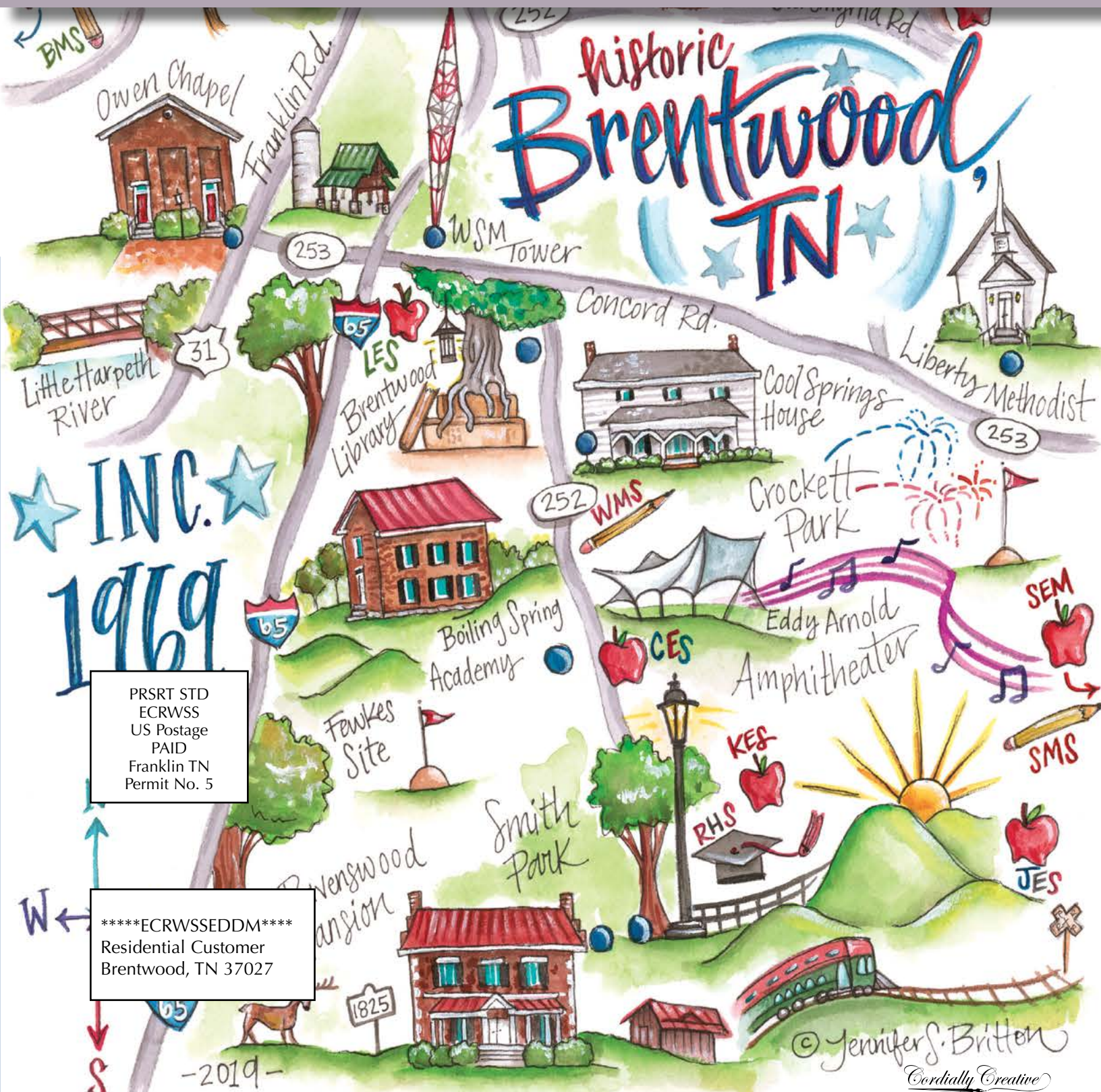


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Celebrating the Future, While Remembering the Past

Celebrating a milestone like turning 50 can be a real drag for some people, but for a city like Brentwood, it is just the beginning. Although Brentwood is a young city, it has been a home for people throughout the centuries, including residents known as “stone box Indians” who left traces of their villages from the Mississippian period dated to between AD 1298 and AD 1465. According to the late Brentwood historian Vance Little, our city’s more modern history began when it was first inhabited around 1800 by former soldiers collecting on land grants for serving in the Revolutionary War.

“Where we are now used to be part of North Carolina. The place they chose to offer land grants was here in what is now Middle Tennessee, specifically what is now, Brentwood, Tennessee,” explains Little in a video featured on the city’s YouTube channel. Little goes on to explain that the reason North Carolina chose this area for the payment grants was because it was the best land they had to offer.

Fast-forward to the 1960s and, apart from a few night clubs on Franklin Road near Old Hickory Boulevard, the area now known as Brentwood was small and quiet, with a population of fewer than 5,000. In 1969 when Interstate 65 was extended into Williamson County, several prominent community members realized that life in Brentwood would change and that, no matter what they wanted, things would be different. John Sloan, Glenn Noble, and Jim Redd were three of the community members who led the initiative for incorporation. Current City Commissioner

Anne Dunn recently recalled a conversation with Alex Noble, the son of Glenn Noble, who said his dad told him, “Well, if we are going to do it, let’s not go small.”

“They said, ‘**Let’s get some property so we can really control our future,**’” Dunn explained.

Maryland Farms started to develop in the 1970s because of the vision of those early leaders. Corporations such as Murray established locations here in the 1980s. Controversy over the placement of the Cool Springs Galleria dominated the early 1990s. In recent years, land use, maintaining community character under the pressures of tremendous growth, and transportation are hot topics. Through all this, however, Brentwood remains tried and true by moving slowly and steadily – never taking on too much too fast. City leaders have been purposeful with growth, and the vision from 1969 has been carried out 50 years later.

Today, more than 200 years since those former soldiers first settled here, nearly 44,000 people choose Brentwood as home for all it has to offer: top-rated schools, pristine parks, a convenient commercial district and a city government that operates in a lean fashion to do more with less.

If you see Brentwood’s only living founding father, Jim Redd, riding in A Golden Gallop parade through Maryland Farms on April 13, be sure to thank him for the place we call Brentwood today.

By
Deanna Lambert
Director of
Community
Relations





Commissioner
Regina Smithson
Served Since

1993

My family moved to Brentwood in 1982 for the excellent schools and the great community. Families continue to choose Brentwood for the excellent schools and a great place to raise a family. That is what Brentwood represents - the importance of family, community and tradition. Let's celebrate this beautiful city and its 50 years of history!

- Commissioner Regina Smithson
regina.smithson@brentwoodtn.gov

1990



Commissioner
Anne Dunn
Served Since

1990

While we have been incorporated for only 50 years, we have been a community for more than 200 years. 2019 will highlight important events that have happened and celebrate with community activities that residents can enjoy.

- Commissioner Anne Dunn
anne.dunn@brentwoodtn.gov

2000



Commissioner
Rhea Little
Served Since

2009

Brentwood's beauty and blessings! Now that is something to celebrate!

- Commissioner Rhea Little
rhea.little@brentwoodtn.gov



Commissioner
Betsy Crossley
Served Since

2007

Who doesn't love a Birthday Party? I know that, together as a community, we will all enjoy reminiscing about the remarkable past and dreaming about the bright future of this unique city as we celebrate this 50th year of our history throughout 2019.

- Commissioner Betsy Crossley
betsy.crossley@brentwoodtn.gov

2010



Mayor
Jill Burgin
Served Since

2011

Previous city commissioners had a vision for our town and it's been an honor to help see that through. These 50th birthday events will be a great way to give our residential and commercial neighbors a chance to celebrate what Brentwood has been and is becoming.

- Brentwood Mayor Jill Burgin
jill.burgin@brentwoodtn.gov



Commissioner
Ken Travis
Served Since

2015

Our birthday celebration will allow us to look around and appreciate what we have here in Brentwood. Participating in this year-long celebration will be fun for everyone! Let the celebration begin!

- Commissioner Ken Travis
ken.travis@brentwoodtn.gov



Vice Mayor
Mark W. Gorman
Served Since

2013

During our 50th anniversary it is important to reflect on two factors that allow Brentwood to be one of the most desirable cities in the country: Our one home per acre residential density and limited commercial zoning which has sustained an environment that allows our suburban community to thrive.

- Vice Mayor Mark Gorman
mark.gorman@brentwoodtn.gov

2020



1969 BRENTWOOD INCORPORATED

THE BUGLE VOLUME 19, ISSUE 1



Chick Boggan
Photo courtesy of Brentwood Archives

OUR FIRST CITY GOVERNMENT

The 15th civil district of Williamson County became the City of Brentwood on April 15, 1969. The vote to incorporate was 329 in favor and 144 against.

Much of the credit for the creation of the City of Brentwood belongs to the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce, organized in 1954.

The Chamber initiated the study which recommended incorporation in 1968. The Chamber members were not seasoned politicians. To learn how a city government worked, they learned from officials and experts in governance in other small cities. Members of the Chamber in 1968 included Miss Mary Sneed Jones, Glenn Noble, Ed Bolte, Riley Head, William Huddleston, Doss Stanton, and W. H. McCord, Jr.

On May 13, 1969 the first election of commissioners was held with Emery Pewitt, John Sloan, Jr., and Bob Robinson receiving the most votes in a field of 12 candidates. All three men were Williamson County natives with a love for the area and a vision to maintain the rural atmosphere of the area. Joe Roberts, of Columbia, was named City Manager.

Just a little over a month passed until the first meeting of the Commissioners was held on May 23, 1969 with all three commissioners in attendance.

Brentwood's first proposed budget's largest line item was 10.5 miles of road maintenance.

The three city commissioners served for \$1.00 per year! One person filled three positions - City Recorder, City Manager, and Treasurer.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET			
		PER MO.	PER YEAR
1. CITY HALL ---			
(a) Several businessmen in the community have agreed to rent office space at the indicated prices, if asked to do so.	\$25.00		\$300.00
2. City Recorder, City Manager and Treasurer (One person will serve for all three)	50.00		600.00
(a) Several have agreed to serve at this salary, if asked.			
3. Telephone, office supplies and stationery.	50.00		600.00
4. Road Maintenance: (10.5 miles of roads -- \$700.00 to \$1,000.00 per mile)			10,500.00
5. Three (3) Commissioners (\$1.00 per year) Commissioners elected by popular vote			3.00
6. Local Sales Tax Refunded to Williamson County Schools			3,200.00
7. City Attorney:			
(a) Several attorneys in the area expressed a willingness to serve without charge, if asked.			NO CHARGE
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -----			\$15,203.00
TOTAL INCOME -----			\$16,855.00
***The above rent, wages and prices include the necessary equipment to maintain the City's office.			

Brentwood's first City Hall was in a trailer behind Mayor Pewitt's Garage, pictured below.



Henry Pewitt
Photo courtesy of Brentwood Archives



Pewitt's Garage
Photo courtesy of Brentwood Archives



Back Then and Now...

If you're wondering about the cost of land in Brentwood in 1969, check this out!

BRENTWOOD—IROQUOIS ESTATES
BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with large loan to assume. Fully carpeted with 2900 sq. ft. living area. \$45,000.
HALE HOOPER, 352-4229.

How about the cost of a home in 1969? Four bedrooms, three baths, 2900 square foot home could be bought for \$45,000! In 2019, the average Brentwood home cost is \$750,000.

BRENTWOOD AREA—3 Acre Lot
Level on Franklin Road. Horses
permitted. \$9,950, owner 297-6231.



The Brentwood Historic Commission

Anne Laine Goad, Chair
 Ashley McAnulty, Vice-Chair
 Anne Dunn, City Commissioner
 Linda Lynch, ex officio member
 Sherry Hammond, Secretary
 Kathie Greaves
 Todd Martin

Kim Coggin
 Carole Crigger
 Hollie Cummings
 Inetta Gaines
 Loyce Hooker
 Jodi Rall

Deanna Lambert, Community Relations

The goal of the Historic Commission is to preserve Brentwood history and educate others about the past. We invite you to help us accomplish our goal 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$15 |
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Brentwood was
incorporated

15 April, 1969



Police Department
Created

1971



One-acre density
Ordinance Adopted

1972



Construction began on
Maryland Farms Office Park

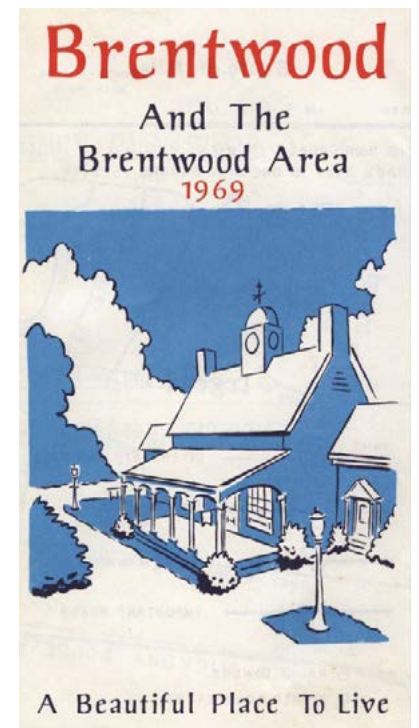
1975



Eddy Arnold Water Co
purchase leads to growth

1980s

1970
Population 4,099



THE PAST REMEMBERED

Photos courtesy of Digital Collections @ The John P. Holt Brentwood Library
 First row: Glenn Huff of Huff Bros. Grocery in front of his delivery truck, Fire and Police Department 1961,
 Second row: Brentwood Fire Chief, Nobles Filling Station, Entrance sign to Brentwood
 Third row: Train station, The Brentwood Chamber of Commerce artwork



Brentwood High School
opens

1982



Mall at Moores Lane
controversy began

1985



Brentwood Fire Department
formed

1986



Cool Springs Galleria Mall
opened

1991



Brentwood 2000 plan
development

1990s

1989
Population 15,712

Brentwood is made up of new families and those who have lived here their entire life. **Preston Bain** is one of Brentwood's lifelong residents. His father, the late Tom Bain, moved the family to Brentwood in 1972 and served as both a City Commissioner and a Williamson County Commissioner. The younger Bain recalls that his favorite Brentwood memory revolves around his time spent at the popular swimming and tennis club located on Wilson Pike in the 1990s, known as the "Dolphin Club." Bain recounted many summers at the club. "We were charter members and we lived directly behind the tennis courts, so I was at the pool from open to close every single day during the summers. The fence in our backyard was one of the only places to cross to the Dolphin Club from the Carondelet neighborhood so every day there were a dozen bikes in our back yard laying down by the fence where kids left them to jump the fence and head to the pool," Bain recalled with a smile.

Over the many summers Bain was on the swim team, the diving team, and became an avid tennis player. Bain also had one important late-night responsibility at the Dolphin Club. "In the years before the tennis courts were upgraded to include a timer, the lights were left on most nights. It was my job to go over to the courts after people left and turn off the lights mainly because they shined in my parents' bedroom window and kept them up," he said.

The Dolphin Club holds a host of memories for the young Bain, from working up the courage to jump off the high dive to his first kiss. "Those summers were a true coming of

age experience for me in so many ways," he said. "If I could go back in time and relive one day from my youth, I would go back there to be with friends and spend the day playing 'baseball' in the pool with a nerf ball and engage in few rousing games of 'gator' or 'green river.'" Bain ended his story with the wonderful thought that at the end of the day, "I would lay down on the top deck looking at the stars and reflect on how those precious summer days would become some of my fondest memories of childhood."

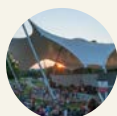
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WHAT MAKES BRENTWOOD GOLDEN?



Interstate 65 widening
Harding to Concord

1992



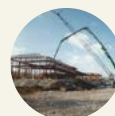
Eddy Arnold
Amphitheater opened

1995



Anne Dunn, first woman
mayor elected

1997



Brentwood Library opens at
Concord Road

1998



Nobles' Property sells to
Walgreens

2000

Allison Meadows was also born and raised in Brentwood, went away for college and jobs, but then returned as an adult.

“I think so often people leave home after high school or college and they want to get as far away as possible and explore something else. I think there is also something to be said about coming home,” Meadows said. She did her own exploring and lived in New York City for a while after college, but said she missed the charm of the south and wanted to raise her family in a

OD LIVING

place like Brentwood.

Allison’s parents, Steve and Cynthia Gatlin, moved to Brentwood in the 1970s. They raised their three daughters in the same home they still own today. Cynthia taught hundreds of second-grade students at Lipscomb Elementary before retiring in 2017. Alison’s father, Steve, is a member of the famous Gatlin Brothers Band.


Allison is now married with two children and calls Brentwood home. “My daughter is in elementary school. To see her go through the same county school system that I did, it brings it full circle. It also brings the comfort of home that way as well,” Meadows said. “This place is so special to me I can’t imagine living anywhere else.”

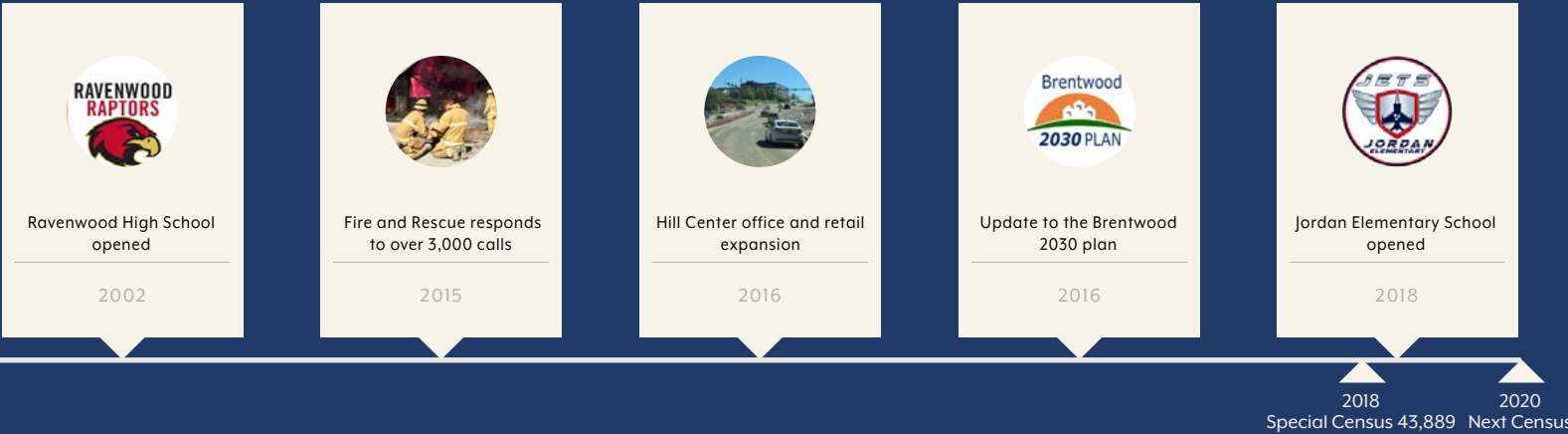
Jay Sheats, his wife, and children moved back to Brentwood a few years ago because they



The Gatlin Family, photo provided by Allison Meadows

love the environment here to raise a family. Sheats said “Brentwood is funny because you leave, but then you come back.” Sheats recalls being one of the only few African-American kids in Brentwood growing up. He is proud that today’s Brentwood is more diverse. “Brentwood over time has become a melting pot. It’s positive to see more diversity in the area. I think the more people who continue to come from all over the world makes a difference and will continue to make Brentwood better,” Sheats said.

Allison and Jay’s stories are featured in a 50th documentary produced by The City of Brentwood and the Brentwood Historic Commission. It will debut on Saturday, April 27 at 7pm at the Movie in the Park at Crockett Park. The 12-minute documentary will also be available on the City of Brentwood YouTube Channel. 





YOU'RE INVITED!

2019 STEERING COMMITTEE

Throughout 2019, the City of Brentwood has several events planned to commemorate its 50th Birthday! Whether you have lived here all your life or just moved here last month, the City of Brentwood invites everyone to celebrate 50 years of the past, present, and future throughout the year.

A group of volunteers appointed by the Brentwood City Commission have planned the year's events. The group's mission statement is "Celebrating Brentwood's rich historic significance and years of planned growth for families and businesses." The members who make up the 50th Steering Committee include Brentwood Mayor Jill Burgin, four representatives from other volunteer city boards, five residents selected by the Brentwood City Commission and the

city's Community Relations Director, Deanna Lambert.

Chairperson Vicki Sanford said these volunteers have put in numerous hours making sure Brentwood's 50th is remembered for many years to come. "Since the spring of 2018, these dedicated Brentwood citizens have been meeting several times a month planning a yearlong 50th birthday celebration for our city. This committee of volunteers has given their time, talents, and treasures to create three amazing events," Sanford said.

The group began the year with a kickoff event in January to thank the more than twenty community sponsors who have donated to make most events free to the community. Any monetary donations remaining after the celebratory events will be presented to the City of Brentwood for use toward a city project. Have an idea for the city project? Email us at info@brentwoodtn.gov.

A Golden Gallop Parade

The celebration year will officially kick off with the parade titled A Golden Gallop. The parade is set for Saturday, April 13 at 2pm, along a 1.8-mile route beginning at Tractor Supply Company and wrapping throughout Maryland Farms. The Brentwood and Ravenwood High School bands will participate along with other past and present city leaders. School equestrian groups, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, businesses, neighborhoods, and churches plan to participate.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

April 12-14

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
John P. Holt Brentwood Library

April 13 2pm

50th Brentwood Birthday Parade



April 18 4:45pm

Easter Egg Hunt

John P. Holt Brentwood Library

April-October third Sunday 2-4pm

**Boiling Spring Academy
Open House**

April 13, 20, 27

Spring Cleanup

April 27

5pm Food Trucks

7pm Spring Movie Night

**50 years of Brentwood Documentary
followed by Mary Poppins Returns**

Crockett Park



June 15 3-10pm

**BrentFest Festival, Kids Zone and Beer
Garden**

Crockett Park



July 19-21

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
John P. Holt Brentwood Library

September 28 10am-2pm

Public Safety Day

330 Franklin Road

October 10

**50th Rendezvous at
Ravenswood Mansion**
Limited Ticket event

details at BrentwoodTN50.org



October 26 7pm

Movie in the Park

Crockett Park

October 12, 19, 26

Fall Cleanup Collection

Presenting Sponsor of
Brentwood's 50th Celebrations

Tractor Supply Co.

For the past 15 years, the Tractor Supply Store Support Center has called Brentwood "home," and as we celebrate Brentwood's 50th birthday this year, we reflect upon what this community means to us.

Like Tractor Supply, the Brentwood community has experienced exponential growth over the past few decades. Even in the midst of this growth, the city has remained focused on being a place where families and businesses can flourish.

For Tractor Supply, having our Store Support Center based in Brentwood is an asset to our overall recruiting efforts and employment experience. Many of our team members not only have the pleasure of working in Brentwood, but also living here. The proximity to local attractions, housing, schools, lifestyle options and community environment lends to our ability to attract and retain top talent at all career stages, from entry level to senior executives.

As a company, we strongly value being involved in our communities, working side by side with our neighbors and coming together to celebrate shared interests. Events like the Brentwood 50th Birthday Celebration remind us how grateful we are to be surrounded by neighbors who value the same sense of community that we do.

On behalf of our over 1,000 team members here in Brentwood, we would like to thank the city for the opportunity to support and participate in the upcoming celebrations honoring Brentwood's 50th birthday.

Mackenzie Goldman,
Public Relations Specialist
Tractor Supply Company



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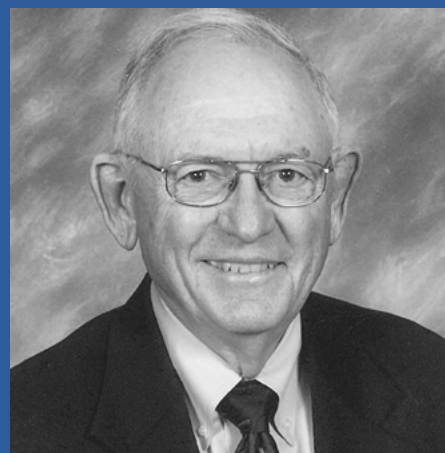


ILLUSTRATED MAP - ON THE COVER

The illustrated map is available two ways: an unframed 11x17 print on white matte cardstock for \$20 and a 16x24 white canvas wrapped around a wood frame for \$75. The map is the work of artist Jennifer S. Britton of Cordially Creative in Pulaski, TN. Pre-order at BrentwoodTN50.org, pick up at Brenwood City Hall. The map features historic landmarks special to Brentwood that were suggested by Historic Commission members and the 50th Steering Committee, who worked for months to develop the list of places including Ravenswood Mansion, Mooreland Mansion, (now City Park), the WSM tower, the Maryland Farms barn (now YMCA), Brentwood's first churches, and schools. Britton toured the city to see the locations firsthand before perfecting the custom watercolor. "I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with the City of Brentwood to create a piece that represents just some of the things that make Brentwood so special and help celebrate the last 50 years, as well as the future," said Britton.

LOCAL AUTHOR

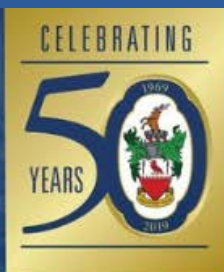
*In celebration of the 50th, the Historic Commission also partnered with Brentwood author John Oden Sr. to reprint his book, *The Brentwood I Remember*, in which Oden shares memories as a child attending school in a two-room schoolhouse, of his time spent with the Hardscuffle community, and more. Proceeds benefit historic preservation in the city. Pre-order online at BrentwoodTN50.org*



TSHIRTS

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space is partnering with the city to sell short-sleeved and three-quarter sleeve T-shirts with the historic map illustration. All proceeds from the T-shirt sales will go directly to benefit city parks. T-shirts will be available starting at the April 6th Arbor Day Celebration at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library, then at other city events and Citizens for Brentwood Green Space's annual Walk in the Park fundraiser in September while supplies last.

BRENTWOOD



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know there used to be a train depot on Brentwood's Church Street?
#BrentwoodTN50





Focus on the Future

While 2019 will be full of celebration and reflection on the past, the city and its leaders are always focused on the future. The pace of change in the Middle Tennessee region is unprecedented these days. While Brentwood is purposefully not growing at the same pace as most of our neighbors, the city still has service demands to plan for. Later this year, we will break ground on a new Police headquarters facility expected to cost an estimated \$27 million. This will be the single largest capital project ever undertaken by the City and is designed to meet the needs of the Police Department for the next 40 years or longer.

The city's fifth fire station on Split Log Road in southeast Brentwood will enhance fire and emergency medical response in this growing part of town when it's built in the next few years. Later this summer, a large outdoor splash pad will be added to the County's recreation center on Heritage Way thanks to a partnership with Williamson County. While it may have been the Dolphin Club of the past that provided nostalgic memories for some, the future splash pad will surely provide endless hours of summer fun for Brentwood kids for years to come.

In the future, we can expect more challenges and opportunities. The growth surrounding us means traffic congestion will increase, but the opportunities to widen roads in Brentwood are limited both by available land and available dollars. How do we try to preserve as much of our remaining greenspace as possible while respecting each property owner's right to decide what happens with their land?

The \$4 million-dollar Holt Family bequest to the John P. Holt Brentwood Library provides a rare opportunity to dream about how to enhance what is already recognized as one of the premier municipal libraries in Tennessee and the southeast. What might the future of Smith Park look like as we start to discuss what to do, if anything, with the 100 or more acres of land at the rear of the park?

Some of the future changes in Brentwood will come sooner than later. On May 7, Brentwood residents will elect new city leaders in the City Commission election. There are nine candidates vying for four seats on the Commission. Current Mayor Jill Burgin and Commissioner Betsy Crossley are not seeking re-election. Please make sure you are registered to vote and exercise your civic duty to help elect those who will lead Brentwood into the future.



By
City Manager
Kirk Bednar

CITY OF BRENTWOOD



TENNESSEE



COME CELEBRATE BRENTWOOD'S 50th YEAR WITH

Three Birthday Events!

A Golden Gallop Parade, 4.13.19 • BrentFest, 6.15.19 • Rendezvous at Ravenswood, 10.10.19

City Update

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Follow and Like

Please be sure to like and follow the City of Brentwood's social media sites to receive information about events and learn historical facts about Brentwood. Watch for several surprises throughout the year, including celebrity birthday shout outs and contests.



City Phone Numbers

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