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## Kirk's Corner

By City Manager Kirk Bednar



I think it is only natural for most of us to look back over the past twelve months and think about what has occurred with the pandemic, social unrest, a controversial presidential election, etc. It has certainly been a year that none of us will forget. However, I believe Spring 2021 brings a time of optimism here in Brentwood and certainly for the City of Brentwood. Vaccine distribution is ramping up, COVID case numbers are dropping significantly, and we are hopeful for a "normal" summer of concerts and other activities in our parks. As highlighted throughout this newsletter, we will also soon be celebrating the opening of the new Brentwood Police Department Headquarters facility amid the year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Police Department.

As I look back over this past year, I take great pride in the work and sacrifice of our city employees. When COVID hit, we had to quickly alter our way of doing business. Except for the John P. Holt Brentwood Library, we didn't have the ability to shut down given the nature of our services. The City's management team came together and developed alternate service and staffing plans, the Technology Department facilitated dozens of employees seamlessly working from home, and with few exceptions, city services continued at the same high level as always.

This winter, the back to back winter storms and prolonged icy conditions challenged our public service departments. We had employees from Public Works and Water Services who didn't go home to their families for almost a week straight so they could be available to address road conditions and utility service needs. Police officers, firefighters, and 911 dispatchers who live far away stayed in hotels during the week to be sure they could be available to serve the residents of Brentwood. Other employees applied the lessons from COVID and were able to work from home without a loss of service.

So, as we move through the rest of 2021, I remain thankful for the many dedicated city employees who serve the citizens of Brentwood every day. I am also thankful to live in and work for a community that appreciates the services these men and women provide and shows that appreciation in so many ways.





1971-2021

## Brentwood Police Department Set to Open New Headquarters and Celebrates 50th Anniversary in 2021

By Deanna Lambert, Director of Community Relations

This month will mark the opening of the first state-of-the-art building dedicated for the sole purpose of serving as the Brentwood Police Department Headquarters. It is the largest and most expensive single project in the City's history. Coming in at \$29 million dollars, the 56,000 square foot building located at 910 Heritage Way, will be the forerunner model for future law enforcement agencies looking to build new facilities across the country.

Chief of Police Jeff Hughes said "it is going to put us on the map regarding having a modern facility that will allow us to serve the City of Brentwood more efficiently and more effectively. It will also allow us to train in our own house which we haven't been able to do in the past." Chief Hughes also elaborated on the placement of being in the geographical center of the City, which will decrease response times. "It will also give us an opportunity to engage with the public in an environment that we previously haven't really had," Hughes added.

Brentwood City Manager Kirk Bednar said the City has been deliberate about planning for this for many years. "It is an evolution of the City as we grow and trying to meet the needs of our community and the employees who work for us. Even though it's been talked about for years, we really didn't get serious about it until 2016," Bednar said. Later that year, the Brentwood City Commission approved a plan to go forward with planning, launching a space study and hiring an architect. "Within five years, the building is set to open," Bednar excitedly added.



From Left to Right, Chiefs Ricky Watson and Howard Buttrey accept the CALEA Accreditation award from officials.

### HISTORY

#### Brentwood Police Department History

February 1, 2021 marked 50 years since the Brentwood Police Department was created. Chief Howard Buttrey was hired to oversee the department development and for the first two months, he was the only employee. Buttrey obtained a \$40,000 grant from the federal government and on April 1, 1971, Buttrey hired three officers and the Brentwood Police Department began full time patrol of the city with one officer assigned to each of the day's three shifts. Fifty years later,

there are 67 sworn officers, including one K9 patrol team, twelve 911 dispatchers and six administrative personnel, a mobile crime scene investigation unit and a new headquarters building set to officially open this spring.

February 1 is a special day for two of the three men who have served as Chief of Police, as that is the day they were hired. Buttrey served as the first Chief in 1971. Current Chief Jeff Hughes was hired on February 1, 1986. Chief Ricky Watson was also hired in 1986 and served for 25 years.

Chief Hughes has served with the department for 35 of the 50 years. He credits his predecessors for setting the department's foundation for what it has become today. "Under Buttrey's leadership, the department became internationally accredited

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- CHIEF JEFF HUGHES

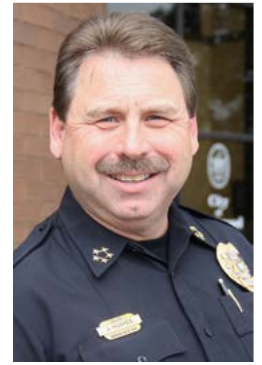
through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. in 1989 and remains the most tenured agency in the state of Tennessee to be accredited," Chief Hughes said. After 29 years of service, Buttrey retired in 2000 and was succeeded by Chief Ricky Watson who continued developing the department focusing on technology and training. Watson retired in 2012 and Chief Hughes became only the third chief in the department's history.

## Chief Jeff Hughes

Chief Jeff Hughes, a 35-year veteran of the department has been Chief since 2012. In the YouTube video, “Brentwood Chief of Police Jeff Hughes Reflects on Department’s 50th Anniversary” he said, “we pride ourselves on making positive contacts every day. We have institutionalized a culture here that demonstrates our focus on public service. We’re not here to be hard-handed or kick in doors. We are capable, ready, and trained to handle anything that comes our way.”



Learn more about the history of the Brentwood Police Department in a series of videos on YouTube. Former Brentwood City Commissioner Tom Bain interviewed former police chiefs in a series entitled “Brentwood Storytellers.”



## 50th Commemorative Police Badge

The City of Brentwood and the Brentwood Police Department have several special things planned for the community to enjoy this year. Officers will begin wearing a special commemorative badge in April. The badge includes an old model police cruiser, the new headquarters building and the number “1282”, the employee number for Officer Destin Legieza, who was killed in the line of duty in June 2020. To date, he is the only Brentwood officer who has died in the 50-year history. Legieza’s family and several officers plan to attend National Police Week in Washington, D.C. in October to honor his memory.

## Lion Sculpture and Memorial Wall

The new Headquarters building includes an outdoor memorial wall to honor those like Officer Legieza. Other names to be included on the wall will be department retirees who have served more than twenty years. Plans also include a sculpture of a bronze lion overlooking the memorial wall to symbolize the protective role of law enforcement officers and convey the strength, courage and valor that are hallmarks of those who serve and protect. The artist will have the sculpture completed just before the grand opening.

The lion has always been symbolic of courage to law enforcement,” Chief Hughes added. The idea is like the lions protecting their cubs at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. Last year, the community helped raise funds to pay for the lion structure. “It’s so reassuring to know that our citizens and business owners are willing to support us anytime

## MEMORIAL PLAZA

*“It was a blessing for me to go through 32 years of safe service. To see my name on a memorial wall is something tangible that I can see and touch that says, ‘I had a career here.’”*

*-William Ambrose*

*“Makes me feel good. I spent 30 years of my life here. I don’t regret a single day. I am glad that they think enough of us to put us up on a wall that will be there as long as this building stands. One day, maybe my grandchild will come to work here and see my name.”*

*-Ricky Knight*

*“I have always been respectful to those who have come before me. I have always appreciated the things that were offered to me. I know the Brentwood Police Department didn’t get started by accident. It got started because Howard Buttrey had a vision and Chief Ricky Watson had a vision and Chief Hughes had a vision and they gave us the resources and vision to carry it out. I always wanted to honor those who come before me.”*

*-Tommy Walsh*

*“That’s awesome. That makes me feel very good and honored especially to be listed with the other names that will be on the wall.”*

*-Mark Wood*



we need their help,” Chief Hughes said. “Particularly in recent times, based on what we see going on around the country, this kind of support is the exception and not the rule. This is something that makes working in Brentwood so special, and for that, we are truly grateful,” he added.

In less than two weeks, more than \$45,000 was raised from private donations and a large donation from Kimbro Oil and Tri-Star Energy. “William Kimbro and his support for the Brentwood Police Department is well documented,” Chief Hughes said. “In 2002, Kimbro helped to buy rifles for all Brentwood Police Officers following the bank robbery and shooting that resulted in two officers being injured.”



*Photo by John Magyar*

### The New Building Highlights

Architect: Architect Workshop

Construction: The Parent Company

Bill Akin, a longtime Brentwood resident and supporter of law enforcement donated \$50,000 to the construction project. Chief Hughes said, “we used this money to purchase fitness equipment and we will honor him with a plaque at the entrance of the Fitness Room – named in his honor.” Akin has an additional \$50,000 dedicated to the Brentwood Police Department in his will after his death.

## BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

- Most of the building will serve the Brentwood Police with departmental offices and modern laboratory environments offering new investigative capabilities.
- The classroom, defensive tactics, virtual scenario simulation, and firearms range will serve as resources for Brentwood and other area agencies.
- An entirely new emergency call center will also be built with room to expand functionality and public safety oversight for the coming decades.
- A multi-function area featuring an open lobby, public records access, and a municipal court & community room which will provide a new point of public interaction for the city.
- An ancillary structure on the grounds will serve as a new emergency rescue site for a team of first responders and an ambulance.
- Police Memorial Plaza for fallen officers and retirees

## KEY FEATURES

- Open administrative offices
- Classrooms
- Community room
- Defensive tactics and visual scenarios simulation
- Firearms range
- Laboratory
- Emergency call center
- Open lobby
- Public records access
- Municipal court





## Multi-Generational Brentwood Officers



Detective Guy Carden

I was the first Brentwood second-generation officer to work here and the only one whose parent worked for Brentwood. Over the years, I've had the privilege of working with some of the men that served with my father here in the 1980s. My brother and I grew up listening to the war stories of the Brentwood Police Department from our father, which probably had the most impact on both of us as far as taking an interest in law enforcement.

However, one specific event that I witnessed as a teenager made me decide law enforcement was the path I wanted to pursue as a career. It was December 1989 on the half-day of school that began our Christmas break. After getting home early, I went to a friend's house to shoot basketball in our neighborhood in Franklin, TN. While shooting basketball, we heard a loud noise and then saw a man running through a common area of some apartments that backed up to our neighborhood. We then heard the distinct sound of an old Chevrolet Caprice (box style, of course) and observed a Franklin Police Department unit that sped right into the suspect's path. The officer jumped out and ordered the man to the ground, to which he complied. The man was taken into custody and placed in the back of the police cruiser, which then quietly drove away.

To the two thirteen-year-old kids watching all this action unfold right before our eyes, this was the most amazing thing we had ever seen, especially in our then small town of Franklin. I later learned that the noise we first heard was the suspect wrecking a stolen vehicle into a dumpster while running from the police. He then bailed and began running on foot from the police. It was that day that I decided I would be a police officer.



Detective Lori Russ

Growing up, I had numerous law enforcement officers influence my life. From about the age of five until around twelve, there was a steady stream of men whom I knew in law enforcement. My parents owned a small business that was frequented by sheriff's deputies doing business checks on Friday and Saturday nights. It was also around that time in the early 80s that karate became very popular, especially in the law enforcement community. My family took karate during that time, and my father eventually had a few karate studios in middle Tennessee. We had several local officers come in and take classes at the various locations.

I learned from an early age that police officers, sheriff's deputies, and state troopers were my friends. Even though none of them were women, they were certainly role models for me. They were always kind, attentive, and genuine.

My father ran for sheriff where we lived in the early 80s and then became a sheriff's deputy when I was around ten. Although his time in law enforcement did not last long, it influenced my life as well. I can't say specifically what it was about them or their influence on my life that made me want to be a law enforcement officer, but I can say that if it were not for all of them, I would not be where I am today.



Officer Matt Griffin

I grew up in a law enforcement family, and this is the only photo I have of my dad and me in uniform together. The photo was taken at my academy graduation while working for the Metro Nashville Police Department. My grandfather and great-uncle are also retired law enforcement. I saw all the opportunities that this profession provides to help people. I knew I did not want to work a normal 9 to 5 job. I wanted to do something different and exciting that allowed me to help people and have a positive impact in my community. I also wanted to carry on my family's tradition of public service. Thus, upon graduating college, I decided to become a police officer.



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**Brentwood Police Department Grand Opening**

[@BrentwoodTNPolice](https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodTNPolice)

**April 29, 2021**

**2:00 pm**

*\*This is an **online only** event for the public*

## Connect with Us!

Please like and follow the City of Brentwood's social media pages. There will be several historical tributes to past and present leaders there throughout the year, department trivia, and facts about current officers.



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**Hollie Cummings**  
Officer Bady. What is the most common question or questions that you get from students when you go out and talk to them?


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**Brentwood Police Department**  
Hollie Cummings Most Elementary students want to know what made Officer Bady want to be a Police Officer. They also ask him about his "Scariest Mission." Officer Bady said, "I'm very honest with them when I share a very real and perplexing "Ghost" incident when I was an Officer in Tallahassee, FL." Thanks for asking!

**Brentwood Police Department**  
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#tbt to 2008 when Officer Sam Bady with our DARE program drove this vehicle he designed the graphics for and won First place in the statewide DARE vehicle competition in 2006. Many years later, he still drives a pretty sweet ride. What questions do you have for Officer Bady?  
#brentwoodpd50

Learn more about the DARE program here:  
<https://www.brentwoodtn.gov/.../community-services/d-a-r-e>



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# Brentwood's Historic Preservation Investments

By Brentwood City Commissioner and Historic Commission Member Anne Dunn

This year's community concern regarding the future of the Primm House is a testimony of Brentwood residents' commitment to preservation. This type of support has allowed the City to take steps over the years to preserve historic sites that very few other city governments can or have been willing to take.

## City Owns Nine Historic Buildings and One Archaeological Site

At Crockett Park are the [Cool Springs](#) House, farm office, storage shed, and log barn, considered the first distillery in the county. These structures were moved from the mall area. The log barn, of German design, was shrink-wrapped and moved. The house which was originally built in 1808, began as a log cabin. Today, more than 85 special events are held at this site each year. [Contact us](#) for information or take our virtual tour.

 Watch the "Cool Springs House Move September 8, 1993" video on YouTube.

Also now placed at Crockett Park is Brentvale. It was originally built on Old Smyrna Road in the 1930s from the logs of two homes (late 1700s) and was the home of one of the earliest Brentwood pioneers, William Sneed.

At Primm Historic Park is the [Boiling Spring Academy](#) and the Fewkes Mound site which dates back to 900-1500A.D. The school, built in 1830 for wealthy landowners' sons, is today used as a one-room schoolhouse for field trips. In 2020, the Historic Commission partnered with Williamson County Schools to turn the program into a virtual experience.

Open Houses at the Boiling Spring Academy begin in April on the third Sunday of each month.

At Smith Park is [Ravenswood Mansion](#) established in 1825 by James Hazard Wilson. Equally important to our history are the two cabins of enslaved people which still remain on the site. Together these building give us a fuller story of our history.

## Privately Owned and Saved Through Negotiations

The City of Brentwood cannot purchase every threatened historic site. Those listed below are sites preserved as part of the development approval process or by using 90-day wait periods for demolition to heighten public awareness and find an alternate plan.

- Governor's Club, the Winstead cabins, circa 1800, Pleasant Hill (Winstead Mansion), 1858.
- Tarramore subdivision, Wood Park 1845, built by James Sayers
- Elmbrooke, a log structure, early 1800s
- Inglehame, another James Hazard Wilson home (late 1830s)
- Mooreland Mansion, 1838, built by Robert Moore
- Maryland Manor, 1941, now Mere Bulles, part of famed horse farm home to American Ace
- Slaves cabins at Primm Farm, early 1800s

For more information such as photos and history on these sites, please visit our [Historic Sites & Homes map online](#).

## Springhouse Sightings — We need your help!

The Brentwood Historic Commission is exploring to document all the spring houses in the area... do you know where some are located? Let us know... Please email historic commission member, Carole Crigger at [carole.crigger@brentwoodtn.gov](mailto:carole.crigger@brentwoodtn.gov).

Please include the location with the closest numerical address, what you know about the spring house, and also a photo.







## Murray Lane/Holly Tree Gap Intersection

The intersection of Murray Lane and Holly Tree Gap experiences significant delay during peak times and during school arrival and dismissal periods. Continued growth in the unincorporated areas of Williamson County that flows through this intersection is anticipated, and the delay at the intersection will continue to worsen. The fact that the intersection is a three-way stop is especially problematic.

In 2019 staff recommended a study, which the Commission approved, of several options for improvements to reduce delay and increase the capacity at this location. Three potential options considered were as follows:

- Signalize the intersection, which would include widening for turn lanes
- Construct a roundabout
- Continue to operate with all-way stop control

The study investigated key parameters of each alternative to aid in making the most informed decision. Some characteristics considered included: safety, capacity to handle current and future traffic (including school traffic), impact to neighboring properties, level of service, cost, and constructability.

The study concluded that a roundabout was the best overall alternative from a traffic flow perspective but cautioned that further study was needed to determine if a roundabout could be constructed at this location due to utility as well as other potential conflicts. A feasibility study to determine if a roundabout can be constructed at this location is underway and is expected to be completed by Summer of 2021.



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## Brentwood Signal System Upgrades

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) selected Brentwood's Signal System proposal to receive funding under the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program. The project will be funded with \$2 million in federal CMAQ funds and includes a local match of \$118,000, for a total project cost of \$2.2 million. The Brentwood Signal System Upgrades Project will help reduce mobile source emissions and improve our state's air quality. Brentwood's plan includes:

- Traffic signal detection system upgrades at 10 intersections
- ADA pedestrian signal system upgrades at 15 intersections
- ADA sidewalk ramp modifications at 8 intersections
- Updated traffic signal timing plans along major corridors

The CMAQ program operated by TDOT provides dedicated funding for projects that improve the quality of life in our communities. City staff will begin working with TDOT and the Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to initiate the project. Following completion of required environmental reviews and preliminary engineering phases, implementation of the planned improvements is expected to begin in the next 12-18 months.

# THE BUGLE

*Volume 21, Issue 1*

## **The Brentwood Police Department: Memorable Events from the Past 50 Years**

**By Historic Commission Member Loyce Hooker**



In the fifty-year history of the Brentwood Police Department, there have only been three Chiefs of Police. Chief Howard Buttrey, who died in 2013, served from 1971-2000. He was hired in 1971 when much of Brentwood was still farmland and the population was only 4,000. Chief Buttrey said in a recorded interview, “We had Thanksgiving Turkey Shoots at the Koger Center, and when things were slow, I would drive over to Maryland Farms and watch the racehorses on the track.” When Chief Buttrey was offered the job with a budget of \$40,000 his reaction was, “this is not enough.” He sought out matching funds and bought two patrol cars for \$2,200. Housed in a tiny building, on April 1, 1971 Chief Buttrey, Officers Tommy Thompson, Ray Churchwell, and Bill Etherly started patrolling 24/7. Chief Buttrey instructed his staff, “Once we start, we can’t stop.”



Hear more from Chief Buttrey and Chief Watson in “Brentwood Storytellers: First Police Chief Recalls Department’s Creation in 1971 (Part One)” on YouTube.

### **Moose on the Loose - March 7, 1997**

A privately-owned moose tried to get away from veterinarian Tom Bradford on March 7, 1997. Brentwood police officers were armed with shotguns in case the animal posed a threat to human life. The animal was finally sedated and returned to its owner.



### **Bank Robbery - May 6, 2002**

Chief Ricky Watson was hired in 1986 and served as Chief from 2000-2012. Perhaps the most dramatic event during his tenure was the May 6, 2002 bank robbery on Franklin Road near the Walgreens and Corky’s Restaurant. Calls came in around noon about a robbery in progress, and the bank clerks later told Chief Watson, “the robber told the clerks if they put dye packs in the money he would kill them, but they put it in anyway.” The dye exploded when the robber left the building and attempted to flee in his car. By this time Brentwood Police Officer Stephanie Bellis Warner had arrived. Shots were fired and Officer Bellis was shot in the arm, who then exited the vehicle to return fire. The robber, who was armed with an AR15 assault rifle, then began shooting at Lieutenant Tommy Walsh, Officers Steve Walling, Tommy Campsey, Jimmy Campbell, and Richard Hickey who returned fire. The robber was killed in the crossfire. Much of the action was caught on police video and radio. Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh retired from the department in 2020 after a 31-year-career with Brentwood. All six officers involved in the robbery received many awards for their service. Officer Stephanie Bellis Warner received the Distinguished Service Award from Chief Watson.



For more, watch “Tommy Walsh Recounts May 6, 2002 Shooting in Line of Duty” on YouTube.





Photo by John Partipilo / The Tennessean

## Born on the Side of I65

Brentwood Police Officer Lori Hayes, who is now Detective Lori Russ, shares memories in her own words from March 6, 2014 after helping deliver a baby on the side of Interstate 65.

"I had just checked out on the radio advising I was taking my meal break. The very next call that came over my radio advised there was a couple pulled over on I-65 north between Concord Road and Old Hickory Blvd. The wife was in labor and they had to pull over. My future husband, John Russ, was the paramedic that day at Brentwood Fire Station 2 that received the dispatch call. There was no way I was going to miss him having to assist with a birth on the side of the road. I advised dispatch that I would be clear off meal break and would head to the interstate because the call was in my zone. I arrived on scene, approached the vehicle and saw the mother sitting on the front passenger side of the vehicle. She advised me she was in full labor and this was her seventh child. I completed a quick assessment and quickly confirmed to my supervisor, Scott Graham, that this was happening very soon. We tried to make her more comfortable in the family minivan front seat and I prayed for my personal fire hero to arrive soon, which he did. At that moment, I had never been happier to see him! I quickly moved from the business end of the situation to the front driver's seat where I held the mom's hand and tried to speak calmly to her. John began his assessment and had to have mom not push while he removed the umbilical cord from around the baby's neck then gave her the go ahead. He and fellow firefighter Scott Ellis worked together and delivered the baby a short time later. EMS arrived after the baby was born and transported mom and baby to the hospital.

The picture was a special event put on by one of news agencies as a reunion of the first responders and the family. They were so very kind. John was not able to attend but they presented me with a baseball mitt to give to him for "catching" their little one. They also gave us a little basket of goodies as appreciation. We still have the glove proudly displayed in John's office along with the newspaper article and I have a candle they gave us that has a handwritten thank you on it displayed in our home. It's probably one of my best memories from my many years on patrol. Certainly, one of the happiest and most exciting."

## The Brentwood Historic Commission

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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:

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Article By Jodi Rall,  
Brentwood Historic  
Commission Member



## Historic Owen-Primm House Saved from Demolition

The threat of demolition of Brentwood's historic Owen-Primm House is over. After developers worked with the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County, the home is under contract to a preservation-minded buyer as of February 1st. The buyer has yet to be publicly announced but has committed to saving the house, 5 acres of the property and its barn.

"In my opinion, this is a great example of the process working perfectly," Brentwood City Manager Kirk Bednar said. "The required delay on issuance of the demolition permit gave time for interested parties to mobilize and try to find an alternative. In this case, the Heritage Foundation jumped in from the start and really put a lot of effort into finding a solution. We owe them a great deal of thanks for their efforts."

"We should also acknowledge Randy Arnold with Arnold Homes, who was very willing to consider options for someone to restore the home instead of just waiting the 90 days for demolition."

A demolition permit filed in December endangered the existence of the historic house on Moores Lane near Wilson Pike, but a 90-day wait period, per Brentwood city code, provided time for the Heritage Foundation and the city of Brentwood to seek other options.

"We've been monitoring the situation and talking with the developer for weeks. Over this past weekend, the developer and the Heritage Foundation Board of Directors agreed to a 60-day option for the foundation to purchase the property or find a buyer who would preserve it. Today, the developer moved forward in an agreement with buyers who intend to restore and save the home, barn and land," Heritage Foundation CEO Bari Watson Beasley said. "Core to our countywide mission, this is a perfect example of how developers and the Heritage Foundation work together for the betterment of the community."

*"In my opinion, this is a great example of the process working perfectly."*

- CITY MANAGER KIRK BEDNAR



View the "Primm Property Tour" video from 2017 on YouTube.

The Owen-Primm House is an excellent example of antebellum vernacular architecture in Williamson County. Originally constructed by Jabez Owen Sr. as a single-story log cabin in 1806, the date of construction remains visible within a wall of the log-structured portion of the home.

By 1845, Owen framed the log cabin and expanded his residence into a two-storied central hall plan with Greek Revival architectural features. Today, the home remains relatively unaltered. Upon Owen's death in 1850, the home stayed within the Owen family until the Primm family purchased the property, establishing a profitable dairy farm.

The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Since its last occupant in 2011, the house



has largely sat vacant. The property next door to the home — a 29-acre tract — was rezoned for residential development in 2018, with the requirement that the original enslaved dwellings, which share a unique stone stacked chimney, be preserved.

“The city of Brentwood and Brentwood Historic Commission are all so grateful to our friends at the Heritage Foundation for their efforts to find a buyer who has stepped up,” Brentwood City Commissioner and historic commission member Anne Dunn said. “This is truly a wonderful story of community concern, networking and prayers being answered.”

Historians believe the property dates to c.1800, with periods of significance dating to 1806, 1840-1845, 1861-1865, 1920 and 1930.

The Montclair neighborhood, Primm Park that includes Boiling Springs Academy and the ancient Indian mounds from the Mississippian era were all originally part of the land. The Primm family was one of the founding families in what is now Brentwood.

Michelle Nunnary, the granddaughter of Rose Kate Primm, and Joetta Sack Min, the granddaughter of Sara Primm Sack, are cousins who have fond memories of the home. “I had a wonderful childhood and memories of the house being beautiful,” Min said. “Our family unfortunately is divided and dysfunctional, and we do deserve some criticism for not preserving the home.” Min hopes to one day bring her children to see the house.

“I have wonderful memories of sleepovers at the house,” Nunnary said. “I loved visiting, and when I heard about the home possibly being demolished, I felt sick.”

For more information about the property, visit <https://www.brentwoodtn.gov/HistoricPlacesMap>.



**BRENTWOOD'S  
BEST ASH**

## Brentwood's Best Ash Contest

The Brentwood Tree Board is kicking off the Brentwood's Best Ash photo and mapping contest this spring. You can win prize amounts up to \$1,000 for your photos and entries thanks to our community sponsor SVMIC.

The contest is focused specifically on Ash Trees, which are being threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) which is an insect that has invaded Tennessee and Brentwood. Our goal is to capture photos and geolocations for every Ash tree within the Brentwood city limits.

### Categories:

- Winning Photos - \$1,000/\$500/\$250
- Most Ash Tree Locations - \$500/\$200/\$100

Deadline to Enter: June 15, 2021

Contest winners will be announced at the July 4th Celebration held at Crockett Park. Winners will also be posted on the City of Brentwood website. You can find complete rules, how to enter and prize details here:

[www.Brentwoodtn.gov/Brentwoodsbestash](http://www.Brentwoodtn.gov/Brentwoodsbestash)



## Martin Center Resumes In-Person Programming Investments

In-person programming at the FiftyForward Martin Center is back! Please make your reservations for classes and just plain fun for anyone over the age of 50.

“COVID-19 has been very difficult on our older adult population,” said FiftyForward Center Director Barbara Hunt. “While we engaged members through numerous virtual programs and drive-through Beep-and-Greet events in our parking lot during 2020, nothing beats being able to be in the same room with a friend enjoying good conversation or fun activities,” Hunt added. “Using CDC guidelines as well as a new registration process for select activities, we are excited to now be able to bring members back together.”

For older adults and their families, the benefits of FiftyForward membership are endless. FiftyForward Martin Center programs range from exercise, arts/crafts and knitting to billiards and community chats. In addition, an exciting online library of virtual programming, a registration portal, and membership directory make being connected with others easier than ever.

While the year 2020 presented many challenges, FiftyForward was able to:

- Provide nearly 27,000 meals for older adults, including more than 1,300 food boxes
- Offer more than 375 virtual programs
- Connect in-person with hundreds of members and clients through Front Yard Chats and care management visits
- Stay connected and offer support to more than 2,000 members at the agency’s Beep-and-Greet events

To learn more about how FiftyForward Martin Center’s programs and supportive care resources, enrich the lives of older adults in the Brentwood/Franklin area, please stop by the center Monday-Friday (8:30- 4 p.m.). For more information, call 615-376-0102 or email: [martinofficemanager@fiftyforward.org](mailto:martinofficemanager@fiftyforward.org).



## Easter Parade at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library

Saturday, April 3

9:00 am — 11:00 am

A reverse parade will be held in the library’s parking lot where the Easter Bunny will be waiting, and children will be given their own bag of Easter eggs and chances to win a prize Easter basket! The candy guess will be in the Children’s Library section in the weeks before the parade so be sure to stop in and make a guess.

To participate in the parade, please stop by the Children’s Library and pick up a Car Pass to enter. For more information, please contact the Children’s Library staff at 615-371-0090 ext. 8380





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June 6	Bicho Brothers	6-8pm
June 20	Six Wire	6-8pm
July 4	Red, White and Boom Tim Akers & the Smoking Section	7-10pm
July 25	Rubiks Groove	6-8pm



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Events are subject to be canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.



## It's almost time for Summer Reading at the library!

The Summer Reading program will start on June 1st and ends on July 31st and this year's theme is Tails & Tales! Patrons can participate in the Summer Reading program by logging books they read through Beanstack or by registering in person. Patrons will also be able to participate in a wide variety of online virtual programs for all ages! We're excited for Summer Reading and can't wait to see everyone celebrating Summer Reading with us!



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