

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR DIMMITT:

We are introducing a new feature in each edition of The Brentwood Bulletin on how the city works for the residents and businesses. In each issue, we'll feature a different city department, describing how we fund that department, and how we spend those dollars.

The funding question is deceptively simple. While Brentwood has several sources of revenue, the largest source of revenue is a tax on all retail sales taking place within the city, or "Sales Taxes." Sales taxes account for more than 65% of our general revenue and clearly are the lifeblood of Brentwood, as well as all municipalities across the state. In 2023, our total revenues for the general fund are projected to be \$14,420,032 of which sales taxes are projected to be \$9,425,387!



One way we utilize that money is funding the Brentwood Fire Department. The benefit of having our own department instead of a fire protection district is that we have complete control over it. However, we also have complete responsibility for funding it.

We have 24 firemen, and in 2024 we are projecting to spend more than \$2.6M just on compensation. To understand the compensation for our firefighters, it's necessary to understand the City's overall compensation plan. In 2015, the Board of Aldermen made the decision to institute a market-based system of compensation for all city employees. The Board also made the decision to use 13 cities as "comparators" and that our philosophy would be that we pay at the 75th percentile relative to those comparators, which include Des Peres, Clayton, Maplewood, and Ladue, to name just a few.

When I became mayor in 2019, I led the effort to increase the pay for our firemen and policemen from the 75th percentile to the 95th percentile, which the Board passed.

Every two years we review the comparator cities to try and maintain the 95th percentile position and suggest increases, which the Board has always approved. Moreover, every year eligible firemen receive a 5.75% pay increase, unless they are capped out. Our goal remains the same: our firefighters are to be some of the highest paid and our Board of Aldermen are committed to maintaining that philosophy.

The other large item in running our own fire department is capital expenditures — fire trucks aren't free, after all. Our fire department has two fire trucks, two ambulances, as well as fully outfitted vehicles for our Fire Chief and Assistant Chief, and a standard vehicle for our Fire Marshal. In 2025 we will be receiving a replacement fire truck at a cost of \$1.2 mil. A few years ago, the Board approved the purchase of a replacement ambulance at a cost of more than \$300,000. These are just some of the capital expenditures already approved and either paid and/or budgeted.

To provide the most professional, best-equipped fire department, it's imperative that the city carefully monitor its finances. For the last two years, the legislature in Jefferson City has tried to reduce revenues for municipalities and have been successful in some areas. The biggest threat to Brentwood is the current effort to eliminate sales taxes on groceries. If the legislation is successful, we predict our total revenue will decrease approximately 16% or \$4 mil. The question then would become: how do we find a way to replace this lost revenue? We've looked and, unfortunately, there isn't any way to replace it. To maintain a balanced budget, we would have to start cutting services.

I trust this letter has provided you with an inside look at the operations of our fire department. Not every municipality is as financially sound as Brentwood. However, because of our consistent revenues and our commitment to closely monitor expenses, we are able to provide some of the best amenities for our residents. Our goal is to continue to provide those amenities to which you have become accustomed. In the next issue, we'll take a look at our police department.

### Fire Safety at Home This Winter



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

- Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.
- 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involve heating equipment.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms (and smoke detectors) at least once a month.
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

As always, contact your Brentwood Fire Department at (314) 963-8612 with questions about remaining healthy and safe this winter!

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### Brentwood Fire Department Holiday Events

The Brentwood Fire Department had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with residents. They held their annual Fill the Ambulance event to collect donations for Toys for Tots. The generosity of the community was overwhelming, so thank you to all those who donated to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter. Another exciting event was the annual Santa Parade. We had a couple of chilly evenings, but that didn't dampen the holiday spirit! Residents came out to wave to Santa and share some holiday joy with the Brentwood Fire Department! Finally, Brentwood Police and Fire squared off in collaboration with Maplewood Police and Fire to collect pillows in the annual Pillow Fight benefitting Home Sweet Home. Brentwood Fire Department earned first place and Brentwood PD came in third!



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### Winter Vehicle Safety Tips from Brentwood PD

Winter is a great time to keep vehicle safety in mind. With colder temperatures, many people like to warm up their vehicles. Please remember to lock your vehicle, use remote start when possible, and to always keep an eye on your vehicle after you start it. If someone tries to steal your vehicle do not approach them, but call 911 to immediately report their description and your location. Also, pass the word onto your friends and neighbors so we can work together towards a safer community!



## Brentwood School District Ranks No. 1 in St. Louis Region for APR

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released the statewide Annual Performance Reports (APR) for the 2022-23 school year, and Brentwood School District's APR score ranked first among districts in the St. Louis region and tied for ninth statewide.

APR demonstrates the progress districts and their individual schools are making toward meeting the Standards and Indicators in the sixth version of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 6). Brentwood earned a score of 93.1% for the 2022-23 school year, which ranks in the top 2% of the more than 550 Missouri school districts that were evaluated.



Brentwood students also met the target in every content area that is measured by the Missouri Assessment Program, and data shows that overall, students had an average or above-average growth in English language arts, math, and social studies.

“The state APR allows us to identify and celebrate our strengths, while also highlighting areas for continued improvement,” said Dr. Brian Lane, superintendent of schools. “It is just one of the many data points we use throughout the school year to measure student success.”

MSIP is the state’s system for reviewing and accrediting Missouri school districts. It outlines expectations for school practices and student outcomes, with the goal of each student graduating prepared to be successful in college, career, and life. Scores are based on student growth and academic performance on the Missouri state assessment, as well as other measures associated with each district’s continuous school improvement plan.

Brentwood measures student growth and achievement multiple times throughout the school year. This allows teachers to receive timely feedback on student learning and personalize their instruction in real time. It also allows families to follow the progress of their students throughout the year and empowers students to understand and direct their own learning.

## Brentwood Library Upcoming Events

<p><b>UPTOWN VITALITY STRETCH YOGA</b> FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FEBRUARY 23 APRIL 6 6:00-6:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Balance Barre for Seniors</b> Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 AM FEBRUARY 7 APRIL 4 10:00-11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Pokemon Valentine's Scavenger Hunt</b> February 1-15 during library hours Brentwood Public Library 2700 East Kansas, Brentwood, Missouri</p>	<p><b>February 6 at 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>JOHN GREEN</b> <b>THE ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED</b> Brentwood Book Club 2700 East Kansas, Community Center (2700 E. Kansas Blvd.) Brentwood, Missouri</p>
<p><b>CRAFTABILITY</b> Brentwood Public Library 2700 East Kansas, Brentwood, Missouri</p>	<p><b>POM POM ANIMALS</b> Monday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. Brentwood Public Library 2700 East Kansas, Brentwood, Missouri</p>	<p><b>March 5 at 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>The Book of Delights</b> ROSS GAY Brentwood Book Club 2700 East Kansas, Community Center (2700 E. Kansas Blvd.) Brentwood, Missouri</p>	<p><b>April 2 at 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>LYNDA RUTLEDGE</b> <b>West with a Gruffie</b> Brentwood Book Club 2700 East Kansas, Community Center (2700 E. Kansas Blvd.) Brentwood, Missouri</p>

For the full list of upcoming events at Brentwood Public Library, visit: <https://www.brentwoodlibrarymo.org/calendar-2/>

# CITY OF BRENTWOOD 2024 HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Holiday	Date	Change
New Year's Day 2024	Monday, January 1, 2024	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Tues-Sat)
Live Christmas Tree Recycling	January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7	Tree pickup on Wednesdays 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
MLK Day	Monday, January 15	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 19	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Confluence Trash Bash Event	Around early April	Special event - see below
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Veterans' Day Observed	Monday, November 11	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Christmas Day 2023	Wednesday, December 25, 2023	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Thurs-Sat)

Basic trash, recycling, and yard waste services are provided to Brentwood residents free of charge.

Large item pickup is available for an additional fee. Please see Household Pickup Information located under Government > Departments > Public Works on [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). To schedule a large item pickup and inquire about fee schedules, call 314.962.4800.

## Confluence Trash Bash 2024

This free community event is open to Brentwood residents of all ages with multiple cleanup sites located at MSD sponsored sites. All you need to do is wear old clothes and volunteer to help remove trash in and near creeks and streams. The Public Works Department in conjunction with Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) and other event sponsors are promoting watershed awareness and pollution prevention of waterways. For more information, go to [www.openspacestl.org](http://www.openspacestl.org) to volunteer.

## Brentwood Welcomes New Business: Kitchen Conservatory

Seasoned and novice cooks alike are excited about one of the newest additions to the Brentwood business scene, Kitchen Conservatory. Founded in 1984 in Belleville, IL, and calling Clayton home since 1991, St. Louis' premier kitchen store and training spot is celebrating its 40th anniversary by moving to Brentwood!

Located at 9001 Manchester Rd. (formerly the Brentwood Bowling Alley), Kitchen Conservatory's new space boasts a robust storefront and three teaching kitchens.

Offering 30 classes a week taught by dozens of chefs, there is something for everyone! Classes span the globe in terms of cuisine and are catered to many different skill levels.

"You come in for the product, you learn how to use the product. You come in and take the class. There is synergy," said owner Anne Cori when describing the benefit of Kitchen Conservatory's one stop cook and shop environment.

"Cooking brings a lot of joy to people's lives," said Cori. "I hope everyone comes and visits us!"

To learn more about Kitchen Conservatory, visit: <https://www.kitchenconservatory.com/>



## CITY SERVICES

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

Sign up to receive notifications of emergencies, weather alerts, 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 314.963.6710 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, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

### Notary

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

## “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 weeds) 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 topic, complete the information, and submit your request.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS



### Parents Night Out

Drop off the kids and have a night out! Children will have the opportunity to eat dinner, watch a movie, play games, and go ice skating! Each night has a unique theme!

Dates: Friday, February 9, March 1, & April 5

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: Res. \$25 / Non-Res. \$30



### Puzzles, Pizza, and Pilsners

Enjoy a night of pizza, pilsners, and puzzles! Form a team of up to 4 people to compete! Each team will have two hours to complete the same 500-piece puzzle. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place. Participants encouraged to BYOB. Pizza and Puzzles will be provided.

Date: Friday, February 2

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: \$40 / team



### Spring Break Camp

Release all the holiday energy with the Brentwood Parks and Rec staff during Spring Break! We will be ice skating, creating crafts and science projects, playing sports and more! Register for one class or all five!

Registered participants will receive an email one week prior to Spring Break with details.

Dates: Monday - Friday, March 18 - 20

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: Full Week - Res. \$185 / Non-Res. \$205 / Individual Days - Res. \$50 / Non-Res. \$60



### Community Egg Hunt

Join us for a FREE Community Egg Hunt! There will be 10,000 eggs to be found and plenty of candy and prizes to discover.

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 9 - 10 AM

Location: Brentwood Park

Price: FREE



### Family Trivia Night

Grab the family (or partner with another) and be prepared to work together for eight rounds of family friendly trivia. Snacks and prizes included! Preregistration required. Teams of 8 or less. Fee is per team.

Date: Friday, April 19

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: Res. \$25 / Non-Res. \$30 per team



### Tons of Transportation

BEEP! BEEP! Join us and the City of Clayton to see different vehicles from police, fire, construction, and more.

Date: Saturday, April 27

Time: 9 - 11 AM

Location: Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Ave., Clayton, MO 63105

Price: FREE

Find these and more upcoming events online: [BrentwoodMO.org/Parks](https://www.brentwoodmo.org/Parks)

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



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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 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](https://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.

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 PM
- 3 Residential Paper Shredding, 9 AM - Noon
- 5 Board of Aldermen, 7 PM
- 8 Public Works Committee, 6 PM
- 9 Parents Night Out, 5:30 - 9:30 PM
- 12 Municipal Court, 5 PM
- 13 Ward 2 Meeting, 6 PM
- 14 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 PM
- 15 Architectural Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 20 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm (Alternate Date)
- 22 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 PM
- 26 Municipal Court, 5:00 PM
- 26 Sustainability Commission, 6:00 PM
- 27 Communications Committee, 6:00 PM
- 28 Public Safety, 5:30 PM
- 28 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 PM
- 29 Coffee with the Mayor, 9:00 AM

**MARCH**

- 1 Parents Night Out, 5:30 - 9:30 PM
- 2 Electronics Recycling, 8 AM - Noon
- 4 Board of Aldermen, 7 PM
- 7 Ways & Means, 5:30 PM
- 11 Municipal Court, 5:00 PM
- 12 Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 13 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 PM
- 14 Public Works Committee, 6 PM
- 18 Board of Aldermen, 7 PM
- 19 Communications Committee, 6 PM
- 21 Architectural Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 25 Municipal Court, 5:00 PM
- 25 Sustainability Commission, 6:00 PM
- 26 Ward 3 Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 27 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 PM
- 27 Public Safety, 5:30 PM
- 28 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 AM
- 28 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 PM

**APRIL**

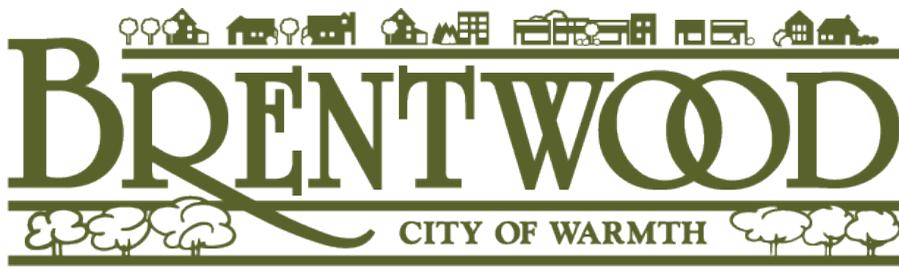
- 1 Board of Aldermen, 7 PM
- 4 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 PM
- 5 Parents Night Out, 5:30 - 9:30 PM
- 6 Destination Fun Playground Opening
- 8 Municipal Court, 5 PM
- 10 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 PM
- 11 Public Works Committee, 6 PM
- 15 Board of Aldermen, 7 PM
- 16 Communications Committee, 6 PM
- 18 Architectural Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 22 Municipal Court, 5:00 PM
- 22 Sustainability Commission, 6 PM
- 24 Public Safety, 5:30 PM
- 24 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 PM
- 25 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 AM
- 25 Board of Adjustment, 7:00 PM

**RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING 2024**

February 3, May 4, August 3, & November 2  
 9 am - Noon  
 Brentwood Recreation Complex

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2024**

March 2, May 11, August 15, & December 14  
 8 am - Noon  
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