

DID YOU KNOW?

- Before this was the Arboretum we know today, this used to be a wastewater treatment plant.
- There are 67 different tagged species of trees in the Arboretum that line the paved and unpaved walking trails.
- City of Brentwood has partnered with WCS and hosts an annual Environmental Day for high school students.
- The Arboretum is an educational space for such groups as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who are earning certain badges dealing with nature.
- The original building that was left from the water treatment facility use, was so badly vandalized that the parks department had it demolished and rebuilt into the building you see today.
- The rings outside of the building are used for seating when an outside classroom is in session.
- The map on the other side of this brochure is provided to the City by our very own GIS department.
- Garden Clubs and Painters are known to come out and have meetings or just take in the beauty for their projects.
- Not only do we have trees in the Arboretum, there is an abundance of Flora that is native to the area to observe.
- Did you know that some trees can be used for medicinal products and even items like cork?
- The Arboretum is a 27 acre passive park that borders the Little Harpeth River on its Northern boundary for about 1/2 mile.
- We are classified as a Level 2 certified Arboretum through the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council and have won awards for Arboretum of the Month

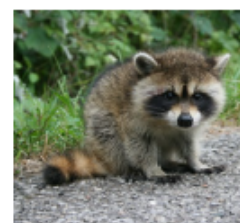
TIMELINE

- 1975- City purchases a Brentwood farm and builds a wastewater treatment plant
- Late 80's- EPA orders Brentwood to shut down wastewater facility due to city's growth. Plant was abandoned.
- 1987- Pits were filled and remained unused while considering what the land could be used for.
- 1990- The original building was used for park offices until the Service Center was built.
- Mid 1990- Brentwood Rotary Club approached city officials to suggest a long term community project that would turn Deerwood into a nature park.
- 1991- Development begins and a committee is formed and work is started. Phase 1 of 3 phase tree planting project is underway.
- 1992- Development plans included the completion of a 1.5 mile walking trail, installing a watering system, kiosks, trail markers and phase 2 planting.
- 1993- Phase 3 tree planting commenced.
- 1994- More trees planted.
- 1996- Sadly during the years from it's opening to this time, the Arboretum was largely unkept so a plan was made to continue with the development and get the Arboretum back to its original vision.
- 1999-2000- trails were paved, 4-board horse fence was installed, more trees were planted, a foot bridge connecting the neighboring subdivisions was installed.
- 2002- Trees were tagged according to state standards.
- 2006-2007- Pond aeration was added but have since ceased being used because of an infestation of pond Lilly's and would clog the aerators.
- Current- We have 67 different species of trees and are a Certified Arboretum through the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council.

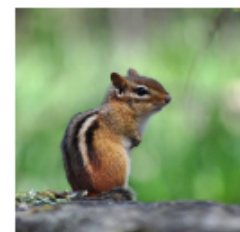
A FEW LOCAL MAMMALS



OPOSSUM- These animals have coarse fur, a white face and a rat-like tail. They hunt at night for small birds and also eat eggs and fruit. When threatened by enemies, they collapse and "play possum" as if dead.



RACCOON- Did you know that the Raccoon is Tennessee's official state animal? This furry mammal has a reddish-brown body with dark rings on its tail and a black mask on its face. It will eat almost anything- from nuts, fruit and worms, to frogs, fish and other small mammals. Fun fact: A raccoon has very nimble fingers and can easily turn doorknobs and open refrigerator doors.



Eastern Chipmunk- The chipmunk is a small reddish-brown ground squirrel with a dark stripe down its back and two white stripes on either side. They live in underground burrows but can climb trees to harvest nuts. Carrying the nuts in their cheek pouches, they take the nuts underground to their burrows for storage. Did you know that in 3 days a chipmunk can store an entire bushel basket of nuts?

Keep your eyes and ears open... How many can you spy? What other species of mammal can you find?