

Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

Fall 2008

News You Need to Know About Your City



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**Rear View of the
Brentwood Library**

Open Space Residential Development-Innovative Project (OSRD-IP)

THE OSRD-IP OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT ENCOURAGES BOTH A WIDER RANGE OF creative housing options and significant preservation of open space. It preserves 65% of the total acres in the tract as common open space. The subdivision is developed using the “traditional neighborhood development” concept and other creative design configurations. These neighborhoods are pedestrian-friendly and include homes placed closer to the street and street trees throughout the development.

OSRD-IP permits a mix of residential building types, including traditional single family homes, detached cottage homes, and attached townhouses. A priority is to facilitate the creation of smaller homes targeted to empty-nester households.



Eligible tracts must contain a minimum acreage of 25 acres. This housing arrangement still maintains Brentwood’s overall density standard of one housing unit per acre. In the case of the Berkley Walk subdivision off Edmondson Pike, 25 dwelling units are clustered on eight acres while the remaining 17 acres are preserved as permanent open space.

*Berkley Walk Subdivision
(off Edmondson Pike)*

New Water/Sewer Bill Format

You will soon notice a change in format for your water/sewer bill. The City is transitioning from a postcard type billing system to a standard 8½ by 11 envelope statement. This change will offer many advantages over the current system, including providing more account information and a return envelope. Look for the new bills soon.

Brentwood Receives Highest Bond Ratings

THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD PLACES THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON OPERATING THE municipal government in a financially sound manner.

Brentwood recently became the first government in middle Tennessee to receive the highest bond rating possible from two major credit rating agencies. Both Moody’s Investors Service and Standard and Poor’s assigned Aaa and AAA ratings respectively on the issuance of \$10 Million in Water and Sewer System Revenue and Tax Bonds. In early September 2008, nine bids were received for the 20 year tax exempt, fixed rate bonds with the lowest bid providing a true interest cost to the City of 3.94%.

The outstanding bond ratings allow the City to receive the most favorable interest rates, particularly in today’s unstable investment market where credit quality is king. The rating agencies cited the “city’s wealthy, diverse and growing tax base, a favorable debt profile that benefits from the city’s self-supporting water/sewer enterprise system, historically well-managed financial operations and solid financial reserves.”

The City was very fortunate to have sold the bonds in early September because the unprecedented collapse in the credit market in mid-September has made it almost impossible for any local government to sell tax exempt bonds at all in today’s market and at a reasonable interest cost. Hopefully, the overall economy and market for quality credit will improve in 12-15 months when the next issuance of bonds is tentatively scheduled.

News Briefs

Community Guide 2007-09 Need information? Copies are available at Brentwood Municipal Center and the Brentwood Library.

Luminaries Brentwood Subdivisions • Sat., Dec. 13, 6 p.m.

Tree City USA Brentwood has received Tree City Award for 17 years.

City’s Web Site Visit our Web site at www.brentwood-tn.org

City & Planning Commission Agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast are available at www.brentwood-tn.org

Channel 19 City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast 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 Mon., Wed., Fri. 8 p.m.

Water/Sewer Payments Send to: City of Brentwood
Water and Sewer Department / P.O. Box 306045 / Nashville, TN 37230-6045

Property Tax Payments Send to: City of Brentwood
Property Tax Notice / P.O. Box 306048 / Nashville, TN 37230-6048



Brentwood Police Receives Awards

At the Annual Conference of the Tennessee Association of Chief of Police, two of Brentwood’s police officers received awards of honor. Chief Ricky Watson received the Association’s Middle Division’s distinguished “Director’s Choice Award” for his service to the Police Association. The Association’s “Officer of the Year Award” was presented to Officer Elliott Hamm for his actions that lead to identifying and the arrest of the suspect known as the “Wooded Rapist”.

Chipper Service

THE MONTHLY PICKUP OF BRUSH AT ALL BRENTWOOD RESIDENCES REPRESENTS ONE OF the most popular services of the City. This service is designed to accommodate routine trimming and pruning done by the homeowner and not larger scale brush/tree trimming performed by third parties. Without this limitation, the City would be unable to service all Brentwood homes on a monthly basis.



In an effort to provide this service in a cost-effective manner, the Department has an established route schedule. For information on the pickup schedule in your neighborhood, call the Brentwood Service Center at 371-0080. Homeowners are expected to use the following guidelines when preparing their brush for collection.

- Stack brush behind the curb as close as possible but not in the road or on the shoulder of the road. Placement on the paved surfaces of the street is prohibited and creates a danger to the public and potential liability to the homeowner. The homeowner will be required to remove immediately any brush stacked in the road and place it back in the yard.
- Stack with the cut end toward the curb.
- No brush pieces should be longer than 12 feet.
- Limbs/stumps greater than six (6) inches in diameter will not be picked up by the City and the homeowner must dispose of these large limbs by some other means.
- The city recommends cutting anything over six inches in diameter for firewood.
- Commercial tree trimming will not be accepted and must be hauled away by the person(s) that performed the trimming service. Commercial tree trimming includes any third party performing such services for the homeowner including, but not limited to, landscaping service, tree removal/trimming company, handyman, or other person(s) performing such services.
- Bagged leaves will be picked up.
- Dirt, loose leaves and trash will not be picked up.
- City crews may refuse to service certain brush piles, that due to the size or composition, exceed the reasonable capabilities of the City’s resources to complete removal in a safe and timely manner and meet the established route schedule for other residents.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 371-0080.



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Fire Captain Dennis Tatum

Fire Chief Kenny Lane

New Development Spotlight

BRENTWOOD MAINTAINS ITS STRONG RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER WHILE AFFORDING opportunities for quality commercial and service institutional facilities in specific areas of the city. In addition to traditional commercial development on the northern and southern boundaries of the City, Brentwood is encouraging redevelopment in the Town Center District on Brentwood's northern edge. During the last six months, the Planning Commission approved the following development applications.

Retail-Service-Office Development

Along the southern edge of Brentwood, the Planning Commission approved a National Tire & Battery outlet, 8,064 sq ft, at Crossroads South Business Park and Global Motorsports on Moores Lane. In north Brentwood, REI plans a major expansion and upgrade of their retail store, and on Wilson Pike Circle, Crouch Engineering was approved for a 1,500 sq ft addition to their headquarters.

National Tire & Battery



Service-Institutional Development

Service-institutional development continues to provide for new and expanded facilities to serve the residents of Brentwood. Brentwood Academy was approved for significant upgrades to its master plan. Immediate improvements include a new 23,000 sq ft second floor addition to the athletic building. They will also enhance tennis courts, softball field and parking facilities. The Williamson County school system was approved for 10,000 sq-ft classroom additions at Crockett and Kenrose Elementary Schools. At the former Dolphin Club site location on Wilson Pike, the



Crockett Elementary Addition

Calvary Chapel Church received approval on their preliminary concept development plan. The four phase project will ultimately include a 42,000 sq ft church facility with 720 seats; phase one will be a 22,000 sq ft structure.

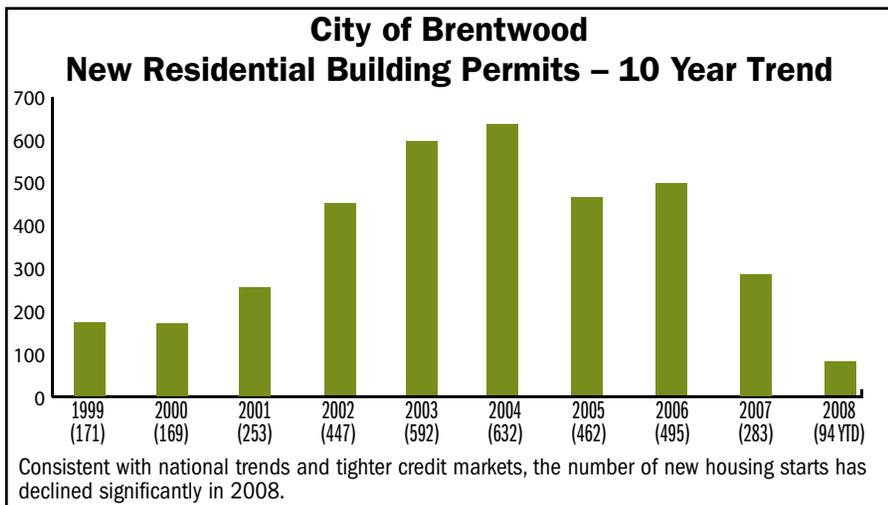
Residential Development

Residential development in Brentwood reflects the high quality of life in our community and the popularity of living here. While residential development has slowed significantly in the past year, established subdivisions continue to complete successive phases of their projects. Recent final plat approvals of new sections in existing subdivisions include Sonoma (32 lots), Elm-brooke (19 lots), Borgata (27 lots), and Fountainbrook (7 lots). Initial master planning is now complete for three residential developments receiving preliminary plan approvals at Hidden Creek (25 lots on 29 acres-Pinkerton Road), Azalea Park (173 lots on 209 acres-Split Log Road), and Traditions (126 lots on 147 acres-Split Log Road).



Residential Development

Note that the Planning Commission has begun reviewing development plans under Brentwood's new Hillside Protection Ordinance to insure compliance with more stringent development standards approving four residential plans in recent months.



Open Space Preservation a Priority

VERY FEW CITIES IN TENNESSEE AND THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES CAN COMPARE with Brentwood on the percentage of land dedicated as permanent open space and to accomplish this land preservation in such a cost effective manner. Most of the land owned by the City was either donated at no cost or purchased at a very low cost when the market conditions were favorable to buy. In addition, the preservation of private open space as part of an OSRD subdivision generates no maintenance obligations to City taxpayers. It is always a priority of the City to increase the amount of permanent open space in the future as additional areas are made available at favorable pricing or presented with private development plans. The status of open space preservation is summarized below:



- Total City owned parkland/open space – 550 acres
- Additional parkland committed to the City – 75 acres
- Private, permanent open space in subdivisions – 2,490 acres
- Total preserved open space in Brentwood today – 3,115 acres or 4.87 square miles
- Total square miles inside the City Limits today – 42 square miles
- Percentage of land in current City limits – 11.6%



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Lieutenant Chuck Hood
Captain Mark Waddey
Lieutenant Jim Rummage
Firefighter Doug Goddard

Hillside Protection

THE BRENTWOOD 2020 PLAN IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR NEW STANDARDS TO ADDRESS the hillside development in Brentwood. In response, the Hillside Protection (HP) Overlay District was created to better address the visual and environmental impacts by protecting both the scenic vistas and natural terrain along the higher ridges of the City. These standards are directed at minimizing the impact of building construction and land disturbance activities on steep hillside areas including unsafe geologic disturbance, soil erosion, surface water runoff, severe cutting, physical scarring and visual modification of the natural terrain.

The hillside overlay district covers most properties located above the 850-foot elevation within the City of Brentwood. These properties are typically the most scenic, visible hillside areas in the City. The HP standards apply to the creation of new lots, construction of new dwellings or buildings, substantial expansion to an existing dwelling, and land disturbance affecting more than 10,000 square feet.

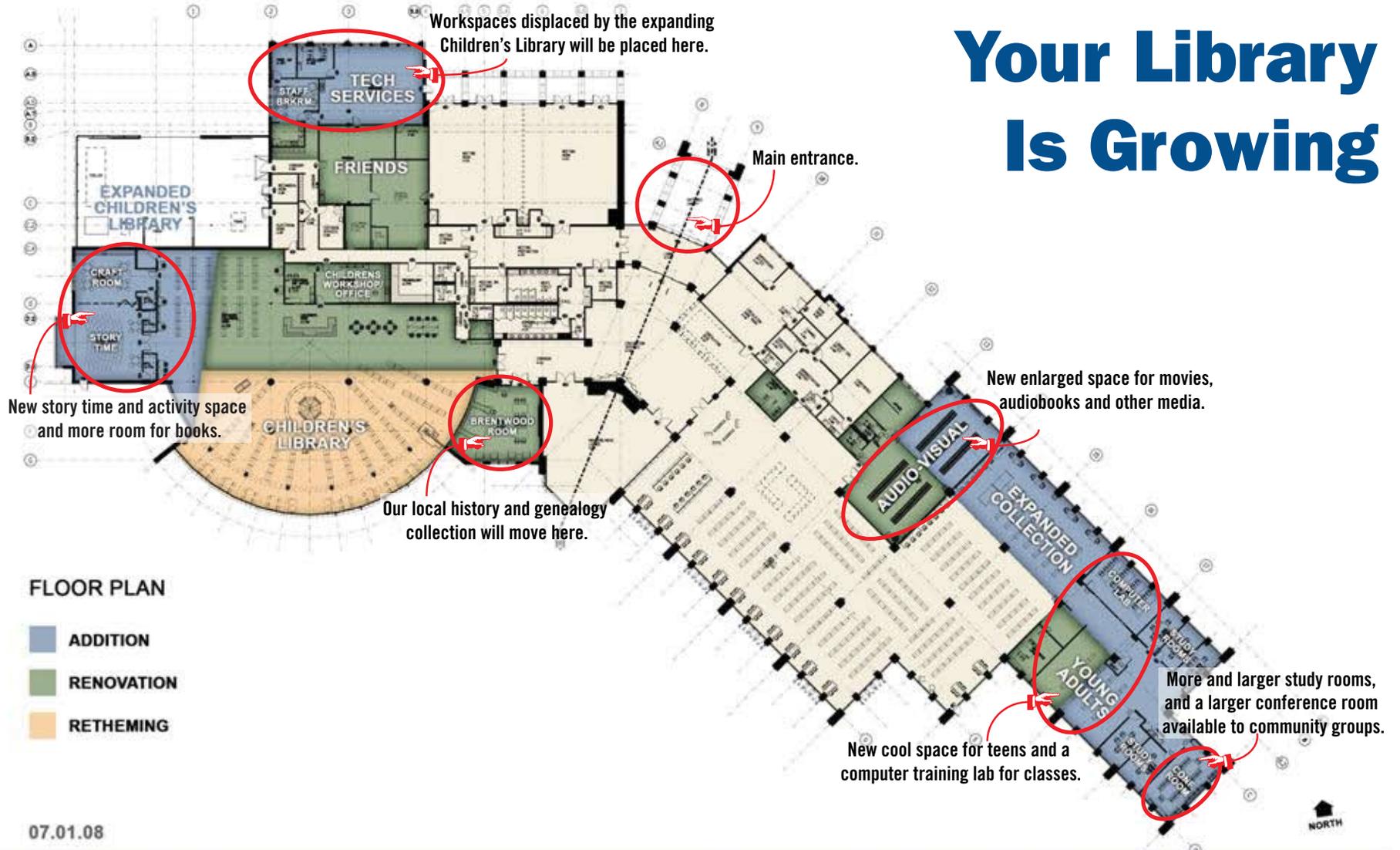
For more detailed information contact Planning Department at 371-2204 or www.brentwood-tn.org.

Police – Public Service Calls

The most frequent police calls are listed below and divided into types of calls. The totals listed under More Serious Calls are derived from Type A Offenses reported to the TBI on a monthly basis. The totals listed under Motor Vehicles Collisions are derived from our Application Extender Software Program.

Frequent Calls (calendar year)	2005	2006	2007
Burglar Alarm	3,062	3,154	2,908
Request Officer	2,906	2,999	2,973
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	529	463	1,071
Disabled Vehicle	1,049	1,037	1,114
Welfare (Safety) Check	366	428	392
Panic Alarm	195	177	143
More Serious Calls			
Criminal Offenses	1,045	1,083	1,229
Property Offenses	770	819	808
Person Offenses	131	120	166
Crimes Against Society (Drugs, Gambling, etc.)	144	144	255
Motor Vehicle Accidents			
Personal Injury	720	880	826
Property Damage	159	205	206
Fatalities	561	675	620
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Your Library Is Growing



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BUILDING AREA:
 ADDITIONS – 11,263 SQ FT
 RENOVATIONS – 9,232 SQ FT
 TOTAL 20,495 SQ FT

CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER ON EXPANSION AND RENOVATION to the Brentwood Library. During the *past 10 years* the library has welcomed more than **two million visitors** and loaned nearly **six million items**. Now the library is bursting at the seams with a collection that has nearly tripled in ten years and a wide variety of programs for adults and children.

The Brentwood City Commission has approved construction plans and base funding to expand the library by 11,000 sq. ft., a 25% increase, and renovate another 10,000 of the existing space. The largest areas of expansion will be in the Children's Library and along the front of the building on the adult side. Architects from Earl Swenson & Assoc., who designed the original building, are planning the addition.

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

Expanded Space for Collections

The shelves are full and users keep asking for more materials. Significant new space for books will be provided in both the adult and children's areas. A new and larger Audio-Visual room will be constructed near the adult fiction collection.

Larger Storytime and Children's Learning Center

A large 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%.



Enhanced Theming in the Children's Library

Taking advantage of the library's park-like setting, the décor of the Children's Library will transform into an indoor park, complete with a fishing hole, a cave and a tree children can walk through. Kids will love exploring all the new spaces.

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 is dedicated to serving teens with comfortable seating, areas for group work, groovy decorations and, of course, a great book selection.

Computer Lab/Conference Room

Finally! A room is designed for computer instruction and presentations, seating 15.

Conference and Study Rooms

A new 16-seat conference room for the public to reserve, and five smaller 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 be located off the main lobby and will double as a quiet study room.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Patron use of the library is up 121% in the past 10 years – from 146,000 in 1998 to 317,536 visits in 2008.
- Library borrowing is up 113% in the past 10 years – from 245,744 in 1998 to 523,914 collection items in 2008.
- Brentwood users downloaded more audio books than library users in any other city in the state.
- About 1,000 people visit our library every day.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY?

The *Brentwood Library Foundation*, a nonprofit organization chartered in 2002 to solicit contributions that will enhance the attractiveness and overall quality of the library, is working with donors who would like to take part in this exciting addition to the community. 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.

Library Foundation's Fundraising Events:

- The Foundation sponsored "Meet the Maestro: A Party of Note" on October 14th. A reception featuring music from the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and an opportunity to meet Giancarlo Guerrero, the new Music Director Designate who lives in Brentwood, took place in the spectacular home of Farzin and Ziba Ferdowsi that overlooks Brentwood and is filled with treasures from around the world.
- Have you left your mark on the Outdoor Reading Terrace underwritten by the Library Foundation? You can purchase a paving stone to honor your favorite book, author or person.

For more information about the events, contact the library, 371-0090 ext 800 or www.brentwood-tn.org



Library Reading Terrace Becomes Reality
Thanks to the Brentwood Library Foundation and the Brentwood community for underwriting the cost of the new outdoor reading terrace.

LIBRARY SURVEY

Brentwood Loves to Read – and Listen – and View!

More than 95% of users in a recent survey rated the Brentwood Library good to excellent overall. The survey was designed to see how well the library is meeting the expectations of Brentwood residents, and to test some new ideas.

Most of the recommendations for improvements centered on "More!" – more books, more audio and video titles, more programs and longer hours. But 70% of those surveyed rated existing services "excellent." The highest-rated service was "Having a helpful and courteous staff."

For more survey results view library's home page on www.brentwood-tn.org.



Friends Indeed

Manny and Patricia Buzzell have donated \$50,000 toward the library building campaign. Their generous gift will enhance the finishing touches in the new Storytime Room, where thousands of children will learn the delight of books and reading. In 1975, when the library consisted of donated paperbacks housed at the old Brentwood Dry Cleaner's, Pat went door to door raising money to help provide for the first library building. Pat and Manny have been strong supporters of the library ever since, assuming leadership positions on the Library Board, Friends of the Library, and the Regional Library.

Reference Questions

Librarians answered more than 50,000 questions at the Brentwood Library last year. Our staff is trained to help you find reliable information quickly. Although most questions are asked in person, we also welcome phone and e-mail inquiries, 371-0090 or reference@brentwood-tn.org.



Parks Update

Crockett Park

The community playground has seen substantial improvements over the past year to include new slides, play structures, tables, etc. If you have not visited the playground recently you are in for a treat. More improvements are planned for the 2008-2009 year.



Bikeway Update

This year's bikeway project will extend the existing River Park bikeway south from the old Wilson Pike tunnel at Ravenwood High School to Split Log Road. Construction is underway on this project. When completed, it will connect to the new separated bikeway constructed as part of the Split Log Road improvement project from Wilson Pike to Ragsdale Road.

New Restroom Facility

A new restroom facility has been installed adjacent to the bikeway in Primm Historic Park near the Boiling Spring Academy where it will serve users of the bikeway and park visitors.

Other City Parks and Greenways

Maryland Way Park, 3.2 acres in Maryland Farms Office Park, walking/jogging trail and fitness trail stations. Improvements to the existing lighting will be completed this year.

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

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

River Park, 71+ acres, 1100 Knox Valley Road; includes the area along the Little Harpeth River; children's playground, outdoor basketball court, restrooms, picnic shelter, and a trailhead for the bikeway/jogging trail.

Crockett Park, 164+ acres, Brentwood's feature park; 7 lighted tennis courts, restroom/concessions buildings, 8 lighted ballfields, 11 multi-purpose fields with 2 lighted, bikeway/jogging trails, amphitheater, 2 historic homes, community playground and picnic shelters; site of 4th of July Celebration. Repairs to damaged concrete will occur this year.

Tower Park, 47 acres, Concord Road, north of WSM Tower; lighted multipurpose fields for practice, restrooms and walking trails

Owl Creek Park, 21+ acres, east Concord Road near Chestnut Springs and Bridgeton Park subdivisions; picnic shelter, playground, basketball courts, and walking/jogging trails

Primm Historic Park, 31 acres, 8331 Moores Lane, site of historic Boiling Spring Academy and prehistoric Native American mounds.

For more information: call 615-371-0080 or contact Parks and Recreation Director Dave Bunt at bunt@d@brentwood-tn.org.



Primm Park/Bikeway Restroom

Water & Sewer Projects

- **Sewer System Rehabilitation Project** – work continues on one of the most significant system project in Brentwood's history. The sewer rehabilitation project internally inspects the inside of sewer pipe via a TV camera and subsequently slip-lines damaged sewer pipes throughout the Little Harpeth River Basin. The work is intended to eliminate system overflows resulting from the infiltration of rain and groundwater into the lines. Improvements are expected to continue through 2014 and will cost approximately \$30 million dollars. Current work is in the Belle Rive, Meadowlake, Brentwood Country Club subdivisions as well as the Crockett Park area. For more information see the Water/Sewer web page at www.brentwood-tn.org.
- **Granny White Pike Water Line Replacement Project** – replaced a defective eight inch water main serving customers along Granny White Pike north of Johnson Chapel Road to Maryland Way.
- **Water System Master Plan** – a computer model of the existing lines/tanks and flow capacity is being developed to guide in a cost effective manner future capacity planning decisions associated with future system improvements. System improvements are anticipated in the coming years to ensure sufficient water is always available to Brentwood customers.

Other upcoming system improvement projects include:

- **Willowick Sewer Station Abandonment Project** – replacement of sewer pumping station with extension of gravity sewers.
- **Old Smyrna Road Water System Improvements** – replacement of aging eight inch concrete water line with a twelve inch iron line; installation of a flow control valve to improve flow conditions in this area.



TDEC Action Delays Concord Road Widening

DESPITE A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE City to move the project forward, the Concord Road widening project from Edmondson Pike to Nolensville Road has been delayed again due to recent changes in policy by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). The first phase of this project between Edmondson Pike and Sunset Road was scheduled to be bid in August 2008. However, earlier this summer TDEC notified the City that due to recent changes in the agency's policies regarding protection of the Nashville Crayfish in the Mill Creek watershed, a portion of this road segment would have to be realigned to reduce the impact on a nearby stream. This was done despite the fact that TDEC had originally approved the proposed road design two years ago. Because of this new delay caused by TDEC, the construction is expected to begin in 2009.



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Fire Engineer Bobby Woodard
Fire Lieutenant Mark Duffield
Fire Engineer Timothy Baltz

Did You Know?

Williamson County placed third in a recent ranking of the nation's "skinniest" counties according to *CNN Money* magazine.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Brentwood Police Department will help you organize or improve your Neighborhood Watch group. The Watch program is homeowners working together to prevent crime in their community. It encourages citizens to report suspicious or criminal activity immediately to police. For more information, contact Officer Sam Bady or Officer Mark Wood at 371-2267.

Water System Facts

- Since the City of Brentwood has no safe and viable source of natural water supply within the city limits for its drinking water and irrigation water needs, the City must rely on regional sources.
- The majority of the water supplied to Brentwood customers is treated and pumped to Brentwood by the Harpeth Valley Utility District which draws water from the Cumberland River.
- The H.V.U.D. supplies water to most residents of Williamson County. Additionally, Brentwood purchases about 25% of its water from Metro Nashville Water System which also draws its water from the Cumberland River.
- Water usage by Brentwood customers averages about 4 million gallons a day, but peak demands during the summer and fall months can reach 12 million gallons per day due to irrigation usage.
- To ensure that adequate water is available to City customers, the Water Department maintains:
 - ✓ Over 200 miles of water lines
 - ✓ 13 water booster stations
 - ✓ 11 water storage tanks, total storage capacity of 14.5 million gallons
- The Brentwood water service area does not cover the entire city limits. Several other utility districts are legally obligated to provide water within service areas established prior to incorporation of the city in 1969.



“Good Fences Make Good Neighbors”

POET ROBERT FROST ONCE WROTE, “GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS”. Fences are a common addition to a backyard area. They can prevent access to a swimming pool, contain pets, or simply provide some privacy. The City has standards and guidelines as to the type, height, and location of fences. In order to provide assistance to residents wishing to construct a fence, the City has developed a fence review process that is free of charge. Once a review has been completed, the resident will know if the proposed fence and the location will be in compliance with zoning standards. Also check with your Home Owners Association for additional restrictions before building your fence. For more information contact the Planning Department at 371-2204

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.

Fall Clean Up

When you are fall cleaning, should you have 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

- October 18** • Granny White Park
- October 25** • Fire Station 4
1300 Sunset Rd. near Concord Rd.
- November 1** • Granny White Park

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

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
Just west of Hillsboro Rd.
on left behind county fire hall

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Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Location

**Williamson County
Administrative Complex**
1320 West Main Street
Franklin • 790-5848
November 1 • 8:30 a.m.-2 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

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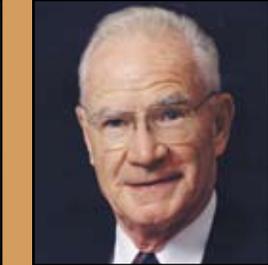
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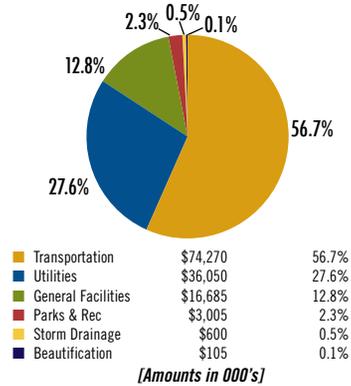
(H) = Home Telephone • (F) = Fax Line • (VM) = Voice Mail • (EM) = Electronic Mail

The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 4, 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.

Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2009-2014

The primary focus of this \$130.7 million, six-year program is to address the infrastructure and facility needs for one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Tennessee. The program concentrates on improvements in six areas: General Facilities, Transportation, Storm Drainage, Parks and Recreation, Beautification and Utilities. Copies of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are available for review at the Brentwood Public Library and the Municipal Center. Please call Carson Swinford, Finance Director, at 371-0060 for more information.



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 special events. 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 contact Brentwood Municipal Center 371-0060 ext 201 or www.brentwood-tn.org.



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. By taking the time to create an emergency supply kit, your family will be better prepared in the event of a disaster.

Items that need to be included: bottled water, ready-to-eat food that requires no refrigeration, flashlight and extra batteries, prescription medications, pet food, a can opener, moist towelettes, rain gear, matches, and important family documents.

The supplies should be kept in a plastic tub, trash can, backpack or other container. Don't forget to rotate your supplies regularly to eliminate dated food supplies and unusable batteries. For further information: http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/safety_guide/sg_disaster_w001.aspx, www.ready.gov or www.nfpa.org/disaster

Emergency Medical Service

THE BRENTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S mission is to provide the best emergency response medical service possible. The highly trained and skilled personnel serve as first responders and deal with any emergency, including specialized rescue. Calls for emergency medical assistance were the most frequent calls received in FY07-08. The department recently added another highly trained paramedic to the staff and continues to work toward the goal of providing advanced-level medical first response on every engine.



Digital Television Transition

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN ADVERTISEMENTS ON TV TALKING ABOUT THE "DIGITAL TRANSITION" and how you need to act before next February to make sure you will continue to receive over the air broadcast signals, specifically local TV stations. By law, full-power television stations nationwide must switch from the old analog method of transmitting TV signals to digital television (DTV) on February 17, 2009. DTV is an innovative technology that delivers movie-quality pictures and sound, more channels, and high definition television to consumers with HD television sets.

Consumers connected to a cable, satellite or a telephone company television service or who have digital TVs are not affected by the transition. However, if you have any sets that are not already equipped to receive digital signals and receive free local TV signals through antennas, you will lose television reception. Consumers can upgrade analog TVs to DTV by one of three steps: (1) purchase a DTV converter box, (2) purchase a digital TV set, or (3) subscribe to a cable, satellite or a telephone company service by February 17, 2009.



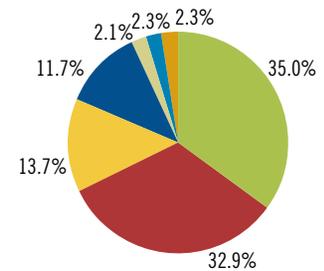
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You Since 1986**

**Police Captain Jeff Hughes
Police Chief Ricky Watson
Police Lieutenant Ricky Knight**

Your General Fund Budget Summary

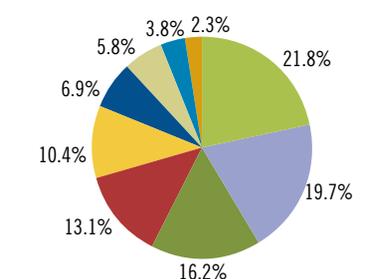
Revenues by Source FY 2009

Revenues	2008-09 Amount	Budget %
Local Sales Taxes	\$10,565,000	35.0%
Property Taxes	\$9,917,000	32.9%
State Shared Revenues	\$4,132,695	13.7%
Other Local Taxes	\$3,521,800	11.7%
Licenses/Permits	\$643,750	2.1%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$697,200	2.3%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$683,000	2.3%
Total Revenues	\$30,160,445	100.00%



Expenditures by Source FY 2009

Expenditures	2008-09 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$6,563,095	21.8%
Fire/Safety Center East	\$5,952,610	19.7%
General Government	\$4,897,975	16.2%
Public Works/Services	\$3,959,400	13.1%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,150,000	10.4%
Public Library	\$2,072,790	6.9%
Parks/Recreation	\$1,735,230	5.8%
All Other	\$1,137,840	3.8%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$690,000	2.3%
Total Revenues	\$30,158,940	100.00%



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

All Other consists of Insurance/Other Benefits, Education, Economic Development, City Boards, Crockett Historic Center, and the Operating Transfers to other Funds.

City Manager's Report

As you know from seeing the news reports recently, the overall growth in the U.S. economy has slowed in the past year. The key components for the economic slowdown are many but include the tightening credit market, fewer housing starts, excessive housing inventory on the market, declining housing values, higher adjustable mortgage rates and foreclosures, higher oil prices, rising inflationary trends and unemployment, and so on.

Certain areas in the United States, particularly Florida and California, have been affected more with rampant, speculative driven increases and declines in property values resulting from the overbuilding of new residential units to market demand. Residents in these communities are seeing the fabric of their community torn apart with large numbers of unfinished or abandoned new homes, rapidly declining property values, loss of equity in their homes, etc. These problems will likely take many years to resolve and, unfortunately, will hurt everyone in the community.

Brentwood is part of the larger USA economy. We are not immune to the economic slowdown as we now are seeing fewer new housing starts, a longer time to sell homes, etc. Sadly, we may see or know of individual families now or in the months ahead who will be unable to keep their homes.

While it is easy to focus on the bad today, the economy of Brentwood as well as the Nashville Metropolitan area in general has remained relatively stable compared to most places in the USA. The financial stability of our community and your City government was recently confirmed by Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's with the highest possible bond rating – Aaa and AAA respectively. The rating agencies recognized Brentwood's strong tax base, good wealth levels, and vibrant/diverse economy. For your City government, they recognized our strong monetary reserves, good financial management, low debt levels, conservative budget practices, etc. In summary, they believe the Brentwood economy is fundamentally sound and your City has the management practices in place to continue to ensure success through all economic cycles.



The staff appreciates your understanding and support in these challenging times. We always welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can do things better or to answer your questions. Please feel free to contact me at 371-0060 or by e-mail at walker@brentwood-tn.org.

Sincerely,
Michael (Mike) Walker

Pay Traffic Tickets Online

TO BETTER MANAGE CITY COURT AND FOR THE convenience of the affected individuals, Brentwood offers the opportunity to pay traffic fines online. The system enables an officer to input ticket data into the laptop in his patrol car which is immediately uploaded into the court software system. The ticket can then be paid by going to Brentwood's web site, www.brentwood-tn.org.

The software program also enables the city to generate court dockets, statistical reports, court action forms, and monthly state-mandated reports.



City Funds Are Safe and Secure

IN THE UNCERTAIN INVESTMENT MARKET TODAY, BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS CAN BE assured that the City Funds are safe and secure. The City invests all idle funds within the limits and parameters mandated by state law, with the highest priority on maintaining complete security of funds over riskier investments that in good economic times could potentially achieve a higher rate of return. State statutes authorize the City to invest in: (1) U. S. Government securities and obligations guaranteed by the U. S. Government; (2) deposit accounts at state and federal chartered banks and savings and loan associations; and (3) the Local Government Investment Pool of the State of Tennessee. City funds and investments are only deposited in financial institutions that participate in the State of Tennessee's collateral pool. Participation in the pool requires the institution to maintain strict capital, asset quality, earnings and liquidity ratios set by the Collateral Pool Board and to pledge an equivalent of 100% collateral to secure these deposits. The City of Brentwood has historically maintained a conservative investment approach, with the current investment portfolio consisting primarily of short-term certificates of deposits. Questions on the City's investment policies may be directed to Finance Director Carson Swinford at swinford@brentwood-tn.org.

Average Annual Residential Service Cost in Brentwood

Assumptions: Home valued at \$420,000
(Assessed value = \$105,000) Water use = 8,000 gal./mo.
Sewer use = 5,800 gal. (avg./mo. based on 4-month winter avg.)

	2009
City Property Taxes	\$515
County Property Taxes	\$2,373
Annual Water Cost	\$432
Annual Sewer Cost	\$407
Garbage Pickup (private)	\$300
Total	\$4,027

NOTE: For 2009, the property tax rate is \$.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property, no change from last years rate. The \$.49 property tax rate represents the same effective tax rate for the eighteenth year in a row. In the 2007 calendar year, the combined effective tax rate for Brentwood/Williamson County is now the lowest rate in the State of Tennessee for communities with a population of 25,000 or greater. The Williamson County property tax rate is \$2.26 per \$100 assessed valuation of property. About 18% of the total property tax bill supports city services.

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 expected to begin in 2009.

EDMONDSON PIKE (NORTH OF SMITHSON LANE TO CITY LIMITS)

Widening of Edmondson Pike consistent with prior improvements to the southern portion of the road including 12-foot travel lanes, shoulders, and left turn lanes at appropriate locations. Right of way acquisition to begin fall 2008; construction beginning spring 2009 with completion in 2010.

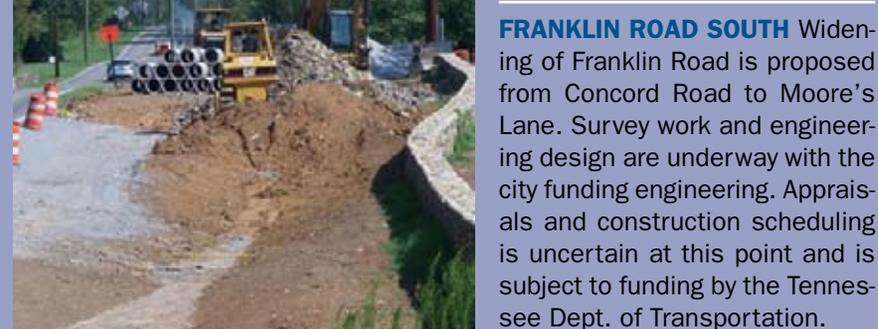
SPLIT LOG ROAD PROJECT (WILSON PIKE TO RAGSDALE ROAD)



Split Log Road improvement from Ragdale 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 on final section of project funded by adjacent developer is underway with final project completion in the fall 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 right of way acquisition to begin in 2009; construction to begin by late 2009 with completion in late 2010; improvements include a 3-lane road with center turn lane and a 10-foot bikeway lane.

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 fall 2008.



(Above) Wilson Pike/Old Smyrna Road

(Left) Split Log Road Project

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. Appraisals and construction scheduling is uncertain at this point and is subject to funding by the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation.