

Brentwood, Tennessee

Citizen's Update

Fall 2016 News You Need to Know About Your City

Brentwood's Website Has a New Look Several Improved, More User Friendly Features

The City of Brentwood recently unveiled a newly redesigned website. The site, www.brentwoodtn.gov, is built on a new, powerful and user-friendly design that will help users better navigate the site.

"This has been in the works for a while now. Launching a new City website for Brentwood that is fresh, new and easy to use has been a top priority," said Assistant City Manager Jay Evans who has led the website renovation project. "The new site has so many dynamic features, including a totally new look and feel. In this era of immediate information delivery, this will really help make Brentwood City Hall accessible 24/7."

Some of the new features include:

- Large navigation icons
- Most popular pages front and center
- Links to meetings and agendas
- New Notify Me! Feature



The homepage provides quick access to the most popular services, such as the Brentwood Library and Parks pages, how to contact us, make payments, get construction updates, as well as featuring new stories, and job opportunities. A calendar displays events and city-sponsored meetings, to keep people up to date on what's happening in Brentwood. A responsive web design allows content to be displayed properly on both mobile devices and desktop computers.

"I think everyone recognizes that the way we get our news and stay informed about what is happening around us has changed dramatically in the past 10–15 years. The features of this new website will allow us to better communicate with our citizens and deliver news and information straight to you via phone or computer," said City Manager Kirk Bednar. "Features like 'E-Notify', our new e-mail notification system that everyone should sign up for, will allow the City to deliver important information straight to you instead of you having to search for it."

Brentwood City Commissioner Betsy Crossley is very proud of the City's new website. "It provides a more powerful communication tool, allowing 24/7 access to city services by Brentwood's citizens. Not only are we offering more convenience for folks, we are also getting important information to them when they need it. In this fast-paced world, an accessible, well planned, interactive City website is a real plus for residents in Brentwood," Crossley said.

The website also features an interactive map that allows users to locate parks, points of interest, and resources across the City. Brentwood's Social Media accounts will also become an interactive tool with the new website. Use this as an opportunity to make sure you are connected to us socially.

"The rollout of this new website is a major accomplishment. We created a web committee who have worked countless hours on making sure the site is live and ready to go by day one," said John Allman, Technology Director for the City of Brentwood. "Although we will still have a few issues to work out in the coming weeks and months, we are happy to introduce this to our residents," Allman said.

The responsive web design also will boost the site's rankings in Google's new search algorithm, making it easier for www.brentwoodtn.gov to rise higher in the search results.

Technology and website committee staff, assisted by Vision Internet, designed and coded the site.

www.brentwoodtn.gov



Brentwood Opens Two New City Parks

Residents and Businesses Welcome Park Amenities

Brentwood City Mayor and Commissioners along with the City's Park Board celebrated the Grand Opening of Brentwood's two newest recreational parks on Saturday, October 22. The parks are located on property that sits parallel to Interstate 65, between the Mallory Business Park and Wikle Road West. There are four residential neighborhoods in this area on the west side of Brentwood. During the development of the 90-acre business park over the past decade, 24 acres were donated to the City by the Speyer family to serve as a buffer to the nearby neighborhoods. Flagpole Park is named such because a previous land owner used to line the property with several flagpoles visible from the interstate. Hodgson Douglas worked with the City of Brentwood to design the park. Division 2 was the building contractor. The total cost of the two parks was \$1.7 million. For more photos, log onto the City's Facebook page.



FLAGPOLE PARK, 1560 MALLORY LANE

- Nine-acre park with trails
 - A half-basketball court
 - Restrooms
- COMING SPRING 2017**
- Two unlighted athletic fields



WIKLE PARK, 7042 WIKLE ROAD WEST

- 15-acre park
- Playground
- Open play area
- Walking/jogging trail
- Restrooms
- Two picnic tables under a gazebo

Each park is open from dawn to dusk.



Wikle and Flagpole Park Grand Opening



Smith Park Phase Two Construction Begins

You've probably noticed the big construction equipment off Wilson Pike or heard the extra noise while walking on a trail in Smith Park recently. Construction of Phase Two officially started on October 1 and should be completed by the Summer/Fall of 2017.

Phase Two at Smith Park Includes:

- Loop road and bike path extended on the south side of the Ravenswood Mansion
- Two multipurpose athletic fields and parking
- Picnic shelters, restrooms and a playground

For more information about the Brentwood Parks, visit www.brentwoodtn.gov/parks or call 615-371-2208.



CITY BRIEFS

Need Help?

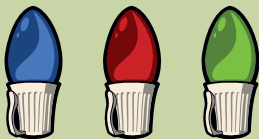
Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Deanna Lambert – Community Relations Director at 615-371-2259 or by e-mail @ deanna.lambert@brentwoodtn.gov**. She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

Christmas Luminaries

December 10, 2016 • 5:30 p.m.
(Second Saturday in December)

Luminaries are a special part of the holidays. The City invites you to coordinate amongst your communities and neighborhoods to display your luminaries on the second Saturday in December.

Rain Date – Sunday, December 11



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.:

October 22 • Granny White Park

October 29 • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Road

November 5 • Granny White Park

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

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)

Franklin Solid Waste Station
417 Century Court, Franklin, 615-794-1516
Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Williamson County Recycling Center

Next to Fire Station No. 2

1301 Wilson Pike • 615-790-5848

Williamson County Convenience Centers Locations

Centers 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 • 615-794-3904
2 miles south of city limits on left

Nolensville Convenience Center
1525 Sunset Road • 615-776-2717
.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 615-371-1697
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind the County Volunteer Fire Department

City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center..... 615-371-0060
Planning/Codes 615-371-2204
Water Billing 615-661-7061
Water Maintenance 615-371-0080
Public Works 615-371-0080
Service Center 615-371-0080
Police..... 615-371-0160
Fire 615-371-0170
Wm. Co. Ambulance... 615-794-2800
Library..... 615-371-0090
Parks 615-371-2208
Emergency.....911

Citizen's Update

Published semi-annually by The City of Brentwood, 615-371-0060. Comments and suggestions should be directed to Deanna Lambert, Community Relations Director, or by e-mail at deanna.lambert@brentwoodtn.gov.



Linda Lynch Retires After Nearly Three Decades

After 29 years serving as the Community Relations Director for The City of Brentwood, Linda Lynch retired in August. For nearly three decades, Lynch has been the city's liaison between government and the community. Lynch was responsible for many of the events that have turned into tradition over the years, like the annual Independence Day Fireworks Show and the Summer Concert Series.

Born in Leipers Fork and raised in Franklin, Lynch moved to Brentwood after six years as a teacher in Memphis and Oklahoma. She is a living part of history as she was teaching high school students in

Memphis in 1968 when Martin Luther King was assassinated at a hotel in the city. Lynch and her husband, Joe, have two children and two grandchildren. They spent 10 years operating Bestway Express, Inc., a transportation company. Lynch joined the City of Brentwood in 1987.

Mayor and friend Regina Smithson calls Lynch a dedicated hard worker. "What has always impressed me the most is the love she has for her fellow employees and the City of Brentwood. She has always gone above and beyond the 'call of duty' and will certainly be missed. I know she will enjoy her retirement but the city will always have a void without her," Mayor Smithson said.

"Her love of the city is evident in everything she does."

Commissioner and friend Anne Dunn called Lynch the "go to" person for residents. "Her love of the city is evident in everything she does. She will be missed tremendously but, knowing Linda, she will stay active with the Historical Commission and continue to impact our quality of life," Dunn said.

City Manager Kirk Bednar says Lynch's many accomplishments throughout her career should inspire us all. "She has served this community and its residents in a magnificent way. All while managing her family, starting a bank and founding many of the boards still going strong in Brentwood and Williamson County today. She has been devoted to the historical preservation of our city and for that our residents should be thankful."

During Lynch's career she helped organize what is now known as Bancorp South Bank, graduated with a B.A. Degree from Peabody College (Vanderbilt University) and completed her Masters of Business Administration at Central State University in Oklahoma. Ms. Lynch helped organize Holy Family Catholic Church, was a founding committee member of Brentwood Morning Rotary Club, Leadership Brentwood, Williamson County Arts Council, Brentwood Library Foundation, and Williamson County Friends of Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital.

She has served as President of the Williamson County Heart Association, Junior Woman's Club of Nashville, Santa's Helpers, Friends of Children's Hospital, and Vice President of Nashville Symphony Guild; Chairman of WDCN Public Education Television, the Symphony's Italian Street Fair, and the Nashville Heart Gala Auction. Lynch is a member and/or director for various committees and boards including the Brentwood Historic Commission (founder), the Brentwood Tree Board, the Adopt-A-Mile program and the Brentwood Library Foundation. Lynch is a lifetime member of the Williamson County Heritage Foundation.

"She has always gone above and beyond the 'call of duty' and will certainly be missed."

In the past, she was honored by the March of Dimes as one of ten Outstanding Women in Middle Tennessee, by the Brentwood Journal as one of three Outstanding Women in Brentwood and one of 10 Outstanding Women in Williamson County by the Review Appeal. In 1994, she also received Leadership Brentwood's First Leadership Award given to a person who exemplifies the leadership concept and whose contributions have made a positive impact on the City of Brentwood. Lynch leaves her legacy for the city with things like Ravenswood Mansion, Smith Park, the Cool Springs House and Boiling Spring Academy. She helped create these historic places for the city and maintained them for many years.

Lynch's replacement is Deanna Lambert who brings 14 years of government and media experience to the city. Lambert most recently worked at The Tennessee Department of Transportation and prior to that was a reporter, anchor and producer in various TV markets across the southeast including WSMV Channel 4 here in Nashville.

Lynch is enjoying retirement and her more relaxed schedule. "Now I can do some of the things I've been anxious to do all these years and just relax some. I am excited about the future."

A reception for Lynch was held at City Hall.



Governor Bill Haslam Appoints Brentwood Assistant Fire Chief to State Fire Commission

Assistant Fire Chief David Windrow is one of 176 Tennesseans recently appointed to serve on a state board by Governor Bill Haslam. Windrow will serve a six-year term on the Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Commission through July 31, 2022. The commission is comprised of nine members and is responsible for the certification of volunteer and paid firefighters in

the State of Tennessee and also administers the Educational Incentive Pay Program among other activities.

"Serving on a board or commission is an important responsibility, and I thank these Tennesseans for their commitment to serve our state," Gov. Haslam said. Windrow was selected through an aggressive search for candidates with his exceptional individual characteristics and professional qualifications.

Assistant Chief Windrow came to Brentwood in 1996 as the Training and Safety Officer. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant from the Air Force Reserve and previously served as a Battalion Chief in the Department of Public Safety at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. David holds a Master of Public Administration and a BS in Emergency Administration and Disaster Planning from the University of North Texas.

Read more at <https://www.tn.gov/governor/news/45849>



Public Safety Reflecting Garden

The City of Brentwood and the Leadership Brentwood Class of 2016 dedicated a "Public Safety Reflecting Garden" on September 11, 2016, which was the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The garden consists of three statues representing law enforcement, firefighters and the U.S. Military. The garden is dedicated to all those who have served Brentwood residents in these fields. Four sitting benches are also now in front of City Hall in conjunction with this garden. Feel free to stop by and check it out!



Brentwood Board of Commissioners

MAYOR
Regina Smithson



regina.smithson@brentwoodtn.gov
6011 Wellesley Way
615-377-0115 (home) / 615-371-2200, ext. 2410

VICE MAYOR
Jill Burgin



jill.burgin@brentwoodtn.gov
1509 Puryear Place
615-371-2200, ext. 2480

COMMISSIONER
Betsy S. Crossley



betsy.crossley@brentwoodtn.gov
276 Stratton Court
615-440-9460 (cell) / 615-371-2200, ext. 2770

COMMISSIONER
Anne Dunn



anne.dunn@brentwoodtn.gov
1613 Covington Drive
615-370-3702 (home) / 615-371-2200, ext. 2420

COMMISSIONER
Mark Gorman



mark.gorman@brentwoodtn.gov
9732 Turnbridge Court
615-483-6004 (cell) / 615-371-2200, ext. 2460

COMMISSIONER
Rhea Little, III



rhea.little@brentwoodtn.gov
9703 Onyx Lane
615-371-2200, ext. 2780

COMMISSIONER
Ken Travis



ken.travis@brentwoodtn.gov
7086 Willowick Drive
615-981-9572 (cell) / 615-371-2200, ext. 2490

The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for three members is scheduled for May 2, 2017. 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.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

John Allman, City of Brentwood, Technology Director

Someone wanted to nominate John Allman anonymously for the Fall 2016 Employee Spotlight to highlight the successes of his 30-year career with the City of Brentwood. This is their story about John.

In August 2016, John completed 30 years of service with Brentwood and now qualifies for full retirement. Because he loves serving his fellow city employees and the citizens of Brentwood, he has chosen to continue working at least through the completion of two major projects. When it was noted in a recent informational Commission meeting that the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) project is coming in under budget, that was directly related to John shrewdly negotiating with the vendor. He saved at least \$100,000 on the CAD project.

John's Key Accomplishments:

John started working for the City of Brentwood in 1986 as a basic Fire Fighter and was promoted to Captain within two and a half years. He still holds the record for the youngest Fire Captain in Brentwood's history. While working in the Fire Department, John taught himself the ins and outs of the radio and the 911 CAD system. From there, he became the point person when dealing with CAD or the radio system. At that time, each city building had its own separate phone system. John coordinated a single phone system that allowed employees to call each other directly with extensions. While working in the Fire Department, John installed the city's first computer network and tied several computer systems from different departments into one.

From there, the City hired John to start the Information Technology (IT) department which had a staff of one. If you compare the City of Brentwood's IT staff and how much technology is supported with other agencies of the same size, the other agencies usually have at least 50 to 100% more staff. The City has been able to maintain this ratio because of the constant good decisions John has made with hardware and software solutions.

John has built at least three 911 centers and had input into Williamson County's state of the art Emergency Communication Center. In his spare time, he is now working with a mission team to help build the first 911 center in the third world country of Malawi, located in Eastern Africa.

John and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Kate and Nathan. John lives in Franklin.

You can nominate other City Employees for the Employee Spotlight by sending your nomination and story to Deanna.Lambert@brentwoodtn.gov.



The Bike and Pedestrian Committee Report Says...

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee was formed in 2015 with the main goal of providing the City Commission with recommendations for improved bike and pedestrian accessibility throughout Brentwood. The Committee's final report is now available on the City's website. As part of its efforts, the group received input from more than 500 residents indicating a desire for more bike and pedestrian connectivity to reduce traffic, improve safety, and enhance school accessibility throughout the city. Short term recommendations include, improved signage, better connections to greenways, and more bike racks. Other recommendations include organizing "bike trains" in communities for school aged children, where one or two parents coordinate and organize. The group rides through the neighborhood, picks up children, and leads them safely to school. Additional and more expensive long term projects include east-west trail connectivity across I-65, an expanded network of sidewalks to schools, and potential bike share programs in commercial areas.

Here's what some of your neighbors said:

- Sweep the shoulder to keep debris off Wilson Pike.
- We need mountain bike trails at Ravenswood Park.
- How about a bench here and there? I can't walk that far.
- People are becoming much more health conscious and they will walk or ride bikes if the facilities are there.
- Connecting neighborhoods to schools (Crockett, Woodland Middle).
- It seems ridiculous to live so close to the school, yet not have a direct, safe way to get there by bike or walking.

Brentwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Report Recommendations August 2016

- Focus on ideas and improvement strategies the mid-term and long-term chapters
- Implement short-term solutions like reapplying work decals
- City should establish a dedicated budget item and commitment to implement multimodal improvements throughout the City, (example, the City of Bloomington, Indiana pledged \$500,000 per year for 10 years)
- City should create a permanent Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee



City of Brentwood Awards \$312,000 to Schools and Service Providers

Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools Receive \$60,000 Each



For the past 30 years, The City of Brentwood has awarded more than \$5.1 million dollars to Brentwood schools which use the money for books, technology and special projects.

At its regular City Commission Meeting on August 8th, the City presented eleven schools with \$225,000. Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools received \$60,000 each. Brentwood, Sunset and Woodland Middle each received \$15,000. Crockett, Edmondson, Kenrose, Lipscomb, Scales and Sunset Elementary schools were also awarded \$10,000.

The City also presented The Brentwood Blaze, Brentwood Civitan Club, Fifty-Forward Martin Center and the YMCA with a total of \$87,000 to assist them in providing services to city residents.

Which Brentwood School Is the **GREENEST** of Them All?

For the 2017 Environmental Stewardship Awards Contest, the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) is looking for a friendly competition to find out which Brentwood school does the most to protect, conserve, and promote Brentwood's natural resources. Any project by a school, business or organization that serves to enhance the environment, protect or conserve natural resources, or promote volunteerism that improves the environment will be accepted through March 10, 2017.

Categories for the awards will include Large Organization (100+ employees or members), Small Organization, Educational Institution, Student, Community Volunteer and Green Buildings. Nomination forms and details about the program are available at www.brentwoodtn.gov.



This is the second year the EAB has sponsored the contest. Awards will be presented at Brentwood's Arbor Day Celebration on April 1, 2017. For more information contact Jay Evans, Assistant City Manager, jay.evans@brentwoodtn.gov.

Pictured at left: Scales Elementary mom and volunteer Jessica Bauchiero with EAB member Steve Robuck.



Are You on Nextdoor?

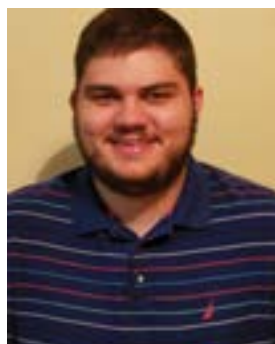
Stay informed with regular updates from the City of Brentwood on Nextdoor, www.nextdoor.com, the free and private social network for neighborhoods.

As of September 28, 2016, there are

9,925 & **41%**
Brentwood residents households have joined

Did You Know?

Country music star Eric Church shot the video for "Mr. Misunderstood" almost entirely inside Brentwood's historic Boiling Spring Academy. The artwork for the album shows the school's chalkboard, which is original to the building. If you haven't been there, perhaps this will pique your interest in this charming 1833 schoolhouse. Open houses will resume again in the Spring.



An Intern's Perspective on City Work

Jordan Harrison graduated from Riverdale High School in May 2016 and was an unpaid intern this past summer with Brentwood's Technology Department. Harrison shares his thoughts about technology and its many uses.

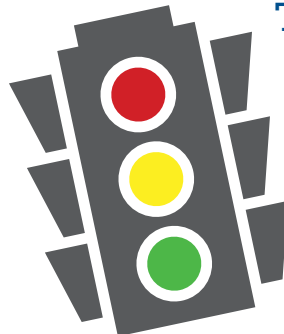
My time with the City of Brentwood granted me so much more knowledge and understanding than I had originally thought possible. I was absolutely blown away upon my first encounter—to see how the Tech Department and their staff ran so smoothly, it is like a well-oiled machine. Over the next few days I had the pleasure of sitting in with the emergency dispatchers who handle the City's emergency calls. Once again, I wasn't able to comprehend just how much multitasking and impressive skill sets they use on a day-to-day basis.

The next week I participated in a ride-along with the Police Department. Their professionalism and high work ethic is clearly what makes them thrive. What an honor it was to see them in action. Witnessing firsthand what they do—it really is to protect and serve. Many others of my age might believe they are just waiting to give out tickets, but that could not be further from the truth.

Next up was my visit to the Fire and Rescue Department. Who else could match that mentality of professionalism and bettering the community than the Fire and Rescue crews? I was nearly inundated with new knowledge and insight about what they actually do; the behind the scenes work that people don't see in their daily lives is beyond compare. This is not to mention rescuing someone trapped in a car or putting out a house fire.

My final stop was to the Brentwood Library. Now this is a true behind the scenes career. My first thought at going into this area was 'surely a library can't require this much training.' I couldn't have been more wrong! The community might just view one of the librarians as simply a check in, check out kind of jobs, but what they don't see is the massive maintenance of book collections, media, and live databases that the librarians control with ease. I was at a loss for words once I was shown the vast amount of free programs available to be accessed on the library's website by simply being a City of Brentwood library card holder.

I now have not only a great understanding of how technology is used so diversely from department to department, but also how it molds the employees and their community together. I look back on the last few days of my internship at the City of Brentwood and am thankful for the opportunity. It is one that I will not squander, as it now gives me a standard to strive for, ever pushing me forward.



Traffic Signals

The City of Brentwood and Metro Nashville are teaming up to make sure one of the busiest intersections shared by both cities works most efficiently for drivers. Metro and Brentwood signed off on an agreement for regional cooperation of traffic signals at the Old Hickory Boulevard/Franklin Road/Church Street and Franklin Road/Maryland Way/East Church Street intersections. Both cities understand the importance of developing and maintaining coordinated traffic signals to reduce congestion in this area.



Brentwood Names New Community Relations Director

The City of Brentwood has named Deanna Lambert as the Community Relations Director for the city. Lambert officially started Monday, July 25, 2016. This position was previously held by Linda Lynch for 29 years, who retired at the end of August.

Lambert is an Emmy award-winning journalist who brings more than a decade of television and government experience to work at the city. She was previously a television news reporter, anchor and producer in North Carolina, Louisiana, Florida and Nashville, Tennessee. During those years, she covered major national stories like the devastation of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and the 2010 floods in Nashville. Lambert won a regional Emmy for her reporting during a 50-car pileup in Middle Tennessee in 2011. Lambert most recently worked for The Tennessee Department of Transportation as a spokesperson and videographer.

Lambert will serve as the primary media contact for the City of Brentwood. Lambert will also be regularly posting updates and city news to social media sites, updating the city's public access channel with new content, and overseeing events at the City's historic homes, summer concert series and the annual Independence Day Celebration at Crockett Park.

Feel free to say hello: Deanna.Lambert@brentwoodtn.gov or 615.371.2259.



City Manager Kirk Bednar Says...

I think everyone recognizes that the way we get our news and stay informed about what is happening around us has changed dramatically in the past 10-15 years. No longer is the daily newspaper and the nightly television news the primary source of information for most of us. Today, news comes to us electronically and immediately via a variety of social media platforms and apps on our computer, tablet

or phone. While the accuracy of some of these sources can be questionable, what is unquestionable is the scope of the information revolution we are living through today.

Much like mainstream news, the way local government communicates with its residents has also changed dramatically. With the loss of print newspapers focused on timely local news, we now have local electronic newspapers that show up in your inbox every morning and provide updates throughout the day. Instead of posting information on the city's website and hoping residents might be able to find it if they take the time to look, we now try to deliver that news directly to you via platforms like Facebook, Nextdoor, Twitter, YouTube and Nixle. Residents no longer have to wait for a scheduled public hearing to voice their concerns, they can now send an e-mail at midnight or post a comment to social media while waiting for soccer practice to finish.

The City of Brentwood recently hired Deanna Lambert as our new Community Relations Director following the retirement of Linda Lynch after 29 years of service. Deanna has a background in television news and also has experience communicating important government messages through her time with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. With Deanna, you can expect the City to be more active and creative with its outreach via electronic and social media. Our goal is to communicate information of importance to you and your neighbors while also sharing the many positive stories about the city and its dedicated employees.

All of this new technology comes with some obligations from you. First, if you are not our friend on Facebook, part of your neighborhood Nextdoor site, following the Brentwood Twitter feed, or signed up for Nixle traffic alerts, then you will be missing important information. Second, some of these platforms allow for comments and back and forth communication. We understand that not everyone will agree with everything and it is okay to let us know that. However, when responding to a city post or to a comment from a neighbor, let's remember to be civil and courteous—it is easy to do and makes for a much better experience for everyone.

Kirk Bednar, City Manager



Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department Celebrates 30 Years

The Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department is celebrating 30 years of service this year. Created with one station and 26 employees on September 1, 1986, the department handled 665 calls in 1987. As the City of Brentwood grew over the years, with a population today of more than 40,000, we now have four fire stations, 66 employees and have handled 3,291 calls as of the end of fiscal year 2016.

Our city is fortunate to still has three of the original guys on staff. Congratulations to Chuck Hood, Tim Baltz and Allen Wessels on completing 30 years of service this year. All three were hired one month before the Brentwood Municipal Department started running calls!



Brentwood: Safest Place to Live in Tennessee

Brentwood, Franklin and Spring Hill were recently ranked in the top five safest cities in Tennessee according to www.BackgroundChecks.org. Brentwood took the top spot on the ranking and was named as the safest place to live in Tennessee with a violent crime rate of 44.2 and a .08-percent chance of being affected by a property crime. Thanks to the Brentwood Police Department for keeping our city safe!

Discover the Brentwood Room at the Brentwood Library

- There is a collection of artifacts in the display case directly outside of the Brentwood Room. What Indian village was once located on the grounds of the Brentwood Library?
- The KEY to a Brentwood church hangs in the room. What church is it from?
- Find the book that includes a record of all the tombstones in Williamson County.
- There is a Bible on display. What is the name of the family who it belonged to?
- The wooden carvings on display in the glass case. Do you know what the connection to Brentwood and the library are?



City Commissioners Adopt Brentwood 2030 Plan

The City of Brentwood's multi-year effort to review and the revise the Brentwood 2020 Comprehensive Plan is complete and the newly adopted plan has been extended as the Brentwood 2030 Plan. This community-wide effort began in late 2013 with a series of workshops and "listening sessions" that brought together several hundred Brentwood residents interested in the future planning of our city. The workshops were followed in 2014 by a series of resident and business surveys that were mailed to over 13,000 homes and commercial establishments.

The input received led to quick action by the City Commission to address the most pressing issues of C-4 zoning (residential in mixed-use commercial) and senior housing. Once those two issues were resolved, the remaining topics (such as parks, infrastructure, the environment, historic resources, and transportation) were covered in the proposed amendments to the 2020 Plan and Major Thoroughfare Plan documents.

In September, about 15 residents attended a public hearing and voiced their thoughts on topics like senior housing options and growth in Brentwood. You can view the video from the September 12 regular commission meeting on our website: <http://cobaq.org/default.htm>

On October 10, 2016, the City Commission approved the plan and updated its name to the "Brentwood 2030 Plan."



Brentwood Fire & Rescue Introduces Its Newest Members



Tyler Braden

Tyler Braden was born and raised north of Montgomery, Alabama. Previously with the Montgomery Fire & Rescue Department, he spent his first year in on an ALS Pumper averaging 15–20 calls per shift before moving to a special operations company where he spent the next two years as a member of the Heavy Rescue team. Braden spends his free time as a singer/songwriter, having performed throughout the southeast.



Curtis Floyd

Previously an Officer with the Brentwood Police Department for the past couple years, Curtis Floyd requested a transfer to the Fire & Rescue Department this past spring. A Florida native, Floyd completed the Fire Academy in Winter Haven, FL in 2006 and then spent seven years with the Polk County Fire Rescue Squad. Floyd's wife and two children are excited as he transitions back into the fire service.



Erron Kinney

Erron Kinney is no stranger to Brentwood. The former Tennessee Titan and Florida Gator previously worked with the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department a few years back. Kinney has more than 20 years of experience in fire and emergency services. A desire to raise his four children in Williamson County has brought Kinney back home with his wife and family. In his spare time Kinney enjoys spending time with his children and fishing.



Aaron Sheats

Aaron Sheats grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. He graduated from Belmont University with a Business Degree before taking a job with the Montgomery, Alabama Fire Department. After three years in Montgomery, he wanted to move back to Middle Tennessee and applied for a job in Brentwood. Sheats is fully certified as an EMT and Firefighter II with additional certifications in Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue.



Lance Smith

Lance Smith spent the past six years as a driver/engineer and member of the technical rescue team with the Aurora Fire Department in Colorado. Prior to that, he served in the United States Army including one year in Baghdad, Iraq. Smith holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Colorado State University and a Master's of Business Administration from Colorado Christian University. During his off time, Lance likes to spend time with his wife and their two children.



Robyn Thorpe

Robyn Thorpe of Elgin, Illinois, is the department's third female firefighter on staff. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement & Fire Administration from Western Illinois University and is scheduled to graduate in November from The Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy (TFACA) in Bell Buckle.



Steven White

Steven White is a Tennessee native, having been born Memphis. He earned a degree in Criminal Justice at Eastern Kentucky University before accepting a position as Firefighter/EMT for the Jackson, Mississippi Fire Department. White was assigned to Engine 7 there, which ranked 2nd in call volume in the state of MS. Steven is certified as a Tactical Combat Casualty Medic and HAZMAT Operations. He is married with two children.

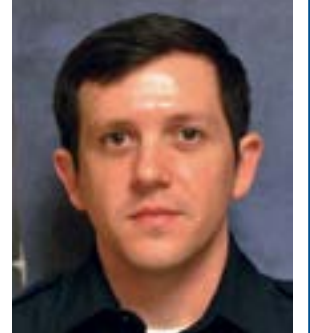
Brentwood Police Hire Nine New Officers in 2016



Matt Dale



Billy Townsend



Tim Finney



Sean Nelson



Maria Bagwell



AJ Weakley



Isaac Hulan



Steven Casada



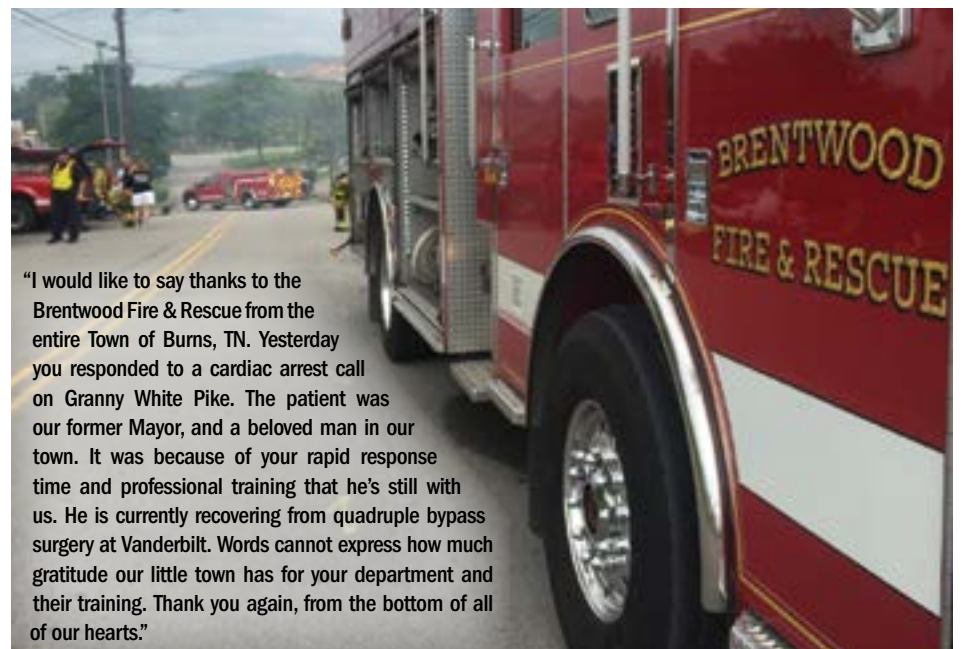
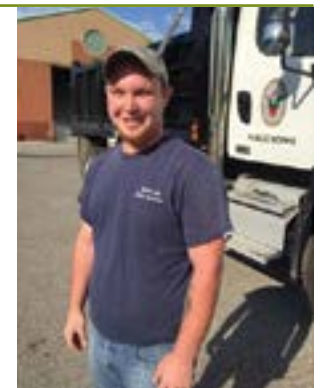
Mark Stephens

*Read more about Brentwood's
Newest Officers on Facebook*



Thanks from Citizen

#EmployeeSpotlight! Thanks to Craig Tyler in the Water Services Department. Peggy Howell emailed us saying, "Just wanted to say a big 'thank you' to Craig! Naturally, the sewer read light was blinking at my house ...Called the dispatchers and Craig returned my call. Panicking as he told me not to use my water, he talked me thru how to reset the grinder! BINGO! Craig was so nice and helpful! Glad he works for our city!"



"I would like to say thanks to the Brentwood Fire & Rescue from the entire Town of Burns, TN. Yesterday you responded to a cardiac arrest call on Granny White Pike. The patient was our former Mayor, and a beloved man in our town. It was because of your rapid response time and professional training that he's still with us. He is currently recovering from quadruple bypass surgery at Vanderbilt. Words cannot express how much gratitude our little town has for your department and their training. Thank you again, from the bottom of all of our hearts."

You Just Never Know Who or What You'll Find at the Brentwood Library!

Library Highlights Since Last Time We Spoke...



2016-2017 FRIENDS OF THE BRENTWOOD LIBRARY BOARD

Friends of the Brentwood Library are celebrating 40 years of generously giving their time and money. The Brentwood Library would not be the vibrant, fun-filled place that it is without our Friends of the Brentwood Library. Their donations can be seen in books, equipment, and Summer Reading Programming for children, teens and adults. They provide book clubs books, ongoing education opportunities for staff and fabulous book sales that benefit the library while giving our patrons a great deal! You can be a Friend, too! Applications are available at the library or online if you would like to join this group of volunteers.



Minecraft Club

Expands Membership

Previously a teen program, now members of all ages can explore, gather resources, or build constructions together in the popular online game. Players meet virtually every Sunday from 4-5 p.m., or bring laptops to play in-person every third Sunday of the month from 4-5 p.m.

Children's Library Named "Most Magical in the World"

Goodreads recently named The Children's Library one of the most magical in the world. The Brentwood Library was listed first among four other children's sections as some of the most magical and enchanting spaces known. Goodreads is a book recommendation website that recognizes libraries, authors and books of all kinds.



3D Printing Now Available

The Friends of the Brentwood Library generously purchased a 3D printer and a volunteer donated an additional printer. Only Brentwood Library cardholders who have attended library sponsored programs are allowed to use them. Contact the library for details on the next class.



Former Friends of the Library Presidents

Holiday Happenings at the Brentwood Library

December 3 at 9 a.m.

Morning with Santa is a day filled with food, music, programs and letter writing to the "big guy" and most of all, a chance to tell Santa exactly what you want for Christmas! There will be tons of children's activities for all ages.

December 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting is a magical moment of lighting our City of Brentwood Christmas Tree. There's two readings of "The Polar Express" by the conductor himself! Between the activities, families can enjoy hot cider and cookies in the meeting rooms.



Brentwood & Mobility Week

In September, City Hall hosted Park(ing) Day event! City Manager Kirk Bednar grilled up hot dogs while police officers played corn hole, fire fighters ate cookies and librarians chatted. Parking(ing) Day is an international event where artists, designers and citizens transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks to show much additional greenspace there could be if there were fewer cars and thus fewer parking spots.



From Police Chief to President

Congratulations to Brentwood Police Chief Jeff Hughes who is now the new President of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. He's pictured here with outgoing TACP President, Knoxville Chief of Police David Rausch.



Citizen's Update Survey

The traditional Citizen's Update has been produced and printed on newspaper since 1986. There have been more than more than three dozen issues produced, edited, addressed and more than 300,000 printed and mailed to residents over the years.

Please take our online survey and give us your input about the Citizen's Update!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CitizenUpdate>

