



# BRENTWOOD



CITY OF WARMTH



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**Brentwood  
Bound**

*Building a Bright Future*

The transformative initiatives of the Brentwood Bound Plan are bound together in building a bright future for Brentwood.

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

# Brentwood Park

## Grand Opening Celebration

### June 3, 2023

### 11am-2pm

Come enjoy free activities and entertainment for the whole family!

**Destination  
*Fun***



# Bag the grocery sales tax? Legislature better think again

By David Dimmitt | Published in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* March 14, 2023



The Missouri Senate is considering a bill that, if signed by Gov. Mike Parson, would eliminate sales taxes on food. The bill's fiscal note estimates the cost at over \$1 billion, most of which would come from the tax revenue that local governments use for police, fire, roads, parks, safety inspections and more. While at first blush a tax cut on groceries may sound great, the reality of this exemption would be devastating to local governments and residents. It only effectively eliminates one thing: the ability of your city to service long-term debt and provide citizens with vital, voter-approved services.

Sales taxes, including taxes on groceries, are the lifeblood of many Missouri local governments, including my city of Brentwood. Local governments do not have income taxes and must, instead, survive primarily on property taxes (personal and real) and sales tax. It is important to note the bulk of property taxes do not go to the local municipality — they go to schools and other taxing jurisdictions. This explains municipalities' heavy reliance upon sales taxes.

What do residents, businesses and visitors get in return for these sales taxes? All the services to which we have become accustomed — policing, fire protection, parks, road repair, sidewalks and building inspections to ensure public safety, just to name a few. Your local government, not the state of Missouri, is the entity that provides these services.

In Brentwood, sales taxes make up about 75% of total revenue, and a significant portion comes from grocery sales. While Brentwood is only two square miles, five grocery stores are located here. In fiscal year 2022, the sales taxes on food generated \$4.3 million for the City. If grocery sales are exempted from sales taxes, the projected loss for 2023 would be a 15.79% decrease in total revenue — not just sales tax revenue. This significant loss would seriously impact our ability to keep providing core services to all who live, work, and play in our city.

Another problem with the elimination of sales taxes on the sale of food would be the impact on municipalities to service debt obligations. Brentwood made long-term debt decisions based upon an expectation of a continuation of sales tax revenue, including sales taxes on food. In fact, the city undertook an \$80 million flood mitigation project along Deer Creek. The residents were such strong proponents of this that they overwhelmingly passed a half-percent economic development sales tax on top of the existing sales taxes. The debt service for this Brentwood Bound project for fiscal year 2023 through 2043 every year is approximately \$6.09 million, not counting other debt service payments that total \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2023 alone. The money to pay this \$7.5 million comes from sales taxes.

If there is a revenue loss of \$4.38 million, and the city must make the debt-service payment, the first option would be to freeze capital expenditures. For example, fire pumpers, ambulances, police vehicles, sanitation trucks, street sweepers, police and fire radio replacements and street maintenance. Then we would begin to consider furloughs of employees, including police and fire. The average cost of a fully equipped police officer including compensation, benefits, uniform and equipment is approximately \$139,000, and a fire fighter is \$98,000.

In sum, the city took on voter-approved debt to address chronic flooding on a state highway — Manchester Road — but now state legislators are considering legislation that would jeopardize our ability to service our debt obligations and provide basic municipal services to our residents.

Some senators are justifying the proposed exemption, as well as a significant number of other bills seeking to eliminate local taxes, by observing that local government revenues are “record-breaking.” This is a disingenuous narrative that completely misstates the facts by ignoring the reality of inflation and one-time American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Inflation, projected at 6% to 9%, equally impacts expenditures and revenues. While revenues may have increased, so have expenditures. The pandemic-era funds will be applied and not return. Meanwhile, the sales tax exemption on food would be permanent.

Every citizen is feeling the effect of inflation and the pain of purchasing goods and services at this time. Your city government is no different, but cutting the sales taxes on groceries would be the wrong way to address this issue. Instead, it would only lead to unacceptable and potentially dangerous cuts to crucial services expected, and deserved, by local residents.

Missouri lawmakers need to get the message that this tax exemption is harmful to public safety and the long-term vitality of cities across Missouri like Brentwood.



## 2023 Best Places to Live in Missouri

#4 BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN MISSOURI

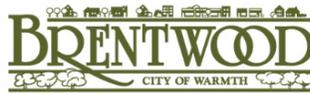
### Brentwood

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**Current Resident:** Strong Community in a great location with close proximity to downtown, excellent, small schools and family friendly. We love it here! [... Read 25 reviews](#)

A+ Overall Niche Grade · A+ Public Schools · Population 8,198

- A+ Public Schools
- C Crime & Safety
- A- Housing
- A Nightlife
- A+ Good for Families
- B+ Diversity
- A Jobs
- B- Weather
- B- Cost of Living
- A+ Health & Fitness
- A- Outdoor Activities
- A- Commute



# Brentwood Ranked #4 Best Place to Live in Missouri

Niche.com has ranked Brentwood as the #4 Best Place to Live in Missouri, with an overall grade of A+!

The ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall livability of an area.

This grade takes into account several key factors of a location, including the quality of local schools, crime rates, housing trends, employment statistics, and access to amenities in an attempt to measure the overall quality of an area.

# Choose how to connect with the City of Brentwood.

*Hello, Brentwood Community Member!*

The City of Brentwood provides information and connects with the community through a variety of communication channels.

Choose the tools you prefer to use to find City of Brentwood updates, news, events and more.

Choose how you wish to stay connected and informed.

*Connect with City of Brentwood's communication channels here*



# Fire Safety Tips from Brentwood Fire Department



If there is a fire in your home, you have less than three minutes to get out.

Fires today burn significantly hotter and faster than ever before because much of what we have in our homes is made up of solid fuels – compressed sawdust or petroleum-based plastics held together by adhesives that can be flammable.

- Be ready for fires in your home by having working smoke detectors at all levels of the residence (including inside each bedroom and in hallways leading to bedrooms) that will alert you early to the presence of smoke.
- Practice fire escape plans for all residents, and make certain children and older adults have been considered.
- Minimize ignition sources such as failing electrical wires and appliances; remove clutter around furnaces and water heaters.
- Keep barbeque grills and fire pits away from buildings during and after use.

A working smoke detector can give you time to safely evacuate you and your loved ones – please test yours today! As always, call your Brentwood Fire Department for further information. We are here to help.

# Police Department Prepares for Reaccreditation

The Brentwood Police Department is an internationally accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The department is currently undergoing its first re-assessment in advance of reaccreditation.

As part of this process, the public is invited to comment on the agency's compliance with the CALEA standards.



**CALEA REACCREDITATION**  
Public Comments Welcome




# BUBBLE BUS

Monday, June 5 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Oak Tree Park in Brentwood

**CELEBRATE THE LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING CLUB WITH BUBBLES!**

Open to children and families. Free. No registration required.





# A VISIT TO THE FIRE HOUSE

**MONDAY, JUNE 26 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a firefighter? We're going to meet real firefighters at the Brentwood Fire House and learn how firefighters are community helpers.

Free and no registration is required.

This event will take place at the Brentwood Fire House (8756 Eulalie Ave, Brentwood, MO 63144).




## “Report a Concern”: Make a Request or Submit a Concern

Make requests (such as a vacation check or a household bulk item pick-up) or submit concerns (such as a pothole or tall grass) through the MyGov request-tracking system via the home page of [brentwoodmo.org](https://brentwoodmo.org).

Click on the “Report a Concern” button, choose a category and topic, complete the information, and submit your request.

## City of Brentwood on Nextdoor

The City of Brentwood regularly uses the Nextdoor app to post news, updates and event information so you can stay up to date with what’s happening in Brentwood.

While we can share information with you, we cannot see what you and your neighbors are discussing. We do receive your replies to our posts and any private messages you send to us. If you have a question for us or want to get in touch privately when we post, click on our name and choose “message.”

## County Home Improvement Program Offers Up to \$7,500

St. Louis County Government’s federally funded Home Improvement Program is offering up to \$7,500 for approved home repairs for eligible low- to moderate-income resident homeowners at no cost. Eligible repair items include furnace/air conditioning, roofing, plumbing, electrical, tuck-pointing, concrete/asphalt/masonry, hot water heater, insulation, hand rails, tree trimming/removal, and waterproofing/foundation work.

To be eligible: You must own and live in your home, your property taxes must be current, you cannot have participated in the program previously, and your household’s total income (the Adjusted Gross Income listed on your 2022 Federal Income Tax return OR the Total Household Income on the 2022 Missouri Property Tax Credit claim) must be within these income limits:

- Family of 1: Less than \$53,150*
- Family of 2: Less than \$60,750*
- Family of 3: Less than \$68,350*
- Family of 4: Less than \$75,900*
- Family of 5: Less than \$82,000*
- Family of 6: Less than \$88,050*
- Family of 7: Less than \$94,150*
- Family of 8: Less than \$100,200*

To apply or for more information, please call 314.615.4025. Funding availability is limited.

## CITY SERVICES

### CodeRED/OnSolve Emergency Notification + Weather Warning Alerts

Sign up to receive notifications of impending emergencies, weather alerts, or critical community alerts via phone, email or text. Click the CodeRED button on the home page of [brentwoodmo.org](https://brentwoodmo.org) or call 314.963.6710 to sign up. Download the **CodeRED Mobile Alert by Onsolve LLC** mobile app for real-time, location-specific alerts.

Brentwood’s CodeRED Community Notification System includes CodeRED Weather Warning, which provides residents and businesses with automated severe weather alerts. Those who choose to opt in to this service will receive flash flood, tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert has been issued by the National Weather Service.

The City of Brentwood sends other public safety notifications, such as road closures or specific emergency situations, through the CodeRED system. The City of Brentwood CodeRED Assistance Line is 314.963.6710. Please leave your name and phone number, and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

**There is no charge to residents or businesses for this service.**

### 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, call 314.963.8685.

### Medication Disposal

Deposit acceptable items directly into the medication disposal drop box located inside the Brentwood Police Department lobby (272 Hanley Industrial Court), 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

### Notary

Please call 314.962.4800 to make an arrangement for Notary of the Public services at Brentwood City Hall.

## Program Highlights



### Senior Meal Prep Class - April 11

10-11 am at Brentwood Community Center

From preparing daily menus to building a grocery list that won't go over budget, this course will cover all you need to confidently create healthy meals at home. Registered dietician Brooke Grubb will walk through the process from creating your recipes and menus all the way to the finished product of a nutritious week of meals. *Presented by and lunch provided by Aging Ahead. Donations accepted at time of class. Pre-register by April 7.*

**Ages 50+**

**FREE**

### No School Day - April 14

8:30 am-4:30 pm at Brentwood Community Center

No school? No problem! Enjoy your No School Day at Brentwood Community Center with active games, crafts, sports, cooking, and science experiments. *Registered participants will receive an email one week prior with details of the day's activities. Before and after care is also available.*

**Resident \$45/Non-Resident \$50; Before and After Care \$15**



### Brentwood Game Club - April 26

1-4 pm at Brentwood Community Center

Gather with friends at the Brentwood Community Center to play games, socialize and meet new people. Learn a new game or play an old favorite. *Light refreshments provided.*

**\$5**



### Star Wars Skate: Revenge of the Fifth - May 5

7-10 pm at Brentwood Ice Rink

Celebrate the Dark Side of the Force at the annual Star Wars Skate. We'll turn on the glow lights, play Star Wars theme music and take you to a galaxy far, far away. Look out for the storm troopers and snap a picture. Wear your best Star Wars outfit and enter the costume contest!

**Resident \$6/Non-Resident \$8; Skate Rental \$2**



Check our website for these events and additional programs: [brentwoodmo.org/ParksPrograms](http://brentwoodmo.org/ParksPrograms)

Pre-Register for programs by calling the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department at 314.963.8689 or register online at [Webtrac.Brentwoodmo.org](http://Webtrac.Brentwoodmo.org).

### 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

Please check the calendar on the home page of the City website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org), for meeting updates and in-person and virtual access information. Meetings and events are subject to change or cancelation.

The following meetings are streamed live and recordings are available on the City's YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv](http://youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv): Board of Aldermen, Planning & Zoning Commission, Communications Committee, Public Safety Committee, Public Works Committee, and Ways & Means Committee. To be notified when a meeting goes live, click the subscribe button.

## APRIL

- 3 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 6 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
- 10 Municipal Court, 5 pm
- 12 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 pm
- 13 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 17 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 18 Communications Committee, 6 pm
- 20 Architectural Review Board, 6:30 pm
- 24 Municipal Court, 5 pm
- 24 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
- 26 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
- 26 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6:30 pm
- 27 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am
- 27 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm

## JUNE

- 1 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
- 8 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 12 Municipal Court, 5 pm
- 13 Redevelopment Corporation, 7 pm
- 14 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 pm
- 15 Architectural Review Board, 6:30 pm
- 19 Juneteenth\* - City Offices Closed
- 20 Board of Aldermen, 6 pm
- 22 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm
- 26 Municipal Court, 5 pm
- 26 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
- 27 Communications Committee, 6 pm
- 28 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
- 28 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6:30 pm
- 29 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am

\* Holiday Trash Schedule: No trash/recycling collection; pickup resumes one day after the regularly scheduled day.

## MAY

- 1 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 4 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
- 6 Residential Paper Shredding, 9 am-noon
- 8 Municipal Court, 5 pm
- 9 Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 10 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 pm
- 11 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 13 Electronics Recycling, 8 am-noon
- 15 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 16 Police & Firefighters' Pension Board, 8:30 am
- 16 Communications Committee, 6 pm
- 18 Architectural Review Board, 6:30 pm
- 22 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
- 24 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
- 25 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am
- 25 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm
- 29 Memorial Day\* - City Offices Closed
- 30 Ward 3 Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 31 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6:30 pm

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### RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING 2023

**9 am - Noon**

**Brentwood Recreation Complex**

**May 6 | August 5 | November 4**

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2023

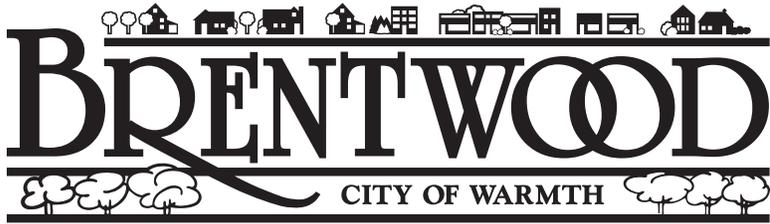
**8 am - Noon**

**Brentwood Recreation Complex**

**May 13 | August 12 | December 9**

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Please place yard waste in trash containers with lids or in proper yard waste bags. Branches and tree limbs that will not fit into trash containers or yard waste bags should be cut into lengths not more than 4' and tied together with string, twine or rope into bundles no larger than 2' in diameter.



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## Connect with the City of Brentwood

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Brentwood, MO 63144

314.962.4800

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

Facebook: BrentwoodMO

Twitter: @BrentwoodMO

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

Emergency / 911

Parks & Recreation / 963.8689 Ice Rink: 963.8680

Brentwood Library / 963.8630



A 14' wide pedestrian tunnel at the intersection of Manchester Road and Mary Avenue is one of the enhancements included in the Manchester Road Improvements Project. This safe, accessible underpass will connect the new Brentwood Park to the Rogers Parkway trail.

## City of Brentwood Elected Officials

Mayor David Dimmitt / [ddimmitt@brentwoodmo.org](mailto:ddimmitt@brentwoodmo.org) 314.963.8601  
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