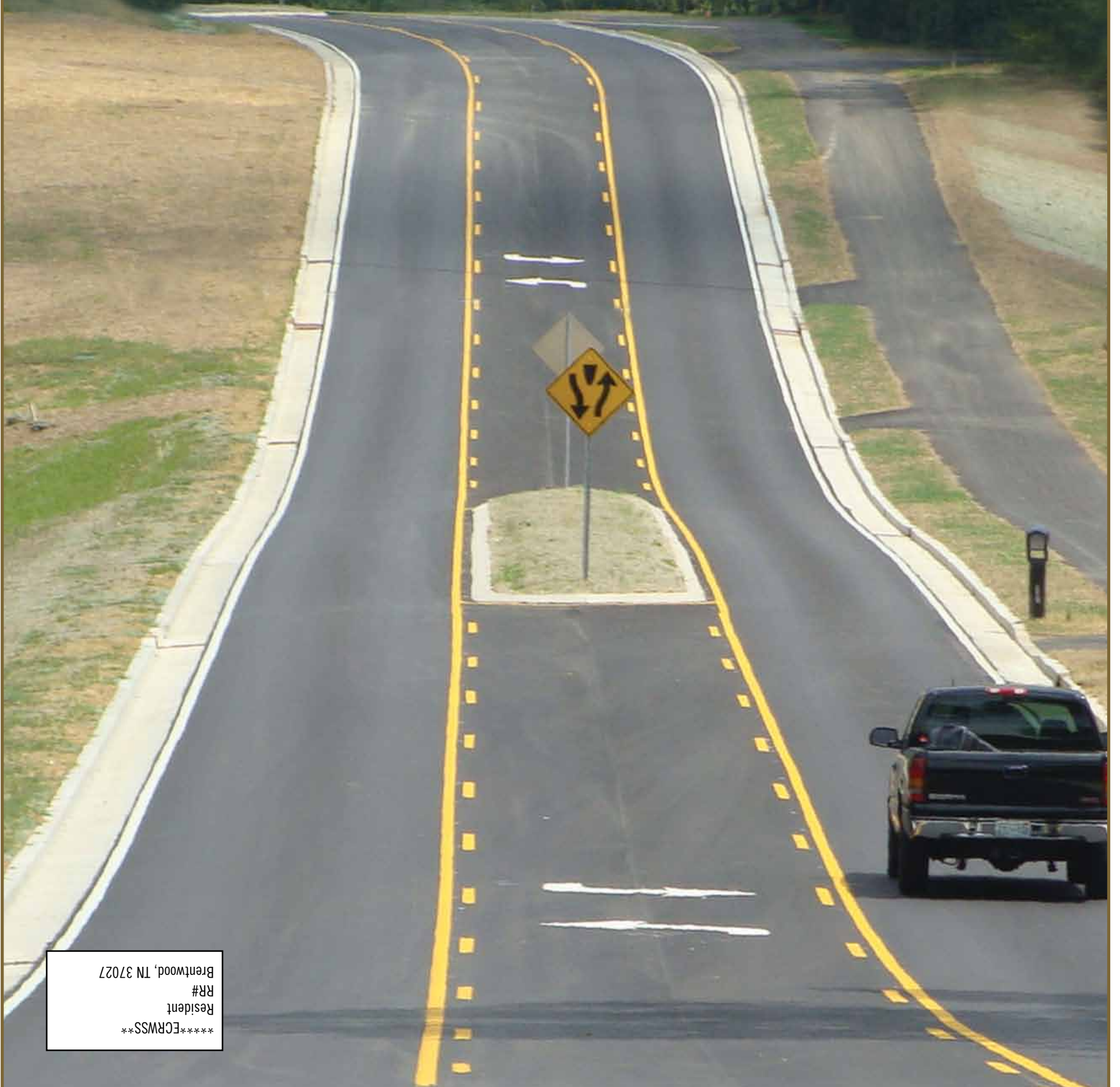


Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

Fall 2011

News You Need to Know About Your City



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INVESTMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Split Log Road Improvements

NEW CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

Residential

New housing starts are on the rise in Brentwood. For the calendar year, ending August 31, 2011 the Planning and Codes Department have issued a total of 155 single-family building permits. This is a positive trend when compared to the issuance of 90 permits for the same period in 2010. It is projected that in excess of 200 permits will be issued in calendar year 2011. To put this number in perspective, the City has historically issued an average of 250 to 300 single-family building permits annually since the mid 1980's.



Overlook Park Office Building, located at 212 Overlook Circle, is a new two-story, 22,464 sq ft general and medical office building.

Some of the existing subdivisions that have seen significant increases in permit activity include Annandale, Glenellen Estates, Inglehame Farms, Taramore, Tuscany Hills, Sonoma, and Whetstone. In addition, new subdivisions are being constructed and platted this year including sections in Annandale, Elmbrooke, Inglehame, Sonoma, Taramore and Whetstone.

The Bristol at Centerview – In July 2011, the City Commission approved the rezoning of approximately 7 acres of commercially zoned land located on Centerview Drive (adjacent to the rear of the Brentwood Place Shopping Center) to the C-4 Town Center zoning district. Bristol Development LLC has initiated the construction of a mixed use development, with 393 residential units in two four-story buildings with attached parking garages in the rear. Because of the difficulty in obtaining long-term financing for individual condominium units in the current market, the owner intends to rent the condominium units until market conditions improve to allow for the sale of units to individual owners in a timely manner. The plan also includes retail space on the ground level of one of the buildings. The development is tentatively scheduled for opening in the spring of 2013.

The creation of Town Center area for Brentwood is a high priority in the Brentwood 2020 Plan. Having a mixed of land uses (retail, office, restaurants, residential, etc) with the capability to travel within the area without the use of a vehicle is essential to any successful



town center. It is envisioned that this development will help facilitate redevelopment activity in the original commercial area of Brentwood, stimulate economic activity at existing nearby businesses, and enhance the tax base of the City.

Commercial

Commercial activity around the city has remained steady



during the first part of 2011. Any retail space that is vacated is filled rapidly with new businesses.

First Watch Daytime Café recently opened in approximately 3,800 square feet of space in the Peartree Village Shopping Center formally occupied by Hollywood Video, near the corner of Franklin Road and Church Street East. This is the franchise's first location in Tennessee. Outside seasonal patio seating is also available.



Kirkland's Home Decor recently opened in south Brentwood at the Cool Springs Point Shopping Center, formally occupied by Linens-N-Things.

NeighborMD also opened its doors earlier this summer in approximately 3,800 square feet of the former Hollywood Video space, adjacent to First Watch Daytime Café. Neighbor MD provides healthcare services including on-site X-ray, diagnostic laboratory and pharmaceutical dispensary capabilities with extended hours, and walk-in access.

Sal's Pizza & Restaurant recently took over the space formally occupied by Joey's Pizza, located at 214 Ward Circle.

Service Institution

Brentwood Morning Pointe – Recently the City Commission approved a proposed rezoning of approximately 8 acres of land located on the east side of Wilson Pike between Moores Lane and Crockett Rd to allow for the construction of an assisted living facility. Independent Healthcare will soon initiate construction of an assisted living and Alzheimer's care facility for persons ages 55 and older with 73 units (80 beds). The exterior treatment the facility will include a mixture of masonry siding and accent stone



to provide a more residential look that is consistent with the adjacent residential area. The developer will provide a protected, southbound left turn lane into the project.

Petco Animal Supplies recently opened in the Peartree Village Shopping Center, located at the corner of Franklin Road and Church Street East.

Police Recognized for Dog Rescue

The Brentwood Police Department always places a high priority in helping folks in need. Recently a small Westie named "Mickey," escaped from his Brentwood caregiver. Mickey had been rescued from a shelter earlier this year and had suffered from abuse. As a result, he was easily frightened.

An exhaustive search of the area and distribution of flyers was undertaken by volunteers to find the dog. After two weeks of reported sightings in the Maryland Farms area, a police officer sighted Mickey, and the caregivers were able to lure Mickey out of the woods to safety.

We are happy to report that Mickey is doing fine with his foster family. Since he was located, there has been a tremendous outpouring of support and thanks to the Brentwood Police Department from Westie owners across the nation for making the search and recovery of Mickey a priority. Numerous cards and e-mails were received. One card read: Brentwood Police "Simply the Best, Better than all the Rest." Another read: The Brentwood PD has been voted 'The Best Dog Friendly Police Station' by the Westie Lovers everywhere.

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 or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org**. She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

Fall Clean Up

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

Dates

- October 15** • Granny White Park
- October 22** • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Rd.
- October 29** • Granny White Park

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

Keep Brentwood Beautiful!

City Briefs

Williamson County Recycling Center

Visit the expanded facility located in Brentwood Next to Fire Station No. 2
1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848

Williamson County Convenience Centers - Locations

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

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

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike • 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 the County Volunteer Fire Department

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)
Franklin Solid Waste Station
417 Century Court, Franklin, 790-5848
Monday-Friday, 6:30 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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Published semi-annually by City of Brentwood, 615-371-0060. Comments and suggestions should be directed to Linda Lynch, Community Relations Director, or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org.

Major Renovations Underway for Brentwood Municipal Center

The Brentwood Municipal Center was first open for business in 1987. When constructed, the building was oversized to allow for future growth as needed. Since then, the City has rented surplus space within the building to private groups and periodically has taken over portions of this space to handle the services needs for a community that has grown in 24 years from 13,000 to 37,000. Unfortunately, the City did not anticipate or design the building in 1987 in a way that allowed for a functional incorporation of the new space by the various departments in adjacent work areas.

Looking to the needs of the future, the City is currently undertaking significant renovations and improvements to the building for the first time to better serve our residential and corporate citizens. The City is committed to staying at its premier location at 5211 Maryland Way in Maryland Farms. It also represents a cost effective investment because the City has no debt on the property and the new improvements are being funded through the operating budget.



A lot of changes have been made in the past year at the Municipal Center and there are more to come in the next six months! We welcome you to come by and see for yourself.

The main lobby underwent a major facelift with the installation of a new entrance doors to help reduce the loss of energy and a receptionist station to direct citizens to the various services. More convenient service windows were also installed in the lobby to serve Police Records and the Water/Sewer Billing Office.

In addition, a new computer server room was constructed in the interior of the building to centralize the City's technology equipment at one location and the administrative offices were renovated. More efficient air-conditioning and heating systems were installed too.

New office space was recently completed to centralize the Police Department's administrative support staff in one location. This was also necessary to provide room for an



upcoming expansion of the emergency communications center. While the new communications center space is under construction, the Public Safety Dispatchers will temporarily relocate into the new Police Administration offices. There should be no disruption of emergency 911 telephone service during construction.

When the greatly enlarged Emergency Communications Center is completed, it will include state of the art radio, telephone and power backup systems needed for the "Next Generation 911" system. The new center will have five answering points, which will allow for increased staffing to handle calls during major incidents such as the great flood of May 2010. New radio console equipment will allow Dispatchers to communicate directly with surrounding public safety agencies and control city-wide traffic cameras. The center will also include an adjoining conference room, where the command staff can gather to direct responses during a major incident.

Once fully operational, the "Next Generation 911" center will be designed to receive data from multiple new telephone technologies. It will easily connect to a wide range of devices, identify the location of a call, and recognize the technology that is generating the call. This will provide emergency responders with more timely and accurate information which, in turn,

will shorten response times and ultimately save lives. Also included in the installation is a larger backup generator plus an uninterruptable power supply - all designed to improve Brentwood's system reliability in response to emergencies.



Construction continues in the Municipal Center.

Supplemental Funding to Local Schools and Recreation Service Providers

The Brentwood community takes pride in the quality of public education being provided to students in local schools which consistently ranks among the best in the nation. The City of Brentwood provides voluntary, supplemental funding to the Williamson County Schools that are located inside the city limits or have a significant enrollment of students from Brentwood students. City funding is used to purchase equipment or fund supplemental programs that benefit children over and beyond what is normally provided by the County. Funding is not provided in support of on-going educational programs with reoccurring expenses next year.

The City of Brentwood's total contribution to the two high schools, three middle schools, and six elementary schools for FY 2012 is \$225,000. Since 1986, the City of Brentwood has contributed over \$4.1 million to enhance the educational opportunities provided to Brentwood students.

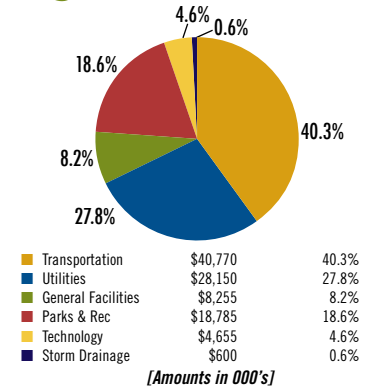
In addition, the City makes annual contributions to local service and not-for-profit groups totaling \$87,000 in support of the active recreational programs provided to Brentwood residents. These groups provide youth football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball programs in the City plus programs geared to the needs of senior citizens. This approach allows the City of Brentwood to serve primarily in a role of facility provider and avoids the duplication of effort and cost in program delivery.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Brentwood is the 17th largest city (population wise) out of 347 cities in the State of Tennessee.
- Brentwood's population at 37,060 is larger than 54 of the 95 counties in Tennessee.

Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2012-2017

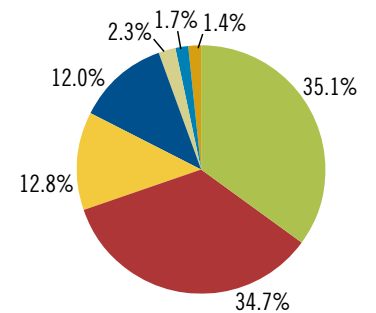
The primary focus of this \$101.2 million, six-year program is to address the infrastructure and facility needs for one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Tennessee. The program concentrates on improvements in six areas: General Facilities, Transportation, Storm Drainage, Parks and Recreation, Technology 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.



Your General Fund Budget Summary

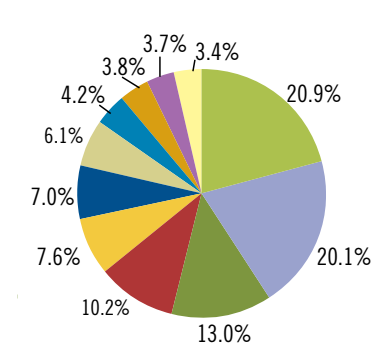
Revenues by Source FY 2011-12

Revenues	2011-12 Amount	Budget %
Property Taxes	\$10,790,000	35.1%
Local Sales Taxes	\$10,675,000	34.7%
State Shared Revenues	\$3,925,900	12.8%
Other Local Taxes	\$3,695,000	12.0%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$708,600	2.3%
Licenses/Permits	\$516,700	1.7%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$439,000	1.4%
Total Revenues	\$30,750,200	100.00%



Expenditures by Source FY 2011-12

Expenditures	2011-12 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$6,428,480	20.9%
Fire & Rescue/Safety Center East	\$6,175,215	20.1%
Public Works/Services	\$3,984,905	13.0%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,150,000	10.2%
General Government	\$2,333,340	7.6%
Public Library	\$2,149,540	7.0%
Parks/Recreation	\$1,875,080	6.1%
Technology/GIS	\$1,292,775	4.2%
Miscellaneous	\$1,117,000	3.8%
Planning & Codes	\$1,124,365	3.7%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$1,058,135	3.4%
Total Expenditures	\$30,742,835	100.00%



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

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

Recognizing the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department for 25 Years of Outstanding Service!



September 2011 marks the 25th Anniversary of Brentwood's municipal fire department. What began in 1986 with 26 members serving approximately 13,000 residents from a single location has grown into a 62 member organization serving a population of more than 37,000 from four strategically-located fire stations. Of the original 26 members, seven still remain with the department.

Prior to 1986, fire protection in Brentwood was provided by a privately owned subscription fire service located on Pewitt Drive. Citizens were required to pay an annual fee to receive fire protection. If you did not pay the fee, the private department did not respond to your call.

Recognizing the need for improved fire protection for all, the Brentwood City Commission employed a fire protection consulting firm in 1985 to develop a plan for a municipal fire department. On September 23, 1985, the City Commission approved the recommendations and authorized the creation of a municipal fire department for the City of Brentwood. The first fire chief was hired two months later to organize the new department including the hiring and training of new personnel.

On September 1, 1986, the Brentwood Fire Department officially opened for business at its first fire station located at 1301 Wilson Pike (currently Station No. 2) with 25 firefighters and three fire engines. In October 1987, Fire Station No. 1 opened as part of the newly completed Brentwood Municipal Center at 5211 Maryland Way in Maryland Farms.

As the City grew, so did the fire department. Fire Station No. 3 opened in the Cool Springs area in March 1992 as part of the newly completed Brentwood Service Center on General George Patton Drive. With the City's growth and development in East Brentwood, the Brentwood Safety Center East with Fire Station No. 4 and a fire training facility on Sunset Road was completed in April 2002. The opening of each station required additional manpower and equipment to properly serve the City. Emergency responses totaling 665 calls in 1987 have increased to 2,622 in 2010. The required staffing level has grown from 26 to 62 full-time employees.

The department has always provided a broad range of emergency response services to meet the ever-changing needs of Brentwood citizens. This includes enhanced emergency medical services, technical rescue, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials response, and community-wide fire prevention and education activities. With the increasing demand for first responder medical and rescue services, the Brentwood Fire Department officially changed its name in 2010 to the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department to better reflect its duties and responsibilities.

The Fire & Rescue department currently operates on a three-shift schedule, staffing one shift per 24-hour period. All Engines are staffed with a minimum of three personnel. At the four fire stations are state of the art fire engines, a Ladder truck, a light rescue vehicle, a tanker truck, and specialized support equipment including a Hazardous Materials response trailer, an air compressor/cascade trailer, technical rescue trailer, fire safety house (for educating children), four squad (pickup) trucks, and one brush truck.

Today the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department is recognized across the State of Tennessee as one of the most competent and responsive departments in the State. The department is staffed by dedicated and caring professionals who stand ready to provide responsive emergency services and assistance to citizens and in protecting the property in our community. They are committed to providing assistance to every citizen and in responding to every call, regardless of how large or small. The responses range from a major fire or hazardous material incident to something as simple as helping an elderly person back into their bed.

Brentwood & Franklin Recognized for Excellence in Fire Protection

In June 2011, the cities of Brentwood and Franklin were recognized by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) with its annual award for Excellence in Municipal Government, presented at the annual conference of the Tennessee Municipal League. The award is presented by TCMA each year to cities that have increased the effectiveness of their local government through the development of unique and creative programs. The award recognized an innovative approach to fire protection between the two communities in the creation of an 'automatic' aid agreement.

Brentwood and Franklin have long provided mutual aid to one another during significant fire incidents. Assistance provided under mutual aid is driven by a request from one fire department when it is determined that the scope of the event requires additional help from the other department. Under the new automatic aid agreement, targeted areas within each city deemed as "significant risks" are designated for simultaneous dispatch and response from both fire departments, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the incident occurs.

According to the TCMA, "While the concept of mutual aid is a long standing practice in fire service, the fire departments of Brentwood and Franklin have demonstrated exemplary cooperation and innovation through creation of an automatic aid agreement. This has resulted in added resources being directed at potentially significant fire risks immediately in a cost effective manner." This coordinated use of resources between the two departments is facilitated through inter-agency training programs and improved radio communications.



*Happy 25th Anniversary
Brentwood Fire &
Rescue Department!*



This photo was taken in 2009 and includes 6 of the original firefighters. Left to right are: Engineer Allen Wessels, Lt. Jim Rummage, Lt. Chuck Hood, Chief Kenny Lane (retired 2011), Captain Mark Waddey, Captain Dennis Tatum (retired 2011); Other original firefighters still with the department include: Captain Mark Duffield, Engineer Bobby Woodard and Engineer Tim Baltz.

Public Safety Day Festival

In an effort to better educate Brentwood residents on the type of emergency services provided in the community, the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department is coordinating a Public Safety Day Festival on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will take place in the parking of the Brentwood Place shopping center, near Kroger.

The festival is free and geared to families, particularly children. It will include children's activities, displays of police and fire vehicles and apparatus, as well as an ambulance from Williamson County Emergency Medical Services. There will also be a demonstration on residential fire sprinkler systems and a live vehicle extrication featuring the use of tools and equipment from the city's newest fire engine.

If you cannot attend the events at Brentwood Place, feel free to stop by and tour any of Brentwood's four fire stations at the same time.

For more information about the Public Safety Day Festival, please contact the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department at 615-370-0170.



MEET BRENTWOOD'S NEW FIRE CHIEF

In July 2011, Brian Goss was promoted to the position of Chief for the Fire and Rescue Department. Prior to his appointment, Goss served as Assistant Fire Chief for 3+ years. Prior to coming to Brentwood, he served for 20 years in the Grand Rapids, Michigan Fire Department. 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 in Michigan and is currently working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Service Administration from Eastern Oregon University. He and his wife Marie reside in Nolensville and they have two daughters ages 18 and 13 and a son 15.



Weekly Briefing on Fire Department Activities Available to You

Have you ever wondered what happened at the scene of a house fire or medical call? Have you ever wanted to know what all the commotion was about yesterday or last week when you saw fire units screaming by with lights and sirens?

It is now possible for you receive a weekly briefing on recent incidents and special events directly from the Fire Chief. Simply visit www.brentwoodfirerescue.blogspot.com to receive information, view photos, videos, etc. You can also sign up for the briefings to be sent automatically to your e-mail account.

For additional information about the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department including fire safety tips, visit www.brentwood-tn.org/fire or stop by any of the four fire stations in Brentwood.

City's Financial Picture

The City of Brentwood places the highest priority on operating the municipal government in a financially sound manner. On August 30, 2011, the City of Brentwood successfully sold bonds to fund capital projects and refinance existing bonds to take advantage of unprecedented low interest cost for quality credit in the market today.

The first bond issue, General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2011 in the amount of \$4.85 million, will be used to complete the purchase of 320 acres of the historic Ravenswood Farm for the new Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. The \$10 million land purchase was finalized in December 2010 with the City paying \$5 million in cash immediately with the remaining amount to be paid primarily from the bond proceeds. The City received an exceptionally favorable bid for the issuance of the 20 year, fixed rate bonds with a true interest cost of 2.93%.

The second bond issue, General Obligation Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 provided for the refinancing of \$7.38 million in existing bonds for interest rate savings. The City received a low bid of 1.6% which generated aggregate savings to the City of \$764,610 over the remaining 12 years of the debt (\$54,615 annually).

Prior to the issuance of the bonds, Brentwood City Manager Mike Walker was interviewed by Susan Leathers of the Brentwood Home Page on August 10, 2011 about the City's financial picture and the outlook for the future. The questions and answers follow:

Brentwood is one of only three cities in the state, and Williamson is one of only two Tennessee counties, that have AAA ratings from Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's. What does this mean for the city, specifically in regard to the Monday's authorizations?

In these uncertain financial times, investors are seeking the safest places to place their funds. Having an AAA credit rating makes our tax exempt bonds very attractive for the long term investor. Only 199 cities and less than 4 percent of the local governments in America have AAA credit ratings, so we expect there will be much demand for our bonds, with a very low interest cost to the city. Note: the actual interest rate was 2.93%.

Who purchases municipal bonds and how?

Our bonds will be sold competitively so we expect investment banks from across Northern America and possibly Europe will submit bids. We could have 10 or more financial institutions interested in buying our bonds. That said, our bonds will be very attractive to Tennessee investors because they are not only exempt from federal income taxes but the Tennessee Hall Income Tax too.

In a nutshell, what direct impacts, if any, does the downgrade of the nation's AAA rating have on our local economy?

While I cannot speak on the global impact, the downgrade is not expected to have any impact on the City of Brentwood's credit rating or our ability to sell bonds. We have a

diversified employment base and a balanced revenue structure that is not heavily reliant on either property taxes or sales taxes. More importantly, we are not dependent on federal grants or employers that are funded by the federal government.

The city's financial position is in excellent shape due to the overall budgetary direction of the Board of Commissioners and our conservative management practices. We compare very favorably with other AAA rated cities in the core measurement areas such as General Fund balance as a percent of revenues, debt service as a percent of operating expenditures, and median family income as a percent of the state and USA. Our residents have benefited directly because the City of Brentwood has operated with the same effective property tax rate for 21 years in a row.

Williamson County's debt service has been in the news in recent months as some members of the County Commission have sought to have it reduced. What is the City's outstanding debt today and annual debt service obligation?

The City of Brentwood has General Obligation debt effective June 30, 2011 totaling \$27 million and \$23 million in water and sewer improvement debt funded separately through the monthly utility bills. By practice, the city limits its new GO debt issues to \$5 million every other year. We have reached the point where we are able to issue new bonds for road and park improvements, the library, etc and not incur any significant increase in the annual debt service payment of \$3.1 million due to the retirement of existing debt.

Brentwood weathered the recession reasonably well. What's the outlook, both on the commercial and residential side, as far as revenue growth?

The Brentwood economy is definitely improving regardless of the national events of the past quarter. Our local sales tax collections increased in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 by 8.4% compared to the overall increase for the State of Tennessee of 4.7 percent. New housing starts for 2011 are expected to reach 200 which is in line with the historic average since 1990 of 250 annually.

The 4 percent of the land in Brentwood that is zoned commercial generates almost 60 percent of the General Fund taxes – money that essential for paying for the quality of life that we enjoy in the neighborhoods and for keeping our city property taxes low.

With new office development anticipated off Virginia Way, the recently approved Bristol at Centerview project, and possibly other redevelopment projects in the future, the Maryland Farms/Town Center/North Brentwood commercial area is posed to remain competitive in attracting and retaining business and generating new taxes in the years ahead.



Mike Walker, City Manager

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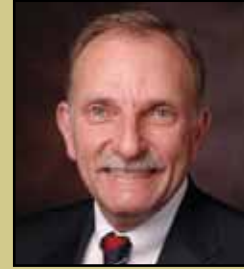
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for four members is scheduled for May 7, 2013.

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.

CITY OF BRENTWOOD INFORMATION

ON THE WEB

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

CABLE CHANNEL 19

- **City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast**
~ 1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month
~ Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- **Continuous City Information** – Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.
- **Monday • Wednesday • Friday**
~ Historic Interviews, 7 p.m.
~ Historic Brentwood Video, 8 p.m.



COMMUNITY GUIDE 2011-2013

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

WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Sewer System Rehabilitation Project The goal of the Department’s Sewer Rehabilitation Program (SRP) is to investigate, identify and correct failing sewer infrastructure in order to increase system capacity, reduce system overflows into the environment, and extend the life of this important asset. The City is investing \$30 million in this comprehensive program through the year 2015 which includes inspecting underground pipelines via a video camera and subsequently repairing damaged pipelines with trenchless technologies or “slip lining.” To date over 25 miles of pipeline (or about 10% of all sewer pipes in Brentwood) have been identified as having problems and have been relined and repaired. Some pipeline inspections and repairs will continue in the coming months; however, the program has shifted its focus to manhole and service line inspection and repairs. Ongoing work is being completed in or near the following areas: Panorama Drive, Brentwood South, Stonehenge, River Oaks and BelleRive. For more information, please visit the Water/Sewer web page at www.brentwood-tn.org/water.

Water System Capacity Improvement This proactive project provides for future water system improvements that will increase system capacity to better meet peak summer day demands associated with irrigation of landscaping and lawns. Peak water demand in the summer can be four times the normal water requirement of customers for domestic use such a bathing, washing clothes, toilets, etc. Upcoming projects in calendar year 2012 will include water line and booster station improvements and replacements. Projects slated to begin soon include upgrades to the water booster stations located along Murray Lane and Johnson Chapel Road, and water line upsizing projects along Johnson Chapel Road, Belle Rive Drive and Granny White Pike.

Water Meter Reading Program Upgrades The purpose of this multi-year project is to upgrade the current “touch-read” water meter reading technology adopted 20+ years ago to a more sophisticated “tower-based” reading technology. A tower-based reading system includes installing water meter reading equipment at several fixed tower sites across the City which can capture meter reads for billing purposes without the need to read individual meters in the field. This project includes replacement of aging water meters with “smart” meters and transmitters at each customer site over the next five years. When fully implemented, the new meter system will allow customers to monitor their water consumption on a real time basis and receive immediate notification of unusual “spikes” in water consumption above normal usage. This will allow them to check for possible leaks in service lines or inside in the home quicker.

Transportation Improvements Update

CONCORD ROAD EAST PROJECT – PHASE I The work on Phase I from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Rd. is complete.

CONCORD RD EAST PROJECT – PHASE II

Phase II of the Concord Rd. improvements will extend from Sunset Road to Nolensville Road. Most of the Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition has been completed and the final design plans are approved by the TDOT. Funding has been approved in the new state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. Bid letting date is December 2011. Construction may begin as early as the spring 2012 and will take approximately two years to complete. This project will also extend the separate 10 foot wide bikeway trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.



Concord Rd.

CONCORD RD EAST PROJECT – PHASE III Phase III of Concord Road will upgrade the last substandard section from Jones Parkway east to Arrowhead Dr. The design plans are complete. ROW acquisition is underway and should be completed by early in calendar year 2012 with construction bidding scheduled for spring 2012. This phase will include an improved three lane section of roadway with a separated, 10 foot wide multi-use pedestrian/bikeway trail on the south side of the road and a five foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition and 20% of the construction cost with over \$3 million in federal transportation funds covering 80% of the construction cost.

SPLIT LOG ROAD – PHASE II

Work began on this project in June 2010 to improve the substandard two-lane roadway to a new three-lane roadway from Ragsdale Rd. to past Pleasant Hill Rd. The improvement will include a separate 10’ wide bikeway/pedestrian path along the south side of the improved roadway section to connect to the existing path from Wilson Pike to Ragsdale Rd. The project is well underway and should be completed by late summer 2011.



Split Log Rd.

CONCORD ROAD BIKEWAY EXTENSION This new bikeway section will extend the newly constructed 10 foot wide trail along Concord Rd. from Sunset Rd. to Edmondson Pike further west to Green Hill Blvd. At this point, users will be able to travel on the designated lanes along Green Hill Blvd. to reach the existing path along Raintree Parkway which leads to the City’s primary bikeway network along the Little Harpeth River.

AMERICA’S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS Brentwood and Ravenwood

The City of Brentwood is fortunate to have quality public schools for our children to attend. Even though our population is only 37,000, both public high schools, Brentwood and Ravenwood, are ranked among the 300 best high schools in America according to a recently published report by *Newsweek* magazine. The evaluation considered factors such as graduation rates, AP/IB Tests, percentage college bound, average SAT scores and student/teacher ratios.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

LIBRARY NEWS



Teen Art Classes

More than books and a center for the fine arts, the Brentwood Library offers insightful programs for a variety of ages and interests such as, medical seminars, home decorating, Lego Mania at the Brentwood Library, as well as computer classes on Skype, Google, and basic computer maintenance.

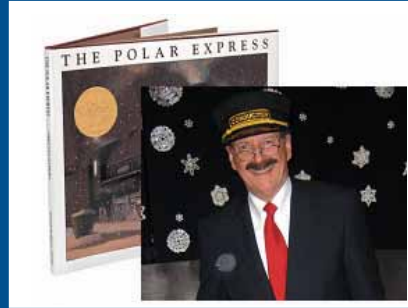
Weekly preschool story time brings books to life by incorporating activities and crafts, even on Saturday mornings. New and upcoming programs like: Tai Chi, poetry writing, and the Brentwood Bunch Book Club are always expanding to provide patrons with additional information and experiences.

To further engage patrons, the library promotes interactive displays such as, the Frommer's Travel Contest, Reading Romance Month, Library Card Sign-Up, and Teen

Read Week to assist in community participation. For the family, the library continues to offer its traditional yearly mega events such as - Morning with Santa, City of Brentwood Christmas tree lighting and the popular *The Polar Express* reading.

Whether it's a gathering place for Bridge classes or Stitching for Charities, the Brentwood Library still maintains its traditional, quality standard as a quiet place to study, read a book or magazine, research, and to learn and grow in knowledge.

Discover more about the Brentwood Library and its life changing benefits by visiting us on the web at www.brentwood-tn.org/library.



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Mon., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.

The evening includes the lighting of the City Christmas Tree with special holiday music. Afterwards, come inside for refreshments and a fireside reading of the *The Polar Express* by a special guest.

Morning with Santa Sat., Dec. 3

Visit with Santa (bring your camera)

Magic Shows • Music • Crafts •
Face-painting • Refreshments

FREE, but tickets required

For more information ask in the
Children's Library



NEW POLICE SAFETY PROGRAMS

In an effort to enhance the public safety of residents, the Brentwood Police Department recently adopted several new programs which are *provided at no cost*. These new programs enhance your safety by incorporating the latest improvements in public safety technology. For additional information, including links to each program, visit the Brentwood Police Department website at www.brentwood-tn/police.org.



SMART911 – Smart911 allows residents to enter personal information into a secure online database. The information provided is automatically displayed to 911 operators during an emergency call from your home. The information can include special medical conditions, photos, disabilities, information on children and/or pets, and other important information. The additional data is far more extensive than what is typically available to 911 telecommunicators. Once a resident has registered and entered the information, it will immediately be available if a 911 call is received from a registered phone. We strongly encourage residents to sign up for this valuable service. Just visit the Police Department website at www.brentwood-tn/police.org and click on the Smart911 link.



MAPNIMBUS – An easy to use online crime mapping solution is available to the public that provides information on crime incidents which have been reported in Brentwood. MapNimbus has intuitive search capabilities allowing users to search by address or general location. It also includes e-mail notification capabilities which will automatically e-mail users of incidents within a predefined area. Click on the MapNimbus tab at the Police Department website at www.brentwood-tn/police.org and you will immediately be directed to the crime map.

A CHILD IS MISSING – ACIM is a nationwide organization that assists law enforcement agencies locate missing children as well as elderly, mentally or physically challenged and disabled adults. ACIM utilizes sophisticated computer mapping programs with the capacity to place 1,000 alert phone calls in one minute to residents and businesses in the area where someone has been reported missing. Additional information is available by clicking the link on the police website.

NIXLE – NIXLE is a law enforcement, social media communications tool that connects residents with the Police Department. Messages are created by officers when critical incidents occur or when information needs to be relayed to the public in a timely manner. Residents can sign up to receive the alert information via text message and/or email. Messages are only delivered in the event of significant event such as severe weather, significant road closures, or other major incidents. For more information and to sign up for this free notification service, visit the police website and click on the link.

Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

The City of Brentwood continues to be a desirable place to live and raise a family. Some of the reasons it is so attractive are its great schools, wonderful parks, outstanding police and fire departments, and responsive city services. Additionally, Brentwood residents continue to enjoy a relatively low crime rate compared to other communities.

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime or inappropriate activity. However, there are steps that you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- **Know where your children are always.** Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home.
- **Work together with your neighbors.** Watch out for suspicious or unusual behavior in your neighborhood. If you notice something or someone suspicious, notify the police immediately.
- **Lock your doors.** Keep exterior doors and windows locked at all times – even when you are at home. Lock your car doors after removing valuables from inside. **Never** leave your purse or wallet in your vehicle. Don't make it easy for the bad guys to succeed!
- **Take advantage of Crime Prevention Programs provided by the Brentwood Police Department.** We offer several programs at your convenience including: Neighborhood Watch, Home Security Surveys, Bicycle Rodeos, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and RADKids.
- **Drive safely in your neighborhood.** Be mindful of children, particularly on school days. Obey the posted speed limit and avoid distractions while driving.
- **Sign up for SMART 911.** The Police Department provides this voluntary service at no cost. Residents enter important information on the family into a secure online database which is displayed to operators in the event of a 911 call from a registered phone.

By working together we can keep Brentwood safe. Contact Crime Prevention Officers Samuel Bady and Mark Wood at 371-2267 or visit our website at www.brentwood-tn/police.org for additional information.

Salt Water Swimming Pools - Protect Our Streams

Salt water swimming pools are becoming increasingly popular at residences in Brentwood. Although this type of pool is easier to maintain and requires less chemicals, large discharges of water such as draining for maintenance, can have a detrimental impact to streams and the aquatic life. Routine discharges typically do not create an adverse impact if this salt water is discharged onto the ground and not directly to a stream. However, the complete draining of salt water pools should be handled very carefully and not simply pumped on to the ground. If you need to drain a salt water pool, please contact the Engineering Department, 371-0080, for advice and guidance on how to handle the process properly. For additional information, please visit www.brentwood-tn.org/engineering and select the Stormwater Quality Management Program Link.

SMITH PARK MASTER PLAN

In December 2010, the City of Brentwood purchased 320 acres known as Ravenswood Farm located on the west side of Wilson Pike, south of Split Log Road. This property significantly increased the amount of quality, permanent open space in the community and increased the total park land by 50% from 542 acres to 862 acres. When open to public use in late fall of 2013, the new Marcella Vivrette Smith Park will be twice as big as Crockett Park. The park will remain largely forested with roughly nine miles of hiking trails. It also includes a historically significant, pre-Civil War mansion which will be available for public use when fully restored.

Before any improvements are carried out and public access is made available, the City needed a master plan to determine the proper location and placement of future improvements in Smith Park. Accordingly, the City Commission authorized an agreement with Gresham Smith and Partners (GS&P) for master planning services for the new park. This master plan is intended to guide the placement and phasing of development in the park over the next 6-8 years within the available resources. The plan includes: 1) the proposed location of practice athletic fields and hiking/biking trail networks; 2) the location of the entrance road from Wilson Pike, the bridge over the CSX Railroad, and the internal road network, bikeways, and parking areas; and 3) plans for the renovation and future utilization of the historic Ravenswood home and surrounding structures. The plan also includes a recommended phasing schedule for development of the park along with cost estimates for each phase.

This process included a thorough investigation and analysis of the land characteristics, an architectural/structural review of the house, and receipt of public input on the layout of improvements on the property. The public input process included three joint meetings of the City Commission and Park Board open to the public, separate meetings with HOA representatives from nearby neighborhoods, and a community meeting at the Library.

GS&P developed a recommended master plan that consists of two concept plans. Concept Plan 1 provides for development of the park anticipating the inclusion of 80 additional acres at the back of the 320 property now owned by the City. The City has until the December 31, 2013 to obtain \$3 million in outside funding and grants to exercise a purchase option which, if acquired, would make the total park area approximately 400 acres. Concept Plan 2 assumes funding is not obtained for the additional 80 acres and provides for development plan for the 320 acres currently owned by the City.

Both concept plans call for the park to have vehicle access from a new road that would connect to Wilson Pike opposite Split Log Road to create a signalized, four-way intersection. This new access road would require a bridge over the CSX railroad to eliminate an unsafe, existing at-grade crossing.

Planned internal park improvements include renovation of the Ravenswood home and surrounding historic facilities for use by the public for special events (i.e. weddings, corporate events, etc.), development of hiking trails within the wooded areas of the property, construction of four unlit multipurpose athletic fields used primarily for practice purposes, and a paved multi-use trail that will connect to the City's existing trail



network off Ravenswood Farm Lane. The plan also includes an interior area reserved for possible development of segregated mountain bike trail system. If the City is able to acquire the additional 80 acres, Concept Plan 1 provides construction of an internal road across the central ridge in the park to access this back section. This would be the last phase of park development, likely 8-10 years in the future.

The proposed park development phasing plan calls for development of the existing 320 acres in three phases totaling an estimated \$10.3 million over the next six years in accordance with the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Phase 1 would consist of the new entrance road and railroad bridge, limited internal roadway and parking improvements, development of the initial trail system, extension of utilities to serve the property and renovation of the Ravenswood home and pool house. Construction is expected to begin in calendar year 2012 and upon completion of this phase in late calendar year 2013, the park and historic home will be opened for public use. The projected cost of Phase 1 is approximately \$6.1 million with funding currently programmed in the City's six-year CIP.

Phase 2 would complete the internal loop road around the historic property, develop two multi-purpose fields with an associated bathroom facility, and construct the paved bikeway extension loop to connect to the City's existing trail network on Ravenswood Farm Lane. This phase is estimated to cost \$2.15 million and these funds are also currently programmed in the CIP. This phase is targeted for completion by the end of calendar year 2015.

Phase 3 would complete development of the final two multi-purpose fields, renovate the other historic site buildings, complete the remaining hiking trails, develop a maintenance area for the Parks Department and potentially develop mountain bike trails. This phase

is projected to be complete by the end of calendar year 2017 and is projected to cost approximately \$2 million. Funding for this phase is not currently programmed in the six year CIP, but would likely come from a possible FY 2018 (calendar year 2017) general obligation bond issue.

If the City is successful in acquiring the back 80 acres by December 31, 2013, development of this additional land would be considered Phase 4. This phase would include construction of the road over the ridge, construction of associated parking and trail head facilities, and future development of the mostly flat pasture land for uses as determined at that time. At this time, the projected cost of Phase 4 is estimated at \$2.4 million but could change considerably depending on the future uses determined at the time this phase is developed. The timing of Phase 4 construction would be subject to future budgetary decisions of the City Commission but it is likely to occur at least 8-10 years from now.

Please note that the timing for the various phases is subject to annual review and adjustment based on the financial conditions and needs of the City at the time. However, the plan outlined above for the Phases 1,2 and 3 is realistic and consistent with the programs and expectations outlined in the current six-year capital improvements program.

