

BRENTWOOD

CITY OF WARMTH

BULLETIN / Winter 2018

Brentwood Days Parade



National Night Out



Veterans Day Observance



Dream Factory



“Fill the Ambulance”



DARE Graduation



SIX SCENES FROM A FABULOUS FALL IN BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI

1. Thousands of individuals and families enjoyed a warm weekend in September experiencing the fun of Brentwood Days.
2. Residents hosted block parties throughout Brentwood to bring the community together during National Night Out.
3. Members of American Legion Goff-Moll Post 101 posted and retired the colors during the City’s Veterans Day Observance.
4. Brentwood firefighters volunteered during Dream Factory of St Louis’ 27th Annual Shopping Spree to help seriously ill children purchase Christmas gifts for their families.
5. Santa Claus and Brentwood firefighters encouraged the community to “fill the ambulance” for the Toys for Tots program.
6. 39 5th graders at Mark Twain Elementary graduated from the DARE program, presented by Brentwood Police Department.

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Dear Residents,

I hope you and your families had a joyful and healthy holiday season. The City of Brentwood had a very good year in 2017, and I am looking forward to the opportunities 2018 will bring us. In 2017, we witnessed the continuation of our plan to resurface all the City's streets; increased police presence and patrols, particularly in our residential neighborhoods; and the development of Brentwood 20/20, the City's comprehensive plan. In 2018, I am hopeful that we can finish resurfacing the City's streets (one year ahead of schedule); continue improving our operations and the customer service we provide our citizens; and begin executing our plan to control flooding along Deer Creek and Manchester Road, connect our City and its trail system to the Great Rivers Greenway, and continue work with MoDOT to bring significant improvements to Manchester Road in Brentwood. Like I said, 2018 is full of opportunities!

This newsletter is not long enough to explain these projects in detail, but I invite you all to watch for notices on the City website, in the *Pulse* newspaper and on Nextdoor.com for meetings and other events where we will be discussing these plans. As always, we are looking for citizens who want to get involved. If you have an interest in playing a special role in one or more of these efforts, please call or email Deputy City Clerk Lori Wrobel, 314.962.4800 or cityclerkoffice@brentwoodmo.org.

One of the most important things we are working on is the selection of a new Police Chief for the City of Brentwood. I wrote about this in my last Mayor's Message, but it is sufficiently important that I want to spend the remainder of this message explaining where we are in this process. As you know, I have enlisted the help of a citizens' task force to qualify candidates for the position. The task force is comprised of a representative appointed from each ward, a citizen at large, a representative from each of our business and religious communities, and a police chief from one of our comparator cities who will participate in each phase of the qualification process. In addition, we have contracted with the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) to define the process and work with our citizens as they perform the qualification. In general, CPSM has helped us compile the selection criteria and formalized the tools our citizens will be using to qualify the candidates.

The posting process closed on October 31, 2017, and we received more than 20 applications. CPSM felt the response was favorable given current conditions and advised us to move forward with the applications we received. The first phase of the process consisted of the qualifications of the written submissions. Members of the task force independently scored the candidates' written submissions using standardized scoring criteria. The results of the scoring were compiled and the pool of candidates was narrowed to approximately 10 candidates.

The second phase of the process began in early December 2017. Members of the task force collectively interviewed each of the remaining candidates by telephone. Again, they used standardized questions and independently scored each of the candidates' responses. Jason Kotz, our human resources manager, took part in each session to ensure consistency. This phase should be completed by the time this newsletter is published. At the end of this phase, the scores will be compiled and the top four to six candidates will be invited to take part in the third phase of the process, the assessment center.

The assessment center will be a day-long series of interviews, situational assessments and interactive exercises conducted by members of the task force and a police chief from a comparator city. The process will be facilitated by our consultants from CPSM. At the end of the day, the scores will be tallied and I will meet with the members of the assessment center team to hear their recommendations regarding the candidates. I will then interview the top two or three candidates. This will be my first active participation in the process. We are hoping the assessment center can be conducted in late January 2018.

After I interview the top candidates, I will review all the materials for each candidate, meet with the entire citizens' task force and have our HR team thoroughly vet the potential candidates. The finalists also will be asked to complete a psychological profile, which is standard operating procedure when hiring a new employee. At this point, I will have to make a decision. If I am completely comfortable that we have a candidate I can appoint, I will make my appointment and submit it to the Board of Aldermen for their consideration. If I am not comfortable that we have identified a candidate I can appoint, we will begin the process again. Assuming all goes well, I am looking forward to making an appointment on the first or third Monday in February 2018.

I hope this process meets with your approval. I feel very confident that it will produce the best result possible for the City. I invite you to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best to you and your family in 2018!

Chris

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Thornton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a background of faint, stylized leaf patterns.

Candidate Filing Notice for April 3, 2018 General Municipal Election

The City of Brentwood will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, for the offices of Aldermen (one each from Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4), each elected for a two-year term. Filing for said offices opened Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, at 8 am and closes on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, at 5 pm.

Declarations of Candidacy shall be received in the Office of the Deputy City Clerk at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144, during regular office hours (8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday). Candidates are required to bring a photo ID and will be assessed a \$5 filing fee.

Brentwood Fire Department Participates in Live Burn Exercises

Brentwood, Clayton and Maplewood fire departments participated in live burn exercises with St. Louis Fire Department in November 2017 in St. Louis City's fire training facility in downtown St. Louis. These types of trainings, in controlled live-fire environments, are essential, allowing firefighters the ability to practice skills such as communication techniques, search and rescue, and command and control of emergency scenes, all while working together. Brentwood, Clayton and Maplewood fire departments train together regularly so our firefighters and paramedics can better serve our community while working safer.



City of Brentwood 2018 Annual Budget

The Board of Aldermen approved the proposed 2018 Budget, in the amount of \$29,536,054.00, in December 2017. This budget focuses on the City's core services and provides necessary funding for our City, while continuing to provide and maintain high quality service delivery to our citizens. Additionally, a strong commitment was made to address flooding along the Manchester Road corridor. The City can maintain current levels of services, make capital improvement investments in the City infrastructure and along Manchester Road, replace equipment and vehicles that have come to the end of useful life, and maintain reserves that are still in line with the fund balance policy adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

The Budget is comprised of four separate and distinct funds that total just over \$29.5 million, an increase of 50.6% from FY 2017. The General Fund operating expenditures total \$15.8 million (34.7% increase), the Capital Improvements Fund totals \$4.9 million (43.8% increase), the Storm Water and Parks Improvements Fund totals \$8.5 million (103.7% increase), and the Sewer Improvements Fund totals \$185.4 thousand (11.29% decrease). Key items in the FY 2018 Budget include the elimination of four administrative assistant positions with the same or similar duties and the creation of two new professional-level positions with higher levels of responsibilities and thus credentials.

In keeping with the wishes of the voters for the Prop P ballot issue, \$391,000 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund for police protective gear, 34 additional street lights in areas where needed, and furniture and exercise equipment for the fire station. An additional \$250,000 will be transferred from the General Fund to the same fund to complete the mill and overlay of 22 streets, upgrade the financial software in the Finance Department, and for a new audio/visual system in the Council Chambers to allow citizens better access to Board of Aldermen meetings and other committee meetings.

One of the most significant commitments made by the Board of Aldermen as evidenced in this budget is the transfer of a total of \$4,400,000 from both the General and Capital Improvements Funds to the Storm Water and Parks Improvements Fund for flood mitigation along Manchester Road. This will be done in several phases starting in 2018, so look for exciting changes along this stretch of road in the near future. For more information and to keep up to date, visit our website, www.brentwoodmo.org.

The 2018 Budget is posted on the City of Brentwood website, www.brentwoodmo.org.

Brentwood Dog Park

The Brentwood Dog Park officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 18. The event featured treats, giveaways, laps through the park, and plenty of excited dogs and members. The dogs each enjoyed a slice of celebration cake, generously donated by Three Dog Bakery. The Watering Bowl, Treats Unleashed and Bentley's Pet Stuff donated additional treats.

The dog park is a fenced area at Hanley Park that allows dogs to play off-leash in areas of similar sized dogs. Residents can become members of the park for \$25 per dog (limit of three dogs per household). Memberships are valid through 2018. Member applications are online at www.brentwoodmo.org/dogpark or at the Brentwood Recreation Complex. Call 314.963.8689 for information.



A Lifesaving Story



The Hamers and members of the lifesaving team during a recognition ceremony at a City of Brentwood Board of Aldermen meeting.

Welcome to Brentwood!



Seth Mundorf and Eric Diaz joined the Brentwood Police Department in September 2017. Seth is a graduate of Dorset College in Iowa and the Eastern Missouri Police Academy in St. Charles. Eric is a US Navy veteran and former Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper.



Seth Carey was sworn in as a paramedic firefighter in December 2017. Seth is a US Army veteran. His father and brothers also are paramedic firefighters.

September 6 would not turn out to be a normal day for Catherine Hamer. Mrs. Hamer was at home and getting ready to leave for a doctor appointment, but she was not feeling well and sat down to rest. Almost immediately, she collapsed and became unresponsive. Her husband called 911 and was helped by dispatchers, who obtained patient information and gave pre-arrival instructions while dispatching Brentwood Fire Department units to the incident.

The Fire/EMS units determined Mrs. Hamer was in cardiac arrest, provided advanced life support and transported her to SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital. Everything worked in Mrs. Hamer's favor that day. After some time recovering, she was released and returned home. A team of professionals from East Central Dispatch Center, Brentwood Fire Department and St. Mary's Hospital worked together to save a life, and the outcome was outstanding.

Books and More at Your Library



ADULT ACTIVITIES

Adult Craft Nights

First Wednesdays at 6 pm
January 3, February 7, March 7

Adult Craft Mornings

Thursdays at 10 am
January 11, February 8, March 8

Brentwood Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
January 9, February 13, March 18

Holiday closings:

Monday, Jan. 15, for Dr. MLK Jr. Day and Monday, Feb. 19, for Presidents' Day

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Baby/Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
February and March (none in January)

Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 am
February and March (none in January)

Big Ideas Club

Tuesdays at 3-4 pm
Ages 6+

Kids' Crafts

Fridays at 3:30 pm
Brentwood Recreation Complex
January 26, February 23, March 23

Read to Dogs! Twice a Month!

Tales and Tails
First Wednesdays at 3:30 pm
January 3, February 7 and March 7

Paws for Reading

Fourth Thursdays at 6 pm
January 25, February 22 and March 22

Check out our website calendar for events and information: www.brentwoodlibrarymo.org. Or call us at 314.963.8630.

CITY SERVICES

CodeRED Emergency Notification System

Sign up to receive notifications of impending emergencies or critical community alerts via phone, email or text. Click on the CodeRED logo on the home page of www.brentwoodmo.org. Or call 314.962.4800 for assistance in signing up.

Knox HomeBox Loan Program

The Brentwood Fire Department offers a 90-day Knox HomeBox loan program for residents who have a temporary special need or physical disability preventing them from opening their front door to Brentwood fire and medical personnel in event of an emergency. The borrowed HomeBox is temporarily attached to the top of a resident's door and safely secures the door key. Brentwood Fire Department is the only agency with access to open the lockbox. Using this system should alleviate the need for forced entry, and prevent potential related damage, should Fire personnel need to enter the home quickly to provide medical care. The 90-day loan program is first-come, first-served. Residents with long-term needs can consider purchasing a permanent Knox HomeBox. For more information, contact the Brentwood Fire Department.

MAGIC Bus: 314.581.4842

This free service is designed to transport Brentwood residents age 60 and older or adults with disabilities. To learn more, contact the Parks Department, 314.962.8689.

Notary

Notary of the Public services are available 8 am-5 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays) at Brentwood City Hall.

Recycling

The City of Brentwood offers curbside single-stream recycling free of charge for all residents. Ten-gallon recycling bins are available through the Public Works Department while supplies last.

Report a Concern

Citizens can make requests or submit concerns through the MyGov request-tracking system via the home page of www.brentwoodmo.org. Click on "Report a Concern," choose from a variety of categories and submit your request. You'll receive feedback when the request is received and also will receive updates as the request is investigated by City staff.



Sweetheart Dance - February 9

6:30-8:30 pm at The Heights/Richmond Heights

Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away with your lovely little sweetheart(s). This unforgettable evening will include entertainment, a delightful dinner and a photo to capture the night.

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 5. **\$15/person**

Breakfast with a Princess - March 3

8-9:30 am at Brentwood Recreation Complex

Calling all princesses! Enjoy a Chick-fil-A breakfast with two of your favorite princesses, Cinderella and Rapunzel. Wear your best princess dress for a special photo, and make crafts with the princesses.

\$15/princess

Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt - March 24

Hunt begins at 10 am sharp

A.B. Green Park (Laclede Station Rd. and Dale Ave.)

Mr. Bunny will visit boys and girls, who can search for more than 5,000 eggs in separate egg-hunting areas (age 3 and under, 4-5, 6-7, 8-10); all areas will be peanut-free. Special prize eggs will be waiting for lucky egg hunters. Bring a basket and don't be late for this fun event! **FREE**

Dog-Gone Egg Hunt - March 24

Hunt begins at 10 am sharp

A.B. Green Park (Laclede Station Rd. and Dale Ave.)

Dogs on leash hunt for Easter eggs! When the dog touches a plastic egg with its nose, into your basket it goes! Open the eggs for treats and other prizes for your pup. Bring your camera to get a photo of the Easter Bunny with your dog-gone cute doggy.

\$5/dog; one dog per person

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt - March 30

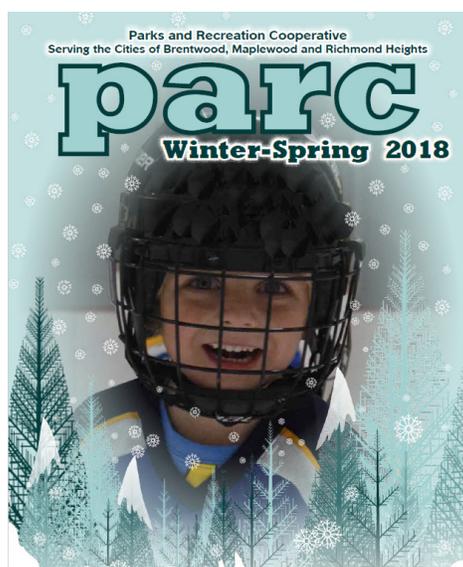
Hunt begins at 8:30 pm at Memorial Park

Join us for an evening of fun by searching Memorial Park and its surroundings for lots of eggs and great prizes.

Dress appropriately for this outdoor event, which will be held rain or shine. Don't forget a basket and a flashlight.

\$10/pre-registration before or on March 29; \$15/at the event

To register for any event or program, please call 314.963.8689 or visit the Brentwood Recreation Complex.



Winter/Spring 2018 Activity Guide

This guide includes programs, classes and events from January through April.

Pick up your guide at the Brentwood Recreation Complex or view it online at www.brentwoodmo.org/activities.

Rentals

Looking for a place to hold your next meeting or family event? Whether it's indoors at our Recreation Complex or outdoors at a Park pavilion, Brentwood Parks & Recreation has a spot for you. Call 314.963.8689 for details.

Brentwood Recreation Complex & Brentwood Ice Rink

2505 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144

Recreation Center: 314.963.8689 | Ice Rink: 314.963.8680

www.brentwoodmo.org/parks | www.brentwoodmo.org/ice

 BrentwoodParksandRec

JANUARY

- 1 **New Year's Day –**
City Offices Closed, Ice Rink Open
- 2 **Library Board, 6:30 pm**
- 2 **Board of Aldermen, 7 pm**
(Meets Tuesday due to holiday)
- 4 **Ways & Means Committee, 6 pm**
- 8 **Municipal Court, 6 pm**
- 9 **Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm**
- 10 **Public Works Committee, 4:30 pm**
- 10 **Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm**
- 15 **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday –**
City Offices Closed, Ice Rink Open
- 16 **Board of Aldermen, 7 pm**
(Meets Tuesday due to holiday)
- 18 **Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm**
- 18 **Architectural Review Board, 7 pm**
- 22 **Municipal Court, 6 pm**
- 25 **Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am**
- 25 **Board of Adjustment, 7 pm**
- 30 **Ward 4 Meeting, 6 pm**
- 30 **Ward 3 Meeting, 7 pm**
- 31 **Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm**

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Public Works crews will pick up residents' once-live Christmas trees for disposal every Wednesday in January. This is the same day as yard waste pickup. Please remove all lights and ornaments before placing the tree on the curb.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Brentwood residents may dispose of personal/confidential paperwork on Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 am-noon at Brentwood Recreation Complex. Questions? Call Secure Document Destruction, 314.795.0004.

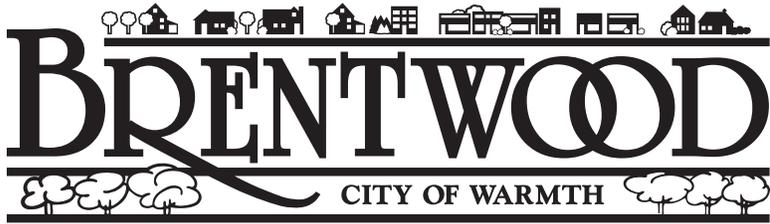
All meetings and events are subject to change or cancellation. Check www.brentwoodmo.org for updates.

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Ways & Means Committee, 6 pm**
- 3 **Brentwood Community Shred Day, 9 am-noon**
- 5 **Board of Aldermen, 7 pm**
- 6 **Library Board, 6:30 pm**
- 12 **Municipal Court, 6 pm**
- 13 **Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm**
- 14 **Public Works Committee, 4:30 pm**
- 14 **Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm**
- 15 **Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm**
- 15 **Architectural Review Board, 7 pm**
- 19 **Presidents' Day –** City Offices Closed, Ice Rink Open
- 20 **Board of Aldermen, 7 pm** (Meets Tuesday due to holiday)
- 22 **Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am**
- 22 **Board of Adjustment, 7 pm**
- 26 **Municipal Court, 6 pm**
- 27 **Ward 4 Meeting, 6 pm**
- 27 **Ward 3 Meeting, 7 pm**
- 28 **Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm**

MARCH

- 1 **Ways & Means Committee, 6 pm**
- 5 **Board of Aldermen, 7 pm**
- 6 **Library Board, 6:30 pm**
- 11 **Daylight Saving Time Begins –** Spring forward one hour
- 12 **Municipal Court, 6 pm**
- 13 **Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm**
- 14 **Public Works Committee, 4:30 pm**
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Twitter: @BrentwoodMO

YouTube: brentwoodmo govtv

Emergency / 911

Parks & Recreation / 963.8689 Ice Rink: 963.8680

Brentwood Library / 963.8630

City of Brentwood Holiday Party 2017



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