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*Pictured Above:*  
Front row – Kristen Corn, Regina Smithson, Sarah VanWormer, Holly Earls  
Back row – Deanna Lambert, Lori Lange, Karen Harper, April Curlin, Susan Earl  
Not pictured – Susannah Macmillan and Anne Dunn

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## Kirk's Corner

By City Manager Kirk Bednar

Over the last several months we have all had the experience of going to a restaurant and seeing empty tables but being told it is a forty-five-minute wait or having the 24-hour grocery store start closing at 10:00 p.m. or our favorite fast-food spot convert to drive-thru only. Staffing is certainly the greatest challenge right now.

The City of Brentwood is not immune to this problem. As I write this column in early March, our Public Works Department is nearing a 50% vacancy rate, the Water Services Department has had vacant positions open for over a year, and even the police and fire departments are challenged to find an adequate number of suitable applicants for each testing opportunity. Our challenge is even greater than most of our surrounding cities because we generally have to find our employees from outside of Brentwood and convince them to commute to work at a time when gas prices are rising fast and good job opportunities closer to their homes are growing in numbers.

In the short-term, these challenges may start to impact service levels for some departments. Please understand that if your brush pile doesn't get picked up during your scheduled week or someone can't come out the next day to look at a drainage problem in your yard from last week's rain, it is not because our employees are not working hard. Most are working harder than ever to cover an ever-increasing workload during a time of ever decreasing worker availability.

In the long-term, we are looking at some fundamental changes to our compensation and benefit programs that hopefully can better target those hard to fill jobs but also acknowledge that all our employees are suffering the impacts of inflation while also being enticed by other employers who have deeper pockets than any government could ever have.

These days I have a much greater appreciation for the store clerk or restaurant server who shows up every day and covers their shift and maybe part of someone else's too. Please keep in mind that same level of commitment and dedication is being shown your city employees every day – now we just need to find a few more of them!

## Brentwood Wins Distinguished Budget Award for 30th Year

For the 30th consecutive year, the City of Brentwood's Finance Department has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award presented by the Government Finance Officers Association for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, budget. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

The award represents a significant achievement by the City Finance Department and the City Manager's office, who both put a tremendous amount of work into the preparation of the annual operating budget along with the six-year Capital Improvements Program. To receive the award, Brentwood published a budget document that met program criteria, including an operations guide, a financial plan, a policy document, and an effective way to share the information

with the public. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. You may view the complete budget on the city's website.

Finance Director Karen Harper said, "to achieve this award each year is truly a career highlight. It is an honor to receive and an honor to serve the Brentwood citizens who trust us to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars." Harper thanks her entire department, saying "thank you all for what you do each day. This is certainly a team effort and would not happen without assistance from each of you."



## Brentwood Leaders Approve New Zoning District

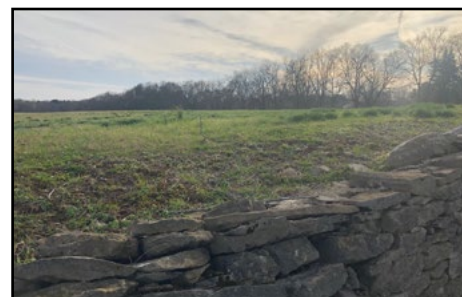
All land within Brentwood is classified in one of thirteen zoning districts that determine what the land can be used for and lot sizes. At the Monday, November 22 regular Brentwood City Commission meeting, Commissioners approved a fourteenth option for zoning to preserve the scenic and historic qualities of one of the oldest stretches of Brentwood, along the Old Smyrna Road corridor.

The new Agricultural Residential Estate - Innovative Project zone or AR-IP, will provide greater flexibility by allowing a minimum lot size of two acres, while still maintaining Brentwood's overall one unit per three-acre density of the regular Agriculture Residential, or AR zoning district. The current AR zoning provides for larger estate type lots with a minimum size of three acres and general agricultural uses. The property along the historic Old Smyrna Road corridor is an example of AR zoned property.

If property owners want to pursue changing their property to the new zone, lots as small as two acres are allowed as long as they maintain an overall density of no more than one unit per three acres. Property owners can also design lots abutting Old Smyrna with setbacks that are smaller in the front yard and

larger in the rear yard, making it easier to create more distance between new homes and Old Smyrna Road. The existing AR-zoned parcels are only required to have a rear yard setback of 75' along Old Smyrna, while the new district would provide for a setback of 100' in addition to a 50' landscaped buffer. The front yard setback would be reduced from 175' to 100', and side yard setbacks would decrease from 50' to 30'. Brentwood City Commissioner Ken Travis said, "I think there are people in Brentwood that are pleased we are doing this. This is really good, and we thank staff for studying this and presenting us with this solution."

City Manager Kirk Bednar said, "we hope that the added flexibility of the new AR-IP zoning district will be the mechanism that helps to protect the natural beauty of an area known for its historic dry stacked stone walls and notable tree canopy." You can read more about Brentwood's zoning districts online: [Planning and Zoning 101](#)




## A Wild Winter for Brentwood

It was a wild winter as there were several snow events in Middle Tennessee this year. January 16th proved to be one of those events with snow amounts totaling more than six inches in some parts of Brentwood according to the National Weather Service. For the crews that evening, Assistant City Manager Jay Evans rocked it as head chef for the team, putting in long hours.

Five of our Water Services Department employees responded to a water main break at Grand Oaks Drive and Johnson Chapel Road that evening in the icy cold temperatures. You can see in the photos, it was wet, muddy, cold and one rough night to be outside. They spent several hours into the early morning working to make sure residents had water restored by daybreak. A big THANK YOU to those five Water Service employees:

- Shannon Buttrey
- Garrett Ivey
- Dustin Mealer
- Brad Darnell
- Aikman Pollard

And a BIG Thank you to ALL our Public Work employees who worked overtime this winter to keep roads clear during the storms, brush picked up, stormwater projects up to speed, and the many other duties on their plates.

 January 6, 2022 Snow Day Performance





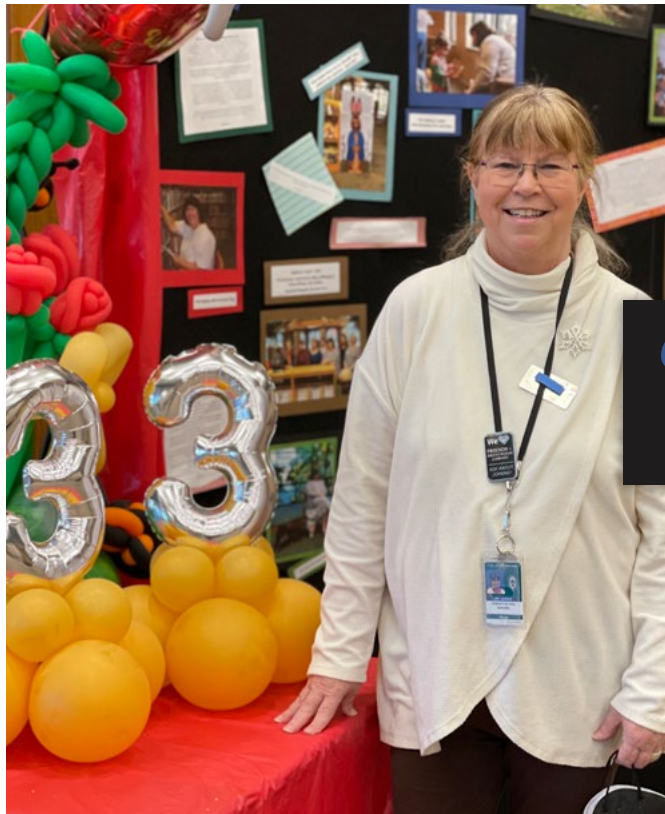


## Living History Walk at the Library



Historical reenactors offered a glimpse into 800 years of Brentwood history during the Living History Walk that took place in March at the John P. Holt Brentwood Library. The Brentwood/Franklin Woman's Service Club developed the program where each actor and actress described through live stories the times they lived in Tennessee from their individual perspectives. The stories included a Mississippian tribesman that lived before there was an America, a pioneer stolen from his home and forced to live as both an American and Muskogee tribesman, Civil War veterans with both northern and southern perspectives, a former enslaved person, and women perspectives of life in rugged Brentwood. The program had more than 300 people in attendance.

Learn more about the [Brentwood Franklin Woman's Service Club](#) online.



## Happy Retirement Miss Pat

"Miss Pat," as she was lovingly known about the John P. Holt Brentwood Library, was an invaluable part of the library and the Brentwood community for 33 years. She retired in January and at her retirement event, City Manager Kirk Bednar said, "we have a lot of employees who serve a lot of time but very few who can truly say they have had an impact on generations of people in this community."

*"Her contribution to supporting early childhood literacy has been a true commitment to learning."*

- SUSAN EARL, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Children's Service Manager, Missy Dillingham remarked, "Pat performed many duties for her job, but her focus was always on the children and how she could make the library a fun and welcoming place for them."

"Pat Ladnier touched the hearts and minds of Brentwood families for generations. Her contribution to supporting early childhood literacy has been a true commitment to learning. Pat was ever conscious of the importance of child development, whether during story times or "Looks Like Play!" She will be truly missed," Susan Earl fondly remarked.





# THE BUGLE

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## Solo Franklin High Student Takes History Bowl Title

A lone Franklin High School student won the Battle of the Minds: Sarah Bayrd American History Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 24, at Brentwood City Hall. The annual History Bowl is hosted by the Brentwood Historic Commission. High school AP history students from across Williamson County compete for the coveted trophy and prize money.

Charlie Connor stunned everyone with his knowledge and composure under pressure as he racked up points and ultimately played the “Jeopardy”-style game perfectly, wagering enough to be sure he would be victorious in “Final Jeopardy.” Connor was coached by history teachers Blake Lannon and Ray Scheetz. He is in the Franklin High International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, president of the history honor society, and

a captain for the mock trial team. He previously competed in the History Bowl as a part of a multi-person team during both his sophomore and junior years. After graduation, Connor will attend the University of Mississippi to major in public policy and leadership.

Centennial High School, defending champions from 2021, placed second with Brentwood High School coming in third. Each of the three schools was presented a check by Sherry Hammond, chair of the Brentwood Historic Commission, while each student received a gift card and tote bag with treats from Williamson Medical Center. Chuck Sherrill, state librarian and archivist, was the questioner. Chris Clark, retired news personality, was the emcee, both adding humor and making the students feel more relaxed. Event sponsors included Andrews Transportation Group, the Kaplan Family, Rhea Little’s Tire and Auto Service, Little Brothers Shell, Inc., Marla Richardson with Parks Realty, Mary Lee Bunch Associates LLC, Richland Real Estate, Soy Bistro and Williamson Medical Center. The coveted award is named after Sarah Bayrd, a longtime AP American history teacher at Brentwood High School.

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## Boiling Spring Academy Field Trip

The Brentwood Historic Commission is pleased and excited to once again offer school day field trips to **Boiling Spring Academy** for third grades students in Brentwood Public elementary schools. This field trip offers students the opportunity to spend a half-day in a historic one-room school house located on Moores Lane. A schoolmarm, dressed in period attire, allows students to experience a day in school in the mid-1800s with lessons in reading, writing, arithmetic, history of the area, a nature walk, memorization and recitation of a maxim, lunch outside, and a spelling bee to end the day. This has been an extraordinarily successful field trip for the past 15 years with over 8,000 students having participated in this program. It is aligned with Williamson County School Social Studies curriculum objectives. We are once again looking forward to welcoming students to Boiling Spring Academy. For onsite videos, lesson plans, and a virtual tour scan the QR code.

Brentwood public school principals or 3rd grade teachers may contact [Carole.Crigger@brentwoodtn.gov](mailto:Carole.Crigger@brentwoodtn.gov) to sign up for Fall 2022.

In addition to the field trips, **Boiling Spring Academy Community Open Houses** run from May thru October on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 2-4pm. Mark your calendars: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, and October 16. The parking lot on Moores Lane will be open or you can walk on the bike trail to the site.



[f BrentwoodTNHistoricCommission](https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodTNHistoricCommission)




Are you a retired or current teacher looking for a fun place to volunteer? We have a need for school marms at the academy! Volunteering would begin Fall 2022 and training would be this summer. Please email [Carole.Crigger@brentwoodtn.gov](mailto:Carole.Crigger@brentwoodtn.gov)



## The Wilson Family Through Bondage and Beyond Freedom

The John P. Holt Brentwood Library and The African American Heritage Society of Williamson County sponsored an exhibit created by Leah Williams from Toledo, Ohio. Among the many sources referenced were census records, estate documents, court records, wills and probate records, marriage licenses, labor contracts, voter records, and family memorabilia. Ms. Williams has created a dramatic timeline of her family that survived slavery, the Civil War, reconstruction, and segregation. Ms. Williams states, "Nelson Wilson Sr. and his wife Lucreasey were legally married in Williamson County on December 8, 1865, only two days after the 13th amendment abolishing slavery in the U.S. was ratified. Their Williamson County marriage was literally one of their first acts as freedmen and speaks to the love, commitment,

and family ties they built while enduring the arduous bonds of slavery for 24 years as a "married" couple. The descendants of Nelson Sr. and Lucreasey Wilson have been a diverse group of individuals spread across the country working in various industries including education, finance, healthcare, law, performing arts, technology, ministry, government, and manufacturing. It is the family's belief that Nelson Wilson Sr. and Lucreasey Wilson would say their descendants represent their wildest dreams." Find out more about Nelson and Lucreasey online: [The History of Ravenswood Mansion](#) 

## In Memorium



Hargus "Pig" Robbins died January 30, 2022. A 54 year resident of Brenthaven subdivision, Mr. Robbins was considered one of the best and most influential pianists in the history of Country Music. Robbins played on countless country hits. A sampling: "He

Stopped Loving Her Today" by George Jones, "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy" by Patsy Cline, "King of the Road" and "Dang Me" by Roger Miller, "Behind Closed Doors" by Charlie Rich, "Coal Miner's Daughter" by Loretta Lynn, "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" by Tammy Wynette, "Delta Dawn" by Tanya Tucker, "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers, "I Can't Even Get the Blues" by Reba McEntire, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" by Crystal Gayle, and Bob Dylan's Blonde on Blonde album. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in October 2012.



Anne Goad died November 5, 2021. Brentwood lost a passionate member of the community who worked tirelessly to bring awareness about the work of the Brentwood

Historic Commission. Anne was appointed to the Historic Commission in 1993 and was reappointed nine times, serving as chair for 10 years. "She represented us at many events, seminars, and state historic gatherings," said Anne Dunn, Brentwood city commissioner and longtime friend of Goad's. "She did it superbly. Anne was a very classy lady with a demeanor that drew people in. At our board meetings, she was always the calm in the storm, keeping order and pulling us back on track."




Joe Reagan died March 17, 2022. "Mr. Brentwood" as he was often called, served on the City Commission from 1993-2011 and was Mayor 3 times. Joe was a driving force behind the development of Brentwood parks and youth sports fields and facilities.

## Geocaching in Beautiful Brentwood Parks

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.

To print your passport, cache descriptions and location clues visit: [History Scavenger Hunt](#) 



## The Brentwood Historic Commission

www.brentwoodtn.gov/about-us/history

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Ashley McNulty, Vice-Chair  
Anne Dunn, City Commissioner  
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Nicole Smith  
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Deanna Lambert, Community Relations

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

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City of Brentwood  
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## Parks and Recreation Update



### Windy Hill Park

Master planning for Brentwood's newest park will get underway this spring. The Brentwood City Commission approved a contract in March for the planning company. The park, located in northern Brentwood at 9135 Old Smyrna Road, will be a passive park, like Wickle or Deerwood Parks, with no planned athletic programs. The basic vision is that it will one day have walking and bicycle trails, a playground, and open field areas. Be sure to check the city's social media pages for information on upcoming meetings for community input.

### High Tech Turf

Crockett Park is getting an upgrade to its ball fields and construction is set to begin this spring. An estimated \$900,000 is needed to purchase and install two, artificial turf fields at fourplex two. In an agreement between the City of Brentwood and the Brentwood Ball Club, each entity will pay \$450,000 of the total cost. A product called T-Cool, designed to help cool the temperature of the turf when activated in wet weather or by hand watering, will be used in the turf.

### Inclusive Playground

The Miles Together Inclusive Playground at Granny White Park is set to open later this summer. The 18,500 square-foot playground will include a 3.5-inch thick Vitriturf surface for safety and approximately 3,550 square feet of synthetic grass.

The Brentwood Rotary Clubs presented the City of Brentwood with a check in March for an additional \$100,000 toward the project, for a total of \$650,000 raised. Included in that total, is a donation from the Miles for Miles Foundation who donated \$350,000 for naming rights of the playground. The Peck family live in Brentwood and established the foundation to honor their son, Miles, who was born with Down syndrome.

To see the equipment to be used at the playground, visit the city's website: [Miles Together Inclusive Playground](#)

# WOMEN LEADERS IN THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD

By Deanna Lambert, Community Relations Director

There is a special role for women in the workplace in the City of Brentwood - at the top. Of the twenty-two leadership roles between City Department Directors and elected Brentwood City Commission seats, eleven, or half of those are held by women. However, that wasn't always the case. City Manager Kirk Bednar, who has been instrumental in hiring all eight of the women employees in leadership, said that gender wasn't a factor. "Women have just been the best candidates for these positions over the past few years," Bednar said. Brentwood City Commissioner Susannah Macmillan agreed and added, "both the citizens and employees of Brentwood are savvy enough to know that the most qualified people, whether they are male or female, have been allowed to excel in positions of authority."



*Susannah Macmillan*



*Betty Reagan (left), Anne Dunn (right)*

Since the month of March celebrates women's history each year, we thought it was timely to celebrate the women leaders of Brentwood. Current Brentwood City Commissioners Regina Smithson and Anne Dunn both remember a day when women weren't as involved with city leadership. They both were elected to the commission in the 1990's. "When I got on the commission Betty Reagan had been the first female commissioner elected in 1989," said Commissioner Smithson. She was the only woman commissioner with four other male commissioners. Today, the City of Brentwood has seven total city commissioners and three are women. Commissioner Smithson said, "I feel like a mixture of women and men in leadership roles add different perspective to situations." Commissioner Dunn got involved back in the 1990s because, "I wanted to have a voice in the direction of the city. I do feel it is important when we interact with young people, that girls see women in leadership roles," Dunn said.

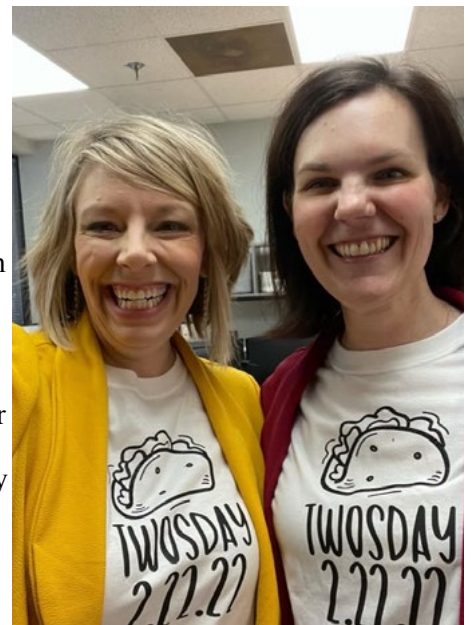
Brentwood Finance Director Karen Harper was hired by the City of Brentwood in 1996. She's noticed women leaders bring "more creative ideas on how to get things accomplished rather than doing things the same way and getting the same average results." Harper, recalls the earlier years and in another job outside of Brentwood, when someone told her after she had her second child, that she should strongly consider being a stay-at-home mom. Harper, who desired to work for Brentwood, said at first she second guessed her choice. "Then I looked towards my own role-model-working-mom, and I knew I had made the right decision. It was the best decision for my family because only a few years later, due to health reasons, my husband retired early to be a stay-at-home dad while my career advanced," Harper said.

As someone who once told their child when asked if she could stay at home and teach them, I said with a loving smile, 'You didn't get that kind of mom. Don't get me wrong – it is all a challenge these days. The balance of working, while raising children, creates its own challenges – to feel involved with school day activity requests, not be late to after school activities due to work meetings, or just generally exhausted after a full day at the office and dealing with my responsibilities as Community Relations Director. Then when COVID-19 came along, it added additional challenges.

City Attorney Kristen Corn said "When childcare and schools closed due to COVID-19, many working mothers were forced to juggle kids at home while we continued to work full time and more. We had to be flexible with the hours and places we worked, and we did so successfully."

Flexibility is something that attracted one of Brentwood's newest female leaders, Sarah VanWormer, to accept the Information Technology Director role. She relocated from Battle Creek, Michigan in January of this year while her family will join her later this summer. Her two boys aged 18 and 10 are used to their mom balancing work and home. "I have been fortunate enough to work for organizations that understand that life hits you from time to time," she added.

Brentwood's Director of Engineering, Lori Lange, has two teenagers and is proud to give credit where credit is due. "My husband is very supportive and we both value time with our children. We work hard to prioritize family time and maintain a sense of balance between home life and work." Lange and VanWormer are both women who hold roles predominately held by men in their fields. VanWormer said, it can be challenging to find your confident voice. "I was very lucky that I had one or two mentors who helped me find my voice and then learn how to use it in a way that I still represented myself." Lange also credits her success to strong female mentors. "The best advice I have been given in my career is to



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always be fair, consistent, and a trusted advisor,” Lange said. For the newest Brentwood woman leader, April Curlin, she said “the biggest challenge throughout my career has been to receive equal pay for equal work as well as equal consideration given to my contributions to the organization.” Having accepted the Director of Human Resources role in February of this year, she now has the unique opportunity to help make sure pay is equal for all.

For the John P. Holt Brentwood Library Director, Susan Earls, she has already been able to make a difference in Brentwood since her arrival in 2010. She said her best experience as a female leader in Brentwood “is the recognition and respect of my skillset and experience in my profession and in government.”

Brentwood City Recorder, Holly Earls, hired in 2017, said “I

have been very fortunate in my career to not have faced any challenges for my gender.” She is the records keeper at the city and could often be referred to as “the glue” that keeps everything together. “I am honored to work with some of the top executive women in Williamson County. It is a great honor to call these women my co-workers and friends,” Earls said.

Looking ahead to Mother’s Day this year, how will you celebrate and recognize the hard-working women, whether at home or in the office? Your daughters, sisters, girlfriends, fiancés, wives, and mothers will thank you for the recognition and appreciation more than you know.

**Coming up:** *Who was Brentwood’s most notorious woman of the past, Granny White? Be sure to visit the John P. Holt Brentwood Library where “Women of Brentwood’s History” will be on display in April.*




## Meet the New Brentwood Chief of Police, Richard Hickey

The Brentwood Police Department is now led by Richard Hickey as the new Chief of Police effective Monday, February 28, 2022. Hickey assumes command following the retirement of Chief Jeff Hughes. Hickey will be the city’s fourth police chief since the department was created in 1971.

Brentwood City Mayor Rhea Little said, “Chief Hickey is a servant leader. Over the years, I have watched him be humble, honest, and kind in difficult situations. He will lead this department well for Brentwood and for that we thank him.” Chief Hickey was hired in 1991 and celebrated 30 years with the City of Brentwood last year. He began his career in patrol and served as a field training officer, a crime scene technician, and an investigator for the District Attorney’s Office. He was promoted to detective, then lieutenant, has served as the captain overseeing all three police divisions, and most recently as the department’s assistant chief.


Hickey received his bachelor’s degree in communications from Middle Tennessee State University and is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Chief Hickey and his wife, Melanie, reside in Bellevue.

 Meet Brentwood’s New Chief of Police: Richard Hickey

## Assistant Police Chief, Jim Colvin

Serving now as second in command is Jim Colvin, who assumes the role of Assistant Chief of Police beginning today. Hired by Brentwood in 2004, Colvin will celebrate 17 years with the City of Brentwood in December. He began his career in patrol and has served as a patrol sergeant, a detective, a patrol lieutenant, and most recently as the captain over Brentwood’s Patrol Division. During his nearly two decades in Brentwood, Colvin has served in numerous specialized assignments and is a proud member of the department’s PoPolar Bear team for Special Olympics. Colvin graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. In 2014, he completed a master’s degree in emergency management from Jacksonville State University. Chief Colvin and his wife, Angie, live in Nolensville with their three children, Sarah (10), Finley (7), and Cooper (3). City Manager Kirk Bednar adds that Chief Colvin is the perfect choice to serve alongside Chief of Police Hickey. “When determining a leadership team, you always want someone to compliment the person in charge. Jim has the highest level of integrity and consistency in doing the right thing. The Hickey/Colvin team will take Brentwood far in the years to come.”



**Know someone who wants to work with the Brentwood Police Department?**  What will you choose?

## STAFF PROMOTIONS



**Seth Young**, promoted to the rank of sergeant, was hired by the Brentwood Police Department in 2017. He graduated number one in his academy class at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and received the Outstanding Officer Award. Seth currently serves as a field training officer and is assigned to midnight shift patrol. Additionally, he holds the responsibility of being a firearms and fitness instructor. In 2020, Young was selected and assigned to the Brentwood Police Department Tactical Response Team. During his

tenure, he has completed a Basic Tactical Operator Course, Close Quarters Battle Instructor course and Firearms Instructor Course. Sgt. Young and his wife have two sons and a third son due this spring.

Anthony, or **AJ, Weakley**, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was hired by the Brentwood Police Department in 2016 and since then, Weakley has worked primarily as a patrol officer on the evening shift. Additionally, he serves as a field training officer, crime scene technician, clandestine laboratory technician, fitness instructor for the department's physical fitness program, lead less-lethal instructor for the department's 40mm program, and is a member of the department's tactical response team. Additional training includes a Basic SWAT Operator Course, Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Instructor Course, Less-Lethal Chemical, and Impact Munition Instructor Course. He and his fiancé live in Columbia.



**Nick Surre** fills the role of captain over the patrol division. He completed the basic police academy in Michigan prior to being hired by Brentwood in 2007. A 14-year-veteran with the department, Surre began his career in patrol, was promoted to a patrol sergeant, a SWAT team member, and ultimately supervised the department's Honor Guard. Surre has been instrumental in the creation of the department's physical fitness program and physical fitness testing for police applicants. Captain Surre and his wife, Danni, reside in Spring

Hill and have three boys.

Lieutenant **Zach Hartman** now leads the patrol division. Hartman has served as a patrol sergeant since 2017, where he worked both midnight and day shifts. He previously served on the Williamson County SWAT Team but was instrumental in creating the Brentwood Police Department's inaugural Tactical Response Team where he continues to serve as the team leader overseeing those in that assignment. Hartman was also instrumental in forming the department's Physical Fitness Program and served as an original member on the department's Fitness Committee. Outside of the department, he served for nine years with the Tennessee Army National Guard as an Armor Officer with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Lt. Hartman and his fiancé live in Cool Springs.



## 2022 Music City Polar Plunge

The 2022 Music City Polar Plunge was a success! Hundreds of brave individuals jumped in icy cold water outside Nissan Stadium on Saturday, February 19, 2022 all to support Special Olympics Tennessee athletes. The Brentwood Police Department team, called PoPolar Bears with 40 members raised 107% of their goal, coming in at second, overall highest fundraising team for a total of \$10,695 raised for special Olympics in Middle Tennessee. The administration side of Brentwood City government also joined police. They set their goals lower and surpassed it. They raised 413% over their goal for a total of \$2,063 with ten members.



Read more online

## Farewell to Chief Jeff Hughes

Former Brentwood Police Chief Jeff Hughes retired from the Brentwood Police Department February 25, 2022, after a 36-year career with the city. It was a very well attended farewell event, in which three state lawmakers, representatives from the TBI, FBI, ATF, District Attorney's Office, a Judge, Metro Nashville Police Chief, TN Commissioner of Safety Jeff Long, Special Olympics representatives, citizens, business owners, colleagues, and his family all attended. You can read more about his career online:



Chief Jeff Hughes Goodbye Speech

In retirement, Hughes looks forward to spending time working with his horses, playing golf, and just catching up on doing things around his farm. Hughes is a fourth-generation landowner in Fairview and calls himself a cowboy in real life.



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# 2022 BRENTWOOD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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**MONSTERS OF YACHT**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 5 AT 6PM

**NASHVILLE SYMPHONY**  
**BRENTWOOD ACADEMY SINGERS** 6PM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12 AT 7PM

**BICHO BROTHERS**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6PM

**THE SMOKING SECTION BAND**  
MONDAY, JULY 4 AT 7PM • FIREWORKS AT 9PM

**BRENTFEST** FEATURING  
**RUBIKS GROOVE**  
SATURDAY, JULY 23 AT 6PM



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# SOCIAL IN THE CITY



## Social Media

Statistics for 2021

13 City pages  
3.1 million impressions  
2.8k posts published  
6k new followers  
19% audience growth  
282.3k total engagement



## NextDoor



NextDoor is the best way to communicate directly with Brentwood residents and in real time. There are currently 24,047 members in 107 neighborhoods.



## Website

BrentwoodTN.gov is the City of Brentwood's main website. In 2021, there were nearly one million page views. Here you can locate pay your water bill, find specific department information, learn more about city leaders and how you can get involved.

## CITY CONTACTS

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|-------------------------|--------------|
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| Water Billing .....     | 615-661-7061 |
| Water Maintenance ..... | 615-371-0080 |
| Public Works .....      | 615-371-0080 |
| Service Center .....    | 615-371-0080 |
| Police .....            | 615-371-0160 |
| Fire .....              | 615-371-0170 |
| Wm. Co. Ambulance ..... | 615-794-2800 |
| Library .....           | 615-371-0090 |
| Parks .....             | 615-371-2208 |
| Emergency .....         | 911          |

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