad to get you to the right person to address your concerns.

### 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.

#### Dates

- April 19** • Granny White Park
  - April 26** • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Road
  - May 3** • Granny White Park
- We cannot accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings.*

### Williamson County Recycling Center

Come visit the expanded facility next to Fire Station No. 2  
1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848

### County Household Trash Locations

Will not accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries or tires; brush will be accepted. Recycling bins are available too.

#### OPEN EVERY DAY 7 A.M.-5 P.M.

- Trinity Convenience Center**  
3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904  
2 miles south of city limits on left
  - Nolensville Convenience Center**  
1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717  
.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left
  - Grassland Convenience Center**  
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697  
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind county fire hall
- Keep Williamson Beautiful!*

### For Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes

**Williamson County Administrative Complex**  
1320 West Main Street  
Franklin • 790-5848  
**May 3 • 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

### City Phone Numbers

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

### Citizen's Update

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## Road Projects Update

**CONCORD ROAD EAST PROJECT – DESIGN/RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION** Concord Road improvements from Edmondson Pike to the eastern city limits. A 3.6 mile section will be widened to 3 lanes with a separated 10-foot bikeway lane. City funding of engineering design and right-of-way acquisition. Project management and construction by Tenn. Dept. of Transportation. Property acquisition for Phase 1 (Edmondson Pike to Sunset Road) has begun. Construction is scheduled to begin late in 2008 with completion in 2010.

**SPLIT LOG ROAD PROJECT (WILSON PIKE TO RAGSDALE ROAD)** Split Log Road improvement from Ragsdale Road intersection west to Wilson Pike. Includes realignment of curves. Mostly a 3-lane road with center turn lane and a separate 10-foot bikeway section. Construction has begun; completion by summer 2008.

**SPLIT LOG ROAD PROJECT, PHASE II (RAGSDALE ROAD TO EAST CITY LIMITS AT PLEASANT HILL ROAD)** This project is in the design stage with construction to begin mid-2009 and completion in 2010. Improvements include a 3-lane road with center turn lane and a 10-foot bikeway lane.

**WALLER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** Widening of roadway to 22-ft from Maupin Road to east city limit. Base asphalt has been installed with final asphalt topping in spring 2008.

**WILSON PIKE/OLD SMYRNA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** Left turn lanes are being installed on Wilson Pike at Old Smyrna Road to improve traffic flow and safety; completion by winter 2008.

**FRANKLIN ROAD SOUTH** Widening of Franklin Road is proposed from Concord Road to Moore's Lane. Survey work and engineering design are underway with the city funding engineering and right-of-way acquisition. Construction is planned to begin by 2011, subject to funding by the State Dept. of Transportation.

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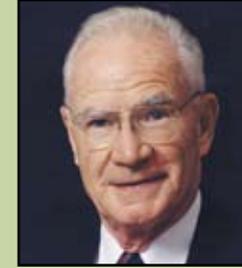
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 5, 2009. The Mayor and Vice 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.

## Citizen's Fire Academy

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT it is like to be a firefighter? Here is a chance to see what it is all about. *Join Brentwood Fire Department's Citizen's Academy!*

The academy is a three-month program, starting on July 31 and meeting every other Thursday evening. This is a great opportunity to learn about your fire department, ride the BRT (Big Red Truck), and get hands-on with the tools of the trade. Participants can even ride along with firefighters as they respond to actual emergency calls.



Additional information and applications are available on-line at [www.brentwood-tn.org/fire/cfa](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/fire/cfa) or call 371-0170; deadline is May 20, 2008.

## ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

IN FEBRUARY, BRIAN GOSS BECAME THE NEW BRENTWOOD Assistant Fire Chief. Brian has been in fire service for 24 years and previously served with the Grand Rapids Michigan Fire Department since 1988. During that time he progressed through the ranks from firefighter to Battalion Chief where he was responsible for the supervision of six fire stations.



Brian has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology/Chemistry from Spring Arbor University and is working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Service Administration. He and his wife Marie have three children, two daughters ages 15 and 10 and a son who is 12.

## Fire Prevention & Safety Education

KNOWLEDGE AND PREPARATION ARE THE SAFEST, MOST COST-EFFECTIVE WAYS TO FIGHT fires and save lives. The Brentwood Fire Department places a high priority on education and uses a variety of methods to educate citizens, especially children, about fire prevention and safety.

The fire department utilizes firefighters, fire engines, Fire Safety House, fire clowns, a robotic fire hydrant named Pluggie, and an inflatable fire hydrant named Hydro as part of its educational program. Opportunities available to residents include station



tours, school visits, birthday parties, and participation in local community and neighborhood events. The fire department also uses Brentwood Cable Channel 19, the city web site, and e-mails to educate the community about seasonal fire safety issues.

To schedule an event, call 371-0170.

## Brentwood Is Financially Strong

BRENTWOOD IS ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE COMMUNITIES IN TENNESSEE IN which to live and work. The City realizes that a strong financial position is essential to the success of our community. Having a broad, diverse tax base is important, but spending the public's money wisely while keeping taxes as low as possible is also a priority. The following highlights the City's financial position:

- **No increase** in the City's effective property tax rate in 17 consecutive years. The actual tax rate has declined from \$.89 to \$.49 per \$100 of assessed value of property.
- **Lowest effective property tax rate** (2007) in State compared to 23 other cities with populations of 25,000 or greater.
- **Annual city property tax bill is \$515** (or \$1.40 per day) for average home valued at \$420,000.
- **City taxes represent only 18%** of your annual property tax bill. The remaining 82% is Williamson County property taxes.
- Brentwood's **General Fund is not heavily dependent** on any one revenue source:
  - Local Sales Taxes – 35.5%
  - Property Taxes – 32.6%
  - State Shared Revenues – 13.4%
  - Other Sources/Fees – 18.5%
- **General Fund reserves have increased** from: FY 1991 - \$600,000 to FY 2008 - \$18 million; City never operates in a deficit.
- **Highest possible bond rating** from Moody's Investors Service – AAA.
- **Provides expanded services** with fewer employees. City has 6.83 full-time employees per 1,000 residents in FY 2008, versus 8.54 in FY 1991 or 20% less. (Staffing at the old levels would cost the taxpayers an additional \$4.6 million annually and require a 51% increase in the City's property tax rate.)
- **Commercial property represents only 5%** of the total land but **generates 60%** of the total General Fund revenues.
- **National Awards** – GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 20 consecutive years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 15 consecutive years.

## SHOP IN BRENTWOOD FIRST!

WHENEVER POSSIBLE, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO YOUR SHOPPING IN THE Brentwood City limits. Besides benefiting our local businesses, each purchase generates local sales tax collections that help support and pay for the cost of municipal services and schools. For each dollar spent in Brentwood, the City and Williamson County Schools split evenly 2.25 cents in local sales tax.



While this may not sound like much, cumulatively, it generates over \$10 million annually or about 35% of the total funding for the City's General Fund budget.

How does this benefit you directly? Each dollar spent in Brentwood essentially allows us to maintain a low City property tax rate and continue to provide excellent services such as police, fire, parks, library, etc. It's a "win-win" to shop in Brentwood first!

## Parks Update

BRENTWOOD PARKS OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. THE CITY ENCOURAGES YOU to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your "community backyard."

### What's New:

#### Owl Creek Park Open!

New 21+ acre park is located on Concord road in front of the Chestnut Springs and Bridgeton Park subdivisions. The park is passive in nature and includes picnic shelter, playground, basketball courts, walking/jogging trails, parking, restrooms, etc. For shelter reservations or additional information call 371-2208.

#### Indoor Soccer Facility at Crockett Park

Williamson County, working with the City of Brentwood, built an indoor soccer facility at Crockett Park. For additional information, contact Williamson County Parks at 790-5719.

#### Expansion of the City's Bikeway System

Recent extensions have completed missing links to better reach parks, greenways, neighborhoods, library, schools, historic sites, YMCA, etc. With the new southeastern expansion, you can ride your bike, jog or walk from Tower Park to the Carriage Hills subdivision to Ravenwood High to Raintree Parkway to Crockett Road to Concord Road on a continuous bikeway system. This year's bikeway project will extend the path from the old Wilson Pike roadway tunnel near Ravenwood High south to Split Log Road where it will connect to a new bikeway section that is being constructed along that road as a part of the road improvement project.

### ATHLETIC CONTACT NUMBERS:

**Civitan (Boys) Baseball**  
Patty Jarnigan ..... 376-9155

**Civitan (Girls) Softball**  
Jill Green ..... 376-8839  
Hotline ..... 937-3800

**Brentwood Baseball**  
Mark Hansen ..... 370-0577

**ILC Baseball (Travel)**  
Ken Allen ..... 931-607-1646

**Brentwood Soccer Club**  
Jane Olinger ..... 503-9615

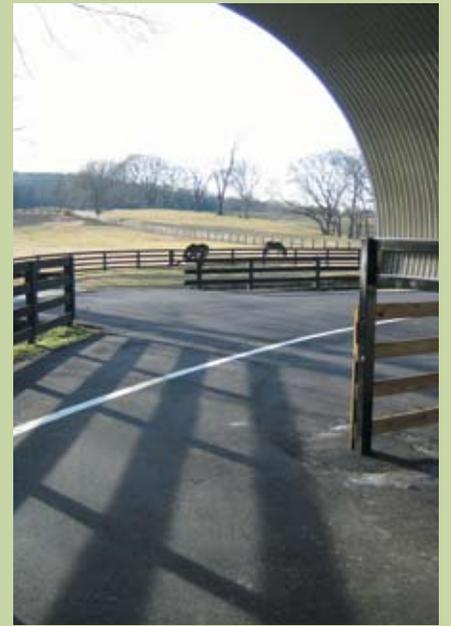
**YMCA Soccer**  
Jeff Gillies ..... 373-9622

**Brentwood Blaze (Football)**  
Jerome Perkins ..... 901-674-8175  
Hotline ..... 373-7823

**Williamson County Parks** 370-3471

**Softball (Adult)**  
Arnold King ..... ext 14  
Mike Devine ..... ext 17

**Tennis**  
Mike Martin ..... ext 16



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

## Parks General Information

- Solar powered emergency call boxes are available in the parks and along the bikeway. Upon opening, these boxes will automatically notify the Police/Fire of the call location.
- Bikeway Mile Markers- Colored markers are placed on the primary trails, a different color for each trail. Each marker represents .10 of a mile. Maps available at trail heads.
- Park Reservations – To make reservations for park shelters, pavilion, courts and fields call 371-2208.
- Residents are reminded to clean up after pets. You must always have pets on a short leash for the safety of other park patrons.

## 2008 CONCERT SERIES

Eddy Arnold Amphitheater  
Crockett Park - 7 p.m.



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### FAMILY ORIENTED AND FREE ADMISSION

MAY 18	Nashville Symphony Orchestra
JUNE 1	Dean Hall, Blues Rocker
JUNE 8	Paul Ross Band
JUNE 15	John England & the Western Swingers
JUNE 22	The Original Charades
JUNE 29	The WannaBeatles
JULY 4	Fireworks Celebration – Featuring The Kadillacs
JULY 13	The Tams

### 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.



## Firefighters Rescue Birthday Party

ON JANUARY 22, THE BRENTWOOD firefighters changed Audrey Marx's ninth birthday party from a major disappointment into a happy celebration.

On that day, a very excited Audrey and the Marx family were preparing for the big party when they heard a loud explosion in their attic. Suddenly, water was pouring from the ceiling from the water pipes in the attic, and the family was unable able to turn off the water.

Needing help quickly, Audrey ran across the street to the Wilson Pike Fire Station. The firefighters immediately went to the house and turned the water off at the meter.

The ceiling had fallen through and firefighters had to cut a hole in the kitchen floor to allow the water to drain out of the room. The house was a disaster. There was no way that Audrey could have her birthday party at her home. Her excitement turned to disappointment.

The firefighters felt so sorry for the nine year old that they invited her to have her birthday party at the fire station. After a quick clean up of the station, the firefighters opened their doors to Audrey and seven of her friends. The party was a great success. The girls toured the building, explored the fire trucks, made purses and scarves. This was truly a birthday that Audrey will never forget, and the firefighters

were pleased that they were able to help make her ninth birthday a special time.



Audrey Marx and friends celebrated her ninth birthday at the Wilson Pike Fire Station after water damaged her home on the day of her party.

## Improving Traffic Flow

Brentwood's new traffic signal synchronization system connects all existing city traffic signals to allow for video monitoring from a single location and manual signal timing adjustments to address unique traffic problems. The goal is to continuously improve peak traffic flow throughout the city because there is a limit to how wide roads can be expanded. The current traffic conditions can be viewed from home on cable Channel 19 in the morning and afternoon. This project was funded 100% by Federal transportation dollars.