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### **A True Foundation** By Kirk Bednar, Brentwood City Manager

With the changing of the calendar from 2017 to 2018, the City of Brentwood some significant experienced staff changes. Two members of the City's senior management team, City Recorder Debbie Hedgepath and City Attorney Roger Horner, retired. Roger had worked for the City in various roles for almost thirty-three years and Debbie had been with the City a little more than twenty-eight years. While both will be replaced with very qualified people who we expect will do great things during their time with the City, it is still difficult to say goodbye to such long-term employees who know so much about the history of the community and the organization.

Every organization, whether it is a city government, a business, a church, etc. evolves as the people within the organization come and go. I believe that what makes the difference between an organization that evolves successfully and one that does not is the foundation or the roots of the organization. An organization that relies upon a single person or a small group of people to guide its success lacks a true foundation and easily topples when turnover occurs.

At the City of Brentwood, we enjoy a very solid and strong foundation built upon the clear vision of this community for almost fifty years. The numerous elected City Commissioners over the years have consistently tried to represent this common community vision. While they might not have always agreed on every issue, I believe each of them always acted based on what they thought was best for Brentwood.

City staff members are charged with representing and implementing the policies adopted by the City Commission. Having a consistent community vision certainly makes our job easier. Our departments are able to develop long-term strategic plans and do not have to worry that the policies of the city commission are going to shift dramatically after each election. We can develop succession plans for key positions because we have stability in our employee base. We can identify long-term goals and program resources toward those goals without fear that they will suddenly change on a whim.

For our new City Recorder, Holly Earls, and our new City Attorney, Kristen Corn,



they can come into an organization that has a clear sense of purpose and bring their skills and experience to make it even better. As much as it hurts to admit, no one is indispensable. The best organizations are those that can honor someone's long service and celebrate their many accomplishments upon retirement and then open the doors the next day with new people in place and build to even greater success.



#### Holly Earls Brentwood City Recorder

- Tennessee native, lives in Pulaski
- Married
- Executive Assistant to the Town Manager of Smyrna
- Certified municipal clerk
- Legal secretary experience
- Motlow State Community College
  graduate



#### Kristen Corn Brentwood City Attorney

- Tennessee native, lives in Brentwood
- Married, three children
- City of Franklin Staff Attorney
- University of Tennessee graduate
- Nashville School of Law graduate





## City Expresses Thanks

Thank yous come in all different sizes. From emails and letters to tweets and likes, the city appreciates hearing from its citizens.

Brentwood Mayor Jill Burgin expressed a sincere thanks to the service City Attorney Roger Horner provided to the city for NEARLY 33 years in a Facebook post. Horner retired in January after taking a position as a Senior Legal Editor with Thomson Reuters Corporation's Practical Law Division. Horner said, "This position will allow me to combine my love of research and writing with the invaluable experience I have gained in my years with Brentwood. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work for the City."

Edmondson Elementary school teacher, Stephanie Higgs expressed her and her students' gratitude for a D.A.R.E program visit to the school recently. Officers Sam Bady and Mark Wood are Brentwood's D.A.R.E coordinators who teach weekly in Brentwood schools.

For the 27th consecutive year, the City of Brentwood's Finance Department has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award presented by the Government Finance Officers Association for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

Brentwood Public Works employees also received an unexpected thank you after performing work on a drainage issue near a water line on Prestmoor Place in Landsdowne. A local resident had been having water issues previously in the crawl space of her home. When crews cleaned the ditch, they found a drain line from her crawl space, unclogged it and repaired a broken pipe tied to the public storm system. The cleaned out pipes enabled the water to flow freely and solved a problem she had been having for quite some time. She has had no more issues with drainage. During a recent trip back to her native country of China, it was the Brentwood Public Works employees on her mind. She had a large felt thank you made for the crew.

## Meadow Lake: Brentwood's Oldest Subdivision

By Kathie Greaves, Brentwood Historic Commission

#### A Story of Daughters

In 1780 and 1790, James Crockett of Virginia received two land grants from North Carolina. The two tracts make up much of what we know today as McGavock Farms, Brentwood Country Club Estates, Iroquois Estates, Meadow Lake and Williamsburg Estates.

In 1818, James Crockett gave the land to his daughter Elizabeth and her three sons. Elizabeth Crockett married Lysander McGavock and settled on the land where they built their elegant home, known as Midway. It still stands today in the Brentwood County Club. The McGavocks acquired more land and soon had more than 1,200 acres.

The McGavocks had a daughter Emily, who married Oliver Bliss Hayes Jr. On her marriage in 1851, Emily received a northern portion of the Midway farm, known today as Iroquois, Meadow Lake, and Williamsburg Estates. Emily and Oliver built their residence of Hayesland in 1852.

#### Boxwood Hall

Emily & Oliver Hayes Jr. had a daughter Elizabeth who married Dr. William W. Martin and inherited Hayesland. Around 1910, the Martin's built a much larger house said to have incorporated the smaller Hayesland into the stone Colonial Revival mansion. A.J. Dyer purchased Hayesland in 1935 and made restorations and improvements including an eight-acre spring fed lake. He renamed the stone mansion Boxwood Hall.





Boxwood Hall remains today as a private residence in Meadow Lake.

#### Early Transportation

The Nashville-Franklin Interurban Railroad electric trolley began in 1909 and tracked through McGavock-Hayes land. Only one station remains and that is the small stone Hayesland or "Midway" building in Meadow Lake. From 1906-1926, the trolley averaged 30,000 riders per month. Replaced by buses, the final interurban run was in 1941.

## Slow Development in Brentwood Due to Lack of Water

In 1960, the population of Brentwood was about 1,065. There was plenty of land but no good water supply. Brentwood Estates was the first subdivision built using well water, but it shortly proved inadequate. The Arnold Development Company, with Principal Eddy Arnold, bought Hayesland and the surrounding land. Arnold and several others formed the Brentwood Water Company with lake water from the old Hayesland property. This water supply made development possible. In a 1961 article in The Tennessean, a grand opening of 70 lots in Iroquois Estates was announced. Over the years, Iroquois, Meadow Lake Estates and Williamsburg Estates grew and today there are over 317 homes.



#### Mississippian Indian Village

In 1965 during the development of Meadow Lake, a Mississippian Indian village and cemetery of substantial size was discovered and partially excavated. It was named "The Arnold Site" after owner Eddy Arnold. The "old Indian town" was referenced in the NC land



grant to James Crockett. The Peabody Museum at Harvard investigated the Emily Hayes Farm in 1879. The site was described as "an old earthworks enclosing 30-40 acres on the Little Harpeth River with a large burial mound and stone box graves". The burial mound suggests the initial settlement was prior to 1300 A.D. Today a historical marker is located at the site.

#### Want to know the history of your subdivision?

Have you ever wondered about the history of your subdivision? "When Cotton Was King On Concord Road: a History of Brentwood Subdivisions" (1999) by T. Vance Little can be found at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library in the Brentwood Room.



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#### The Brentwood Historic Commission

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The City Commission invites you to join efforts to preserve Brentwood's past with a donation to the Brentwood Historic Commission.

Detach this form and send with your check payable to:

Brentwood Historic Commission City of Brentwood Attention: Deanna Lambert PO Box 788 Brentwood, TN 37024-0788

Individual	\$15
E Family	\$25
Contributing	\$50
Corporate/Benefactor	\$100+

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## Connectivity in the City

Spring is upon us and that means you will want to dust off your bicycle and running shoes. Brentwood has an elaborate collection of trails designed for all to enjoy. Our city's trails provide a great place to walk, run, or bike. Currently the trails connect citizens to other facilities including the Concord Road YMCA, the Williamson County Parks & Recreation Indoor Sports Complex and the Martin Center. The multi-use trail network east of I-65 is extensive with a more limited network west of I-65. Improving the connectivity in the city is part of the city's plans.

In 2015, the Brentwood Board of Commissioners created a Bike and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee to provide the board with recommendations for the short and long-term improvements for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs. The committee completed its report and delivered it to the City Commission in 2016. In that report, east- west connectivity was a big desire from residents.

In 2017, Brentwood launched a Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study to identify several options for east-west connectivity. The long-term goal is to overcome the divide created by I-65 and create an east-west connection to expand the bike and pedestrian network within the community. A community meeting held in January 2018 introduced various bicycle and pedestrian options to residents. The city invited residents to vote on their favorite option. All these suggestions are preliminary at this point. It will be a few years before any of these options will move toward the construction phase. Read more online at www.brentwoodtn.gov.



## Proposed East-West Connectivity Options



#### Option A:

Connecting from the existing bike lane on Knox Valley Drive, this route heads east on Concord Road by way of a proposed multi-use trail. Along Concord Road, the route crosses two existing bridges that travel over a CSX railroad line and the Little Harpeth River, connecting back to an existing multi-use path at Wilson Pike. This route will include protected intersections at main routes to create a safer commute for pedestrians and bikers. The route turns off Concord Road and heads north along the existing CSX railroad right-of-way, passing underneath Interstate-65 until reaching Wilson Pike Circle. Here, the route heads west along Wilson Pike Circle by way of a multi-use path, ultimately connecting to Franklin Road.

#### Option B:

Connecting from the greenway trails of Tower Park, this route heads west underneath Interstate-65 by one of two options: taking advantage of the existing culvert, or boring a new tunnel underneath Interstate-65. Once through, the route travels south along the TDOT exit-ramp right-of-way until reaching Concord Road. Here, the route travels west along Concord Road by way of a proposed multi-use path, crosses an existing bridge that passes over a CSX railroad line, and continues until reaching Franklin Road.

#### Option B2:

Connecting from the greenway trails of Tower Park, this route heads west underneath Interstate-65 by one of two options: taking advantage of the existing culvert, or boring a new tunnel underneath Interstate-65. Once through, the route travels south along the TDOT exit-ramp right-of-way and travels beneath the existing railroad bridge until reaching Concord Road. Here, the route travels west along Concord Road by way of a proposed multi-use path, crosses an existing bridge that passes over a CSX railroad, and continues until reaching Franklin Road.

#### Option C:

Connecting to the existing shared used path along Concord Road, this option utilizes the Concord Road right-of-way and five existing bridges to cross Interstate 65 and the CSX rail corridor. With options to fit within the existing bridge width or to construct new, standalone bridges, this becomes a restricted and potentially costly option. This route provides multiple connections to Tower Park and Concord Park and continues to Franklin Road. Various protected intersections will be considered throughout this corridor.

#### Option D:

Connecting from Knox Valley Drive, this route travels west on Wikle Road by way of a shared-use travel lane. Once the route meets Interstate-65, it will transfer into a greenway trail, traveling over the interstate. Once over, the trail traverses north through Flagpole Park and Wikle Park until reaching Wikle Road once again, taking advantage of the existing at-grade crossing. Here, the route becomes a multi-use trail until reaching a proposed protected intersection at Franklin Road.

#### Option E:

Connecting from the greenway trails of Tower Park, this route heads west under Interstate-65. Then the route travels north along the Little Harpeth River until reaching Franklin Pike. Here, it turns south until it reaches a protected intersection at Murray Road and Franklin Road.

## Brentwood Installs Prescription Drug Drop Box Box Marks the Fourth in Williamson County

The City recently partnered with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force, and the Williamson County Anti-Drug Coalition to install a prescription drug drop box in the lobby of Brentwood City Hall, located at 5211 Maryland Way. This is the fourth location in Williamson County to receive a box. Other drop boxes are located in Franklin, Nolensville, and Fairview.

The drop box is available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, and is located in an area under video camera surveillance. Drop-off is free and no forms are required – residents can simply place the items in the box and leave. Vice-Mayor and Environmental Advisory Board Member Mark Gorman said, "The drug drop off box is so important from an environmental standpoint. So many people flush unused drugs down the toilet and might be unaware of the harmful environmental impacts. I am happy to have the drug drop box here in Brentwood."

## Brentwood Library John P. Holt Bequest

Brentwood City Commissioners accepted \$4.2 million from the John P. Holt estate in the Fall of 2017. Since then, the city has officially renamed the library The John P. Holt Brentwood Library. Upon acceptance of the bequest from the will of O'Delle K. Holt, the city is now discussing options on how to use the money.

## Holt Family History

- The Holt family moved to Tennessee from North Carolina around 1800.
- Between 1835-1840, Thomas Holt, grandfather to John, built the Greek Revival home that remains on the property.
- John and O'Delle Holt moved on the property in 1929.
- Mr. Holt raised money to pay off Williamson County's first brickand-mortar public library, the War Memorial Library, in 1950. Mrs. Holt taught school at Lipscomb Elementary School.
- In 1985, O'Delle wrote in her will for the City to either establish or maintain a public library named after her beloved husband.



Accepted Items:

- Prescription Medications
- All over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Inhalers
- Pills in any packaging, including glass, plastic container, baggie (Ziploc) or foil

Items NOT Accepted:

- Illegal drugs and narcotics
- Needles/sharps or syringes with needles
- Blood sugar equipment
- Thermometers
- IV bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products (shampoo, lotions, etc.)

## 2018 Brentwood Summer Concert Series Eddy Arnold Amphitheater, Crockett Park

Bring your chair, blanket and favorite people to Crockett Park for live music. This summer you can expect the city's local favorites and some new additions you'll be sure to enjoy. Thanks to generous sponsors, there is no charge for these events.



# 2018 Dates BRENTWOOD **8AM-4PM EACH DAY**

## **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

April 14 & 28 Granny White Park, 610 Granny White Pike

April 21 Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Road

## Spring Clean-Up

## Accepted Items

Bring your old, worn out, ready to get rid of items. We will be accepting items large and small. If you have been waiting for that moment to finally get rid of that old fridge and sofa, we'll take it! Even old lawn mowers, dressers, mattresses, luggage, etc.

## Not Accepted

- Hazardous materials
- Paint
- Computers
- Printers
- Medication
- Oil
- Gasoline
- Liquids
- **Batteries** Tires

## City Update

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