

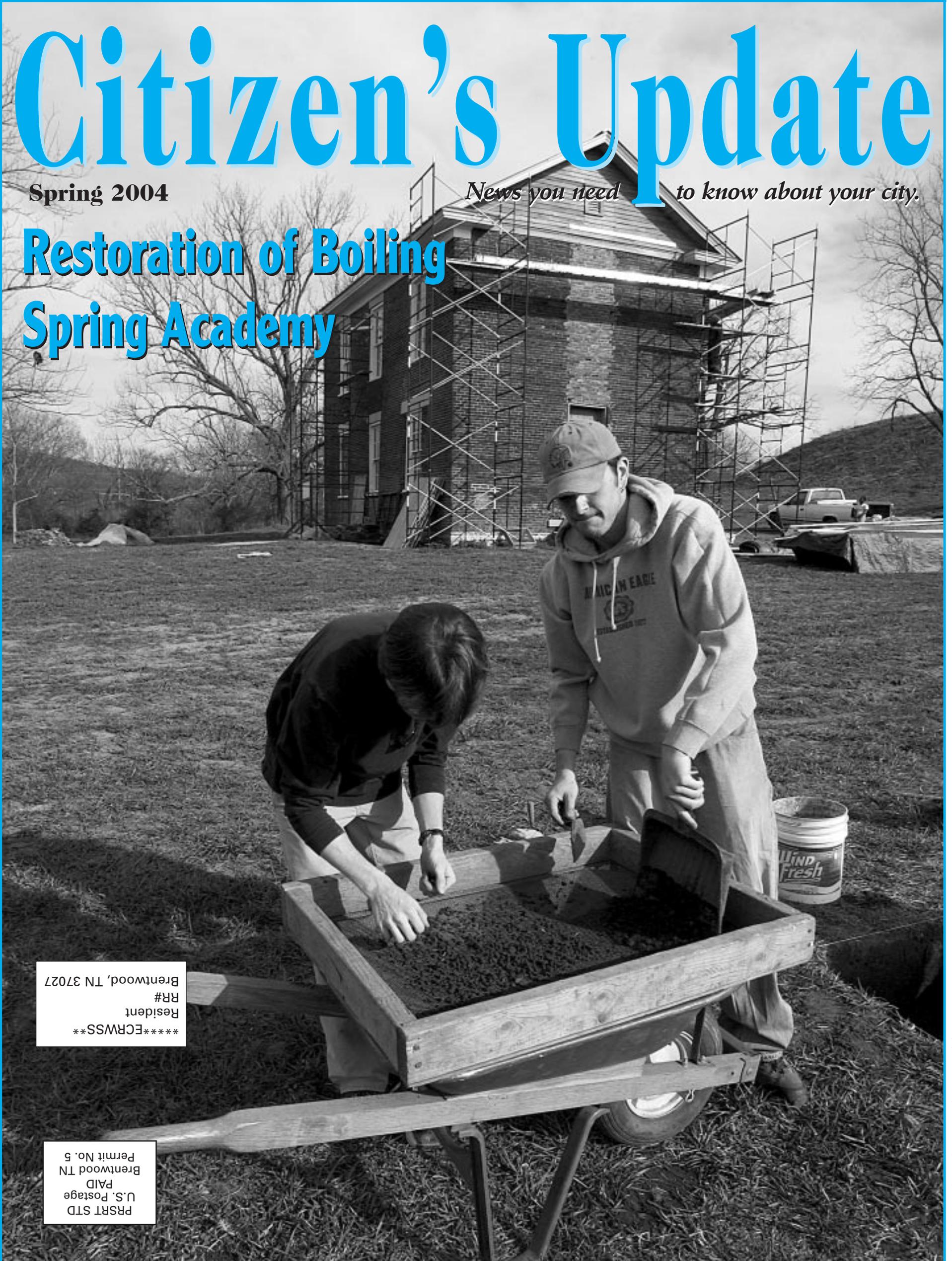
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Citizen's Update

Spring 2004

News you need to know about your city.

Restoration of Boiling Spring Academy



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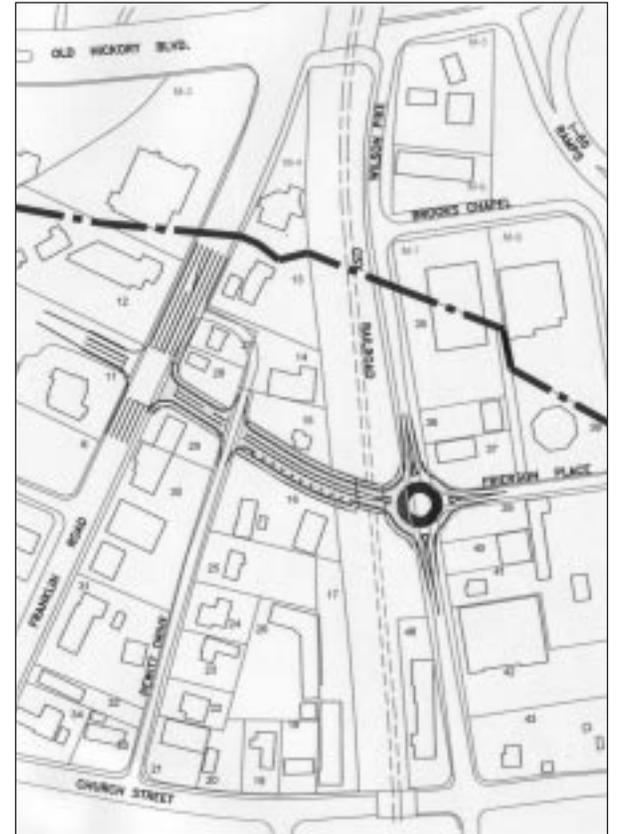
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It consists of five members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The Mayor and Vice Mayor are appointed by the City Commission for two-year terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 3, 2005. 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.

Towne Center



*Photo: Towne Center area as it is today.
Map: Proposed road would run from Franklin Road across the railroad to Wilson Pike with a round-a-bout at the Frierson Place intersection.*



The City has initiated a comprehensive plan to encourage private sector redevelopment of the original commercial area of Brentwood. This area is bounded by Old Hickory Blvd. to the north, I-65 to the east, Church Street to the south and Eastpark Drive to the west. The plan includes improved access and visibility by construction of a new east/west three lane, urban type road with street parking and 10-foot wide sidewalks. The road would run from Franklin Road, opposite the entrance to the Brentwood House Shopping Center, to Frierson Place across the CSX railroad gulch. In addition, the City has created a new C-4 zoning district for the area that will encourage redevelopment into a traditional small downtown with mixed land uses and pedestrian orientation for the entire area. Besides enhancing the tax base, the goal is to create over the next 5-10 years an area that people will enjoy and take pride in as Brentwood's downtown.



Thermal imaging cameras allow firefighters to see victims and fire in smoke filled areas and inside walls.

Fire Department Awarded Federal State Grants

Brentwood firefighters and citizens have directly benefited from the Federal Emergency Management Agency FIRE Act Grant. The fire department was awarded three grants totaling \$157,801. The grants were used to purchase specialized equipment and training to enhance services. This allowed each fire engine in the city to be equipped with a thermal imaging camera, specialized firefighter rescue equipment and chemical detection equipment.

The fire department was also awarded a grant from the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool. This grant will be used to standardize the department's self contained breathing apparatus. The FIRE Act grants and the TML grant have provided firefighters with equipment and training that will increase firefighter safety in Brentwood and increase the ability to provide services more effectively to the community.

Enhanced Technology for Public Safety

The Brentwood Fire and Police Departments recently upgraded the Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) software. The new CAD software allows more information to be processed faster and ensures that all responders have the best information available when responding to a specific call and location.

One of the biggest benefits is having mapping software in all public safety vehicles. When a call is received, safety personnel automatically see an aerial view of the location displaying the shortest route from the current location to the emergency. It shows fire hydrant locations, telephone numbers for the household and a display of all other responding units and their location. All of these technologies allow responders to arrive faster and with more information to serve citizens better.

The CAD software also allows better processing of cellular 911 calls by displaying a GIS map showing the exact location and address of the cellular call. This is very important because in the past, many of Brentwood's cellular 911 calls



Fire and police departments have direct access to Computer Aided Dispatch information through computers in their vehicles.

have been routed to Nashville. Given our closeness to many communities, it is still important when making a cellular 911 call to give the complete address including the city.

New Development Spotlight

The strong residential character of Brentwood is reflected in the continuing development trends. The city has set another new record with 585 new housing starts for 2003. This triples the amount of residential developments recorded in 2000.

Brentwood continues to develop new business facilities while redeveloping older commercial sites. One of the largest commercial additions is the Marketplace (85,000 sq ft) at Maryland Farms which includes a new Publix Supermarket, two restaurants (8,000 sq ft) and space for several retail shops. The center will front on Old Hickory Boulevard, between Westpark and the Land Rover dealership.

Office Development

New development in Maryland Farms includes a new bank on the Parklane development and the Virginia Way Office Condominiums which will offer 12 units for commercial use. At the southern end of the city, Liberty Place will add a new general office and medical facility (25,000 sq. ft.) at Carothers Parkway.

Retail-Service Development

New retail developments include the Cambridge Academy child daycare facility in Maryland Farms and a recreational vehicle/boat storage facility near Church Street and I-65. Redevelopments include the Ross Dress for Less in the old Sports Authority space in Cool Springs Point and Smoky Bones Restaurant in the old Rio Bravo Restaurant. Moores Crossing retail center (old Tanya Tucker warehouse) will add a third structure which will total 135,000 sq. ft. of retail on 10.6 acres. A new convenience market including a car wash and Krystal Restaurant will be constructed on Carothers Parkway.



Above: Smokey Bones Restaurant
Below: Moores Crossing



New Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Cool Springs area (not on the interstate).

Service-Institutional Development

Brentwood Academy's master plan includes plans for a new fine arts and theatre facility as well as new gymnasium and athletic amenities. Other Service-institutional developments are expanded baseball dugout facilities for Brentwood High School and parking expansion at Brentwood Baptist Church.

Residential Development

Residential development has been primarily occurring in the newly annexed eastern areas of Brentwood under plans that were previously approved by



Williamson County. Developers must proceed in timely fashion to continue development under those earlier approvals. Recent activity in existing subdivisions included Brookfield (29 lots), Fountainbrooke (32 lots), Courtside at Southern Woods (37 lots), Shadow Creek at Southern Woods (52 lots), Willomet (41 lots), Woodlands at Copperstone (42 lots), and Bridgeton Park (26 lots).

Residential development in other areas include Governors Club (65 lots), Montclair (31 lots), Hampton Reserve (26 lots), and Sheridan Park (22 lots).

Real estate consultants are predicting continued strength in Brentwood's residential development in the coming years. The City has refined its development regulations and expanded its codes inspection staff to effectively address this growth area.



Welcome to Brentwood – Tractor Supply Company
TSC is relocating its corporate headquarters to the 100,000 square foot Financial Plaza building at the corner of Maryland Way and Powell Place.

Office Vacancy Rate

The Colliers Turley Martin Tucker Market Report-Nashville reports a 2003 commercial office vacancy rate of 12.7% for north Brentwood. This rate is down from last year's vacancy rate of 16.3%. The Brentwood office market remains very competitive in the Nashville Market compared to other submarkets. This is reflected in the reduction of vacancy rate in 2003.

The north Brentwood/Cool Springs/ Franklin submarkets total 6.8 million square feet of rentable space in 97 buildings and accounts for 27 percent of the Nashville office space market.

Nashville Area Office Vacancy Rate for 2003

Location	Total Inventory (Sq. Ft.)	% Vacant
North Brentwood	4,318,000	12.7%
Cool Springs-Franklin	2,517,000	26.6%
Green-Hills-Music Row	1,764,000	8.5%
Airport-Murfreesboro Rd	5,575,000	20.7%
MetroCenter	1,284,000	27.8%
West End-Belle Meade	3,625,000	8.8%
CBD	6,036,000	12.4%
Rivergate-North Nashville	313,000	14.9%
Total	25,432,000	15.7%

TORNADO Weather Is Here!

Brentwood's outdoor warning system, which includes 14 sirens located throughout the city, is designed to alert residents to possible emergency weather. When sirens are activated, residents should seek shelter immediately and tune on a local television channel or the City's AM1610 radio channel for emergency information. The warning devices in the parks are also equipped with lightning detection and play verbal

messages warning of possible lightning strikes.

The sirens activate when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or when a tornado has been sighted in the Brentwood area. The alert warning signal is a 3 to 5 minute steady siren.

The sirens are tested on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.



Brentwood Parks

The quality of life in a community is often measured by its commitment to parks. This investment not only serves the leisure time needs of its residents but also helps to enhance the community as an attractive place to live and raise children.

The City of Brentwood has made a firm and lasting commitment to quality parks. Over the past 35 years, city parks have continued to grow and flourish. Brentwood started with one 17-acre park (River Park) and has expanded to nine parks and four greenways comprising 525+ acres.

Concord Park, 40+ acres, site of city library; open areas for flying kites, family picnics and practice fields; bikeway/jogging trail.

Crockett Park, 164 acres, Brentwood's feature park; includes seven lighted tennis courts, restroom/concessions buildings, eight lighted ball fields, 11 multi-purpose fields, walk/jog/bike trails, amphitheater, two 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, two ponds, a one-mile walking nature trail, outdoor classroom, educational amphitheater, bike-way/jogging trail with two bridges linking the Wildwood/Laurelwood subdivision to the Arboretum.



Granny White Park, 30 acres, featuring three lighted ball diamonds, four lighted tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts, a multi purpose field, large pavilion with gas grill, playground area, lighted walking/jogging trail.

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

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

River Park, 70+ acres, including the area along the Little Harpeth River; features children's playground, outdoor basketball court, picnic shelter, and the trailhead for the walk/bike/jog trail.

Tower Park, 50 acres (under development), walking and biking trails, multi-purpose fields, natural open spaces; north of WSM Tower.

Owl Creek Park, 21 acres, on Concord Road in east Brentwood. To be developed as neighborhood park. Tentatively scheduled for 2006



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 growing trail system. More than nine miles of trails are already available in the city. 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 six trailheads)



ATHLETICS

There are numerous lighted fields and courts for athletic users. Granny White and Crockett Parks have baseball, softball, soccer and football fields as well as tennis courts. Fields are available at both locations for children and the fields at Granny White are sized for adult needs. New lighted multipurpose fields will be constructed in Tower Park by fall 2004.

10th Annual Summer Concerts
Eddy Arnold Amphitheater
Crockett Park
7:00 pm
May 23 -
Nashville Symphony
Other Dates
 June 6, 13, 20, 27
 July 4, 11, 18
- FREE -



CONCERTS & STAGE PRODUCTIONS

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

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL

Two outdoor basketball courts are available for use on a first-come/first-served basis - Granny White on the west side of the city and River Park on the east side.

PLAYGROUNDS

Three playgrounds are available: 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.

SHELTER & PAVILION RENTALS

Two picnic shelters at Crockett and River Parks and one large picnic pavilion at Granny White Park are available to rent for special events.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Brentwood has a variety of facilities and services for recreation. In addition to the traditional park amenities, the parks and greenways offer great aesthetic beauty and numerous environmental and interpretative education opportunities.

The Brentwood park system offers something for everyone. The City encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available located in your "community backyard."



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.

Emergency Medical Plans are posted on the parks information boards.

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 790-5590.



SPORTS INFORMATION Who You Gonna Call?

Brentwood Parks

Information/Reservations	371-2208
Granny White Hotline	373-8310
Crockett Park Hotline	373-7752
Granny White Public Phone	371-0201

Baseball/Softball

Travel League	661-6567
Civitan	661-0135
Civitan Sign-ups Hotline	231-3800
Adult	370-3471

Basketball/Soccer

YMCA	373-0215
Brentwood Soccer Club	371-1755

Football

Brentwood Blaze Hotline	373-7823
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Lacrosse

Brentwood Lacrosse	661-9483
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Tennis

Williamson County	370-3471
Tennis Pro	595-9910
YMCA	373-0215

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.

Lightning Detention 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.



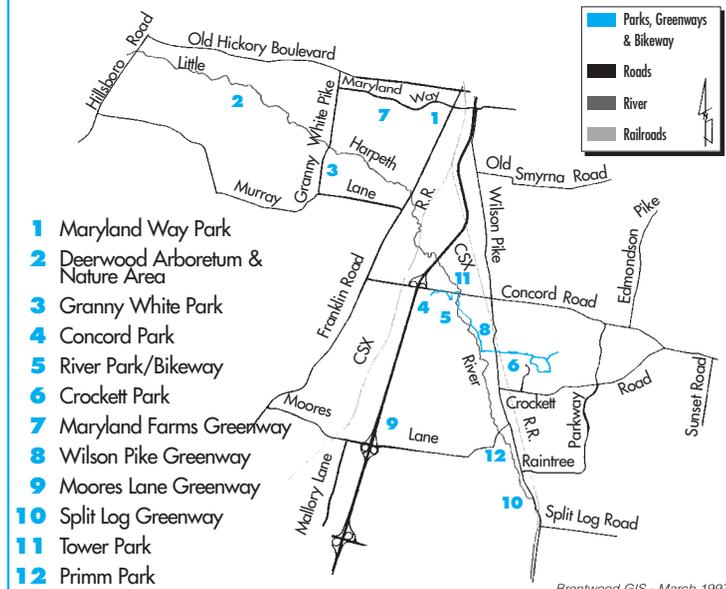
Interpretive Signage

Brentwood has added another dimension to the walking, jogging and biking trails. Interpretive signs have been placed strategically along the trails system. They are informative as well as decorative. Every year, three or four signs are added to the trails. Some of the signs include: the history

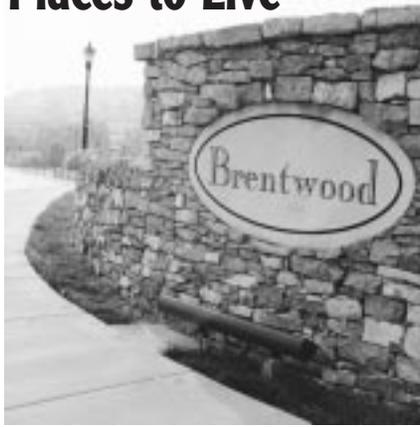


of Lipscomb Elementary School - the Civitan parking lot; the Native American Town - Library site; the Importance of Trees - at the entrance to the library site; the history of the WSM tower - Tower Park; Wildlife/Harpeth River - between River Park and Crockett Park; history of Maryland Farms - Maryland Way Park; Cool Springs House - Crockett Park; and Deerwood Arboretum. Thanks to the sponsors of the signs: Brentwood Morning Rotary Club; The Brentwood Woman's Club; The Brentwood Civitan Club; Gaylord Entertainment and Brentwood Historic Commission.

Parks, Greenways and Bikeway Locations



Brentwood "Best Places to Live"



The secret is out! In the January edition, *Money* magazine ranked Brentwood in the top 10 best places to live among cities with population of less than 100,000 located in the eastern part of the country. According to the report, "Welcome to America's Hottest Towns" the rankings were based on population growth and the cost of residential real estate relative to local income. The cities in this list had the highest median household incomes in the nation and above average population growth. This list was narrowed to 87 cities and Brentwood ranked number 9 in the top 10.

Brentwood's population grew 69 percent between 1990 and 2000. The City's median household income is \$107,866 and a median home price is \$338,250.

City/County Property Tax Rate 5th Lowest in State

Ranking	County/City	Total Rate
(1)	SHELBY/MEMPHIS	7.27
(2)	ANDERSON/OAK RIDGE	6.01
(3)	SHELBY/GERMANTOWN	5.79
(4)	KNOX/KNOXVILLE	5.66
(5)	HAMILTON/CHATTANOOGA	5.58
(6)	SHELBY/COLLIERVILLE	5.54
(7)	SHELBY/BARTLETT	5.47
(8)	COFFEE/TULLAHOMA	4.95
(9)	HAWKINS/KINGSPORT	4.71
(10)	SULLIVAN BRISTOL	4.70
(11)	MADISON/JACKSON	4.68
(12)	DAVIDSON/NASHVILLE	4.58
(13)	RUTHERFORD/MURFREESBORO	4.52
(14)	MONTGOMERY/CLARKSVILLE	4.49
(15)	SULLIVAN/JOHNSON CITY	4.39
(16)	HAMILTON/EAST RIDGE	4.31
(17)	BLOUNT/MARYVILLE	4.30
(18)	DYER/DYERSBURG	4.30
(19)	WILLIAMSON/FRANKLIN	4.21
(20)	BEDFORD/SHELBYVILLE	3.96
(21)	WILSON/LEBANON	3.84
(22)	BRADLEY/CLEVELAND	3.83
(23)	MAURY/COLUMBIA	3.72
(24)	SUMNER/GALLATIN	3.71
(25)	RUTHERFORD/SMYRNA	3.49
(26)	WILLIAMSON/BRENTWOOD	3.38
(27)	PUTNAM/COOKEVILLE	3.31
(28)	SUMNER/HENDERSONVILLE	3.31
(29)	RUTHERFORD/LAVERGNE	3.30
(30)	HAMBLÉN/MORRISTOWN	3.15

As reflected by the chart above, the 2003 combined Brentwood and Williamson County's effective property tax rate compare favorably with other municipalities across the State. These rates also include communities with Special School Districts. In the 30 largest Tennessee cities, Brentwood's effective property tax rate of \$3.38 per \$100 of assessed value (\$.59/City, \$2.79/County) is the fifth lowest, reflecting the City's goal of providing excellent service to its citizenry at a reasonable cost.

What's Happening at the Library?



Summer Reading Program

Children can experience the excitement of traveling across the country without leaving the library by joining "Book it Across America," the 2004 Summer Reading Program. The library will offer a variety

of stories, activities, and performers. Registration begins on Monday, May 24th.

New Saturday Story Time

For the past several years the Brentwood Morning Rotary Club has sponsored story time on the first Saturday of the month. It has been so successful that the library is expanding the program to every Saturday at 10:30 am. Weekday story times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:00 and 11:00.



Computer Classes

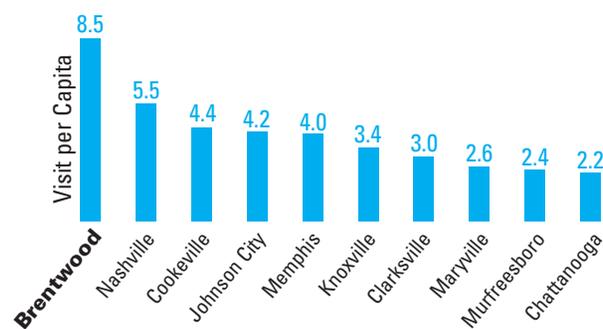
The library is offering free computer classes for beginners. One hour classes will provide hands-on instructions. The classes are limited to six and fill up quickly. Details and registration dates can be found under Events at www.brentwood-tn.org/library

Book Club

Be a part of an organized book club at the library or check out a "Book Club in a Bag" kit. The kits can be checked out of the library and will include books, discussion questions and everything needed to form your own book club.

Which Libraries Are Used the Most? Top 10 Tennessee Libraries

327,175 visitors entered the Brentwood Library in 2003



OSRD - Innovative Projects

With the continued pace of land development in Brentwood and expected full build-out of the City by the year 2020, creative approaches are needed to encourage open space preservation. In addition, the availability of housing options for "empty nesters" within the context of the City's one dwelling unit per acre density standard is very limited. The City Commission recently approved a new residential zoning district titled the Open Space Residential Development - Innovative Project (OSRD-IP). The OSRD-IP is designed to encourage a minimum of 65% permanent open space within a residential development with a wider range of housing options (types, lot sizes and arrangement) than previously allowed in City of Brentwood. Development standards that encourage the preservation of private open space and broader housing options for the community without compromising the fundamental one house per acre density, can create a "win-win" situation for the community.

Library Calendar



Easter Egg Hunt - Friday, April 9 at 3:00 pm. Don't forget a basket for collecting eggs and a camera. There will be a jelly bean guess, face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny.

Friends Used Book Sale - April 22-24 & July 22-24
Hours: Thurs. 9-7; Fri. 9-5; Sat. 10-3

Art Gallery

Apr. Brentwood High School
May Kay Matter, Penny Arnold, Lisa Stewart
Watercolors, Acrylics
June Laura Lewis Watercolors, monotypes
July Helen Coker Watercolors of Birds
Aug. Yara Stagner Oils
Sept. Banette Melerich Oils, Animal Portraits

Glass Showcase Gallery

Apr. Jenny Arnold Pottery
May Wayne Neuendorf Miniature Art

Quilt Gallery - Cumberland Valley Quilter's Guild

Library Chess Clubs

The library offers two different Chess Clubs. All ages and skill levels are welcome to enjoy this noncompetitive and fun atmosphere. Chess coaches teach beginning fundamentals, as well as advanced strategies.



Garden Tour

The Garden & Pond Tour, sponsored by the Brentwood Library Foundation, will be Saturday, June 5 - Sunday, June 6. The proceeds will benefit the addition of an outdoor reading terrace to the library. The Foundation was organized in 2002 to raise funds for the enhancement of facilities and programs.

City Needs Your Help!

Would you like to receive emails from the City about neighborhood watch programs, CPR classes, free home safety inspections, citizens' police & fire academies and notification of potential problems?

The City is updating the homeowner's association contacts. These contacts will enable the City to communicate, through emails, with subdivisions pertaining to community news. Please help keep this list up to date by contacting Scott Boyce, 371-2204 ext.254 or boyces@brentwood-tn.org when there is a change of leadership in your neighbor association. These emails are also available to individual citizens who would like to receive city information.

Primm Park – Brentwood's Historic Legacy

Dorothy, Edgar and Charles Primm recently donated a key historic resource to the Brentwood community for a city park. This two acre site, located on Moores Lane, includes a prehistoric Native American Mound settlement (1200-1500 A.D.) and the historic Boiling Spring Academy (1830). The park contains some of the most important historical and cultural resources in Tennessee.

The City also obtained 29 acres of surrounding land to buffer the site from future encroachment. This additional land will preserve the pastoral farmland along Moores Lane and provide acreage along the Little Harpeth River for an extension of the city's walking/bikeway system.

Historic preservationist Vic Hood of Leatherwood, Inc. conducted the restoration of the Boiling Spring Academy. Hood has professional experience as an archeologist and is nationally known for his restoration projects.

In order to safeguard this valuable legacy, the City consulted with the State of Tennessee Archaeology Department, MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, Tennessee Historic Commission, and many other knowledgeable individuals and organizations. A master volunteer committee, working with the City, is overseeing the project and planning educational



programs for the site.

As urban areas grow, historical sites are quickly disappearing. This site in particular is a microcosm of Tennessee history representing prehistoric Native American culture and education of the 1800's. Brentwood is extremely fortunate that the Primms have preserved this unique piece of the community's history and have dedicated it to the City.

CITY BRIEFS

Need Help?

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

Spring Clean Up

When you are fall cleaning, if there are items too large for the regular trash pick-up, you can take them for disposal by the City to the following locations between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates

Apr. 10 • Granny White Park

Apr. 17 • Crockett Park

Apr. 24 • Granny White Park

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

County Household Trash Locations

Will accept anything except liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, fires or chippings. Open every day 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904

Nolensville Convenience Center
1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717

Grassland Convenience Center
Sneed Road • 371-1697

Keep Williamson Beautiful!

Household Hazardous Waste Location

Williamson City Administrative Complex
1320 West Main Street
Franklin • 790-5848
May 1 • 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

Published semi-annually by City of Brentwood, (615) 371-0060. Comments and suggestions should be directed to Linda Lynch, Community Relations Director.

City Manager's Report

Dear Citizens,

The Brentwood 2020 Plan was formulated in 1999 by hundreds of citizens to provide guidance on where we want the community to be in 20 years and how we can best meet those objectives. Clearly, any long range plan in a free market based economy cannot be a fixed document. The goals and objectives are subject to periodic evaluation and updates to reflect changes in the community's vision, budgetary limitations, economic conditions, and other unexpected constraints.

Most city long range plans are focused on traditional land use issues and needs such as parks and open space, transportation, housing, utilities, public facilities, etc. The Brentwood 2020 Plan also included a focus on maintaining a strong financial position which is recognized today by the City having the best possible bond rating from Moody's Investors - Aaa. The City's ability to maintain and improve services as we grow to a projected population of 45,000 in the year 2020 while keeping residential property taxes as low as possible was deemed an important priority.

For 13 years in a row, the City of Brentwood has been able to maintain the same effective property tax rate which is currently \$.59. During this same period, the City has expanded services to include two new fire stations, additional police officers, Crockett Park, the new Library, bikeways, road improvements, etc. Such services have been delivered cost effectively to a resident population that has grown 79% while overall staffing levels have decreased from 8.54 to 7.42 employees per 1,000 residents or 13% less.

Brentwood has been able to achieve this strong financial/service expansion/cost delivery position to date due in large part to receipt of significant taxes from the limited amount of commercially zoned property in

the northern and southern ends of the City. Roughly 58% of total General Fund revenue, primarily local sales and property taxes, is generated from less than 5% of total land assigned for retail and office use.

With most of the existing commercial land already developed, the City Commission will soon be facing significant policy decisions to enhance and expand the available commercial property and accordingly, continued growth in the tax base of the City. The two areas under consideration include a requested rezoning of about 50 acres in the "flagpole property," located north of the former Service Merchandise Headquarters between I-65 and the CSX railroad, and redevelopment of the Pewitt Drive area into the Brentwood Towne Center. Guidance to the City Commission for these decisions will come from the input of interested Brentwood citizens, recommendations from the Brentwood 2020 Plan, and consideration of the financial aspects associated with funding a \$35 million annual operation.

The staff appreciates your input on the significant matters facing the City and on the more routine activities and daily functions of City government. Please feel free to call 371-0060 or e-mail at walkerm@brentwood-tn.org if you have questions, comments and suggestions on the issues at hand or how we can do things better.

Best regards,

Michael W. Walker



JULY 4th CELEBRATION

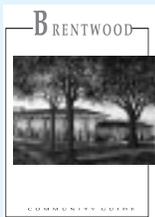
CROCKETT PARK

**** Limited Parking ****

**You can park at the library or River Park and use bikeway;
Residents from nearby subdivisions please walk or ride bikes**

NEWS BRIEFS

Community Guide 2003-05



Need information? Have a question? The City of Brentwood's Community Relations Department provides a free booklet to citizens with information about the City. The guide

includes City, County, State and Federal officials, City staff, statistical data, important phone numbers and an alphabetical listing of Brentwood services, programs and miscellaneous topics. Copies are available at Brentwood Municipal Center and the Brentwood Library.

Cool Springs House

The Cool Springs House in Crockett Park has become a popular place for community events. Although historically oriented, the house features current facilities to accommodate residents and visitors to Brentwood. The first floor is designed for receptions and community gatherings, and a portion of the second floor has been transformed into a large conference room for workshops and business retreats. For more information about the Cool Springs House call Brentwood Municipal Center, 371-0060, ext. 321.

City's Web Site

Visit our Web page at www.brentwood-tn.org

Chipper Service at Your Home

The monthly pickup of brush at all Brentwood residences represents one of the most popular services of the Public Works Department. For information on the pickup schedule in your neighborhood, call the Brentwood Service Center at 371-0080.

Utility Bank Draft

The City provides the feature of paying your water/sewer bill on the final due date through automatic bank draft. For information, call the Water and Sewer Billing at 371-0060.

Tune In Channel 19

- ~ Upcoming City & Planning Commission
1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month
Tues. – 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. • Thurs. – 7 p.m.
- ~ Continuous City Information Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.
- ~ Historic Interviews with Vance Little, 7 p.m.
- ~ Historic Brentwood Video, 8 p.m.
Mon. • Wed. • Fri.
- ~ City & Planning Commission Agendas Are Available on Web Site www.brentwood-tn.org

Traffic Enforcement Makes Roads Safer

In the past five years, traffic volume in Brentwood has increased due to the number of new housing starts and regional growth patterns. During the same period, the actual number of traffic accidents has declined by 40%, from 1,054 in 1999 to 633 in 2003. This decline is the direct result of safety and capacity related improvements to the road system and the Brentwood Police Department's pro-active Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, where the top accident locations are determined and enforcement activities are concentrated in those areas. The enforcement program will remain a high priority because of the clear benefits to all drivers in Brentwood when everyone drives safely and obey the speed limit.

While accidents have declined, there are several locations in town where extra caution in driving is warranted. Almost 41% of all accidents occur at 10 locations in Brentwood. The roads with the highest number of accidents in 2003 were Franklin Road from Church Street to Murray Lane (33 collisions); Concord Road from Wilson Pike south to the city limits (32 collisions); Intersection of Moores Lane at Interstate 65 (30 collisions); and Maryland Way (30 collisions). The most frequent contributing factors for accidents were failure to yield, following to close, weather and speeding combinations.

Noticeable upward trends in motor vehicle collisions in the past year include Moores Lane from I-65 to Wilson Pike (23 in 2003, 9 in 2002) and the intersection of Moores Lane at Mallory Lane (24 in 2003, 13 in 2002).

A summary of the top locations for traffic accidents is summarized below:

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Total Accidents	633	625	849	950	1,054
TOP 10 LOCATIONS					
1. Franklin Road – Church St. to Murray Lane	33	41	61	58	85
2. Concord Road - Wilson Pike to City Limits	32	28	43	41	45
3. Intersection of Moores Lane at I-65	30	39	79	96	66
4. Maryland Way	30	28	30	45	62
5. Intersection of Moores Lane at Galleria Blvd.	26	21	29	45	38
6. Intersection of Moores Lane at Mallory Lane	24	13	15	21	30
7. Moores Lane – I-65 to Wilson Pike	23	9	16	36	42
8. Concord Road - Franklin Rd. to Wilson Pike	21	28	24	22	34
9. Intersection of Franklin Road at Maryland Way	20	16	17	27	35
10. Murray Lane - Franklin Road to Granny White Pike	20	14	20	34	17



Speed enforcement is a proactive program by the police department to reduce accidents by slowing down traffic and encouraging safe driving habits.

Citizen's Fire Academy

Ever dream of being a firefighter – this is your chance! The Brentwood Citizens Fire Academy, a five-month program, will start in July. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness through education, demonstration, and participation and develop an awareness of the various challenges and decisions faced by the firefighters.

Class sessions focus on fire and life safety training for home and work, CPR training, and fire operations. Hands-on experiences include combat challenge, vehicle extrication, fire rescue training and “ride-a-longs” with firefighters responding to actual emergency calls. The academy also offers fire personnel the opportunity to learn from citizens their concerns, suggestions and questions.

The academy is limited to 20 participants who are over 21 and live or work in Brentwood. Citizens can register online at www.brentwood-tn.org/fire/cfa or call 371-1700.



Utility Payment Option by Credit Card

The City of Brentwood now offers citizens and businesses the opportunity to pay their utility payments by telephone (1-800-272-9829) or Internet (www.brentwood-tn.org) using credit cards. The service is provided by Official Payments Corporation and accepts American Express, MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards. A convenience fee will be charged by Official Payment Corporation to cover operating and servicing costs. The City of Brentwood does not receive any portion of this processing fee. When making a payment, please have your credit card and utility bill handy and enter Jurisdiction Code 5202 at the appropriate prompt.

Concord Road East Improvements

In early 2004, the City entered into a joint agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to expedite improvements to this substandard state highway in Brentwood. This project provides for improvements to a 3.6 mile section of Concord Road from Edmondson Pike to the eastern city limits. The project includes elimination of severe vertical and horizontal curves and widening for a continuous three lane road. The project also provides for a 10-foot wide bikeway/walkway built four feet behind the curb along the south east side of the road.

The City will pay for the engineering and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition within Brentwood with TDOT paying for construction of the entire project and ROW acquisition outside of Brentwood. Engineering design work is underway with award of a construction contract targeted for October 2005. Construction will take two years to complete. The City's share of this project is estimated to be \$2.7 million while the state's share for construction is estimated at \$13.8 million.

In the interim period, the City has obtained federal highway funds to improve the intersection of Concord Road and Sunset Road. This project provides for the installation of left turn lanes on both Concord and Sunset Roads and installation of a traffic signal if approved by TDOT based upon traffic counts. Engineering work on this project is nearly complete. Construction should be completed in calendar year 2005.