

# BRENTWOOD

CITY OF WARMTH

BULLETIN / Fall 2020

## City Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The City of Brentwood continues to follow guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the St. Louis County Department of Public Health to protect the well-being of the public and our employees. We'll continue to adjust our operations as necessary. Visit the City website and the calendar on the City's website home page for updates on City operations and activities.

### HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY

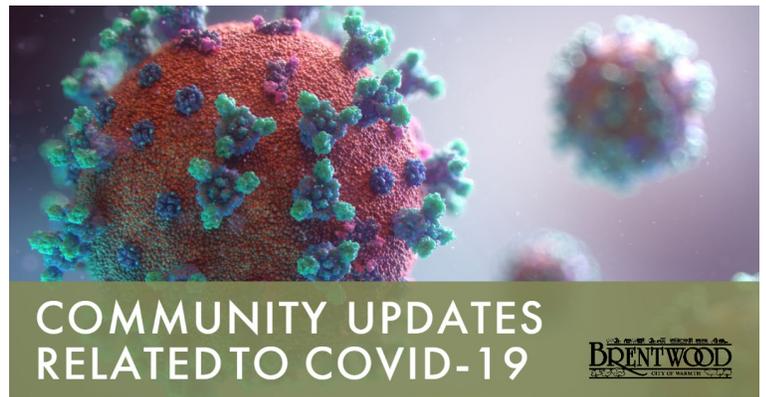
We ask Brentwood residents and community members to help us minimize unnecessary public contact during this public health crisis. Please contact the City by phone (314.962.4800) or online through the "Report a Concern" button on the home page of the City's website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org). Staff members will respond to phone messages and online requests as quickly as possible.

### RESTRICTIONS TO VISITING CITY FACILITIES

Brentwood City Hall is open to the public by appointment only. Please call 314.962.4800 to make an appointment. Any member of the public requesting entry to City Hall must fill out the St. Louis County Public Health information sheet and have their temperature taken. Anyone symptomatic (per the Public Health form) or with a temperature equal to or greater than 100.4 F (38 C) will be denied entry into City Hall. Anyone granted entry into City Hall will be required to wear a mask and will be offered gloves and asked to use hand sanitizer.

### MEETINGS

Board of Aldermen meetings, committee meetings and other public meetings continue to be held via Zoom videoconference until further notice. Zoom access information is included in the meeting agendas posted on the City's website and also can be found in the website's calendar listings. Board of Aldermen and committee meetings are recorded and available on the City's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv](https://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv).





The Brentwood Bound Plan is a comprehensive solution to overcome flooding and public safety challenges presented by the Deer Creek channel and to improve the Manchester Road corridor within the City of Brentwood.

There are three components to the Brentwood Bound Plan:

- **Deer Creek Flood Mitigation**
- **Manchester Road Improvements**
- **Deer Creek Greenway Connector**

These transformative initiatives are bound together in building a bright future for Brentwood. The ultimate goal is to ensure and enhance the City of Brentwood's vibrancy for many years to come.



### **Site Camera**

See a live view of work on Brentwood Bound projects through the "Site Cameras" link at the top of the home page of [BrentwoodBound.org](http://BrentwoodBound.org).

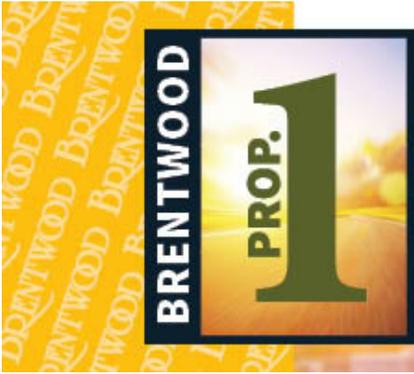
### **Construction Updates**

Keep track of construction through regular updates posted on the home page of [BrentwoodBound.org](http://BrentwoodBound.org).

### **Follow the Progress**

Visit [BrentwoodBound.org](http://BrentwoodBound.org) for project details, videos, presentations, construction updates, project timelines and other information.

Questions or input to share? Call **314.963.8673** or email [brentwoodbound@brentwoodmo.org](mailto:brentwoodbound@brentwoodmo.org).



# Brentwood's Use Tax Proposal

**Not an Additional Sales Tax**

## Aldermen Approve Prop. 1 Use Tax Proposal for Nov. 3 Ballot Use Tax Proposal Will Not Change Sales or Property Tax Rate

The City's Board of Aldermen unanimously voted at their August meeting to place Proposition 1, a use tax proposal, on the November 3 ballot. This proposal will not increase or change the local sales tax. Brentwood's sales tax will remain the same.

If approved, the use tax is expected to provide revenue for city services, something city leaders say residents have come to expect when living in Brentwood. "The City is committed to providing the quality services Brentwood residents value," said Mayor David Dimmitt. "The use tax will provide revenue for city services without increasing local sales or property taxes. We estimate, if approved, the use tax will generate between \$295,000 and \$385,000 annually for the City of Brentwood."

**Prop. 1 will not increase the local sales tax.**

This proposal will not increase or change Brentwood's local sales tax rate. The local sales tax rate will remain exactly the same. For the vast majority of purchases made by residents, passing this proposal will not change anything. The use tax is applied to some out-of-state and online purchases and is only collected when sales taxes are not already collected by the seller. The state of Missouri already collects the state use tax. This proposal simply adds our local portion.

**Out-of-state retailers will be subject to the same tax rate as local retailers.**

Brentwood's local retailers collect sales taxes. While some out-of-state and online retailers collect our local sales tax, others do not. The use tax will subject all retail sales, in-state, out-of-state, and online purchases to the same tax rate. "We see the changes in our economy as more purchases now come from untaxed out-of-state and online purchases rather than from our local retailers," Dimmitt said. "This change has resulted in a loss of potential tax revenue to the City. The use tax will subject all retail sales to the same tax rate and allow the City to collect local taxes from these purchases. There is already a State of Missouri use tax and you will not pay the Brentwood portion unless you pay the state portion."

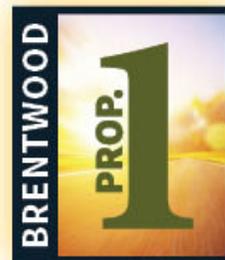
**As more and more retail sales shift to out-of-state purchases, the use tax will help maintain the current level of city revenue.**

Unlike many cities in St. Louis County, Brentwood has been able to provide municipal services without relying on property taxes. The use tax will provide revenue for city services without increasing our local sales or property tax.

**The use tax is not a double tax and does not increase the sales or property tax.**

Purchases include either the state and local sales tax, or the state and city use tax. According to Dimmitt, one of the reasons the use tax is being considered is because no one will pay both. "Most online sales already include local and state taxes, so this would not be an additional tax on those purchases." The use tax is collected by many cities and counties throughout Missouri, including Richmond Heights, Maplewood and Clayton.

For more information about Brentwood's Proposition 1, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit [brentwoodmo.org/prop1](http://brentwoodmo.org/prop1).



[brentwoodmo.org/Prop1](http://brentwoodmo.org/Prop1)

<b>Would I pay and report the local use tax on this purchase?</b>	Yes	No
Groceries, clothing, or goods from local retailers		<input type="radio"/>
Clothing from Target.com or dog food from Chewy.com		<input type="radio"/>
Netflix or Hulu membership		<input type="radio"/>
Dinner from a local restaurant		<input type="radio"/>
Bulk cleaning supplies from an out-of-state wholesale company that did not charge sales tax	<input type="radio"/>	
Mechanical equipment from an out-of-state business that did not charge sales tax	<input type="radio"/>	

*This information was prepared by the City of Brentwood, Mayor David A. Dimmitt, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144. This information is intended solely to educate and inform residents about a question that will be before voters. It is not intended to advocate, support or oppose the passage or defeat of the measure. Each voter should vote for or against the question based on his or her own judgment.*

## Fire Prevention Tips



### COOKING

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment. The leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

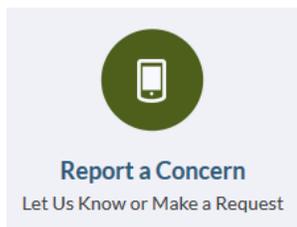
### SMOKE ALARMS

- Smoke alarms detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages. Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the alarm's test button.

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## Report a Concern, Make a Request

Make requests (such as vacation checks or household item pick-ups) or submit concerns through the MyGov request-tracking system via the home page of [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org).



Click on the "Report a Concern" button, choose a category 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.

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## Stay Informed on Nextdoor.com

City staff members regularly share information on Nextdoor. Staff can see your replies to our posts but are not able to see what you and your neighbors are posting. If you have concerns or comments for City staff to address, please respond to City posts or send a private message, call 314.962.4800, or submit the information via "Report a Concern" on the City's website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org).

## CITY SERVICES

### UPDATES DURING COVID-19

Please check the City's website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org), or call 314.962.4800 to confirm the status of City services and operations.

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### CodeRED Emergency Notification

Sign up to receive notifications of impending emergencies or critical community alerts via phone, email or text. Click the CodeRED button on the home page of [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org) or call 314.962.4800 to sign up. Download the **CodeRED Mobile Alert** by Onsolve LLC mobile app for real-time, location-specific alerts.

### 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. Call 314.963.8612.

### MAGIC Bus

This free service is designed to transport Brentwood residents age 60 and older or adults with disabilities to destinations within Brentwood and surrounding communities. To learn more, **including current restrictions**, call 314.963.8685.

### Medication Disposal

As of September 25, medication disposal services at the Brentwood Police Department have resumed. Deposit acceptable items directly into the medication disposal drop box located inside the Police Department lobby. Medication drop-off hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

### Notary

Please call 314.962.4800 to make an arrangement for Notary of the Public services.

## BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is currently offering curbside service only between 12 pm and 6 pm, Monday through Friday and Saturday between 9 am and 1 pm. Staff also can copy, fax, and print your documents for free.

Call 314.963.8630 or text 314.252.0616 when you arrive.

Visit the library website at [brentwoodlibrarymo.org](http://brentwoodlibrarymo.org) for more information on services.

# Brentwood Police Department Launches Body-Worn Camera Program



The Brentwood Police Department has developed a culture of high-level customer service, fair and impartial policing, and use of force only when necessary. The officers' actions are a matter of public record, and the department welcomes the opportunity for increased transparency through the use of body-worn cameras (BWCs). Brentwood Police Department's body-worn camera program became fully operational in July 2020.

## Background

In early 2018, the Brentwood Police Department partnered with the Regional Justice Information Services (REJIS) and the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to begin a BWC program. Spearheading the program in Fall 2017, REJIS was awarded \$350,000 in grant funding for the purchase of BWCs for participating police agencies within St. Louis County. This BJA grant award was one of the first to take a regional approach to BWC acquisition, rather than each agency filing for federal funds individually.

The result of this program was the purchase and future deployment of 247 BWCs for seven participating St. Louis County Municipal Police Departments: Brentwood, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Clayton, Moline Acres, Richmond Heights, Town & Country, and University of Missouri-St. Louis PD.

## Brentwood Police Department Body-Worn Camera Policy

Community involvement is critical to any successful BWC program. The Brentwood Police Department has developed a thorough policy regarding the use of BWCs. This policy is available on the City's website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org).

## Why Body Cameras?

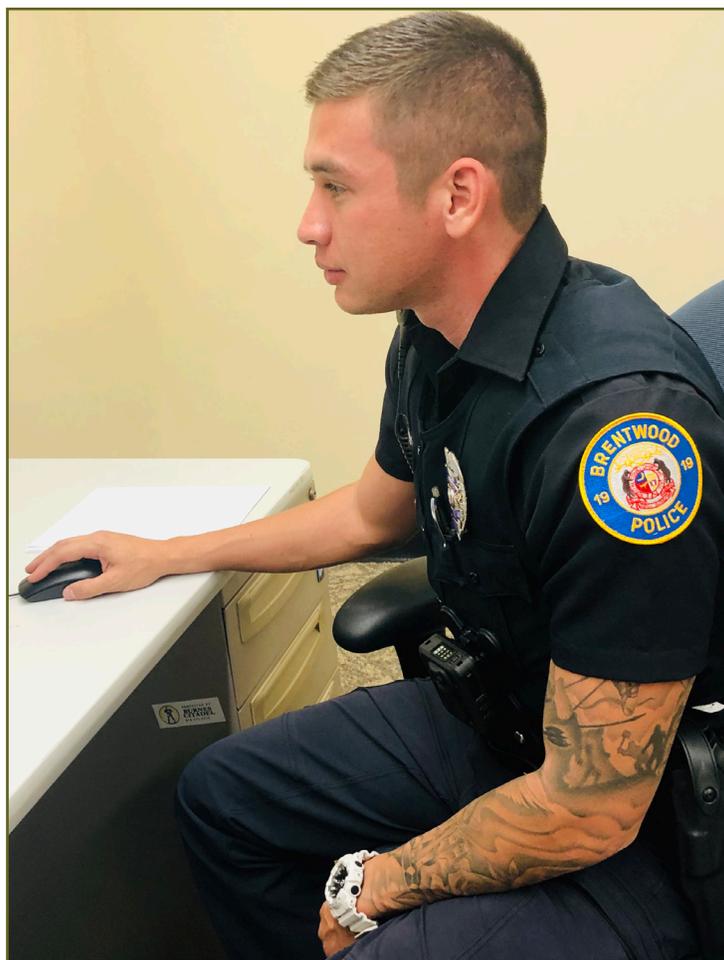
Body-worn cameras (BWCs) have become an important law enforcement tool. The Brentwood Police Department has adopted the use of body camera video/audio recording equipment to accomplish the following objectives:

- Enhance the safety of citizens and officers.
- Enhance transparency, accountability and trust.
- Increase the department's ability to review probable cause for arrests, arrest procedures, officer and suspect interaction, officer and citizen interaction, and training needs.
- Make prosecutions more efficient and effective.

## Limitations of BWC Footage

While body-worn camera footage can be a useful tool and can provide a unique perspective on police encounters, there are limitations, including:

- The camera cannot capture what happened outside of the camera's view or potentially the causation for actions shown, depending on the camera's perspective and breadth of view. How the camera is mounted and the angle at which the camera is mounted affect the perception of what is seen (officer, suspect, witness, victim perspectives).
- The camera cannot record some important danger cues (smells, tensing of muscles, increased pulse rate, physical resistance).
- The night vision component of the camera can see far better than the human eye.
- Camera speed differs from the speed of life.
- An officer's body may unintentionally block the view of the camera.



*Brentwood Officer Thearn Johnson wears one of the department's new body-worn cameras.*

Learn more about the body-worn camera program and find answers to Frequently Asked Questions at [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org).



## Trivia Night - November 13

6-8 pm at Brentwood Community Center

Grab the family (or partner with another) and be prepared to work together for eight rounds of family-friendly trivia to keep you entertained. There will be prizes for winning teams. Pizza included. Space is limited. Please call 314.963.8689 to register in advance.

**Resident \$8/family; Non-Resident \$10/family**



## Santa Skate - December 13

4:45-6:15 pm at Brentwood Ice Rink

Enjoy a very special opportunity to take to the ice with Santa Claus. Bring along the kids and the camera to capture these memories! Space is limited. Please call 314.963.8689 to register in advance.

**Resident \$3.50; Non-Resident \$5; Skate Rental \$2**



## Holiday Cookie Decoration - December 21

6-7:30 pm at Brentwood Community Center

If you enjoy making sweets this time of the year, then join us for a fun-filled night as we create holiday-themed cookies! Each participant will have the opportunity to create, bake and take home a batch of cookies just in time for the holiday season. Space is limited. Please call 314.963.8689 to register in advance. **Ages 6-12.**

**Resident \$12; Non-Resident \$15**

*Parks and Recreation operations and programs are adjusted based on guidance from St. Louis County Dept. of Public Health. Visit [brentwoodmo.org/parks](http://brentwoodmo.org/parks) or call 314.963.8689 for current restrictions and safety protocols.*

## Forest ReLeaf of Missouri Donates Trees to Parks Department

September 2020 marked the fifth consecutive year that Brentwood resident Andy Burkemper and his son Asher planted trees together in our parks system to commemorate Asher's birthday. Since moving to Brentwood in 2016, they have planted 11 trees in cooperation with the Brentwood Parks Department. This year Asher turned 7, and he and Andy planted three additional trees near the volleyball courts at Hanley Park, where Andy has been playing in a league for the past six years.

"Asher has helped me with the plantings since he was two," Burkemper said. "It's a fun activity for us and has become an annual tradition we both look forward to." Andy coordinates tree species selection and planting locations with Parks staff to ensure the right trees are going in the right place. The trees are native Missouri species, donated by Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.

Brentwood's urban forest provides over \$125,000 worth of ecological benefits every year – and this number does not even include trees growing on private property and in our natural areas. To sustain and increase these benefits in the face of tree loss due to Emerald Ash Borer, environmental factors and simple old age, it is crucial that we continue to plant as many trees as possible. Beyond these measurable benefits, a healthy urban forest also provides us all with natural beauty and a deeper sense of connection to the world around us.

"My goals in starting this tradition were to provide a small but lasting benefit to the community and to establish a shared tradition with my son, where together we create a legacy of trees that he can enjoy and be proud of throughout his life and perhaps one day share with his own child(ren). My hope is that along the way it will impress upon him the value of hard work, the importance of community service, and the impact that is possible with small, incremental steps."

**The Brentwood Parks Department sincerely thanks Andy and Asher for doing their part in keeping Brentwood's urban forest vibrant and growing!**

### Brentwood Recreation Complex & Brentwood Ice Rink

2505 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144

Community Center: 314.963.8689 | Ice Rink: 314.963.8680

[www.brentwoodmo.org/parks](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/parks) | [www.brentwoodmo.org/ice](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/ice)

BrentwoodParksandRec

**RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY**



Please keep items loose, clean, and dry.



PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS



METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS



FLATTENED CARDBOARD



PAPER

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall back one hour
- 2 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 5 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
- 7 Brentwood Community Shred Day, 9 am-noon
- 9 Library Board, 6:30 pm
- 10 Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11 Veterans Day\* – City Offices Closed
- 12 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 16 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 18 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm
- 19 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 24 Ward 3 Meeting, 7 pm
- 25 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
- 26 Thanksgiving Holiday\* – City Offices Closed
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\* Holiday Trash Schedule: No trash/recycling/yard waste collection; pickup resumes one day after the regularly scheduled day.

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Library Board, 6:30 pm
- 3 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
- 7 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 8 Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 9 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm
- 10 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 17 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 21 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 23 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
- 25 Christmas Holiday\* – City Offices Closed
- 30 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm

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Please check the calendar on the home page of the City website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org), for meeting updates and meeting access information.

All meetings and events are subject to change or cancelation.

**Residential Paper Shredding**

11.7.2020 | 9 am-12pm

Brentwood Recreation Complex - Side Parking Lot  
(2505 S. Brentwood Blvd.)

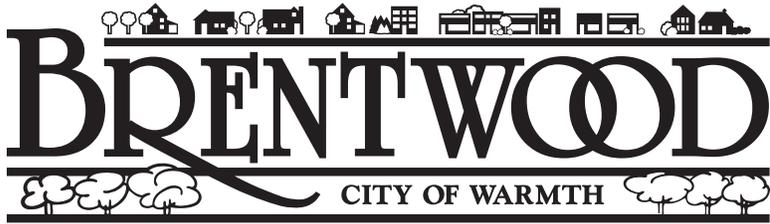


Dispose of residential personal/confidential paperwork, which will be shredded by Secure Document Destruction.

Questions about what to shred? Call 314.795.0004.

Maximum 5 boxes of documents per household. If you have a larger quantity of items to be shredded or if you are a business, please make arrangements for your shredding directly with Secure Document Destruction.

This event will follow physical distancing restrictions. Please remain in your vehicle to limit contact with the Secure Document Destruction crew.



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## Connect with the City of Brentwood

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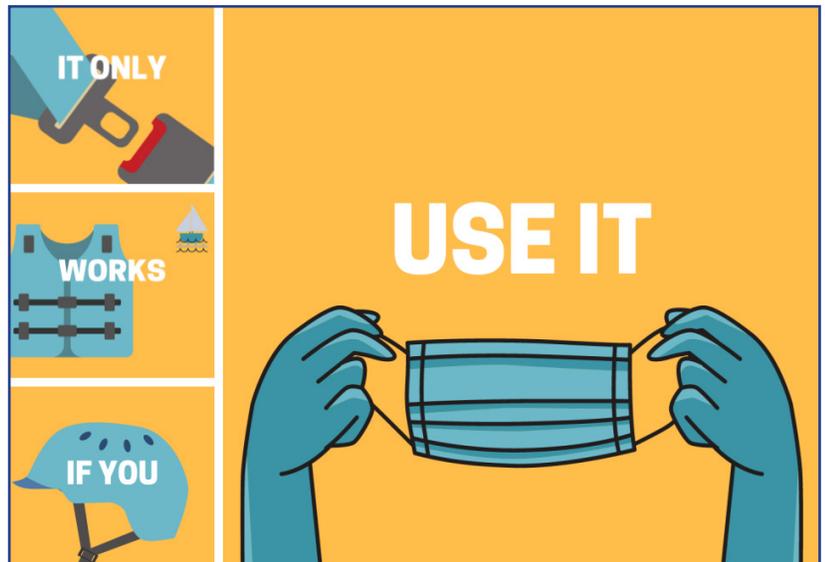
Twitter: @BrentwoodMO

YouTube: [youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv](https://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv)

Emergency / 911

Parks & Recreation / 963.8689 Ice Rink: 963.8680

Brentwood Library / 963.8630



## City of Brentwood Elected Officials

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