



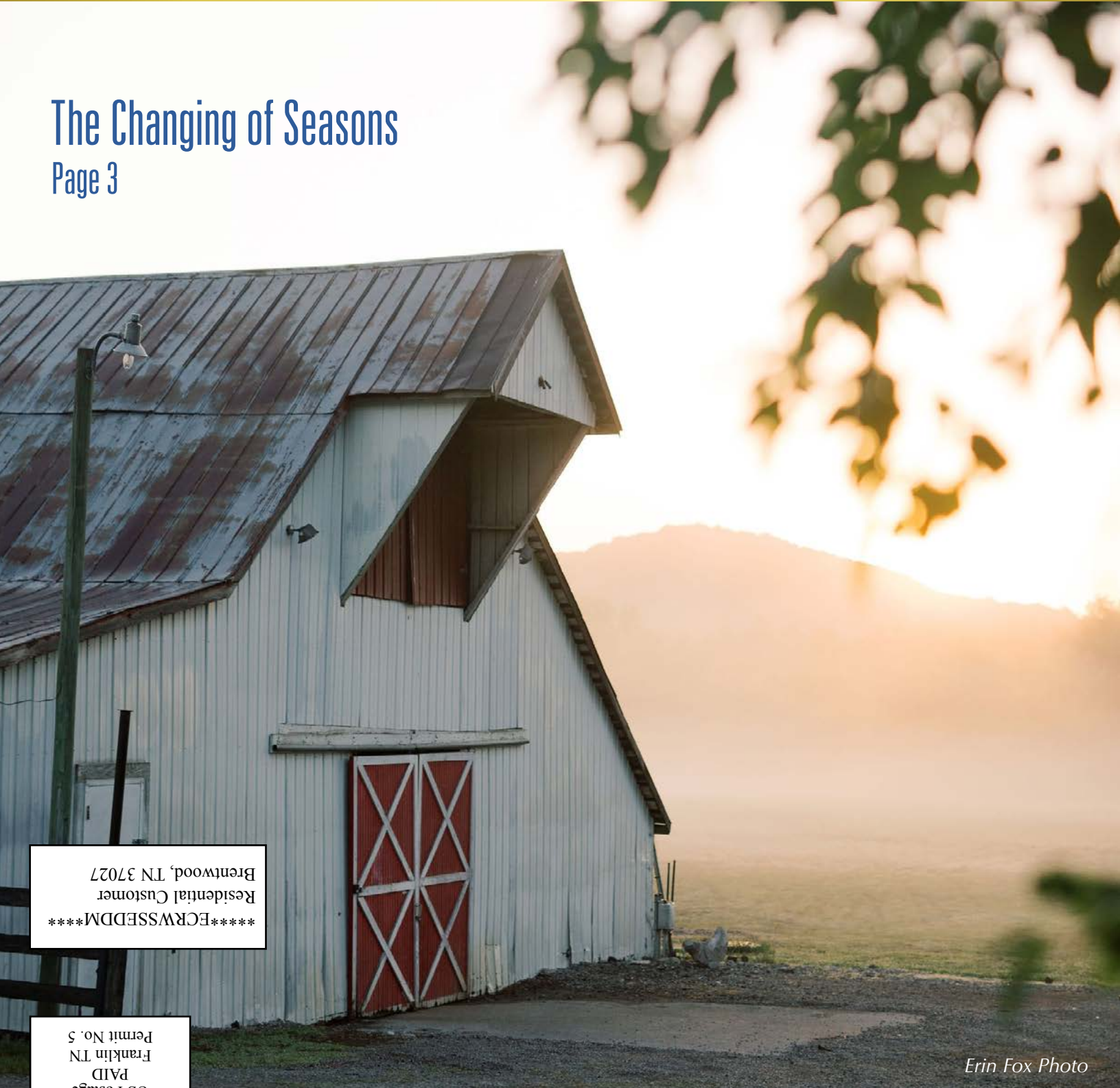
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# CITY UPDATE

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## CITY CONNECTIONS

Don't forget - you can always keep up with city news on our website, social media, or local television stations.

[www.brentwoodtn.gov](http://www.brentwoodtn.gov)



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## Kirk's Corner

By City Manager Kirk Bednar



As I write this column in late September, I think we all probably share the same sentiments – only three months until 2020 is behind us! To say that 2020 has been a strange year is an incredible understatement. Just nine short months ago we were finishing the City's great 50th anniversary celebration, the regional economy was strong, and, while problems still existed, our society, in general, was not so polarized. Today, it is not an exaggeration to say that everything has been turned upside down. A pandemic, social unrest due to underlying racial and criminal justice issues, and the resulting national political rancor has divided this country to a greater extent than I have ever seen in my lifetime.

What's the answer? Well, I hope you don't expect an answer to such weighty national problems in a community newsletter. However, I can try to address some of the City's responses to these issues. First, as you can read about in this newsletter, the various police use of force changes being recommended nationally are already in place in our Brentwood Police Department. Even so, the department has updated some of their policies to more clearly communicate requirements for all officer conduct. In addition, police personnel were directly involved in the development of recommendations from Governor Lee's Law Enforcement Reform Partnership. Finally, the new Police Headquarters that will open in spring of 2021 will provide officers with enhanced training capabilities related to decision making and incident de-escalation techniques.

With regards to the pandemic, it has certainly been challenging. As a City, we have tried to make decisions based on guidance from health experts, directives from higher levels of government, and common sense. We have had several COVID cases within our employee family, which added to the complexity of trying to maintain operations while emphasizing employee health and safety. We can debate masks, social distancing, public gathering sizes, the true severity of the virus, etc. for days and still never reach a consensus. I just hope that here in Brentwood we don't lose sight of the fact that whatever differences of opinion we may have related to COVID, they are small and honestly insignificant in comparison to the fundamental points of agreement we all have about Brentwood being a great place to live, work, and play. Let's not lose sight of that as we eagerly get ready to say goodbye to 2020 and optimistically look forward to a better 2021.





## Police Department Headquarters Update

Construction on the new 55,000 square foot Brentwood Police Department Headquarters is moving right along as planned. The facility, located at 910 Heritage Way, just north of the Williamson County Indoor Sports Complex, will centralize all police department units and 911 dispatch functions under one roof. Enhancements included in the new facility that aren't available to the Brentwood Police Department today include an indoor firing range, dedicated firearms and de-escalation tactics training simulator, secured staff

parking and arrestee processing areas, and expanded evidence storage and processing capabilities. The total budget for the project is \$29.5 million. The project is currently on schedule and on budget, with an expected completion date of February 2021. The Police Department hopes to fully occupy the facility by the end of April 2021, which also will mark the 50th anniversary of the Brentwood Police Department. Be on the lookout for some special activities planned for 2021.



## D.A.R.E. in a COVID World

For the first time ever, the 2020 Fall semester of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program launched an online version of its elementary school curriculum. This allows students to log on to the D.A.R.E. website from their Chromebooks. Through an electronic workbook, students can follow along with the presenting D.A.R.E. Officer. Brentwood Police Officer and D.A.R.E. instructor for Williamson County Schools in Brentwood, Sam Bady, said "this is allowing us to continue our teaching and allow students to complete work that is not finished during normal allotted class time."

The City of Brentwood Police Department purchased the electronic workbooks for all elementary D.A.R.E. classes in Brentwood this fall semester, for both in-school students, as well as those who are distance/ online learners. Officer Bady explained, "each student has been assigned a login name and password and can now access their e-workbooks anytime. In the past, the paper workbooks had to be passed out at the beginning of each D.A.R.E. class and then taken up when the class ended," Officer Bady said. With the new format, students can login to their D.A.R.E. dashboard and complete work anytime or journal about what they learned in the day's lesson. "It could also help to create a healthy conversation about the dangers of drug use with parents at home," Officer Bady said.

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 and has proven so successful that it has been implemented in thousands of schools throughout the United States and 50+ other countries. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. D.A.R.E. plans to launch the middle school version later this year.





## BRENTWOOD IS FINANCIALLY STRONG

Brentwood is one of the most desirable communities in Tennessee in which 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 highlights the City's financial position:

- No increase in the City's effective tax rate for 30 consecutive years. The actual tax rate has declined from \$0.89 to \$0.36 per \$100 of assessed value of property due to property reappraisals.
- Continues to be one of the lowest effective property tax rates of any full-service municipality in the State of Tennessee.
- Annual city property tax bill averages \$540 (home valued at \$600,000) which equates to \$1.48 per day.
- City taxes represent only 14% of your annual property tax bill. The remaining 86% are assessed by Williamson County.
- Brentwood's General Fund is not heavily dependent on any one revenue source:

Local sales tax – 39.3%  
 Property taxes – 30.4%  
 State shared revenue – 11.5%  
 Other sources/fees – 18.8%

- General fund reserves have increased from:

FY 1991 - \$600,000  
 FY 2020 year end - projected unassigned fund balance to be \$43.4 million

The city never operates in a deficit

- Highest bond rating possible from Moody's Investors Services (Aaa) and Standard and Poor's (AAA).
- Provides expanded services with fewer employees. The city will have 6.31 full-time employees per 1,000 residents in FY 2021 versus 8.54 per 1000 in FY 1991 or 26% less. Staffing at the 1991 levels would cost the taxpayers an additional \$10.3 million annually and require 83% increase in the city's property tax rate, a corresponding \$10.3 million or 25% cut in existing City services, or a combination of tax increases and service reductions.
- National Awards: For 33 and 27 consecutive years respectively the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.



## City Funding For Schools & Recreation Service Providers

One of the primary reasons Brentwood is an attractive place to live is the quality of public education which consistently ranks among the best in the nation. The City of Brentwood provides voluntary, supplemental funding to the Williamson County Schools that are located inside the city limits or have a significant enrollment of Brentwood students. City funding is used to purchase equipment or fund supplemental programs that benefit children over and beyond what is normally funded by the County. City funding cannot be used for on-going educational programs with reoccurring expenses in the next school year.

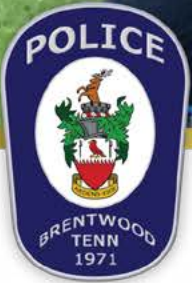
The City of Brentwood's total contribution to the two high schools, three middle schools, and seven elementary schools in the current fiscal year 2020-2021 is \$238,785. Since 1986, the City of Brentwood has contributed over \$6.04 million to enhance the educational opportunities provided to Brentwood students.

In addition, the City makes annual contributions to local service and not-for-profit groups totaling \$102,000 in support of the active recreational programs provided to Brentwood residents. Since 1992, the City of Brentwood has contributed almost \$2.17 million to these groups that provide youth football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball programs in the City plus programs geared to the needs of senior citizens and for services that improve the quality of life within Brentwood. This approach benefits the taxpayers by allowing the Parks Department to serve primarily as a facility provider and avoid having to provide active recreation programs. This eliminates duplication of effort and reduces cost for the entire community.



THE BRENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT, TENNESSEE

# Caring For Our Community



Every member of the Brentwood Police Department strives to be compassionate and responsive to the needs, rights, and expectations of all citizens. Our officers are committed to continuing a community partnership through excellence in law enforcement and community service. Our values and actions are driven by our core values of integrity, honesty, professionalism, respect, and compassion in the performance of all duties.

## A Comprehensive Look at the Brentwood Police Department

June 2020







## Caring For Our Community - The Brentwood Police Department



### Chokehold & Strangleholds

**Chokeholds are prohibited by Tennessee state law except when the use of deadly force is justified.**

The Brentwood Police Department follows state law.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons)

### De-Escalation

**All Brentwood Officers are trained in de-escalation techniques.**

The Brentwood Police Department trains on crisis intervention and de-escalation communication practices in concert with a non-deadly force philosophy in dealing with potentially violent confrontations. Brentwood Police Department policy requires officers to only use the amount of force necessary when accomplishing lawful objections such as making an arrest, controlling a situation, or protecting citizens or themselves.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons, General Order #4-3A Conducted Electrical Weapons, & General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)

*“The Brentwood Police Department consists of compassionate men and women committed to treating every person they encounter with respect. With servant hearts, we strive to make Brentwood a safe and desirable place to live, work and raise your family.”*

- CHIEF JEFF HUGHES

### Issue Warning Before Shooting

When feasible, Brentwood Police Officers are required to identify themselves as police and provide a warning that deadly force will be used.

(General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)

### Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting

**It is the policy of the Brentwood Police Department that officers exhaust all reasonable means before resorting to the use of deadly force.**

Officers will employ only the degree of force necessary and reasonable to accomplish lawful objectives. In determining which force option is necessary, officers will consider the seriousness of the offense, the immediate threat to the public, the suspect, or the officer.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons, General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force, & General Order #7-3 Rules and Regulations)







## Duty to Intervene

The Brentwood Police Department requires all officers who view excessive force or other injustices to intervene and report their observations to their supervisor immediately.

(General Order #7-3 Rules and Regulations #55 and #57)

## Shooting at Moving Vehicles

The Brentwood Police Department policy permits shooting at moving vehicles when the use of deadly force is justified. The use of deadly force is a last resort. Firing at a vehicle may be necessary to protect the public from harm, for example, at a large crowded event.

(General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)



## Use of Force Continuum

The Brentwood Police Department policy specifies force options and requires officers to use only the degree of force necessary in order to accomplish lawful objectives.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons)

## Comprehensive Reporting

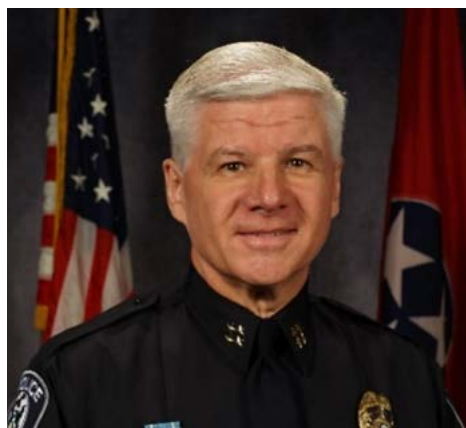
The Brentwood Police Department requires officers to document incidents involving use of force and be reviewed by supervisors. Each year, the department also analyzes incidents involving all use of force, policies, and practices.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons, General Order #4-3A Conducted Electrical Weapons, & General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)

## Officer Destin Legieza Killed on Duty June 18, 2020

Officer Destin Legieza was travelling south on Franklin Road early in the morning on June 18, 2020 when another vehicle hit him head-on after crossing over into his lane. He died at the scene of the crash. The other driver has been charged with driving under the influence. Officer Legieza, 30, was hired by the Brentwood Police Department in 2015 and assigned to the midnight shift. He was born and raised in Franklin, attended Franklin High School, and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, with a degree in criminal justice administration. Officer Legieza and his wife, Heather, lived in Spring Hill. Officer Legieza's father works with the Franklin Police Department.

The kindness and support of our community since Officer Legieza's death has been overwhelming and is deeply appreciated. More than \$50,000 was raised to help support his widow and numerous meals were delivered for grieving officers. There will be a memorial tribute to Officer Legieza when the new Brentwood Police Headquarters building is completed in 2021.



## Brentwood Police Department's Tommy Walsh Retires After 31 Years of Service

Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh officially retired Friday, June 26, 2020 after a 31-year-career with the Brentwood Police Department. Walsh began his career in 1988 as a Brentwood Police Patrol Officer and served in many different capacities within the department including, Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Technician and a Detective. On May 6, 2002, Walsh was wounded in a shootout in Brentwood while helping to apprehend a bank robbery suspect.

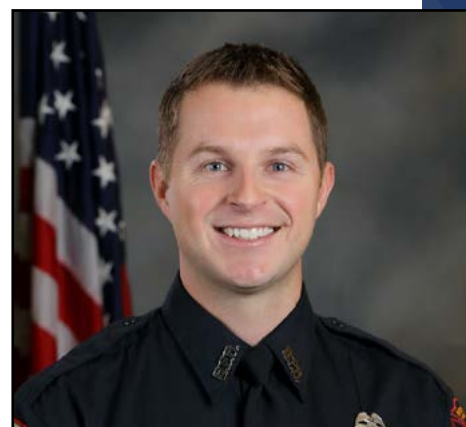


## Firefighter of the Year: Engineer Zachary Scheitel

Engineer Zachary Scheitel has been an asset to the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department since being hired in 2014. Today's fire service demands are continuing to evolve and require individuals to possess a diverse skill set to meet an ever-changing environment. Engineer Scheitel certainly fits this mold and possesses a wide range of skills and abilities. Zachary, or "Zach" as he is known by his friends, is a trusted resource for the completion of tasks that vary from building construction to technology improvements. Zach has been instrumental in completing projects that range from station upgrades and remodeling to developing data management tools for the personal protective equipment, or PPE committee. Additionally, Zach has been an active member of the department by participating in various committees including the Workforce Planning component of the strategic plan. His hands-on skills in technical rescue have made him an asset to the Special Operations Team, resulting in a deployment to Florida in 2019 as part of a swift water rescue resource for Hurricane Dorian.

Within the past year, Engineer Scheitel has used his considerable knowledge of construction to enhance the department's facilities while saving the City considerable money. His efforts have greatly contributed to the remodel of both the gym and office at Station 2 as well as the build-out of the mezzanine at Station 4 for a command simulation lab: a training resource that will enhance the abilities of fire officers locally, regionally, and even nationally. Each project has resulted in a major improvement in the quality of life for our personnel and enhanced the capabilities of these facilities. Not only did he lead these projects, but much of the work was done with Zach's personal tools and equipment.

In addition to these extra projects, Zach remains very involved in the day-to-day shift operations. He frequently assists with training for new hires and those seeking to promote to Engineer. He is involved in the department's quality assurance program, serving as one of the incident report reviewers for B-shift. This is a time-consuming and often thankless job that also requires him to assist all members of the shift with reporting questions. In addition to all of this, Engineer Scheitel manages the department's website, working with the Community Relations Director to ensure that information is kept up to date and accessible. Because of his seemingly endless skills set and his "above and beyond" contributions to the department, coupled with his outstanding daily actions, Engineer Zachary Scheitel has been selected as Brentwood Fire & Rescue's 2020 Firefighter of the Year.





# THE BUGLE

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## Educational Opportunities Sponsored by the Brentwood Historic Commission

By Loyce Hooker

*Cache in on Brentwood History* is a content-rich geocaching activity for all ages that promotes critical thinking, provides practice for reading, math, mapping skills, and provides great exercise. This activity is perfect for scout troops working to earn their orienteering badge.

### What is Geocaching?

- Outdoor recreational treasure hunt
- GPS coordinates and online clues used to locate different hidden treasure containers called "Geocaches"
- Geocaches come in all shapes and sizes and contain a logbook and trinkets for trading
- Geocaches are hidden, but never buried
- Geocache in groups or alone



Look for the coin next to sites featured in this article that are included in the geocaching program.

[www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history/history-scavenger-hunt](http://www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history/history-scavenger-hunt)

### The History Bowl

This is a county-wide competition among Williamson County High Schools held annually each winter for more than a decade. This exciting and fun event features a fast-paced game with four rounds of American History questions in a format like popular quiz shows such as Jeopardy. Mark your calendar for February 25, 2021 at 7pm for the live event held at Brentwood City Hall and livestreamed on the Brentwood Historic Commission Facebook page. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three schools in the competition.

### Boiling Spring Academy

More than 5,000 Brentwood elementary students have stepped back in time for "A Day in 1845" since the educational program was developed by the Historic Commission in 2005. The one room schoolhouse built in 1830 features a day of learning taught by retired teachers which includes penmanship, arithmetic (using slates and slate pencils), history, recitation, and a spelling bee.

Open Houses are held each third Sunday of the month from April to October. You can visit the outdoor area of the house and the Fewkes Native American Mounds anytime by accessing the park through a short walk from the greenway from Smith Park or Crockett Park or from the River Park Bike Path past the underpass on Moores Lane. For more information, contact Carole Crigger at 615-661-4231.

### Historic Signs Throughout Brentwood

Remember the road trip games families played before we all started staring at little screens to pass the time? As you drive around town, be on the lookout for historic signs. Keep score! Then visit our website and recreate the historic signs. Be creative! Also look for signs near historic family cemeteries- our latest example, the African American Owen Moore Cemetery in front of the Harmony Apartments on Church Street renovated by the General Francis Nash Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with support from the Brentwood Historic Commission. Another new project is the Mayfield Cemetery restoration on Wilson Pike sponsored by Mayfield descendants with guidance from Brentwood Historic Commission.

### Primm Historic Park

If you have not visited this fascinating pocket of history dating from 900 A.D. through the 20th century, this is a must see. Accessible year round from the River Park Bike Path past the underpass at Moores Lane and by car from the Moores Lane parking lot on Open House Days, April-October. Explore the Fewkes Group Native American Mound Archaeological Site and the Boiling Spring Academy, a one room schoolhouse from 1833. The Primm family donated the academy and mounds to the City of Brentwood in 2003. There are excellent interpretive signs on site.



**Educational Opportunity:** Hike on the bike trail to Primm Historic Park and create a Primm Historic Park timeline from 900 A.D. to the 21st Century.

<https://www.brentwoodtn.gov/departments/parks-recreation/brochures/trail-system-guide>

## Cool Springs House



Did you know that the beautiful historical house which sits at the entrance of Crockett Park was originally built in 1830 on the site of the current day Carrabbas Restaurant on Mallory Lane in Cool Springs? The City of Brentwood acquired the home and relocated it on September 8, 1993. News stations and media documented the unprecedented move for the day. The Historic Commission is working on a video to share this story, but until its complete you can view a sample of the move here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y\\_k9f0UzITw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_k9f0UzITw)

Never been inside? Take a Virtual Tour of the house here:  
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=AhGVJvYbZ44>

This venue can be rented for special events. To learn more, visit our website at [www.coolspringshouse.com](http://www.coolspringshouse.com)

**Educational Opportunity--** Drive by Carrabbas then to the park where you can walk around the house and barn. Reimagine and illustrate the thrilling adventure of moving a 190 year old house from Cool Springs Mall to Crockett Park!

<https://coolspringshouse.com/history>

## Ravenswood Mansion



Ravenswood Mansion recently won The Preservation through Restoration Award from the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County for the rehabilitation of the slave cabins on property. Two of the thirteen brick living quarters for the enslaved people who worked on the plantation in the early 19th century

still stand on the property today. There were 12,367 slaves in Williamson County in 1860 according to census records. James Hazard Wilson reported owning 71 slaves that year. There are eight known names of the enslaved people that lived on the Wilson Pike property in the 1830s which include: Berry, Catherin, Fanny, George, John, Nelson, Peggy, and Rebecca. The Brentwood Historic Commission is currently researching this history to be able to include their story into future presentations. Preservation of the historic assets at the Marcella Vivrette Smith Park has been a priority since the city acquired the land in 2010.

Never been inside? Take a virtual tour of the house here:  
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=rdvUL8ovjFY>

This venue can be rented for special events. To learn more, visit our website at:  
<https://www.ravenswoodmansion.com/>

## The Brentwood I Remember Book

The Brentwood Historic Commission worked with local author John Oden, Sr. to reprint his 391-page book about the history of the Brentwood community from 1850-1950. This coffee table book is also the perfect way to commemorate your love of Brentwood or give a gift for those longtime Brentwood friends and family. The books are \$50 and we accept cash or checks made payable to the City of Brentwood c/o Historic Commission. If you are interested in purchasing, please email

[deanna.lambert@brentwoodtn.gov](mailto:deanna.lambert@brentwoodtn.gov).



## FUTURE PROJECTS

### Primm Farms Slave Cabin Restoration Project

Primm Farms on Moores Lane, across from the Montclair subdivision, will be developed into 24 lots on the western portion of the property which has distinctive historical and cultural importance. Primm Park, Boiling Spring Academy, the Fewkes Native American Mounds, and the Primm Farm slave cabins could be considered a historic corridor hopefully connected by bike and walking trails in the future. Over the past few years, the developer has met with the Brentwood Historic Commission to discuss plans for restoring the unique duplex style slave quarters on the property. The plan also includes green space along Moores Lane, with a 150-foot strip of land with a sidewalk that will line the development.

### Boiling Spring Academy Virtual Field Trip – In Production

A committee is currently partnering with Williamson County Schools to produce a virtual field trip. The COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 encouraged the development of new materials to be used by Williamson County students in-class and remotely. When in person field trips were canceled, the Historic Commission wanted to provide a virtual option for the





traditionally in-person Boiling Spring Academy's third grade field trip.

The program is focused to comply with TN standards and Williamson County Schools (WCS) as a virtual field trip for all WCS third grade students. When in-school and field trips resume, the program could return to an in-person experience for Brentwood students and a continued virtual experience for other schools and groups such as homeschoolers and private schools. The program will be ADA compatible with both written and audio components.



In the meantime, view our video here:

<https://youtu.be/FAEb30A0ICE> or download a children's workbook here:

<https://www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history/boiling-spring-academy/educational-program>.

### Thank you to our Supporters

The Brentwood Historic Commission would like to thank our loyal supporters who donate time and funds each month toward our mission. The programs included in this edition of the Bugle are supported by your generous donations. Please consider donating again this month by using the cutout to the right/left on this page.

## HISTORIC COMMISSION 2020



## THE BUGLE ARCHIVES

You can read more interesting Brentwood history researched and produced by the Brentwood Historic Commission. Seventeen years of archived Bugle newsletters can be found online.

[www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history/the-bugle-newsletters](http://www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history/the-bugle-newsletters)

### The Brentwood Historic Commission

[www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history](http://www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history)

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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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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY  
PARKS & RECREATION**

## NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AND CLINICS AVAILABLE

The Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department (WCPR) recently announced the opening of the outdoor pickleball courts at the Indoor Sports Complex in Brentwood, 920 Heritage Way. Four new courts have been added behind the facility and are now available for reservation and open play.

Pickleball is played on a badminton-sized court: 20' x 44,' with a whiffle ball type ball, a square ping pong paddle, and the net lowered like a tennis net. The first side scoring eleven points while leading by at least two points wins. Pickleball can be played with singles or doubles. Pickleball can be as fast or slow as you like and is very kind to beginners.

For more information on pickleball court reservation and play opportunities, a detailed list of clinic and workshop options and to register, visit [www.wcparksandrec.com](http://www.wcparksandrec.com) and click on the "Athletics" tab. Program participation is limited to meet social distancing requirements. For additional questions contact: Kylie Preston at (615) 370-3471, ext. 2116, [Kylie.Preston@williamsoncounty-tn.gov](mailto:Kylie.Preston@williamsoncounty-tn.gov).

## Save the Date!

Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Arbor Day Celebration was canceled but please save the date for the 2021 celebration to hopefully be held:

**Saturday, March 27  
John P. Holt Brentwood Library**

One of the main goals for the Brentwood Tree Board this year is to help educate residents about the Emerald Ash Borer attacking Ash Trees in the United States, including here in Brentwood.

But first, do you know how to identify an ash tree? Use this guide from Michigan State University to help. Begin with looking at the branches, leaves and bark of your tree.

Take the  
How to Identify an Ash Tree Quiz  
\$25 gift card prizes!  
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**BRENTWOOD  
HomePage**

[www.williamsonhomepage.com/brentwood/](http://www.williamsonhomepage.com/brentwood/)

### To properly identify ash trees, use the following criteria:



#### Branch and Bud Arrangement

Branches and buds are directly across from each other and not staggered. When looking for opposite branching in trees, please consider that buds or limbs may die; hence not every single branch will have an opposite mate.



Diana Brown-Rytelowski

#### Leaves

Leaves are compound and composed of 5-11 leaflets. Leaflet margins may be smooth or toothed. The only other oppositely branched tree with compound leaves is boxelder (*Acer negundo*), which almost always has three to five leaflets. White ash (on left) and green ash (on right)



\*Paul Wray, Iowa State University

#### Bark

On mature trees (left), the bark is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees (right), bark is relatively smooth.



\*Paul Wray, Iowa State University

#### Seeds

When present on trees, seeds are dry, oar-shaped samaras. They usually occur in clusters and typically hang on the tree until late fall, early winter.

**MICHIGAN STATE  
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## Winter Road Maintenance

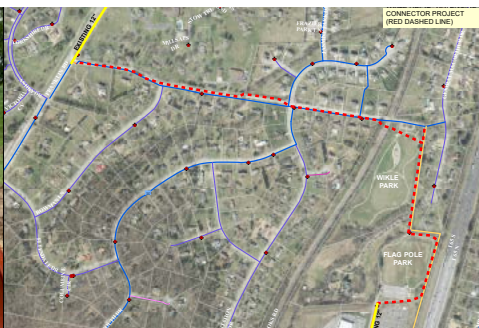
By Todd Hoppenstedt, Brentwood Public Works Director

Whether you are new to Brentwood or you've lived here for a long time, we thought this would be a good time to help you understand the City's role in winter road maintenance. Middle Tennessee has been fortunate the past two winter seasons, only experiencing a dusting to a half inch of snow on a handful of occasions. Some would speculate that eventually our luck might wear thin, given the drastic increases in the amount of local precipitation over the past four years. Regardless of our luck, when temperatures drop below freezing, we are prone to an eventful winter and seeing some of that favorite white stuff.

The City of Brentwood Public Works Department maintains only a handful of large, medium, and small plows and salt trucks. Our first priority when winter weather hits is to treat the main arterial routes, primary routes, hills, curves, and school zones first. Franklin Road,

Wilson Pike, Concord Road, Moores Lane, and portions of Church Street are state routes under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). However, like a good neighbor, Brentwood will plow and salt these roads as necessary to help provide safe travel for motorists and emergency vehicles navigating through the City. Additionally, there are many primary routes such as Maryland Way, Granny White Pike, Murray Lane, Holly Tree Gap, Knox Valley Drive, Raintree Parkway, Green Hill Blvd, Sunset Road, and Waller Road to name a few which are also treated as necessary. While many people may opt to stay home during inclement winter weather, if you do go out, we encourage only necessary travel. Please use extreme caution, slow down and maintain a safe distance from our plow trucks, allowing them to safely clear the road for you.

With more than 450 lane miles of road in Brentwood, it generally requires some patience as we react to changing conditions. Snow and ice operations are more efficient and safer for everyone when traffic volumes are low. Please remember that all-wheel drive can help get you going, but it does nothing for your ability to turn or slow down on slippery roads, especially since we have so many hills throughout Brentwood. Please drive slowly and exercise caution during inclement weather this winter. Your safety is important to us.



## Wikle Road Waterline Project Underway

By Chris Milton, Water Services Director

The Master Plan for the Brentwood Water Services Department includes recommended projects for meeting system capacity expectations through buildout of the system's service area. One of the projects planned for construction this fall is the Wikle Road Water Line Upsizing Project. This project will upsize the existing eight-inch water line between Franklin Road and Mallory Park to a 12-inch ductile iron pipeline. The planned route of the water line will follow along Wikle Road beginning at Franklin Road, continue eastbound past Wikle Park, then south and connecting to an existing 12-inch water line at the northern end of Mallory Park Drive. This project is planned to begin at Mallory Park Drive this fall. The section between Mallory Park Drive and the CSX Railroad tracks at Wikle Road will be completed first before moving to the west side of the CSX Railroad tracks and progressing to Franklin Road. Construction should be completed by the summer of 2021.

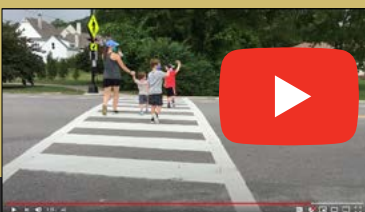
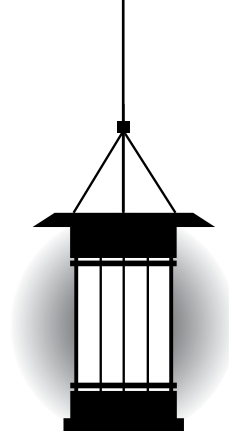




## John P. Holt Brentwood Library Update

The library hosted an exhibit called “To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women’s Fight for the Vote” which was organized by the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the Tennessee State Museum. Funding for this exhibit was provided by The Official Committee of the State of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial. This project was also funded in part by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. “We are happy to host this exhibit which celebrates the 100-year anniversary of the long-fought for right for women to vote,” said Brigid Day, Community Engagement Coordinator for the John P. Holt Brentwood Library.

Library staff championed a button making project as part of our partnership with Williamson County Schools (WCS) in Brentwood. As students and teachers returned to campus in August while wearing masks due to COVID-19, “face buttons” with a smiling teacher face helped students connect to their teacher and provide comfort. The library made face buttons for more than nine schools plus all the Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists in WCS who work with special needs students. “It’s been a rewarding project and the teachers have been so appreciative” said Brigid Day, Community Engagement Coordinator.



# YouTube

## Stories to Watch

Introducing Mid-block Pedestrian Crossings  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wRgcUV8bSk>

Road Rules: Granny White Bike Lanes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hi7I2cNUDH8&t=4s>

Donations to Schools – Lipscomb elementary microphones  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSwNklvAnzk>

Virtual Fire Station Tour  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9RjYSHbe0g>

Boiling Spring Academy: A Day in 1845  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAEb30A0ICE&t=5s>

Officer Destin Legieza Funeral  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=109yvv3GJ7s&t=6s>

Tommy Walsh Shares about May 2002 shooting and retirement  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0ExBtQT9fE&t=3s>

New Police Simulator Explained (may not be suitable for children)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPPL1kTRQCg&t=1s>

Out and About: Flamingos at the Nashville Zoo  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GqXSfB6VC0>

Question Corner: Clouds and Firefighters  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40EkgvxgKBM>



**Morning with Santa**

December 5th - 9am  
 Brentwood Library

**Neighborhood Luminaires**

December 5th - 6pm

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

December 7th - 5:30pm  
 Brentwood Library



# Fall Cleanup

The City of Brentwood will hold the Fall Cleanup dates as planned for residents to drop off unwanted items. Due to COVID-19 and for the safety of our employees and you, we do ask that you wear a mask and maintain social distancing on the day of drop off. There is a list of items we will and will not accept on our website here: <https://www.brentwoodtn.gov/home/showdocument?id=5181>

Some of the items we will accept are appliances, furniture, luggage, lawn equipment that has been drained of all fluids and gas, tools, electronics, and exercise equipment.

**October 24** 8am - 4pm

Granny White Park - 610 Granny White Pike

**October 31** 8am - 4pm

Safety Center East - 1300 Sunset Road

**November 7** 8am - 4pm

Granny White Park - 610 Granny White Pike



## The Changing of Seasons

The Summer of 2020 will be unforgettable for one reason or another. The COVID-19 pandemic is still in the forefront of our minds and many of us are ready to turn the page on 2020 completely. I invite you to pause to enjoy the fall season: the days where the sunlight grows dim quicker, nights are colder, and the hustle and bustle of life seems to gradually slow down. Most of 2020 has not been normal. Due to COVID-19 shutting down the world this spring, most of us have adopted new, and perhaps a different, slower lifestyle. We have had more time to stop and reflect, read or just think about life more.

One way people have captured memories of this unusual year has been with photos... on front porches, while social distancing, and of course, wearing masks. Citizens familiar with the Marcella Vivrette Smith Park know the old white and red barn that sits on the property along Wilson Pike. It's the beautiful barn featured on the front of this fall 2020 edition of the City Update. Over the years, families have used the large white barn and its red doors as a backdrop for family photos at the holidays, high school graduations, weddings and engagements. We imagine that this year will be no different, except for one part. The original barn built in the 1900s had aged and deteriorated so much that this year, it had to be removed for safety.

Before it was gone, some Class of 2020 graduates who missed the opportunity of a normal graduation this year, had the chance to pose in front of the barn one last time. Thanks to karenhalbert photography for sharing her #bhsclassof2020 photo with us on a Facebook post earlier this year. We know you may be sad about this news, but it needed to be done for safety. The City Parks Department will benefit from this safe space for equipment storage. The good news is a new barn now sits in the spot and the red barn doors were saved to be used on the property somehow. Please let us know if you have ideas for the doors. Email [Deanna.Lambert@brentwoodtn.gov](mailto:Deanna.Lambert@brentwoodtn.gov) with suggestions.

In the meantime, enjoy the fall and hopefully the slow speed it will bring you this year.

By

Deanna Lambert  
Director of Community Relations



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# Holidays at Ravenswood Mansion

This holiday season will be different due to COVID-19. If you are looking to host a small party in an intimate setting, Ravenswood Mansion offers a charming and picturesque setting for your holiday event. Our Historic Home is fully decorated at Christmas time, making it the perfect backdrop for creating holiday memories. The included amenities and our special December pricing make Ravenswood Mansion the perfect spot in Brentwood for your holiday party.

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## DETAILS

Tables + chairs provided  
Heated indoor space  
Catering kitchen  
Inside seated capacity: 80

## REQUIREMENTS

Licensed and insured caterer  
ABC licensed bartender  
Event Insurance (over 50 guests or alcohol)



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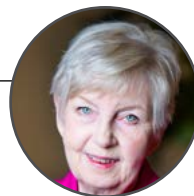
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