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## Kirk's Corner

By City Manager Kirk Bednar

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As you read this edition of the City Update, you will find a wide variety of articles. There are articles highlighting awards won by the City and some of our employees, letters of gratitude from residents for employees who went above and beyond the normal course of duty, September 11 remembrances that have special meaning for at least one city employee's family, updates on historical properties, service additions recently implemented by the Public Works Department, and new fire service enhancements yet to come. All of this shows just how much happens in a city that many people consider a bedroom community.

As a City government, we try to do our best to stay out of the news and avoid controversy. While our Community Relations Director Deanna Lambert does a great job promoting the many positive things about the City, the reality is most of our employees generally prefer to stay out of the limelight and simply want to do their jobs efficiently and effectively without fanfare. That's why this semi-annual newsletter is so important. It's our opportunity to try and highlight just a few of the many great things happening in the city and the community at large.

As we head toward the holidays in another year impacted by COVID, I hope you have many things for which to be thankful and to celebrate. If you are new to Brentwood or have been here your entire life, I hope you appreciate how very special this community is. It is a giving community that supports many worthy causes, and appreciates the schools, parks, neighborhoods, etc. that make for a wonderful quality of life. In a time where there is so much that divides people, let's all take a moment and collectively be thankful for the many things that make Brentwood such a great place to live.






## Brentwood is Finalist in National Communication Award for COVID-19 Public Relations Campaign

Deanna Lambert, Brentwood's Community Relations Director, represented the City at the 33rd annual conference held September 8- 10 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Savvy Awards, held in conjunction with 3CMA's Annual Conference, recognize outstanding local government achievements in communications, public-sector marketing, and citizen-government relationships. The award was presented to Brentwood's Community Relations Department for a new category for 2020 that focused specifically on digital interactive communication efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic for cities up to 45,000 in population.

Brentwood's entry highlighted various videos produced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Judges said, "Brentwood's COVID PR Campaign did a great job breaking through the noise surrounding Covid. It was impressive to see they received over 60 questions from their live sessions, while also finding new cost-effective software to aid in the discussion was innovative." The video platform judges referenced cost the city \$240 per year and allows multiple people to talk on screen while sitting in separate areas.

The entry also included one special video about a little boy celebrating his birthday during the pandemic lockdown. His grandfather in Florida called in a special birthday wish from the Brentwood Police Department.  Watch "BPD Delivers Special Happy Birthday Message" on YouTube. "Involving the city police in the little boy's special day produced a tear from this crusty government official. The police singing through speakers was hilarious! Great job to all those wonderful men and women who wear the badge. What a wonderful remembrance for the little one who will fondly

remember his Covid birthday! The city presented a great mix of six videos! I applaud your efforts to mix serious and humorous to convey important information."

Assistant City Manager Jay Evans complimented staff's tireless work in a very busy year for government communications, saying, "the pandemic presented a unique set of challenges in 2020 that required outside-the-

box solutions. There is no doubt we upped our communications game when the community needed it most."

The City of Brentwood last won two Savvy Awards in 2019. One award was for the promotional video category for the Brentwood at 50 Years documentary that showcased the city during its 50th anniversary celebration. The other award was presented for Brentwood Celebrates 50 Years and earned the first place Savvy Award in the Special Events - One-Time Event category. The award entry included a synopsis of the yearlong celebration of Brentwood's 50 years as a city which included the goal of the celebration, examples of social media and traditional media coverage and event attendance.



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- ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER JAY EVANS

**GOING DIGITAL** Earlier this year, the City of Brentwood implemented an electronic business system that provides for the sending and receiving of electronic records that contain electronic signatures and/or authorizations. Bottom line, this will mean a faster process for our contract process for departments and vendors. Staff will no longer have to print multiple copies of contracts and distribute throughout the City. This will save staff time preparing physical documents, envelopes, scheduling pickup and drop off times of physical documents, as well as the actual postage cost and paper.

Several times within the past couple of years, the City has been notified by vendors that they would have submitted a bid, had the City had been capable of accepting electronic submittals, but the vendor's cost to submit "hard" copies was prohibitive. The City believes that the implementation of this software/process will enhance the City's ability to receive the most responsive, responsible, and competitive bidders for its proposals.



## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR *Robin Forte*

Robin Forte is a vital part of the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department. Despite the challenges of the past year, she found a way to be successful in her role while frequently working from home. During a global pandemic, our department did not miss a beat and she is one of the biggest reasons for that. While many of us work hard to make this department the best it can be, very few work as hard as Robin, and she expects no recognition for her efforts. Though she does not respond to emergencies, Ms. Robin displays many of the qualities that make a successful firefighter.

She possesses integrity and all of us know her as someone that we can trust and rely on. She is a good communicator. She conveys her message in a clear way while doing it with patience, professionalism, and courtesy. She can adapt and be flexible as she maintained a high level of performance over the past year when things were constantly changing, and new challenges presented themselves. She is dedicated. Her work shows that she is hard working and takes pride in her work. She is a team player. Not only does she complete her own tasks but is constantly helping members with projects that are not her responsibility.

During the past year, Ms. Robin's selfless dedication to BFR contributed greatly to the organization's success. She proved to be an invaluable asset, and her tireless efforts were dedicated to the improvement of the community, the department and to herself. For her selfless service and strong work ethic, Ms. Robin Forte has been selected as Brentwood Fire & Rescue 2021 Firefighter of the Year.

## MEDAL OF MERIT *Jason Pierce*

The Medal of Merit recognizes the special diligence and initiative in the performance of duty and extended conduct that reflects the utmost credit to the individual and enhances the progression of the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department.

Two years ago, all Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement agencies in Williamson County converted to a new emergency communications system. Lt. David Wright played a vital role in that process. Since his retirement, Engineer Jason Pierce has stepped into the role of overseeing the radio/communications program for BFR. While the radio system is new, he continues to work tirelessly to ensure the radios and headsets in the apparatus work efficiently and effectively. He has made great sacrifices, both on duty and off, representing the City of Brentwood as a member of the Williamson County Fire/EMS User Advisory Group. He has conducted trainings not only within the department, but also across several departments within the city and county. Engineer Pierce received a Letter of Commendation from Jay Bonson, the Williamson County Fire Coordinator. This was in recognition of the hours he donated to assist their agency with radio communications.

For his ongoing dedication and tireless efforts to continually improve our department's performance and efficiency, Engineer Jason Pierce has been nominated for, and received, the Medal of Merit.



## CIVIC AWARD *Paul Stine*

The Civic Award recognizes members who have performed a civic service and –through their efforts–assisted, educated or provided financial relief for a worthy cause.

Engineer Paul Stine demonstrates exceptional dedication to selfless service within the community. Engineer Stine serves as a camp counselor at Vanderbilt's Camp Hope, a nonprofit organization that offers a free week of fun and activities to pediatric burn survivors. The camp has been in existence for almost 30 years and is funded by private donations from the community. While at the camp, children and teenagers engage in activities that include swimming, arts and crafts, zip lining, nature hikes and kick ball. They also learn about fire safety, complete the Firefighter Challenge, and engage with emergency workers on Family Safety Day. Engineer Stine has volunteered at similar camps for over 10 years, in both California and Tennessee. His service to the public far exceeds his duty as a firefighter.

For his tireless efforts and contributions to a worthy cause, we are honored to present Engineer Paul Stine with the Civic Award.





Architectural renderings by  
TMPartners, PLLC

## Brentwood Leaders Break Ground on City's Fifth Fire Station

On Friday, September 10, the City of Brentwood Mayor and Commissioners, along with the City Manager, Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department leaders, and design and construction teams celebrated by breaking ground on the City's fifth fire station facility. The \$9 million project will place the City's newest station in the fast-growing, southeast portion of Brentwood at 9551 Split Log Road.

The new two-bay fire station will be two stories and house a single company, which is a three-person fire crew. It will include one front-line fire engine and one reserve apparatus. The building will be approximately 10,000 square feet, will contain a public restroom and water fountains for people and pets using the park trail system.

Brentwood based TMPartners is the architectural design firm who worked with City Manager Kirk Bednar and other city leaders to create the building programming, design, and facility analysis. Throughout the project, they will oversee the schedule development, cost control, and project management. American Constructors, Inc., also of Brentwood, was hired to serve as the construction manager. At this time, the total construction cost is currently projected at \$6.9 million, pending any rising construction material costs. Construction is anticipated to take approximately one year.

Brentwood Fire Chief Brian Goss explained the need for a fire station in this part of the City. "Statistics show a 21% increase in call volume in this area this calendar year, and we anticipate that will continue to grow as further development takes place. The city places an extremely high priority on public safety, and this project is an example of that commitment," Goss said.



## Officer Spotlight

For Brentwood Police Officer Alli Segal, she's always known she wanted to be an officer. In her own words...



*"My Dad was a police officer when I was born. I basically tried to wear his uniform from the time I could walk. My Dad inspired me, but my Uncle was also in law enforcement as well. I just wanted to be like my Dad. Everyone always says I get my servant's heart from both of my parents though. When I was in college, a tornado ripped through Tuscaloosa. It destroyed the town, injured a lot of people, and killed students, including one of my friends. I went back to volunteer with the National Guard for a week working 12-hour days after they closed the school down and cancelled classes. That's when I realized I had to do something to help people. I didn't just want a regular job. I wanted something that was meaningful."*

- OFFICER ALLI SEGAL





# THE BUGLE

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## First History Buffs Bowl a Success

By Loyce Hooker, Brentwood Historic Commission

The Brentwood Morning Rotary won first place with 14,000 points. The Friends of the Brentwood Library and the Brentwood Noon Rotary claimed second and third. Brentwood City Hall was well represented by City Manager Kirk Bednar and Mayor Rhea Little, both of whom scored many points for their teams. Great minds at work!

Brentwood Morning Rotary was represented by Brentwood City Manager Kirk Bednar, Vicki Sanford, Francene Kavin and Bob Jahr; Brentwood Noon Rotary was represented by Keely Hall, Sarah Johnson and Michael Kaplan; Brentwood/Franklin Women's Service Club was represented by Julie Wooters, Betty Walton, Jan Huffman and Linda Mora; Hillsboro-Brentwood Exchange Club was represented by Edith Johnston, Bonnie Mercante and Eddie Johnston; and the Friends of the Brentwood Library was represented by Chuck Sherrill, Landon Woodruff, M.C. Sparks, Brentwood Mayor Rhea Little and Paul Webb. The History Buff Bowl was sponsored by Andrews Transportation Group, Marla Richardson with Parks Realty, Richland Real Estate Services, The Kaplan family, and Soy Bistro Restaurant.



Brentwood Commissioner and Historic Commission member Anne Dunn shared that, "The first History Buff's Bowl was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers but most especially because the civic clubs stepped up to form teams. The camaraderie and knowledge within and between the teams were on display. It was a fierce, but good natured and often hilarious, battle for points. Out of 131 questions only four were not answered by some team member."

The 12th annual Battle of the Minds Sarah Bayrd American History Bowl will take place on Thursday February 25, 2022, pitting students from six Williamson County Schools against each other in a Jeopardy-style game of facts and fast buzzer fingers. The 2021 Bowl winner was Centennial High School.

View the entire two-hour History Buff Bowl and the 2021 Battle of the Minds Sarah Bayrd American History Bowl on the Brentwood Historic Commission Facebook page. [f BrentwoodTNHistoricCommission](https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodTNHistoricCommission)



*Peggy Snow's paintings of the Primm Property. Photo courtesy of Jodi Rall, The Williamson Herald.*



*Mark Tacchi and Bobbi Clemens inside The Primm House. Photo courtesy of Josie Norris and Brinley Hineman, The Tennessean*

## Primm House Historic Property and Primm Farms Subdivision Plans Moving Forward

The following summary is taken from a talk prepared by Brentwood Historic Commission member, Kathie Greaves, for the unveiling of the Primm House paintings which took place in August at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library. Essential questions remain unanswered: Who built the house, expanded the house, and built the slave cabins?

*"For years we have known the historic house across from Boiling Spring Academy on Moores Lane as the Owen-Primm house. In many local histories you will see this house is named the Owen-Primm house after the first owner Jabez Owen in 1806 and the last owners –the Primm family. With the addition of a nearby subdivison, the house was set for demolition, but thanks to the generosity of a preservation minded couple, Mark Tacchi and Bobbi Clemens, the house will remain.. But preservation is not only the logs and beams that make up the structure, but also the stories of those that lived there. With updated research the records were amiss for the history as has been handed down. A different history on early ownership was found and Jabez Owen wasn't included in it as the original owner.*

*Time to go back to the beginning. On 17 Apr 1786 the State of North Carolina made a land grant to William Collinsworth for 640 acres in Davidson County lying on the Little Harpeth River- Warrant no 315 and grant #43 which later contained the Primm Property and historic house as well as the Fewkes Mound site and Boiling Spring Academy site. Collinsworth never lived on the property and half of the grant (320 acres) which included the above Primm farm area was sold*

to John Patton from North Carolina July 1799. John Patton had little time on his thriving property and died in 1808. His widow Sally Patton Orr and her second husband lived on the property until her death in 1835.

The portion of property containing the current Primm house known as the "Boiling Spring" tract was sold to the neighboring Wilson Family before 1840. It hasn't been determined if the Wilson's added the antebellum portion of the house to the original log cabin but it is a style of home the Wilson's might have built and lived in. In 1845 James H. Wilson sold the property to Sterling R. Thornton which he kept for 10 years before selling to Martha Virginia Owen (daughter of Jabez Owen) and her husband John Edmondson. John Edmondson was a slave owner and in 1860 had 3 slave dwellings on the property. If the house addition (and the slave cabins) had not been added to the original cabin by the Wilsons, it was most likely built by the Edmondsons. Martha Virginia Owen and John Edmondson never had children. John came to an unfortunate end early in life. During an altercation at a nearby wagon shop in November 1874, John was shot and killed. Martha continued to farm the property with the help of her brother-in-law William "Robert" Edmondson as overseer. After Martha's death in 1905, William "Robert" Edmondson was given a life estate on the property. After the death of William "Robert" Edmondson in 1917 the property was sold to John Womack.

John Womack and brother T.P. Womack owned the only legal distillery in Williamson County--White Maple Distillery in Franklin. After only 9 years of operation, the distillery was forced to close when Tennessee enacted its own statewide Prohibition with 1909 Senate Bill No. 11. Rumor has it that John Womack kept his distilling skills up and continued his craft of distilling "illegally" on the property.

The Primm family were early pioneers to the Liberty Church area. (Concord and Liberty Church Rd) Thomas Perkins Primm and his wife Myrtle Anne Layne Primm had a family of 12 children. They moved from Split Log Road to the Owen-Primm house in 1927. The Primms established their dairy farm and family remained there for almost the next 100 years. Charles Primm, son of Thomas, was the last Primm to live in the house and passed away in 2011."

 Watch the "Primm Property Tour" on YouTube.



Heritage Foundation of Williamson County Preservation Advocacy Award for raising awareness of the Primm House, accepted by Sherry Hammond, chairperson of the BHC

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## 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.

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## Remembering 9/11: Brentwood Sisters Work to Keep Heroic Dad's Memory Alive

By Jodi Rall

In honor of the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 and the lives lost in the terrorist attacks on America, a local family recently shared the story of their father who died that day in the line of service to guests at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library.

Time is a funny thing. For sisters Lauren Fletcher and Kaitlynn Meisenheimer, 20 years ago seems more like a lifetime. However, for their family, the attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and the loss of their father on that tragic day also make it seem as if time has stopped.

Raymond “Ray” Meisenheimer, a firefighter with the New York Fire Department, Rescue Company 3 in the Bronx, was ending his shift the morning of 9/11. He put his gear in his truck to head to his next job at the fire academy and only went back into the fire station to ask someone to move their car. That’s when the alarm went off. The World Trade Center was under attack. Meisenheimer’s station was the second rescue company on the scene. They went into the south tower close to where the plane had hit. All communications were down.

Fletcher was a freshman in high school and vividly remembers her mother picking her up from school. She also remembers thinking she understood why other students whose parents worked in the World Trade Center were called to the office, however, her dad was in

the Bronx, not Manhattan.

Kaitlynn Meisenheimer, a seventh grader at the time, has a different memory. She stayed at school, remembering that by the end of the day, there were only a few students left in her class. “I remember hearing the words ‘a terrorist attack,’ ‘two planes,’” she said. That evening, the sisters watched the news with their mom and saw the magnitude of what had happened. There was no communication, and they stayed glued to the TV. Both remember phone calls from other upset wives and trying to keep hope alive.

*“I told anyone that would listen about my dad. Twenty years later, he still has a story.”*

- LAUREN FLETCHER

Fletcher knew their worst nightmare had come true when her mother’s screaming began at about 3 a.m. Seven members of the Rescue 3 team and a captain from Rescue 1 who was filling in for another firefighter lost their lives when the World Trade Center towers collapsed. From the moment they learned of their father’s fate, the sisters and their mother were surrounded by other firefighters and assigned a liaison to help them navigate moving forward. They visited the fire house where they met their dad’s other family. “At that point, keeping dad’s memory alive became our goal,” Fletcher said. “I told anyone that would listen about my dad. Twenty years later, he still has a story.”

It became a full-time job managing fundraising and events to keep their father’s memory alive, from TV appearances to magazine articles in Teen Cosmopolitan and proclamations — in Hawaii, June 15 is Ray Meisenheimer Day. They also began Run for Ray in 2013, and it continues today in multiple locations. A 5K was even run in his memory in Afghanistan. The sisters were also called to appear on morning television when Osama Bin Laden was killed.

Fletcher is married to Brien Fletcher, who works with the Brentwood Police Department. They moved to Middle Tennessee in 2016, and Kaitlynn Meisenheimer soon followed. She’s a teacher at Jordan Elementary School in Brentwood.



## December 4th



### Morning with Santa and Magic Show

On Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library, you'll have the opportunity to see Santa Claus and deliver your wish list to him at the Morning with Santa event.

Magician Scott Humston will be on hand again this year to amaze and delight us with his fascinating magic and hilarious showmanship. Scott's magic show will be offered at three times: 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Before or after the magic show, enjoy music and a visit with Santa himself. Children can write and mail their letter to Santa if they don't

want to meet him personally. The event is free, but tickets are required and will be available at the Children's Service Desk beginning Monday, November 22. For more information, please call the library at 615-371-0090 ext. 8380.

*\*All holiday events are subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so please check the city website for updates.*

### Polar Express: A New Mr. Burgin for 2021

By MC Sparks, Administration Services Coordinator, Brentwood Library

One of the delights each year for the Christmas holidays at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library is the annual reading of The Polar Express at the Library. Jim Burgin was our treasured Conductor for many years, dressing the part and entertaining decades of children through his reading about "his" train. Mr. Burgin would also read another holiday story, which like the Polar Express, would be accompanied by a slide show of the pictures from each book. Due to his death earlier this year, Jim's son, Steve Burgin, will take over as Conductor this December. Those present will again receive a "Santa's sleigh bell" as a treat before heading to have some holiday snacks.



## December 6th

### Ravenswood Lights

The [Ravenswood Mansion](#), located on 1825 Wilson Pike, will be lit up for the holidays starting on Monday, December 6. Consider using this City owned venue for a small holiday gathering or the perfect spot for outdoor photos.

### 23rd Annual Tree Lighting

As the start of the holiday season approaches, the Brentwood City Commission looks forward to participating in the 23rd annual tree lighting ceremony to be held on Monday, December 6, at 5:30pm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year, the Brentwood tradition was transformed into a virtual event, that was entertaining, but we hope we can celebrate in person this year. Please stay tuned to the city's website at [www.brentwoodtn.gov](http://www.brentwoodtn.gov) and social media channels for any updates.



Watch "Brentwood's Virtual Tree Lighting" from 2020 on YouTube.

## December 11th



### Luminaries

During the evening of Saturday, December 11, starting at dusk til 9 p.m. neighborhoods are encouraged to display luminaries. The city sets the date, but each Homeowner Association plans the details. For safety, please consider using glow sticks or flameless candles. In the event of rain or inclement weather, the luminary date will be Sunday, December 12. Each neighborhood, usually through its Homeowners Association, makes the final decision on luminary postponement.

# Public Works: Sweeping on a City Street Near You

By Todd Hoppenstedt, Brentwood Public Works Director


The Public Works Department continues to improve upon the existing Brush Collection Program (Chipper Service), due to quickly increasing costs for labor, equipment maintenance, debris disposal, and worker's potential for injury, the department has been moving away from the labor intensive woodchippers. Over the past two years we have implemented the use of four hydraulic grapple arm trucks to remove brush more safely and efficiently, from residential properties. Please familiarize yourself with the schedule and program rules on our website [brentwoodtn.gov/departments/public-works/chipper-service](http://brentwoodtn.gov/departments/public-works/chipper-service). Because of the evolving nature of our program and the equipment being used to facilitate brush collection, it is imperative that brush piles be a minimum of 5' from any fixed objects (e.g. mailboxes, fire hydrants, utility pedestals, light/power poles, headwalls, etc.). It is also requested that you not pile brush directly under low hanging limbs, so that the hydraulic arm can collect the pile without damaging your tree.

Public Works has also recently purchased a street sweeper making dramatic improvements to our street cleaning program. Each year, Public Works budgets \$50,000 for contractual street sweeping, whereby only about 60 curb miles were swept monthly. The program historically only focused on main roads within Brentwood, most of which were State routes. In the Spring of 2021, the City purchased a street sweeper and began a newly improved program where all curbed sections of main roads and priority areas will be swept at least once per month. Additionally, we have begun sweeping all 388 miles of curbed residential streets on a quarterly basis. Street sweeping is typically geared towards cleaning curb lines, therefore street segments without curbs will not be routinely swept.

With fall quickly approaching, it is important to remember that homeowners are encouraged to mulch or compost leaves. The monthly brush collection program will continue to remove leaves that are placed at the curb in brown paper bags designated for yard-waste. Placement of bulk leaves along the curb line or within designated drainage ways will create flooding issues and can cause costly damage to both private and public infrastructure. The street sweeping program will not collect bulk leaves that are directed into the curb line.

## Chipper Service and the Rules

The City of Brentwood offers brush collection once a month to all residents on public and private city streets. This service cost the city roughly \$500,000 annually. The Brentwood Public Works Department implemented the use of grapple trucks in 2019. Since then, the department has asked residents to follow certain rules of where to place debris to ensure the large equipment can safely navigate mailboxes, power lines, and other utility areas. Employees still encounter some homeowners who are unaware of the proper rules.

 Watch "Chipper Debris - Do you know the rules?" on YouTube.



### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

CITY OF BRENTWOOD

Kirk  
Ford



*Hello – My name is Lacy Downer and I live on Knox Valley Drive. I hope that you are the director or boss of the young man I am going to try to describe. On Sept 2, there was a young man named Kirk (who I believe he said he moved recently from Iowa to TN) who was mowing near River Park on Knox Valley Drive. He found a locked iPad that belonged to my son in the ditch. My son Jude, 13, has Down syndrome and his iPad is a prized possession to him. He had apparently placed the iPad (which he does not usually have outside) on the hood of my oldest son's car and he drove off with it on the hood by mistake. The iPad made it a little way down the road I suppose when it flew off into the ditch. The iPad wasn't even broken or scratched. Kirk tried to unlock the iPad with no success but then he saw a message come across that said Nathaniel Downer so he then looked up our last name and found the address and brought me the iPad! Kirk went the extra mile spending his lunch time trying to track us down to return the iPad. I thanked him and thanked him but wanted to reach out to his employer to say kind deeds and going out of your way for others is so wonderful and so appreciated. I commend him for his efforts. Thank you - Lacy Downer*





## Peggy Snow Exhibit at the Library

Through October, the Friends' area in the lobby will showcase Peggy Snow's beautiful painting of the Primm Farm. Peggy Snow has graciously donated the rights to her painting, The Primm-Owen Farm, for the Friends of the Brentwood Library and the City of Brentwood Historic Commission to raise funds.

The Friends of the Brentwood Library are printing notecards that will be available for purchase at the next booksale November 5-7, 2021 or by emailing [kat-ed@comcast.net](mailto:kat-ed@comcast.net). Notecards are in packs of five for \$10.

Be sure to stop by and see this work of art and history in person!

Stay current on all Friends events by following our Facebook and Instagram @friendsofthebrentwoodlibrary




## Friends of the Brentwood Library Compete in History Buff Bowl

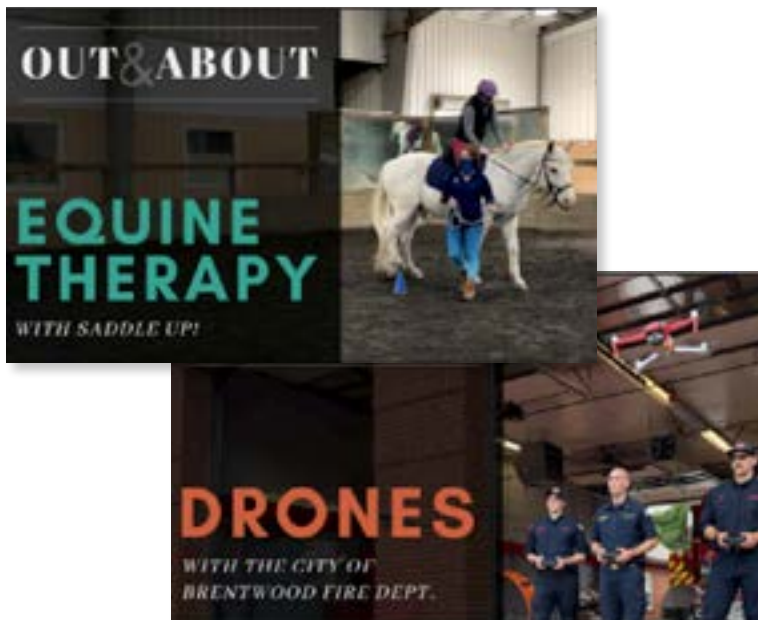
The Friends of the Brentwood Library Team had an excellent showing at the Inaugural History Buff Bowl on August 8 at Brentwood City Hall.

Captain Paul Webb's group included State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill, Landon Woodroof, MC Sparks, and Mayor Rhea Little. The Library's Service Manager, Dustin Goforth, hosted the Jeopardy-style battle of the wits and agility as teams mastered the art of the buzzer.

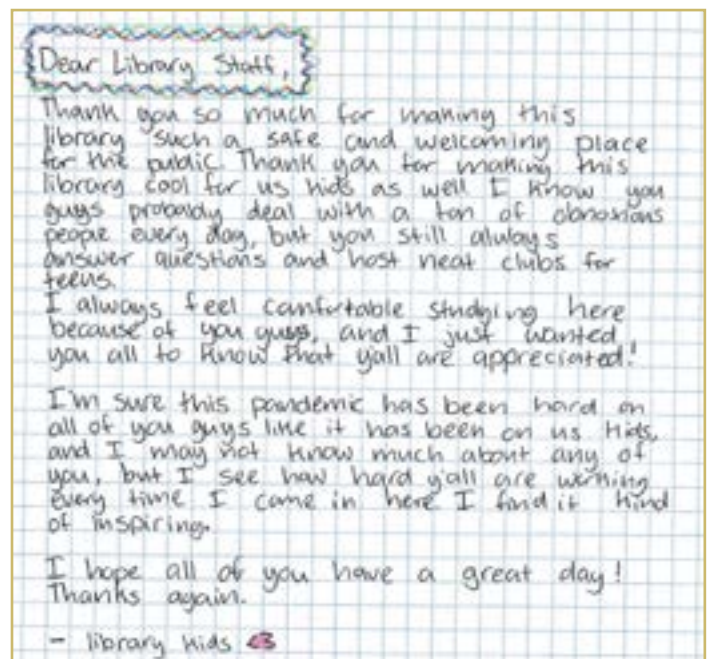
Morning Rotary pulled ahead of the Friends Team in the Final Jeopardy round for the win, and the Friends finished second overall. Congratulations to all the teams and thank you to the Brentwood Historic Commission for inviting us!

## Virtual Programming at the Library

Enjoy our Virtual Programs anytime! You can view the programs below 24/7 on the City of Brentwood YouTube Channel! 



## Brentwood Library Kids Share the Love!





DECEMBER 4  
9 AM

# MORNING WITH SANTA

John P. Holt Brentwood Library

DECEMBER 6  
5:30 PM

# TREE LIGHTING

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

DECEMBER 11  
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# NEIGHBORHOOD LUMINARIES

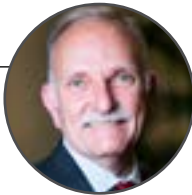
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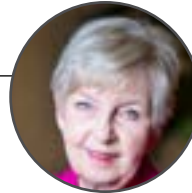
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