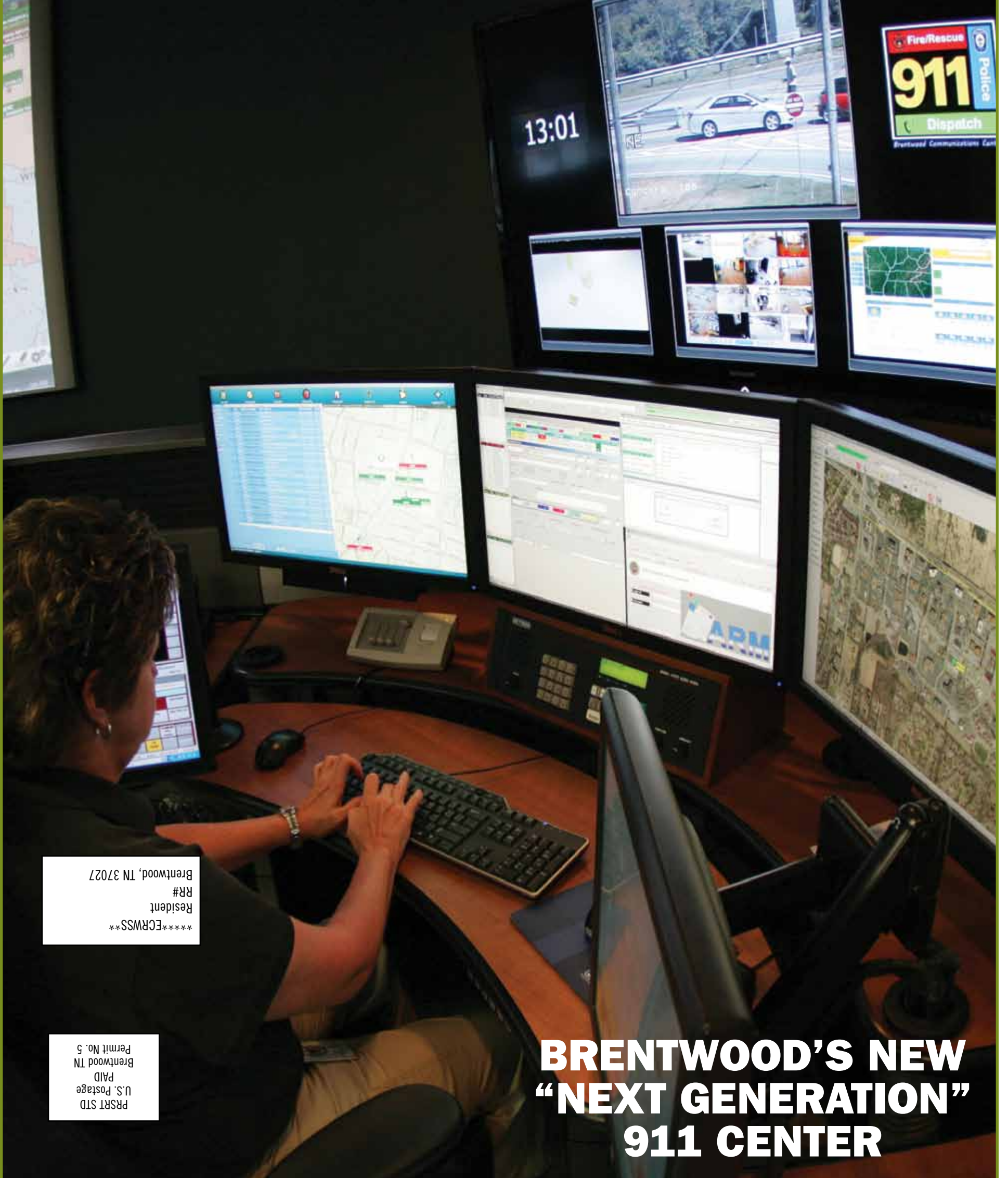


Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

News You Need to Know About Your City

Spring 2012



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**BRENTWOOD'S NEW
"NEXT GENERATION"
911 CENTER**

BRENTWOOD LIBRARY

The Brentwood Library is recognized as one of the premier public libraries in Tennessee. It is one of the busiest as well, with more than 1,000 visitors daily and about 374,000 total patrons last year. Our Reference Librarians answered over 55,000 questions or nearly 16 every hour! Also, 678,533 collection items were circulated to patrons.

The Brentwood Library is the City's go-to place for work, study, programs, computers, pleasure reading and quiet. The Library is also a cultural center for the community and offers learning and discovery in many other forms. On any given day, you can find a wide array of programs such as exhibits, musical performances, creative workshops, free seminars, and computer classes that range from operation basics to digital media.



Of course we still offer annual events for the whole family, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Summer Reading Program.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Concord Park between the Brentwood Library and Lipscomb Elementary School. The hunt will be divided into four age categories. Bring your camera; the Easter Bunny will arrive at 2:30 for photographs. There will also be a jelly bean guess and face painters. Bring a basket to collect your eggs; the hunt will begin promptly at 3:15 p.m.

The popular **Summer Reading Program** registration begins Friday, June 1, 2012 with "Dream Big" as the theme for children; "Own the Night" is the theme for Teens.



Tickling the Strings

For **adult programming**, patrons can participate in free monthly seminars on a variety of topics such as health, law, and finances. There are opportunities throughout the year to take classes in bridge, photography, painting and even weekly exercise classes. It's even a great place to form new friendships while participating in a book discussion group, knitting and crocheting with our Stitching for Charity group, or playing a game of backgammon on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The best way to keep up with all the great opportunities at the library is to sign up for "eNews" a free monthly email subscription showcasing all the programs for the month. To subscribe, contact Robyn Zandi, Brentwood Library Program Coordinator at zandir@brentwood-tn.org.



Another resource at your fingertips is the library's Web site: www.brentwood-tn.org/library. Here you can find information about downloading eBooks for Kindle, iPad/iPhone and Nook. You can discover the next author Skype session with the Brentwood Bunch Book Club.

You never know what you will find at the Brentwood Library. Come and discover one of the City's best kept secrets.

Safari Gregg with friends

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

(Population 25,000 or Greater)

(2011 Effective Rates - Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranking	City	County	Tax Rate
(1)	Hendersonville	Sumner	\$2.67
(2)	Morristown	Hamblen	\$2.69
(3)	Brentwood	Williamson	\$2.70
(4)	Spring Hill	Williamson	\$2.85
(5)	Gallatin	Sumner	\$3.01
(6)	Smyrna	Rutherford	\$3.22
(7)	Lebanon	Wilson	\$3.24
(8)	Cleveland	Bradley	\$3.28
(9)	Franklin	Williamson	\$3.33
(10)	Laverne	Rutherford	\$3.47
(11)	Johnson City	Washington	\$3.48
(12)	Cookeville	Putnam	\$3.50
(13)	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	\$3.74
(14)	Columbia	Mauzy	\$3.91
(15)	Kingsport	Sullivan	\$4.10
(16)	Jackson	Madison	\$4.12
(17)	Nashville	Davidson	\$4.13
(18)	Maryville	Blount	\$4.32
(18)	Bristol	Sullivan	\$4.32
(19)	Clarksville	Montgomery	\$4.38
(20)	Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$4.74
(21)	Knoxville	Knox	\$4.82
(22)	Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$5.07
(23)	Collierville	Shelby	\$5.49
(24)	Germantown	Shelby	\$5.55
(24)	Bartlett	Shelby	\$5.55
(25)	Memphis	Shelby	\$7.21

*Note: Effective rates are based on actual rates adjusted by appropriate appraisal ratios as determined from the most recent appraisal date. Rates shown are as established for the 2011 tax year. As reflected in the chart above, the 2011 combined Brentwood and Williamson County effective property tax rate compares favorably with other Municipalities across the state. In the largest Tennessee Cities with Populations 25,000 or greater, Brentwood's effective property tax rate of \$2.70 per \$100 of assessed value (.44/City, \$2.26/County) is the third lowest in the State. The City's FY 2012 property tax rate of \$.44 represents the same effective City tax rate for the 21st year in a row.

Sources: 2011 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory Service Website.

BRENTWOOD IS BUSINESS FRIENDLY!

Of the 50 most populous cities in the State of Tennessee, the City of Brentwood was recently ranked second most 'business friendly' city by the Beacon Center of Tennessee (formerly known as the Tennessee Center for Policy Research). The rating reflects a commitment to encouraging business success and fostering an entrepreneurial spirit. The three main categories in the rankings were economic vitality, business tax burden and community allure. Each category was comprised of a number of factors including property and sales tax rates, job and population growth, median per capita income, cost of living, crime rates, high school graduations rates, and ACT scores.

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

SPRING CLEAN UP

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

Dates

April 14 • Granny White Park

April 21 • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Rd.

April 28 • Granny White Park

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

Keep Brentwood Beautiful!

WILLIAMSON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

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

County Household Trash Locations

WILL NOT ACCEPT LIQUIDS, SPRAYS, PAINTS, BATTERIES OR TIRES; BRUSH WILL BE ACCEPTED. RECYCLING BINS ARE AVAILABLE, TOO.

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

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904
2 miles south of city limits on left

Nolensville Convenience Center
1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717
.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind 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. and Saturday, May 7 • 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

CITIZEN'S UPDATE

Published semi-annually by City of Brentwood, 615-371-0060. Comments and suggestions should be directed to Linda Lynch, Community Relations Director, or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org.

MEET BRENTWOOD'S NEW POLICE CHIEF

In January 2012, Jeff Hughes was appointed Chief of Police to replace the retiring Ricky Watson. Hughes is only the third Police Chief in the 42 year history of the Brentwood Police Department. He is a 25 year veteran of the department with extensive experience in all functions including Patrol Officer, Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division, and supervisor over Technical Support Services (Police Records, Emergency Communications, Training, Community Relations, and Property/Evidence Control). Hughes also served as the department's Accreditation Manager, Public Information Officer and most recently as Assistant Police Chief where he oversaw all police operations.

Hughes has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Middle Tennessee State University. He is also a graduate of the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee (Chattanooga).



WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

Sewer System Rehabilitation Project

The goal of the Department's Sewer Rehabilitation Program is to investigate, identify and correct failing sewer infrastructure in order to increase system capacity, reduce system overflows into nearby streams, and extend the life of its assets. This comprehensive, \$30 million dollar program extends through the year 2015 and includes inspecting underground pipelines via a video camera and subsequently repairing damaged pipelines with trenchless technologies or "slip lining." To date nearly 27 miles of pipeline (or about 10% of all sewer pipes in Brentwood) have been relined and repaired. While some pipeline inspections and repairs will continue through 2013, the focus of the program has shifted to manhole and service line inspection and repairs. Future work is targeted to areas of the City with detected system problems. For more information, please visit the Water Services Department's web page at www.brentwood-tn.org/water.

Water System Capacity Improvements

This proactive project provides for future water system improvements that will increase system overall capacity to better meet peak summer day demands associated with irrigation at full build-out in the water service area. Projects that

will be initiated in the summer of 2012 include water line and booster station improvements and replacements. This will include upgrades to existing water booster stations located along Murray Lane and Johnson Chapel Road, and water line upsizing in the Johnson Chapel Rd, Belle Rive Drive and Granny White Pike areas. Improvements to a water line along Plymouth Drive and the associated booster station are also slated for 2012.

Water Meter Reading Program Upgrades

The purpose of this multi-year project that will be initiated in the summer of 2012 is to upgrade the current 25 year old "touch-read" water meter reading system to more efficient and responsive "tower-based" reading technology. The tower-based system includes installation of water meter reading equipment at fixed-tower sites across the City which will be permit meter reading remotely and eliminate the reading of meters in the field. This project includes the replacement of aging water meters with "smart" meters and transmitters at each customer site over the next five years. When fully implemented, this will permit much earlier detection and notification of leaks and will allow customers, if they desire, to monitor their own consumption from their home.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONALLY ACCREDITED

The Brentwood Police Department is committed to operating under the highest professional law enforcement standards.

In November 2011, the department received its sixth national reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. CALEA accreditation recognizes the Brentwood Police Department as being among the "best of the best" law enforcement agencies in the United States. The department was additionally recognized this past year with receipt of the Gold Standard Award.

The Brentwood Police Department was a pioneer in accreditation in the State of Tennessee. The department was first accredited in 1989 and has the longest continuing accreditation for any police department in the State. Only 18 municipal agencies in the State of Tennessee are nationally accredited under the CALEA program.

Congratulations to the Brentwood Police Department for this national recognition and achievement!



L-R: Sylvester Daughtry, Jr. (CALEA Executive Director), Police Lieutenant Kristin King, Chief Jeff Hughes (Accreditation Manager), Retired Chief Ricky Watson, Louis Dekmar (CALEA President/Chairperson)

Upcoming Road Improvements

CONCORD ROAD EAST PROJECT-PHASE II

These improvements will address substandard road conditions on this State highway from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd. Improvements will be similar to the recently completed work from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Rd. Right-of-Way acquisition has been completed and the final design plans are approved by TDOT. Construction funding has been approved by the State. Applications for final environmental permits have been submitted. The projected bid letting date for TDOT is now targeted for early fall 2012.



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Construction is expected to begin in late calendar year 2012 and will take approximately two years to complete. This project will also extend the 10 foot wide paved bikeway/pedestrian trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.

CONCORD ROAD PROJECT-PHASE III – Phase III of Concord Road will upgrade the last substandard section of this State highway from Jones Parkway east to Arrowhead Dr. The design plans are complete. ROW acquisition is underway and should be completed by late spring 2012 with construction bidding scheduled for summer 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 that will extend to Wilson Pike and a 5 foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition and 20% of the construction cost with over \$3 million in federal transportation funds covering 80% of the construction cost.

FRANKLIN ROAD SOUTH PROJECT – Improvements will include widening Franklin Road to five lanes from Concord Road to just south of Moore's Lane. The project will include a separated 10 foot wide multi-use pedestrian/bikeway trail on the east side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition with State expected to fund utility relocations and road construction. Right-of-way appraisals and acquisition is scheduled to begin in fall 2012 and will be completed by the end of FY 2013.

It Takes a Team Effort to Control Crime!

Keep your vehicle and house locked – even when you are at home!

Brentwood is a safe community but "you" must do your part to discourage crime in your neighborhood.

While vehicle break-ins and thefts occur infrequently, they happen more often when valuables such as electronic devices, purses and wallets are left visible in an unlocked car or garage.

DON'T MAKE IT 'EASY' FOR THE BAD GUYS!

- Remove all valuables from your vehicles
- Lock your car doors
- Keep your garage door closed and exterior doors locked
- Make good use of exterior lighting
- Activate security/alarm systems when you leave home
- Call the police immediately if you suspect a crime is being committed or something unusual appears to be happening nearby

For more information, or to schedule a home security survey, contact Officer Sam Bady at badys@brentwood-tn.org or Officer Mark Wood at woodm@brentwood-tn.org. You may also reach them by telephone at 371-2267. Working together, we will continue to keep Brentwood a safe community!

BRENTWOOD CHIPPER SERVICE

Spring is always a busy time for our chipper service.

Please help us serve you better: stack brush close to the curb with the cut end toward the curb. No brush should be longer than 12 feet and limbs/stumps greater than six inches in diameter will not be picked up by the City and the homeowner must dispose of these large limbs by some other means.

At the discretion of the Public Works Department, city crews may refuse to pickup brush piles that, due to the large size or material composition, exceed the reasonable capabilities of the department to pickup in a timely manner. Processing such brush piles would prevent the department from fulfilling its commitment to provide monthly collection service to the other 12,700 homes in Brentwood. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ALERT – Absolutely no trimmings cut by commercial companies will be accepted – trimmings must be hauled away by the companies doing the trimming.

To provide chipper service efficiently, there is an established monthly route schedule. For information - contact Brentwood Public Works, www.brentwood-tn.org/pw or 371-0080.



Renovations at the Brentwood Municipal Center Completed



The City of Brentwood recently completed the first major renovation at the Municipal Center (aka - City Hall) since it opened in 1987. When constructed, the building was oversized to allow for future expansion by departments as needed. Over the years, the City rented surplus space to private groups but periodically took

over portions of this space to handle the services needs as the community grew from a population of 13,000 to 38,000 today. 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 space needs of the future, the City undertook significant renovations and improvements to the building with the goal of providing better service to our residential and corporate citizens. The City is committed to staying at its premier location at 5211 Maryland Way in Maryland Farms. This renovation was also carried out cost effectively because the City has no debt on the property and the new improvements were funded through the operating budget.

The first thing you will notice is the major upgrade to the underutilized lobby with the installation of a new entrance doors to help reduce energy costs and the installation of a receptionist station to direct citizens to the various services. More convenient service windows were also installed in the lobby for Police Records and the Water/Sewer Billing Office.



In an internal area of the building, a larger, more secure computer server room was constructed to centralize the City's technology equipment and servers in one location. More efficient air-conditioning and heating systems were installed too.

A greatly enlarged Emergency Communications Center with Next Generation 911 system capabilities was completed with state of the art radio,



telephone and power backup systems. This includes the installation of a larger backup generator and uninterruptable battery power supply. The new center has 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

allows Dispatchers to communicate directly with surrounding public safety agencies and monitor city-wide traffic cameras for accidents. The center also includes an adjoining conference room, where the command staff and other leaders can gather to direct responses during a major incident.

The "Next Generation 911" center will be capable of receiving alternative forms of communications from callers such as text messages, videos, pictures and telemetrics such as OnStar in the future. This will allow for identification of the location of a call, and recognition of the technology that is generating the call. Having this capability will provide emergency responders with more timely and accurate information which, in turn, will shorten response times and potentially saves lives.



The construction of the Emergency Communications Center required the relocation of the Police Department's support staff to renovated space in another area of the building. The department used this opportunity to centralize the various functions together in one location for improved operations.

We welcome you to come by City Hall and see the improvements for yourself.

HIGH SCHOOLS SQUARE OFF IN HISTORY BOWL



Brentwood High School Team



Ravenwood High School Team

The "Battle of the Woods" took to the classroom on February 23, 2012 at the Brentwood Municipal Center for the Brentwood Historic Commission's second annual History Bowl.

The event featured Advance Placement students from Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools competing for the Sarah Bayrd American History Trophy. The trophy is named after the late Sarah Bayrd, a long-time Advanced Placement history teacher who inspired several generations of Brentwood students to love history.

Retired News Channel 5 anchor Chris Clark moderated the event and Chuck Sherrill, Director of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, was the game show host.

The fast paced event featured four rounds of history questions in a format similar to the popular quiz show Jeopardy. A close battle was fought, but when the smoke cleared, Brentwood High School won bragging rights and the trophy for the second year in a row.

The Brentwood Historic Commission sponsors this program as part of its effort to stimulate greater awareness and a love for American history in young people. The 'History Bowl' format provides an exciting and fun event for the high school students each year.

You can watch the latest 'History Bowl' on Comcast Cable Channel 19 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays or anytime at the City's Web site, www.brentwood-tn.org/history.

Smart 911 – Better Protection for Your Family

When public safety personnel know what to expect in advance of an arrival to your home, it could mean the difference between a happy or tragic ending. Smart911 allows residents to enter personal information into a secure online database. The information you provide is automatically displayed to 911 operators during an emergency call from your home. The information can identify special medical conditions and disabilities of the residents, include photos of the children and/or pets, and other important information about the home. The additional data is much more extensive than what is typically available to emergency personnel and would be extremely valuable during a chaotic event. Once a resident has registered and entered the information, it will immediately be available should a 911 call be received from a registered phone. We strongly encourage residents to sign up for this voluntary program. To learn more, visit the Police Department Web site at www.brentwood-tn.org/police and click on the Smart911 link.

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.
- **Historic Interviews**, 7 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.
- **Historic Brentwood Video**, 8 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.



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/commuityguide.

UPDATE ON SMITH PARK

Brentwood Parks are used by thousands of residents each year. Not only are Parks an essential component to a healthy lifestyle in the community, they also make living in this community more desirable and enhance residential property values.

The City of Brentwood is moving forward today with engineering design for the first phase of improvements to the new Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. This 322 acre tract is located south of Split Log Rd and west of Wilson Pike and the CSX Railroad. With this purchase of land formerly known as Ravenswood Farm in late 2010 for \$10 million, the City increased its total park land and other City owned open space from 542 to 864 acres or by 50%. To put Smith Park in perspective, it is roughly twice the size as the largest park today, Crockett Park, at 160 acres.



In addition, the City has an option to purchase an additional 78 acres of adjacent land in Ravenswood Farm by December 31, 2013 for \$2.9 million. This purchase is subject to the City being able to raise sufficient outside funding from grants and contributions from other governments and private donations to pay for the land. If this fund raising goal is met, Smith Park will have 400 acres for public use and enjoyment. As Brentwood and the Cool Springs area builds-out in the next 10-15 years, Smith Park will become an increasingly important green space in the future.

Master Plan: After an extensive public input process in 2011, a master plan for the park was approved by the City Commission. The master plan will guide the location and placement of improvements to the park which will be developed in 3 or 4 phases over the next 6-8 years, subject to the availability of funding. Roughly 75% of the land



Ravenswood was built in 1825 by James Hazard Wilson II. It was named for Sam Houston whom the Indians affectionately called "the Raven." Houston was best man at the wedding ceremony of Wilson and his bride Emeline in 1821.

located in the western area of the park is mostly wooded and has both hillsides and scenic valleys. This area will remain in a natural state with about 9 miles of hiking trails available for public use. Other improvements will include restoration of the historic Ravenswood home built in 1825 and the two remaining slave cabins, construction of practice athletic fields with no lights, picnic shelters, restrooms, parking lots, etc. A bikeway system will directly connect the park to adjoining neighborhoods and the City's main bikeway system along the Little Harpeth River.

Phase I Improvements: Design of the first phase of improvements is underway and is heavily focused on construction of the core infrastructure needed for public access and use of the Smith Park. Funding is in place to construct a vehicle access road with a parallel paved pedestrian/bikeway that will enter the park from a new signalized, four-way intersection at Wilson Pike and Split Log Road. The new access road will include a bridge over the CSX railroad to eliminate an unsafe, existing at-grade vehicle crossing. The first phase also includes features that will protect the integrity of the Ravenswood home and the surrounding historic area plus restoration of the grand, pre-Civil War home for receptions, weddings, and other events. Other improvements will include a limited internal roadway and parking improvements, development of the initial hiking trails and pedestrian/bikeway system, and extension of water, sewer and other utilities to serve the property.

Construction on the entrance road, bridge and other phase I improvements is scheduled to begin in fall of 2012. The exact timing of construction will be subject to approval of the bridge structure design over the railroad line by CSX. The targeted date for the grand opening Smith Park for public is late fall 2013.

For additional information about the master plan for Marcella Vivrette Smith Park and the history of the Ravenswood house, go to www.brentwood-tn.org/parks.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

After successfully weathering the greatest economic slowdown in this country since the Great Depression, the City of Brentwood is starting to see positive growth trends in the local economy. When you drive around the community, you will see significant new business activity and development projects either underway or anticipated in the near future.

Since April 2010, retail activity in the City has been increasing monthly as reflected by positive growth in local sales tax collections. This revenue source declined in real dollars from 2008-2010 as people stopped buying taxable goods and services either out of necessity or fear. As local sales tax collections fund over 1/3 of the General Fund budget, the revenue growth in the past two years is very positive. There are very few empty storefronts and when space becomes vacant, it is typically refilled quickly.

New housing starts are definitely on the rise across the City and are expected to be between 250-300 homes in 2012 which is in line with the historic average. A few subdivisions that were foreclosed by lending institutions 3-4 years ago have been purchased and are being developed with new homes. We also anticipate the construction of new subdivisions in the next 12 months to meet the demand for building lots.

Office space available for rent in Brentwood is at a premium with vacancy rates in the 5% range. There is only limited space available today for small tenants and no space for larger corporate tenants. While there is limited land available in the City for new office buildings, we anticipate new office construction in the next 12 months.

As you know, many of the office buildings in Maryland Farms and North Brentwood are 30 years old. In the next 5-10 years, the City will be facing even greater competition from new office developments in the Nashville Metropolitan area. Fortunately, there are several new developments projects and potential redevelopment activities underway that are positive and could ensure the retail/employment area of the City remains competitive in the years ahead.

These projects include the Tapestry of Brentwood Town Center on Centerview Drive at the rear entrance to Brentwood Place, a \$50 million investment with 393 residential units and 2 parking garages under construction. Site grading plans for up to 472,000 square feet of new office space with a new 24 acre passive City park have been approved for the PLC tract on Virginia Way. The Synergy Office Park with its 7 buildings was recently purchased from outside owners by the Boyle Company – the same group that is developing the successful mixed use Meridian project in Cool Springs off Carothers Parkway. Lastly, the new owners of the 11 acre former Murray Ohio site, HG Hill and GBT Realty, are demolishing the 40 year old office building. We anticipate new development proposals will be submitted to the City in the future.

Why is this new economic activity so important to you and the City? By design, Brentwood has only 4% of its land zoned for business activity yet this land pays almost 60% of the General Fund taxes. This money is essential to pay for the basic services we enjoy in the residential areas such as police and fire protection, street maintenance, brush pickup, library, parks, bikeways, etc, while keeping your City property taxes low. Since most of this commercially zoned land is already developed, it is important to have new projects that encourage reinvestment and improvements to the existing office and retail properties. This is essential for so the area to remain competitive in attracting and retaining business and generating new taxes in the years ahead.

The staff appreciates your support and input always on the activities of the City and how we can do things better. Please feel free to contact me by email walkerm@brentwood-tn.org or phone 615-371-0060.



Mike Walker, City Manager

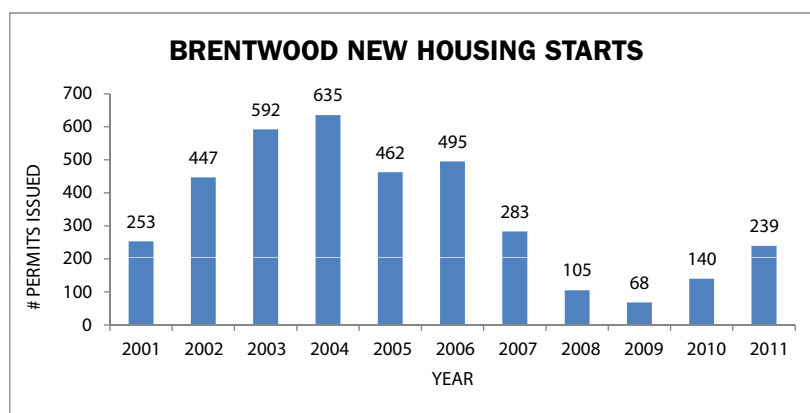
NEW DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT

Retail

New housing starts continue to increase in Brentwood. During calendar year 2011, a total of 239 single-family residential building permits were issued. The number of housing starts has increased steadily since 2009 or the beginning of the “Great Recession,” when a low of only 68 permits were issued. This number compares with a record high of 635 starts during the peak of the housing boom in 2004.



Historically, the City has issued an average of 269 new single-family housing permits annually. With current trends in CY 2012, we anticipate this historic average will be reached in the current year.



Some of the subdivisions showing increases in permit activity include Annandale, Glenellen Estates, Inglehame Farms, Olde Towne, Taramore, Tuscany Hills, Sonoma, and Whetstone. New subdivision sections were approved and recorded recently in the Annandale and Taramore subdivisions.

Residential Lot Availability – The Planning Department maintains a comprehensive data base of available platted lots and approved subdivision lots that could be constructed in the future based on market conditions. The data includes by subdivision the number of approved lots, lots platted to date, permits issued, number of vacant lots and approved future lots. At this point, there are platted lots available in the City to handle the new housing demand for about 2+ years. The information is now posted and updated monthly at the City’s web page www.brentwood-tn.org/planning. For information, contact the Planning Department at 615-371-2204.

Site construction underway for Tapestry at Brentwood Town Center



The Tapestry at Brentwood Town Center – In July 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved a rezoning of approximately 7 acres located between Centerview Drive and the CSX railroad to the C-4 Town Center zoning district. Originally called the “The Bristol at Centerview,” construction has begun on this new project consisting of 393 residential units in two, four-story buildings with attached parking garages in the rear adjacent to the CSX Railroad. Because of the difficulty in obtaining long-term financing for individual condominium units in the current market, the owner intends to rent the units until market conditions improve and allow the sale of units to individual owners.

Grading and utility work is well underway. The City has approved the first phase of the project and issued foundation permits for the buildings and parking garages. The submission of final building plans for final review and approval is expected in late mid-spring. The development is tentatively scheduled for opening in the spring of 2013.

Residential development is an essential component of any successful Town Center because it encourages pedestrian movement and economic activity for nearby retail, office, and restaurants. The Tapestry at Brentwood Town Center is already stimulating economic activity nearby which will strengthen the tax base and help fund services in the traditional residential areas of the community. This project was instrumental in the recent decision by the Boyle Investment Company to purchase the adjacent Synergy Business Park for \$62.7 million. The developers of the successful Meridian project in Cool Springs, Boyle plans to expand and improve the existing 33-acre, 7-building office park over the next 5-10 years.

Commercial

After four years of relatively slow development activity due primarily to the effects of the Great Recession, significant new projects are moving forward again in Brentwood.

PLC Office Park – In March 2012, the Planning Commission approved a site grading plan for the new office park, located south of Virginia Way and East of Granny White Pike. Within this total tract of approximately 55 acres, the initial construction of new office buildings having a maximum of 472,000 square feet of leasable floor space is expected to begin this calendar year. Within this tract, approximately 24 acres adjacent to the residential areas will be dedicated to the City as public open space. Once ownership is received, the land will be formally rezoned by the City to the park zoning district classification with its future use limited to a passive park. Looking ahead, it is anticipated that a detailed site plan for the office development including elevations for the buildings and park improvements that comply with the requirements of the zoning district and special restrictions on the use of the property will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration and approval in the summer of 2012.

Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) – A site plan was approved for a new building that will serve as headquarters for the Tennessee Hospital Association. The building will be located in Westgate Commons at 1626 Westgate Circle. The plan provides for a two-story general office building with 35,916 square feet, located on a 2.94 acre lot.

Service Institution

Morning Pointe of Brentwood – Construction is well underway for this new assisted living and Alzheimer’s care facility located on the east side of Wilson Pike, between Moores Lane and Crockett Road. When the new 55,000 square foot facility is open in the fall of 2012, it will have 73 units (80 beds) to accommodate the special needs of senior citizens living in the community and the elderly parents of residents living elsewhere. The appearance of the building will include materials that allow it to blend into the surrounding properties better. A protected southbound left turn lane on Wilson Pike will also be constructed for safe vehicular access into the facility.



Morning Pointe of Brentwood Assisted Living facility under construction

Renovation of the Existing Sports Stadium at Brentwood Academy – A revised site plan to renovate the existing stadium at Brentwood Academy has been approved by the Planning Commission. The renovation plan will include new stadium seating (3,000 seats), replacement of the natural grass turf with synthetic turf, expansion of the existing track from 6 to 8 lanes (asphalt, w/ rubberized surface course), and construction of brick restroom and storage facilities, concession stand and entrance pavilions. A new lighting system will be installed to direct light toward the field and away from the neighbors. New scoreboards for football and track will be installed. Construction is targeted for completion before the fall 2012 football season.

Springtime in the Parks

Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. Spring is the time to ‘escape the inside’ and enjoy the 864 acres of City owned park land and greenways. Many of the parks are connected together by the City’s extensive system of bikeways. The city encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your “community backyard.”

For detail information on individual City parks, greenways and trails, go to www.brentwood-tn.org/parks or call 615-371-2208.

Nutro Dog Park

Brentwood’s first dog park was opened in Tower Park in the spring 2011. Recently, the City entered into a sponsorship agreement with the Nutro Company with financial support provided to the City over the next five years. In recognition, the City has named the dog park, Nutro Dog Park. The pet food company is a subsidiary of Mars, Inc. which is headquartered here in Williamson County. There will be a grand celebration event at the dog park hosted by Nutro later this spring.

THOUSANDS WELCOME INJURED SOLDIER HOME

The Brentwood community is strongly supportive of its local soldiers who serve in the Armed Forces. This commitment to our servicemen was shown again before Christmas 2011 when an injured local hero returned home to a parade with thousands of residents lining the streets. On October 19, 2011, Brentwood resident and Brentwood Academy graduate, 24 year old U.S Army Specialist Andrew Wilson, was injured in Afghanistan by an IED blast. He lost one of his legs above the knee and the other below the knee.

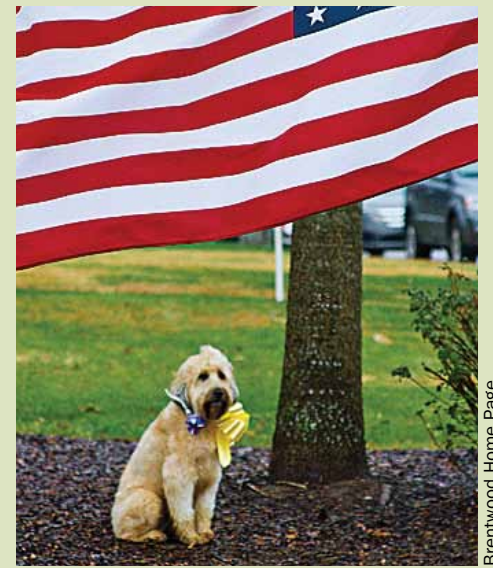
Andrew has gone through 11 surgeries and is in rehab at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C. He wanted to be at home with his family at Christmas but accessing and staying in the Wilson home with its lack of handicapped assessable features posed a challenge for him and his family.

Retired Brentwood Police Chief Ricky Watson heard about the young soldier and his needs and immediately organized a community effort to retrofit the Wilson home. Numerous local businesses and individuals volunteered and moved quickly to

retrofit the home for the visit. Others contributed cash, materials and equipment to facilitate this effort.

On December 20, 2011, Andrew was met at the Nashville airport by a limousine and was escorted through the community and parade route by a convoy of Brentwood Police and Patriot Riders. On a very rainy day, thousands of people with umbrellas and rain gear lined the main streets of Brentwood for the homecoming parade with yellow ribbons, American flags and Welcome Home signs reflecting the community's grateful appreciation for his service to our country.

Andrew Wilson has since returned to Walter Reed Medical Center to continue his rehabilitation from injuries. We wish him a continued steady recovery from his war injuries.



The Wilson's family dog waits patiently to welcome Andrew home.

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Thank You, Brentwood!

I wanted to take a moment to thank Brentwood for my amazing homecoming celebration. It is a moment that I will remember forever. To see the support that everyone gave to me as a soldier was awesome. Our armed forces are working hard for America, and on their behalf, I thank you.

Thank you to Police Chief Watson and his whole force. I can't wait to call Brentwood, Tennessee my permanent home again.

Andrew Wilson

Many will remember a year ago that another Brentwood resident, Marine Ben Maenza, was similarly injured in an explosion in Afghanistan on October 21, 2010. The community also raised funds and found volunteers to rehab Ben's parent's home so he too could come for Christmas.

New Promotions in Police Department

With the retirement Police Chief Ricky Watson in January 2012 and the promotion of Assistant Chief Jeff Hughes to Police Chief, several internal supervisory level promotions occurred in the Brentwood Police Department. The department is fortunate to have very capable individuals in the ranks that are able to step up and assume important leadership positions.

Assistant Chief of Police Tommy Walsh

Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh is a 23 year veteran of the Brentwood Police Department. He began his career as a Patrol Officer and has risen through the ranks as a Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant. Most recently, Walsh served as Captain of the Technical/Support Services Division overseeing Communications, Records, Training, Technology and Public Information. He received his Bachelors Degree from Austin Peay State University and will soon complete his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration at Columbia Southern University. Walsh is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program.

Captain Richard Hickey

Captain Richard Hickey is a 20 year veteran of the Brentwood Police Department. Prior to his promotion to Captain overseeing the Criminal Investigations Division, Hickey served as a Lieutenant in the division. During his career with Brentwood, he has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Technician and Detective. Hickey is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



L to R: Captain Richard Hickey, Assistant Chief of Police Tommy Walsh, Lieutenant Jeff Moorehead

Lieutenant Jeff Moorehead

Lieutenant Jeff Moorehead is a 12 year veteran of the Brentwood Police Department. Prior to his promotion as a Lieutenant in the Patrol Division, he served as a Brentwood Officer and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2010. Morehead started his Law Enforcement career with the Columbia Police Department in 1993. Jeff received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Middle Tennessee State University.

Electric Charging Stations

There is national priority to reduce the United States dependency on foreign oil. To facilitate this effort, many new technologies are being evaluated for their effectiveness including the use of electric vehicles.

The City of Brentwood is participating in the Electric Vehicle Project pilot program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of this project is to accelerate the development and production of electric vehicles by providing convenient places for drivers to recharge vehicles away from home. Our local community has a significant investment in the creation and production of this new technology with the nearby headquarters of Nissan North America.

Through the Electric Vehicle Project grant program, the City received funding for the installation of two charging stations at the Library and two at the Municipal Center. The installation of the Ecotality Blink charging stations has been completed and is available for public use at both facilities. The charging stations have a standardized connector that has been adopted by all of the electric vehicle manufacturers.

The Blink stations are currently available for public use at no cost. However, as part of the grant evaluation program, Ecotality will soon test various payment methods and pricing models with a user fee required to cover the cost of electricity.



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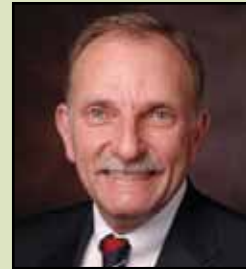
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for four members is scheduled for May 7, 2013.

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.

Police Chief Ricky Watson Retires

After 25 years of dedicated service with the Brentwood Police Department, Chief Ricky Watson retired in January, 2012. Chief Watson began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer in Memphis. He joined the Brentwood Police Department in 1986 as a Police Captain and was promoted to Police Chief in 2000. Chief Watson was only the second person to serve as Police Chief since incorporation of the City in 1969.

The Brentwood Police Department is consistently recognized across the State of Tennessee for its excellent police services and for providing responsive, quality service in the community. Chief Watson had high expectations for the performance of everyone in the Police Department. Under his leadership, the department excelled in recruiting, hiring and promoting the most professional personnel. This Police Department can compete with the very best departments across America.

Chief Watson was instrumental in obtaining the first national accreditation for the Police Department in the late 1980's and maintaining the accreditation to this day. He instilled an attitude of professionalism within the department that has



Since 1969, Brentwood has had only 3 police chiefs. L-R: Present Police Chief Jeff Hughs, first Police Chief Howard Buttrey, second Police Chief Ricky Watson.

resulted both in a high level of policing services in Brentwood and a cost effective use of resources. He leaves the department in good shape and in a position to improve on the current foundation long after his retirement.

Chief Watson – thank you for your unwavering commitment to the safety and protection of the residential and corporate citizens of Brentwood. This commitment is an important reason why our community is such a great place to live and work. We wish you the very best in retirement!

COOL SPRINGS HOUSE



The Cool Springs House in Crockett Park is unique place in Brentwood to hold a special event. Although historically oriented, the first floor of the house has facilities to accommodate parties, receptions and other gatherings. A portion of the second floor has a large conference room and is an ideal setting for workshops and business retreats. For more information on permitted uses, space options, availability, etc, go to the City's web page: www.brentwood-tn.org/parks or call the Brentwood Municipal Center 615-371-0060, ext 2010.

FINANCIAL RECOGNITIONS

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again recognized the City of Brentwood for excellence in financial reporting. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 25th year in a row and the Distinguish Budget Presentation Award for the 19th consecutive year. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Carson Swinford, places the highest priority on producing accurate, timely, high quality financial documents that are understandable by the public and essential to maintaining the City's high credit rating. Copies of the reports are available for your review at our website www.brentwood-tn.org/finance. Hard copies are also available for review at the Finance Department in the Municipal Center and at the Brentwood Library.

Brentwood Named Tennessee's Smartest Mid-Sized City

Brentwood has been named the "smartest" mid-sized City in Tennessee, according to a new analysis of census data by *Business Journals On Numbers*. This publication used a five-part formula to rank the brainpower of 3,012 communities in America with populations between 10,000 and 49,999. The criteria included high school graduation rates and the percentage of residents who achieved bachelor's and graduate degrees. In Brentwood, 42% of adult residents (25 or older) have a bachelor's degree, while 26% have a graduate and/or professional degree. Brentwood was deemed the 102nd smartest city in America which is in the top 3.5% of all communities. Palo Alto, CA (home of Stanford University) ranks #1.

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 can 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: www.ready.gov or www.nfpa.org/disaster

2012 CONCERT SERIES Eddy Arnold Amphitheater Crockett Park - 7 p.m.

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JUNE 3	Little Texas
JUNE 10	Nashville Symphony Orchestra
JUNE 17	The Devonshires
JUNE 24	The WannaBeatles – with Cool Springs Youth Orchestra
JULY 4	Fireworks Celebration – Featuring The Kadillacs
JULY 8	The Bicho Brothers
JULY 15	Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION CROCKETT PARK – 7 p.m.

"Limited Parking" – You can park at the library or River Park and use bikeway;
Residents from nearby subdivisions, please walk or ride bikes.