

Citizen's Update

Fall 2006 News You Need to Know About Your City



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What's Happening at the Library



Teen Central, a new area in the library designed for students grades six through twelve, offers computer, graphic novels, chess, backgammon and young adult collections.

Teen Central is Going Strong!

Financial Peace for Teens	Thurs., Oct. 12, 6:30-7:30 pm.
Murder Mystery Party	Sat., Oct. 14 after hours at the library.
ACT Practice Test	Sat., Jan. 20, 10:30 am.*
ACT Review & Strategy Session	Tues., Jan 23, 7 pm.*
SAT Practice Test	Sat., Jan. 6 and Jan. 20, 10:30 am.*
SAT Review & Strategy Session	Tues., Jan. 9, 7 pm.*

*Pre-registration required.

More information – Diane Sirko, 371-0090 or sirkod@brentwood-tn.org

Book Discussion Groups

<i>Dracula</i> by Bram Stoker	Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.
<i>Namesake</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri	Oct. 24, 10 a.m.
<i>Runaway: Stories</i> by Alice Munro	Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.
<i>The Enormous Room</i> by E.E. Cummings	Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
<i>Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson	Nov. 28, 10 a.m.
<i>The History of Love</i> by Nicole Krauss	Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m.
<i>A Redbird Christmas</i> by Fannie Flagg	Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Law Talk at the Library (Free Monthly Seminars)

The Ins and Outs of a Family Business	Oct. 14, 10 a.m.
Identity Theft: How to Protect Yourself	Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
How to Protect Your Intellectual Property – Songwriters & Authors	Dec. 9, 10 a.m.



Friends of the Library

Friends are at the heart of our library and are devoted to making it better and better. Their main focus is to hold used book sales to benefit the library. Last year the Friends raised more than \$60,000 for new books, music, movies, programs, equipment and the new reading terrace. Donations of used books are accepted anytime. For more information ask at the library or friends@brentwood-tn.org.

UPCOMING BOOK SALES

October 18-21, 2006
January 17-20, 2007
April 18-21, 2007

SALE HOURS

Wednesday 1-7 pm
Thursday 9 am-7 pm
Friday 9 am-5 pm
Saturday 10 am-5 pm

Morning with Santa

Saturday, December 2

Visit with Santa (bring your camera!)

- MUSIC • CRAFTS • MAGIC SHOWS
- FACE-PAINTING • REFRESHMENTS

Free, but tickets required.

Information – Children's Library.

LIBRARY READING TERRACE

'Dream Becomes Reality'

Several years ago, the Brentwood Library Foundation and the Library Director had a dream to build a shady outdoor reading terrace with comfortable benches and a water fountain. The terrace would allow readers to enjoy the park and relax in the fresh air with a good book. *The dream has become a reality.*

Thanks to efforts of the Library Foundation and the Brentwood community, funds were raised for the construction of the 1,500 square-foot terrace. The terrace has been completed and is exactly like the dream. It is paved in bluestone with a wrought-iron fence, has comfortable seating and a water fountain. A small amphitheatre for outdoor children's events has also been constructed in a shady area nearby. Thanks to the efforts of the Brentwood community – *Dreams really do come true...*



Story Times at the Library

Preschool Story Time

Tues. & Wed. at 10 and 11.

Family Story Time

Sat. at 10:30

Students Step Back in Time ... to 1845

THE BOILING SPRING ACADEMY, A ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE located on Moores Lane, is the center of a new educational program developed by the Brentwood Historic Commission. The Academy (circa 1830) was restored by the Historic Commission and is the recipient of numerous restoration awards.

The Academy, with no electricity or plumbing, will open each fall and spring to give Brentwood third grade students a chance to step back in time. A typical school day taught by retired teachers includes penmanship, arithmetic, spelling bee, etc. The interactive program will give students, dressed in pinafore skirts and suspenders, an opportunity to experience "A Day in 1845." An activity book has been developed to prepare the students for their 'day' at the Academy.



Taramore Development

Special Historic Preservation Project

A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN BRENTWOOD IS TARAMORE, a John Wieland Homes project, on Split Log Road. Brentwood is fortunate that the Oman-Sayers House, one of the classic antebellum homes of Middle Tennessee, is still preserved on this property. The two-story brick residence, built during the 1840's, is in great condition even though it has been vacant for several years.

The City's development standards provide incentives to developers to preserve historic sites through the Open Space Residential Development zoning district. The Brentwood Historic Commission is working closely with the City and the developer during the historic preservation. Special emphasis is placed on the proper preservation of the residence, including proper cleaning of the old masonry surfaces, and the proper landscape screening of the historic house.

This project has been a wonderful opportunity for the City, the Brentwood Historic Commission and the developer, John Wieland Homes, to work together to preserve an important part of Brentwood's history.



Town Center

THE CITY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT of the original commercial area of Brentwood. The area known as Town Center is bounded by Old Hickory Blvd. on the north, I-65 on the east, Church Street on the south and Eastpark Drive on the west. The City constructed a new east/west street, Town Center Way, with street parking and enhanced streetscape amenities. The road runs from Franklin Road to Frierson Place across the railroad. The area has been rezoned to allow for a mixture of commercial, office and residential development in a traditional downtown arrangement. The goal is to redevelop the area over the next 5-10 years with a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Police – Public Service Calls

BRENTWOOD'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER TRANSITIONED TO A NEW Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system in 2004. This system tracks calls and events with more detail and accuracy than the old system, therefore the statistics may not compare exactly. The following is a breakdown of the most frequently received calls followed by the more serious police calls.

Frequent Calls	2003	2004	2005
Burglar Alarm	4,300	3,311	3,062
Request Officer	3,552	2,572	2,906
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	654	818	529
Disabled Vehicle	384	941	1,049
Welfare (Safety) Check	472	330	366
Panic Alarm	243	179	195
More Serious Calls			
Criminal Offenses	1,000	927	1,045
Property Offenses	701	634	770
Person Offenses	112	141	131
Crimes Against Society (Drugs, Gambling, etc.)	187	152	144
Motor Vehicle Accidents	633	661	720
Personal Injury	146	160	159
Property Damage	484	499	561
Fatalities	3	2	0

WELCOME OUR SOLDIERS HOME PARADE – Maryland Way, November 10, 2006 – 10 a.m.

TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR SOLDIERS, Police Chief Ricky Watson, working with the Brentwood community, is planning a welcome home parade and celebration for our adopted troop, the Fort Campbell based E Company, 1st Battalion, and 327th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division – known as the Screaming Eagles. These brave men and women are returning from their third tour of duty in Iraq.

This is one way that the Brentwood community can express our appreciation for the sacrifices the soldiers and their families make for our country. Please make plans to attend the parade on November 10 at 10 a.m. to show your support for the American Soldiers.



New Development Spotlight

BRENTWOOD IS PRIMARILY A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY but provides opportunities for quality commercial and service institutional facilities in targeted areas that are limited to about 10% of the total land area. In addition to suburban style commercial development in the Maryland Farms and Cool Springs areas, Brentwood is encouraging redevelopment of the Town Center area, the original commercial center in the Franklin Road – Church Street area.

Planning activities in the past six months include:

Office

South Brentwood developments include: Vastland Realty Building, a three-story office building with retail uses on the ground floor, and a new office building on 4.4 acres near the former Service Merchandise Headquarters. North Brentwood developments include: a new 36,000 sq ft facility on Wilson Pike Circle and a 3,800 sq ft addition to Ray Bell Construction Company's office building.



Office building near the former Service Merchandise headquarters.

Retail/Service

The majority of commercial construction is in south Brentwood. The new Mallory Park developments include: Direct Buy outlet facility, Mallory Park Storage facility, and Gardner preschool. The Bakers Bridge/ Seaboard Lane commercial area includes: a new Gordon Food Service outlet, a Seaboard Lane Commercial Building (retail/ restaurant), and a four-story branch of Mallory Station Storage. Also in south Brentwood, Walgreens is building a retail store and pharmacy at Franklin Road and Lynwood Way.



Development begins in Mallory Park (known as flag pole property).



Baker Bridge/Seaboard Lane new commercial area

Service/Institutional

Service/institutional development continues to provide for new and expanded facilities to serve the residents of Brentwood. The Brentwood YMCA on Concord Road is adding a 6,300-sq-ft wellness center and a revised parking area. Brentwood Academy will build a new press box at the baseball field.

Residential

Residential development in Brentwood continues to reflect the desirability of the community as the place to live in middle Tennessee. New sections in existing subdivisions include Inglehame (7 lots), Windstone (71 lots), Taramore (33 lots), Wetherbrooke (37 lots), Preserve at Concord (22 lots), Woodlands at Copperstone (40 lots), Brass Lantern Farm (9 lots), Brookfield (50 lots), and the Reserve at Raintree Forest (103 lots).

New residential subdivisions approved include Kings Crossing, a 39 lot development off of Wikle Road near the CSX railroad line; Brentwood Lights, adjacent to Wildwood (13 lots on 41 acres); and on the east side, the new Edenbrook development (13 residential lots on 20 acres).



Residential development in Brentwood.

Public

Wireless mobile phone will upgrade seven existing antennas. The new technology will replace existing installations throughout Brentwood and should result in improved wireless phone service for all.

HILLSIDE PRESERVATION CHALLENGES CITY PLANNING

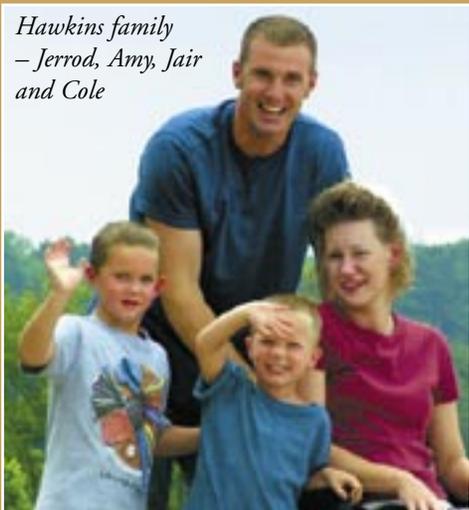
AS THE POPULARITY OF BRENTWOOD INCREASES, so does the development of residential homes. At first, developments were primarily located on level pasture land. However, as the level land has been developed, land development is moving into more challenging terrain including hillsides.

Currently, individual homes may be built on hillside lots that comply with subdivision regulations but, in some cases, do not blend naturally into the terrain, thereby producing a visual scar to the natural hillside. Therefore, new standards for hillside protection and critical lot development are needed.

The City will be considering new standards and techniques relating to critical lot developments. These standards are expected to guide future development and minimize significant modification of the topography and housing visibility at the higher elevations.

Amy Hawkins – Our Hero

*Hawkins family
– Jerrod, Amy, Jair
and Cole*



ON APRIL 7, 2006 THE JERROD HAWKINS FAMILY'S LIFE CHANGED FOREVER. Brentwood Firefighter Hawkins' home was destroyed by an F-4 tornado in Hendersonville. Jerrod was on duty at the time and could only follow the storm from his Brentwood fire station. The tornado completely destroyed the Hawkins' home, ripping the house from its foundation. His wife, Amy, and two sons were seeking shelter in the basement when the tornado hit. Amy heroically saved the lives of their sons by sheltering them with her body and protecting them from serious injury. Tragically, the falling bricks, debris

and concrete fell on Amy causing permanent injuries. Her vertebrae and ribs were crushed, her lungs were punctured and she sustained serious head trauma.

After the tornado, neighbors found Amy and the boys under a massive pile of rubble. They called Jerrod and while he was traveling to his home, he instructed his neighbors on how to give Amy CPR.

Amy suffered injuries that left her paralyzed from the waist down. She is slowly recovering, but doctors say that she will be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life.



Hawkins home after tornado - Amy and boys were found under the massive pile of rubble.

Through local efforts, the family was selected by ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition to receive a new home. The episode will broadcast on Sunday, October 8.



The community was deeply touched by the Hawkins' story and thousands of volunteers came forward to support the family with their love and generosity.

- The Brentwood Fire Department immediately found a temporary home for Jerrod and the boys; the house was cleaned, painted, and furnished. During this time, Amy was in an Atlanta rehabilitation center working to regain her strength and be able to come home.

- The City of Brentwood collected over \$80,000 in donations locally and from across America to help the family with extraordinary expenses.
- Brentwood Parks Director, Dave Bunt raised \$7,280 through a huge community yard sale at his home.
- The Brentwood Rotary Club donated a handicap accessible van for Hawkins family.
- Brentwood Fire and Police and Hendersonville Civitans worked to get ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition to build the Hawkins family a new home. They collected over 50,000 names from across the country making the Hawkins family the most-nominated candidate family in the program's history.
- The Hawkins family was selected by Extreme Makeover to receive a new handicap accessible home. Starting July 19, Capital Builders of Brentwood and thousands of volunteers worked together to build the Hawkins home in five days.



Amy and Jerrod thank the thousands of volunteers who helped build their new home.

The Hawkins family's story has touched the lives of many people. The community identified with Amy's sacrifice and heroism. Jerrod, Amy and their sons have moved into their new home and are in the process of adjusting to their new life.



Jerrod and Amy's new handicap accessible home was completed in five days.

Photos courtesy of Capital Homes, Inc.

POLICE EXCELLENCE

THE BRENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The department was recognized for their Excellence in Law Enforcement.

The Brentwood Police Department was first accredited in 1989 and was the first agency in the state to become "re-accredited" in 1994. In 2005, the department was recognized with the "Meritorious Service Award" for being an accredited agency for 15 years.

What does this mean to you? Your police department has been fully assessed and operates under the highest professional law enforcement standards in the nation.

Congratulations to the Brentwood Police Department for their national recognition and commitment to Excellence in Law Enforcement.

FIREARM TRAINING SIMULATOR

THE FIREARMS TRAINING SIMULATOR IS AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER-CONTROLLED SYSTEM that displays real life scenarios on a screen calibrated for size and distance. The system uses real weapons that have been converted to fire a laser at a target which calculates accuracy. The weapons simulate recoil that officers would experience from their weapon if they were involved in an actual shooting. This technology supports marksmanship and judgmental training.

Officers can be trained in situations that evaluate decision-making ability regarding use of force. This training simulator is the same system utilized by the U.S. Military to train our soldiers and was purchased with money from the Brentwood Police Department Drug Fund.

HOME SECURITY SURVEYS

THE BRENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT offers free Home Security Surveys to all Brentwood residents. The evaluation consists of a thorough exterior and interior survey of your home. The officers answer questions and offer advice on what you can do to make your residence safer and less vulnerable to crime. To schedule a survey, contact Officer Sam Bady or Officer Mark Wood at 371-2267, or email badys@brentwood-tn.org or woodm@brentwood-tn.org.

RAPE AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE

R.A.D. (RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE) IS A TRAINING PROGRAM of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The class teaches awareness, prevention, risk reduction, risk avoidance, and hands-on defense training. Participants meet for 3 hours (6pm to 9pm) on four consecutive nights. The program has received high marks from past participants with many mothers and daughters attending the class together. The course is free to Brentwood citizens.

Upcoming class dates are: **October 16-19, November 13-16, December 4-7, 2006.** For more information, contact Brentwood Police Sergeant Leroy Farris, 371-0160 or farrisl@brentwood-tn.org.

Parks Update

BRENTWOOD PARKS OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. The city encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your "community backyard."

WHAT'S NEW:

Owl Creek Park

This new 21+ acre neighborhood park in east Brentwood is located on Concord Road near the Chestnut Springs and Bridgeton Park subdivisions. The park will include parking, restrooms, picnic shelter, playground, basketball courts,



and walking/jogging trails etc. Construction began July 2006 and completion is scheduled by the end of the year.

Indoor Soccer Facility

Williamson County working with the City of Brentwood is building an indoor soccer facility at Crockett Park. The construction began spring 2006 and is scheduled for completion in 2007. This facility will be operated by Williamson County Parks and Recreation. For information contact Williamson County at 790-5719.

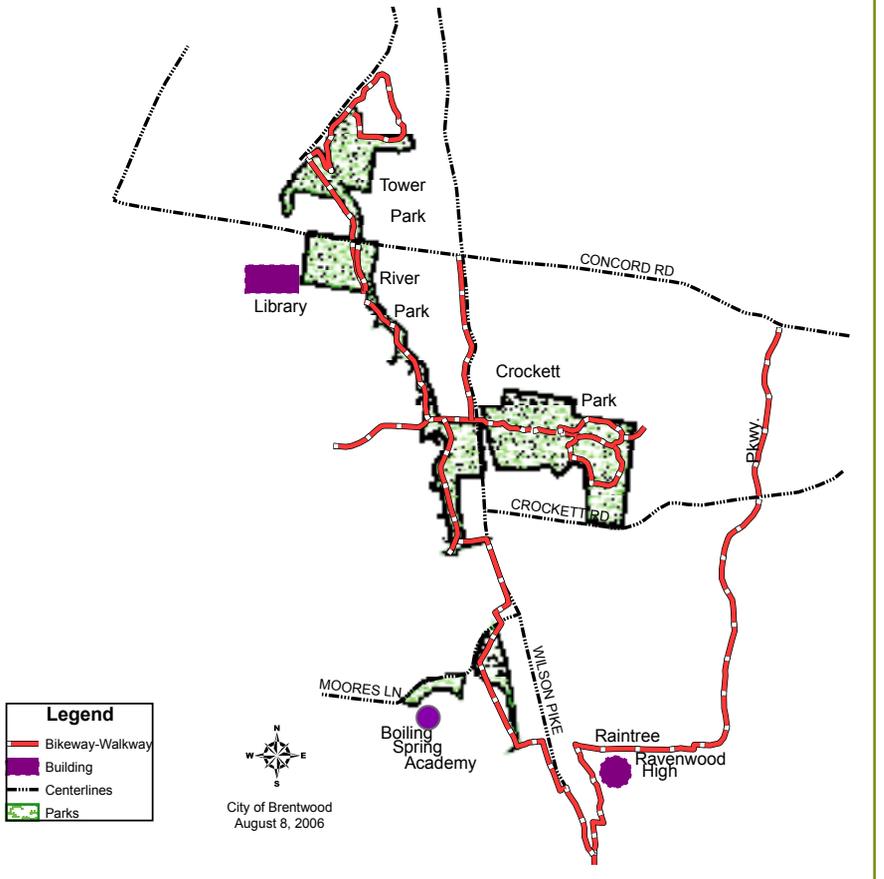
Indoor Soccer Facility under construction.



BRENTWOOD'S BIKEWAY/WALKING TRAIL EXPANSION

Explore the City Via the Bikeway!

BRENTWOOD'S HIDDEN TREASURE IS THE NEW BIKEWAY EXTENSION that will link parks, greenways, neighborhoods, library, schools, historic sites, YMCA, etc. When the new extension is officially opened later this fall, you will be able to ride, jog or walk from Tower Park to the Carriage Hills subdivision to Ravenwood High to Raintree Parkway to Crockett Road on a continuous bikeway. For additional information: Dave Bunt, Director of Parks, 371-2208 or bunt@d@brentwood-tn.org.



Financial Awards

EVERY YEAR, THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD FINANCE DEPARTMENT submits the City's annual budget and Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) documents to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration for their award program. In order to receive an award, the City must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized document whose contents adhere to strict program standards. GFOA has awarded the City a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 18 consecutive years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 14 consecutive years. The Finance Department is proud to have received these two prestigious awards, and will continue to strive and produce quality financial documents in the future.

SHOP IN BRENTWOOD FIRST!

WHENEVER POSSIBLE, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO YOUR SHOPPING in the Brentwood City limits. Besides benefiting local businesses, each purchase generates local sales taxes that help support and pay for the cost of municipal services and schools. For each dollar spent in Brentwood, the City and Williamson County Schools split evenly 2.25 cents. While this may not sound like much, cumulatively, it generates about 35% of the total funding for the City's annual General Fund budget. Such purchases also help to keep your City and County property taxes lower by reducing the need for property taxes to fund services.

BRENTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Happy 20th Birthday!



IN 2006 THE BRENTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CITY OPERATED SERVICE to the citizens of Brentwood. The department opened its doors on September 1, 1986 with a total of 26 members staffing two fire stations.

Today 58 dedicated employees staff four fire stations with state-of-the-art equipment. The firefighters are well-trained and prepared to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies such as fires, emergency medical needs, rescues and hazardous material incidents. Besides providing fire protection, the Brentwood Fire Department also participates in numerous activities that benefit the community and save life and property. These include first responder medical service, fire prevention through public education programs at schools and community events, review of new building plans, inspections of commercial building and home safety evaluation.



The Brentwood Fire Department is an intricate part of our community. They offer a helping hand to every citizen and respond to every call, regardless of how large or small – from a major fire or hazardous material incident to something as simple as helping an elderly person back into their bed.



Thank You – Brentwood Firefighters for 20 Outstanding Years of Service!

Public Works Update

Bikeway Improvements

New bikeway segment from Ravenwood High School via abandoned road tunnel on Old Wilson Pike, north to Carriage Hills subdivision to Montclair subdivision and Primm Park, north under Moores Lane and parallel to Wilson Pike toward Crockett Road; bikeway will be completed by late fall of 2006.



Concord Road East

Concord Road East Project – Design/Right-of-Way Acquisition

Concord Road from Edmondson Pike to the eastern city limits, 3.6 mile section; 3 lane road section with curb and gutter and separated 10-foot bikeway lane; City funding of engineering design and right-of-way acquisition; project management and construction by TDOT; right-of-way acquisition will begin soon and completed in 2007; construction tentatively scheduled to begin by spring 2008 and completed in 2010.



Split Log Road Project – Wilson Pike to Ragsdale Road

Split Log Road Project (Wilson Pike to Ragsdale Road)

Split Log Road from Ragsdale Road intersection west to Wilson Pike; includes realignment of horizontal and vertical curves; continuous 3-lane roadway section with center turn lane, curb and gutter and a separated 10-foot wide bikeway section along the south side of the road; traffic signal at Wilson Pike; right-of-way acquisition to be completed by October 2006; construction scheduled to begin in Fall 2006 with completion by December 2007.

Sunset Road Improvements

Sunset Road/Copperstone Subdivision entrance; includes 1,800 linear foot realignment of horizontal and vertical curves with a three lane section; widening substandard drainage box bridge; clearing area for better visibility; construction targeted for completion by December 2006.

Waller Road Improvements

Minor widening of roadway to 22-foot lane, where possible, from Maupin Road to east city limit; project to be completed by December 2006.

Wilson Pike/Old Smyrna Road Improvements

Left turn lanes will be installed on Wilson Pike to improve traffic flow and safety; project to be completed in summer of 2007.



Edmondson Pike/Liberty Church Road Improvements

Left turn lane is being installed for traffic safety; project completion Fall 2006.

Engineering – Franklin Road South

The City has begun initial engineering design on the State highway (Franklin Road) from Concord Road to Moores Lane; future construction is several years away and subject to TDOT funding.

Water & Sewer Update

TRANSFERRING WATER SERVICE

The Water Department recently completed initial work associated with transferring water service from some existing customers of the Nolensville/College Grove Utility District to the City of Brentwood. Customers affected by the transfer reside in the Hampton Reserve Subdivision, and along Crockett Road between Arrowhead Drive and Concord Road.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Water system improvements in the Split Log Road/Ragsdale Road area include 15,000 feet of new water mains, a water booster station and a water storage tank. Construction of improvements are scheduled to coincide with the Split Log Road widening project.

SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

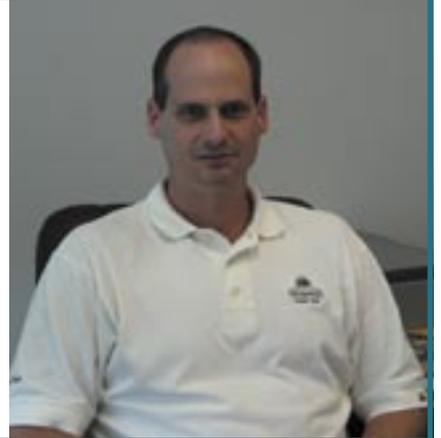
The Engineering firm of Camp Dresser & McKee has been retained by the City and Metro Nashville to evaluate and make recommendations for system improvements associated with the current state imposed moratorium. The study will be concluded in early 2007 and submitted to the State of Tennessee for review and consideration in making improvements over the next three years.

Telephone solicitations for “local” Fire & Police DO NOT support our Fire & Police Departments

Brentwood Fire & Police DO NOT solicit donations

CHRIS MILTON NAMED WATER AND SEWER DIRECTOR

ON JULY 1, CHRIS MILTON BECAME THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CITY’S WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, replacing longtime Director John Grissom who retired at the end of June. Chris was originally hired by the City in October of 2005 as the Assistant Water and Sewer Director. Prior to coming to Brentwood, Chris spent 8 years as the Assistant Water and Sewer Director with the City of Franklin and three years with the City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.



NEWS BRIEFS

COMMUNITY GUIDE 2005-07

Need information? Copies are available at Brentwood Municipal Center and the Brentwood Library. The updated 2005-2007 copy is now available.

LUMINARIES

Brentwood Subdivisions • Dec. 9, 6 p.m.

TUNE IN CHANNEL 19

City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast
1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month
Tues. 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. • Thurs. 7 p.m.
Continuous City Information Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.
Historic Interviews with Vance Little, 7 p.m.
Historic Brentwood Video, Mon. • Wed. • Fri. 8 p.m.

CITY’S WEB SITE

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

CITY HAS RECENTLY CHANGED BANKING INTUITIONS

Please note the following address changes:

Water/Sewer Payments:

City of Brentwood
Water and Sewer Department
P.O. Box 306045
Nashville, TN 37230-6045

Property Tax Payments:

City of Brentwood
Property Tax Notice
P.O. Box 306048
Nashville, TN 37230-604

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

The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It consists of five members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The Mayor and Vice Mayor are appointed by the City Commission for two-year terms. The next election for two members is scheduled for May 1, 2007. 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.

BRENTWOOD IS FINANCIALLY STRONG

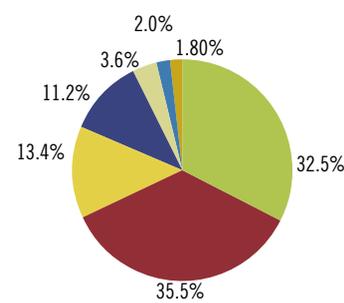
Brentwood is one of the most desirable communities in Tennessee to live and work. The City realizes that a strong financial position is essential to the success of our community. Having a broad, diverse tax base is important but spending the public's money wisely while keeping taxes as low as possible is also a priority. The following are a few of our City's financial highlights:

- **No increase** in the City's effective property tax rate in 16 consecutive years. The actual tax rate has declined from \$.89 to \$.49 per \$100 of assessed value of property.
- **Third (3rd) lowest property tax rate** (2005) in State compared to 22 other cities with populations 25,000 or greater.
- **Annual city property tax bill is \$515** (or \$1.40 per day) for average home valued at \$420,000.
- **City taxes represent only 18%** of your annual property tax bill. The remaining 82% is Williamson County property taxes.
- **General Fund reserves have increased** from: FY 1991 – \$600,000 to FY 2006 - \$16 million; City never operates in a deficit.
- **Highest possible bond rating** from Moody's Investors Service – Aaa.
- **Provides expanded services** with fewer employees. City has 6.94 full-time employees per 1,000 residents in FY 2007, versus 8.54 in FY 1991 or 18.7% less. (Staffing at the old levels would cost the taxpayers an additional \$4 million annually and require a 45% increase in the City's property tax rate.)
- **Commercial property represents only 5%** of the total land but **generates 60%** of the total General Fund revenues.
- **National Awards** – GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 18 consecutive years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 14 consecutive years.
- Brentwood's **General Fund is not heavily dependent** on any one revenue source:
 - ✓ Local Sales Taxes – 35.5%
 - ✓ Property Taxes – 32.6%
 - ✓ State Shared Revenues – 13.4%
 - ✓ Other Sources/Fees – 18.5%

Your General Fund Tax Dollars at Work

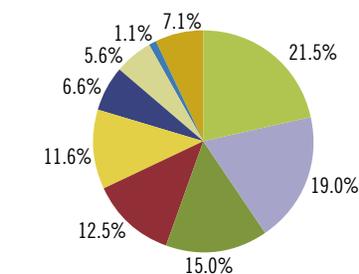
Revenues by Source FY 2007

Revenues	2006-07 Amount	Budget %
Property Taxes	\$8,883,000	32.5%
Local Sales Taxes	\$9,680,000	35.5%
State Shared Revenues	\$3,640,045	13.4%
Other Local Taxes	\$3,041,800	11.2%
Licenses/Permits	\$980,000	3.6%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$552,500	2.0%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$479,200	1.8%
Total Revenues	\$27,256,545	100.00%



Expenditures by Source FY 2007

Expenditures	2006-07 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$5,839,215	21.5%
Fire	\$5,190,520	19.0%
General Government	\$4,095,570	15.0%
Public Works/Services	\$3,415,255	12.5%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,150,000	11.6%
Public Library	\$1,798,745	6.6%
Parks/Recreation	\$1,522,640	5.6%
Capital Projects Fund Transfer	\$300,000	1.1%
All Other	\$1,942,415	7.1%
Total Revenues	\$27,254,360	100.00%

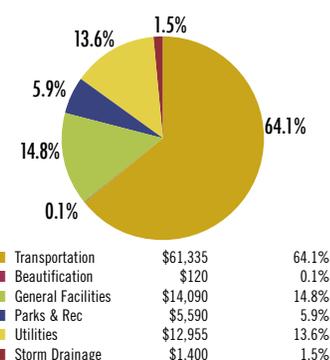


General Government consists of City Commission, City Court, City Manager's Office, Elections, Finance, Legal Services, Technology, Human Resources, Community Relations, Planning and Codes Enforcement.

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

Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2007-2012

The primary focus of this \$95.5 million, six-year program is to address the infrastructure and facility needs for one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Tennessee. The program concentrates on improvements in six areas: General Facilities, Transportation, Storm Drainage, Parks and Recreation, Beautification and Utilities. Copies of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are available for review at the Brentwood Public Library and the Municipal Center. Please call Carson Swinford, Finance Director, at 371-0060 for more information.



Tour of Homes

The Brentwood Historic Commission is sponsoring the Brentwood Tour of Homes to raise funds for the preservation of Boiling Spring Academy. Tour homes include:



Grisham Home, Princeton Hills



Historic Twenty-four Trees, home of International artist, Paul Harmon.

**OCTOBER 7
10 am-5 pm**

**OCTOBER 8
1-5 pm**

**Tickets \$15
In advance \$12**

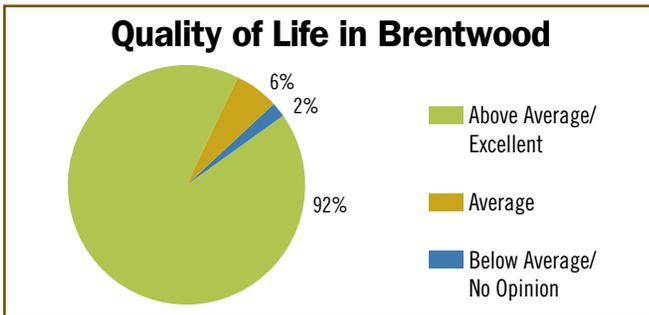
Brentwood City Hall,
Brentwood Library,
Brentwood Stationers
and Cool Springs Publix

For more information:
www.brentwood-tn.org or 371-0060

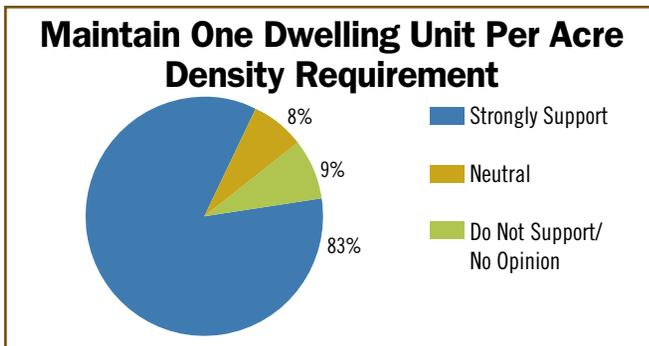
City Manager's Report

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, I WANT TO THANK YOU for your participation in the recent community surveys associated with the Brentwood 2020 Plan update. This comprehensive plan which was initially adopted in 1999 provides the framework or vision for the community's future and is an essential tool in establishing direction and priorities for your City government. The plan update, when completed by the City's consultant and accepted by the City Commission, will identify accomplishments to date, and prioritize goals and objectives for the City to undertake during the next five years.

About 40% of the City residents participated in initial and follow up surveys. In addition, a similar type survey was directed to the business community. This participation level is outstanding as most cities are lucky to receive a 10-15% return rate. It is indicative of your support of Brentwood and interest in making it an even better place to live and work.



Most of the survey findings were predictable and remain consistent with the results of the original community survey taken in 1998. Overall, 92% rate the quality of life of Brentwood excellent or above average compared to other Middle Tennessee cities.

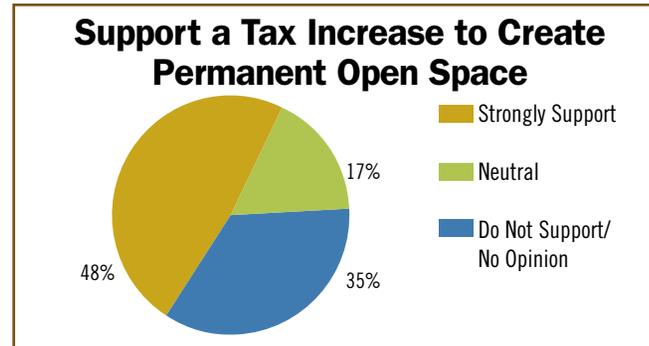


83% strongly support the long standing residential development standard of one acre density.

Over 75% did not want Brentwood to adopt the density standards found in nearby communities of 2 or more housing units per acre. 78% expressed strong support for the large scale commercial development being limited to the northern area (Maryland Farms) and Cool Springs area.

The three most important issues facing Brentwood today were identified as management of growth, preservation of permanent open space and sensitive areas (hillsides and floodplains) and the adequacy of existing roads (traffic). These are complicated issues

which are compounded by the rapid growth in the surrounding communities. Tennessee law also places a high priority on the protection of individual property rights for development under current zoning and limits the City's ability to prohibit development without a sound legal basis for protecting the health, safety and welfare of the community.



The survey indicated significant interest in the public acquisition of targeted tracts of land to create additional permanent open space recognizing that a tax increase would be required to purchase substantial acreage. About 48% indicated strong support while 35% did not support public land purchases and associated taxes. 17% of residents were in between the two positions.

From a road improvement perspective, only 12% supported the widening of the remaining major roadways to five lanes while 27% want to limit improvements to minimum safety features only with a focus on preservation of existing trees & stone walls. 61% want future road improvements to be upgraded 2 lanes with shoulders or 3 lanes – both with separate bikeways while relocating existing walls and planting new trees when such features cannot be preserved.

Hopefully this limited overview will give you a feel of the significant challenges facing the City Commission in making decisions that meet the future needs and desires of the community. Please continue to provide the Board input and guidance so that Brentwood will remain the premier city in Middle Tennessee as we approach full build-out in the next 10 years or so.

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

Best regards,

Michael W. Walker

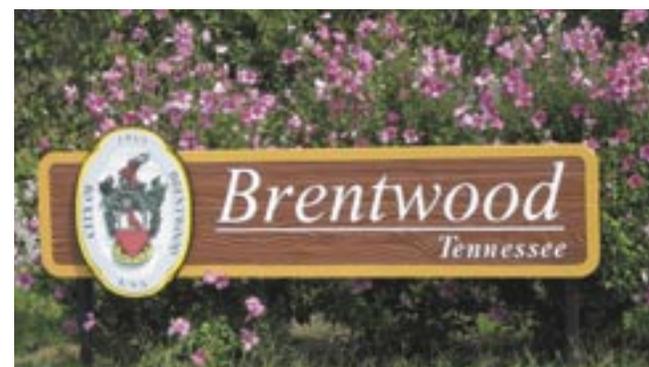


Living in Brentwood – Confused?

THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD ROUTINELY RECEIVES CALLS from individuals who think their property is located in the city limits, but find out differently.

The primary reason for the confusion is the Brentwood postal addresses. The US Postal Service makes decisions pertaining to post office territory and service areas. They make these decisions without consideration of city limits or county lines. Accordingly, many businesses and homes that have a Brentwood mailing address are not in Brentwood, but Nashville/Davidson County instead. Municipal services and schools in those areas are provided by Metro Nashville instead of the City of Brentwood and Williamson County. Also, some new homes in the Town of Nolensville have a Brentwood mailing address with services provided by Nolensville.

If you are moving to the Brentwood area and are unsure of the jurisdiction of the home under consideration, you may call the Planning and Codes Department at (615) 371-2204 for information.



Need Help?

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

Fall Clean Up

When you are fall cleaning, 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 14** • Granny White Park
- October 21** • Fire Station 4
1300 Sunset near Concord R.
- October 29** • Granny White Park
We cannot accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings.

County Household Trash Locations

Will accept anything except liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings. Recycling bins are available too.

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

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

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

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind county fire hall

Keep Williamson Beautiful!

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Location

Williamson County Administrative Complex
1320 West Main Street
Franklin • 790-5848

November 4 • 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

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

Citizen's Update

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