



Summer is here!!!! Enjoy time outdoors with community safety in mind.

Bicycle and Fourth of July Safety

A Note from Major Hawkins
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This is the season we all anticipate – summer! Hopefully after this season life will settle back into normal work and school routines as the COVID vaccines have been administered. For our Brentwood community there are so many great ways to spend summer outside and we hope to see everyone out and about enjoying the sunshine and outdoors!

Since the last newsletter we have received several requests to put out some information regarding bicycle safety and I am pleased to share some of that information. First and foremost – helmets save lives! Please wear your helmets when biking (no matter where you go) and make sure the kiddos are wearing them too! While kids might ride bikes on the sidewalks it is not typical for adults to do so and everyone who is an adult on a bike should be in the street. Whilst biking on the roadway, keep in mind you must follow the rules of the road, just as if you are a motorcyclist. This helps keep you seen and keep you safe!

As always, please make sure you are dressed in bright colored clothing or gear to help drivers see you when you are on a bike. Or, you can do what my parents did to me when I was young, and put a giant orange flag on my bicycle. There really was no way to avoid seeing me with that beautiful little flag waving happily in the wind...



It is also approaching the 4th of July and this is a great time to remind everyone that fireworks of any kind are illegal in the City of Brentwood. We will have officers dedicated to fireworks enforcement this year and we will not be

tolerant of fireworks use by visitors or residents. Please report any fireworks use by calling the police and giving us the best description possible so we can properly address the offenders. As an aside, I know they can be a lot of fun to do with the family and kiddos, but please be respectful of our laws, your neighbors, and the safety of our community by keeping fireworks out of Brentwood this year.



As always, stay safe and call 911 if you see anything suspicious. ★