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How our readers are making it work!



Webster Groves — Marlene Knobbe-Parsons and Jack Parsons (on porch) enjoy a concert from Marlene's son Don Knobbe (on bass), Don's daughter Grace Knobbe (playing ukelele) and his son August Knobbe on keyboard. All were also singing!



Elle and Auggie Dodel painting rocks outside using paint stick



Juniper (age 5) and Clark (age 3) make a sign and visit through the door with grandma Debbi Gebben Greenwell.



Mark Hill (top center) has a Zoom family conference with son Mark Hill, Jr. holding 3 week old daughter Hannah and big sister Eva.



L-R: sisters Winter and Sunny Dill enjoying art time at home.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your wonderful pictures!

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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD
 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
 BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 CENTER
 1201 HANLEY INDUSTRIAL COURT
 BRENTWOOD, MO 63144
 MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
 7:00 PM



Mayor
David Dimmitt



Alderwoman
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman
David Plufka



Alderwoman
Sunny Sims



Alderman
Brandon Wegge

Ward 1

Ward 2

Ward 3

Ward 4



Municipal Judge
Patrick Dignam



Alderman
Andy Leahy



Alderman
Steve Lochmoeller



Alderwoman
Kathy O'Neill



Alderwoman
Pat Ebeling

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 A. Call to Order
 Mayor Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dimmitt.

2. ROLL CALL
 A. Roll Call

Present: Mayor David Dimmitt, Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

A quorum was present and Mayor Dimmitt presided.

Staff: City Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Parks and Recreation Director Eric Gruenfelder, Planning and Development Director Lisa Koerkenmeier, Finance Director Karen Shaw, Deputy City Clerk Shelly Todd, Public Works Director Dan Gummshaimer, Police Chief Joe Spiess, Fire Chief Terry Kurten, Assistant Fire Ronnie Cottrell, Communications Manager Janet Levy, IT Director Larry Cawvey

3. AGENDA APPROVAL
 A. Approval or Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Approved by acclamation. Motion Passed.

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS
 A. Fire Department Swearing In Patrick Schumm

Fire Chief Terry Kurten read an introduction for newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Schumm. Firefighter Schumm was sworn in by City Administrator Bola Akande.

B. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment

Mayor Dimmitt appointed Sue Kaiser to the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Aldermen were in favor of his appointment.

Motion to appoint Sue Kaiser to the Board of Adjustment. Motion by Alderman Andy Leahy, second by Alderwoman Sunny Sims.

Approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Case # 19-20 - A Public Hearing To Consider A Conditional User Permit (CUP) and Site Plan Review To Operate A Medical Care Day Program For Children For Property Zoned "LID" Light Industrial District And Located At 1400 Strassner Drive (Locator Number 20K310332). The applicant is Janice Cataldi.

Mayor Dimmitt opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. There was no discussion and the public hearing was closed at 7:06 PM.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Citizen Comments

Stu (Stewart) Clark, resident of 2331 St. Clair Avenue, Brentwood, Missouri thanked Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice for reading his letter of citizen support for developing trails in Brentwood at a prior meeting. Stated the letter explained when the Brentwood Bound Committee was campaigning for the additional tax, the Committee showed pictures of the trails and received positive feedback. The additional tax was supported specifically because of their support of the trails.

7. MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

A. Mayor David Dimmitt

No report.

B. Alderman Thomas Kramer- Ward 4

No report.

C. Alderman Andy Leahy - Ward 3

Alderman Leahy stated the Ward 3 meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28 at the Brentwood Community Center, 7:00 PM. The City of Brentwood and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive on Friday, January 24 from 2:00-8:00 PM.

D. Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - Ward 3

Alderman Lochmoeller stated the Public Works Committee meets on Thursday, January 9, 6:00 PM at the Brentwood School District Conference Center.

E. Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill - Ward 4

Alderwoman O'Neill stated the Ward 4 meeting is January 28, 5:30 PM at the Brentwood Forest Clubhouse.

F. Alderman David Plufka - Ward 1

Alderman Plufka stated the next Public Safety Committee meeting is on January 22, 5:30 PM at the Brentwood School District Conference Center.

G. Alderwoman Sunny Sims - Ward 2

No report.

H. Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - Ward 1

Alderwoman Parker Tice stated the Ward 1 meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 PM at the Brentwood Community Center.

I. Alderman Brandon Wegge - Ward 2

Alderman Wegge stated a resolution is presented to waive the rental fee for the ice rink. The fee would be \$315 for the ice rink and \$2.00 per skates. The waiver is for the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of Mark Twain and McGrath Elementary Schools mixer event that serves the entire community.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1195.

Motion by Alderman Brandon Wegge, second by Alderwoman Sunny Sims.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Report From Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LP - Independent Review Of Expenditures Of Proceeds Of The 2018 Series Certificates Of Participation - July 1 Through September 30, 2019

Courtney Cannon of Kerber, Eck & Braeckel presented their review of expenditures of proceeds of the 2018 Series Certificates Of Participation for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

B. Brentwood Bound Update

Craig Schutler of Navigate Building Solutions stated the federal grant was applied for on Friday, January 3rd. We will know in June 2020 if the City of Brentwood received

the grant for approximately five million, one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$5,150,000). The demolition of properties has started with no change orders. Soft costs expenses since the last Board of Aldermen meeting is one hundred ninety thousand one hundred nine dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$190,109.77). Other expenditures were property acquisitions for 3029 Brent Avenue, 8130 Brentwood Industrial Drive, 8228 Brentwood Industrial Drive, and 2717 Breckenridge Industrial. The total spent since the last Board of Aldermen meeting is three hundred eighty-three thousand four hundred fifty-three dollars and sixteen cents (\$383,453.16).
 C. Request On Behalf Of Equis Hospitality Management (EQH - Brentwood, LLC.) - TownePlace Suites By Marriott Project Site From Cook & Riley, LLC.

Scott Riley of Cook & Riley provided a project update on the TownePlace Suites by Marriott. The project site has required soil and building material remediation. There will be a seven (7) month construction delay.

D. City Hall - Customer Service Improvements Update
 Public Works Director Gummshaimer provided an update on the City Hall Customer Service Improvements project. Scheduled completion is late January with the goal for staff to move in the month of February.

E. Street Light Project Update

Public Works Director Gummshaimer stated solar lights have been installed for over a month. The department will take readings and make any adjustments necessary. He has received positive comments.

Alderman Wegge stated he has received positive comments and some residents stated the lights were dimmer than expected.

Public Works Director Gummshaimer stated the Ameren light project is supposed to start this week.

Alderman Wegge stated he is still getting a little pushback from some residents. Asked how to proceed in terms of revisiting for the streets that didn't want the lights.

Public Works Director Gummshaimer he is planning to take field measurements once the Ameren lights are installed and revisit. The lights will shine towards the streets primarily, which may make a difference for the residents not wanting the street lights.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Standing Committees Reports

Alderman Leahy asked for Resolution No. 1060.1 - A Resolution Authorizing Revisions To The Brentwood Fleet Replacement Policy to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Stated his understanding was that the Public Works Committee is dealing with a potential contractor to hire an automobile dealership that will do the maintenance on the City vehicles. If that be the case, confused why we would change the policy on replacing cars based on a mileage standard when we have somebody under contract that is quite knowledgeable to tell us when and if something should be replaced. Finds the two (2) Bills in conflict with each other.

Public Works Director Gummshaimer answered it's not a dealership. We are proposing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Kirkwood for evaluations. The outside entity has no vested interest in whether we get a police car or other vehicles. The second part was to do any repairs that would be outside either our working hours or our main mechanic is unavailable because the department is working on snow removal. The fleet is more related to the police vehicles. The City of Kirkwood will evaluate the vehicle and follow the City of Brentwood's policy.

Alderman Leahy asked for clarification on Resolution No.

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1194 related to barrier removal and the change order. Fire Chief Kurten stated we only have one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) budgeted. We're asking for approval of one hundred sixty-six thousand two hundred dollars (\$166,200). We will trim off some work on the project which will reduce the cost by sixty-two hundred dollars (\$6200) and we will be within budget. There will be a change order to deduct the difference.

Mayor Dimmitt stated it's in the City's best interest to reject all submittals for Resolution No. 1193. The item was removed and will be re-visited at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

C. Warrant List -2019 Operating Funds

Motion to approve 9A) Standing Committees Reports, 9B) Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019, 9C) Warrant List 2019 Operating Funds, 9D) Warrant List 2020 Operating Funds, 9E) Warrant List 2019 Expenditures From The 2018 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP), 9F) Resolution No. 1060.1, 9G) Resolution No. 1191, 9H) Resolution No. 1192, 9J) Resolution No. 1194, 9K) Change Order Brentwood Bound Norm West Park - Parks And Trails, 9L) Work Order - Brentwood Bound Tree Removal

Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, second by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

D. Warrant List -2020 Operating Funds

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Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, second by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

E. Warrant List - 2019 Expenditures From The 2018 Series Certificates Of Participation Proceeds (COP)

Motion to approve 9A) Standing Committees Reports, 9B) Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019, 9C) Warrant List 2019 Operating Funds, 9D) Warrant List 2020 Operating Funds, 9E) Warrant List 2019 Expenditures From The 2018 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP), 9F) Resolution No. 1060.1, 9G) Resolution No. 1191, 9H) Resolution No. 1192, 9J) Resolution No. 1194, 9K) Change Order Brentwood Bound Norm West Park - Parks And Trails, 9L) Work Order - Brentwood Bound Tree Removal

Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, second by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

F. Resolution No. 1060.1 - A Resolution Authorizing Revisions To The Brentwood Fleet Replacement Policy

Motion to approve 9A) Standing Committees Reports, 9B) Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019, 9C) Warrant List 2019 Operating Funds, 9D) Warrant List 2020 Operating Funds, 9E) Warrant List 2019 Expenditures From The 2018 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP), 9F) Resolution No. 1060.1, 9G) Resolution No. 1191, 9H) Resolution No. 1192, 9J) Resolution No. 1194, 9K) Change Order Brentwood Bound Norm West Park - Parks And Trails, 9L) Work Order - Brentwood Bound Tree Removal

Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, second by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

G. Resolution No. 1191 - A Resolution Endorsing Full Implementation Of The Brentwood Bound Redevelopment Program And Authorizing City Staff To Seek Additional Resources To Coordinate And Fund Approved Project Enhancements

Motion to approve 9A) Standing Committees Reports, 9B) Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019, 9C) Warrant List 2019 Operating Funds, 9D) Warrant List 2020 Operating Funds, 9E) Warrant List 2019 Expenditures From The 2018 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP), 9F) Resolution No. 1060.1, 9G) Resolution No. 1191, 9H) Resolution No. 1192, 9J) Resolution No. 1194, 9K) Change Order Brentwood Bound Norm West Park - Parks And Trails, 9L) Work Order - Brentwood Bound Tree Removal

Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, second by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

H. Resolution No. 1192 - A Resolution Authorizing An Addendum To The Professional Services Agreement With Botz, Deal & Company, P.C. For Accounting Services

Motion to approve 9A) Standing Committees Reports, 9B) Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019, 9C) Warrant List 2019 Operating Funds, 9D) Warrant List 2020 Operating Funds, 9E) Warrant List 2019 Expenditures From The 2018 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP), 9F) Resolution No. 1060.1, 9G) Resolution No. 1191, 9H) Resolution No. 1192, 9J) Resolution No. 1194, 9K) Change Order Brentwood Bound Norm West Park - Parks And Trails, 9L) Work Order - Brentwood Bound Tree Removal

Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, second by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

I. Resolution No. 1193 - A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Agreement With Garcia Hamilton And Associates For Investment Advisory Services

Removed from agenda.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6270 - Cell Phone Stipend Policy And Cell Phone Stipend Agreement - Amendment To The Employee Handbook

Bill No. 6270 was read by title only for the second time and final passage by City Attorney O'Keefe.

Alderman Brandon Wegge called point of order. First reading was read on December 2, 2019.

Motion to perfect Bill No. 6270 - Cell Phone Stipend Policy and Cell Phone Stipend Agreement and Amendment to the Employee Handbook
Motion by Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, second by Alderman Brandon Wegge.

Motion to amend Exhibit A.
Motion by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, second by Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill.

Approved by voice vote.
Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

Motion to perfect Bill No. 6270 - Cell Phone Stipend Policy and Cell Phone Stipend Agreement and Amendment to the Employee Handbook and amended Exhibit A.

Motion by Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, second by Alderman Brandon Wegge.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge
Nay: Alderman Andy Leahy

Bill No. 6270 passed and upon signature of the Mayor becomes Ordinance No. 4909.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6271 - An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Brentwood And Adopting Chapter 620 Regarding The Economic Development Sales Tax

Bill No. 6271 was read by title only by City Attorney O'Keefe.

Bill No. 6271 was read by title only for the second time and final passage by City Attorney O'Keefe.

Motion to perfect Bill No. 6271.

Motion by Alderman Andy Leahy, second by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

Bill No. 6271 passes and upon signature of the Mayor becomes Ordinance No. 4908.

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Citizen Comments

Sallie Westenbarger, resident of 2626 Bremerton Road stated it's hard to hear the Board with the furnace running.

Alderman Kramer tendered his resignation from the Board of Aldermen of The City of Brentwood, Missouri, effective Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

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St. Mary Magdalen Soup n' Serve Program

Parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen gathered for their Lenten Soup n' Serve program. People from all generations and facets of parish life come together for a simple meal of soup and bread. When the meal was finished, we washed up and began assembling more than 300 sandwiches for the lunch ministry at St. Vincent de Paul parish in St. Louis City. This is the second time that St. Mary Magdalen has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul, in our efforts to serve those in need throughout the area.



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The 69th annual National Day of Prayer (NDP) observance takes place this year on Thursday, May 7. America's first call to prayer was in 1775, although Congress first mandated the NDP in 1952. In 1988, the law was amended to standardize the day as the first Thursday in May each year. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast.

During the noon hour from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian prayer events take place at public places and City Halls across the St. Louis area including Brentwood, Maplewood, Rock Hill, Webster Groves and many others. These events are designed for people to come together with families, friends and neighbors to thank God and pray for our nation and our leaders.

The theme verse for this year is: For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. Habakkuk 2:14 NIV

For participating city hall locations and additional information, visit the website at www.gatewayndp.org or call 636-541-9961.

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Thursday - May 7, 2020

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For the Earth will be filled with the
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Habakkuk 2:14 NIV

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Come pray for our Nation & Communities



**Current locations on back. For updated locations:
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St. Charles Old Court House - Noon
100 North Third Street
St. Peters City Hall - Noon
Lake St. Louis City Hall - Noon
Dardenne Prairie City Hall - Noon
at rotunda behind City Hall
O'Fallon City Hall - Noon
Wentzville City Hall - Noon

METRO EAST
East St. Louis City Hall Rotunda - Noon
Brooklyn / Lovejoy City Hall - Noon
O'fallon City Hall - Noon
St. Claire County Courthouse Belleville - Noon
Summit Avenue Baptist Church - 7 pm
618 Summit Ave, East St Louis, IL 62201

COUNTY CITY HALLS • NOON - 1pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arnold Ballwin (memorial behind police station) Brentwood Bridgeton Chesterfield Clayton Court House (entrance on Central Ave.) Crestwood Creve Coeur Des Peres Ellisville Eureka Fenton Ferguson Florissant Glendale (7:00 pm only) Hazelwood Kirkwood (in the park behind City Hall) Ladue Lakeshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchester (police station) Maplewood Maryland Heights Pacific Riverview Rock Hill St. Ann Sunset Hills Town and Country University City Valley Park Warson Woods Wildwood Webster Groves (Noon & 6pm) 6pm across street at Sunrise
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INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

Francisco Justo is one of more than 150 Cardinals minor-leaguers who should be beginning his season this month.

Instead, Justo and the rest are back at home, waiting and wondering if and when they will be able to play baseball again. And for Justo, home just happens to be in what is considered the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic, New York.

He has seen first-hand what is happening in New York, and still finds it hard to believe. In a telephone conversation, Justo said he has “never seen the city like this.”

A few days ago, Justo drove from his home in the Bronx to drop off pills for his 72-year-old grandmother, Brunilda, who is a diabetic, at her home in Manhattan.

“It broke my heart,” Justo said. “I told her, ‘Grandma, I’m going to take you the pills but don’t come outside. I’m going to drop them off at your front door.’ That honestly broke my heart. I got to see her from afar, but I wanted to give her a hug.

“I knocked on the front door and walked away. She came outside and picked up the pills. I was like, ‘I’m sorry I can’t hug you but I don’t want to get you sick.’ ... Since I am young and an athlete I would say my immune system is pretty good, but I don’t want to put her at risk.”

Justo, 21, is living in the same apartment where he grew up, with his parents and older brother. All of his immediate family members are well, but others close to him have contracted coronavirus.

“My godfather, his brother and his brother’s wife were all diagnosed with the virus,” he said. “I think they are going to be OK. They are all at home. ... One of my brother’s friends, who is like family, he got the virus. I got the chance to talk to him and he said he was feeling better. He said the worst part of the virus went away.”

Justo’s father, a cancer survivor, is the superintendent of their apartment building, and Justo said he has not heard of any of the residents of the 27-unit building who are sick - but he is still trying to be as cautious as possible and limit his contact with other people.

Justo drives his mother and brother to work each morning and picks them up at night. Both are considered “essential workers” because his mother takes care of an elderly woman and his brother is a psychologist.

“The streets are complete ghost towns,” Justo said. “I take my mother and brother to work to try to keep them safe. It’s crazy. Normally it takes about 30 minutes to get to my mom’s job and it takes like seven now.”

When he gets back home, Justo - who helped Johnson City win the rookie Appalachian League title last season - is trying to do what he can to stay ready when he will be able to resume his career. He had his sights set on making it to Class A Peoria this year before spring training, and the season, was suspended.

Part of Justo’s daily workout includes throwing a baseball against a big brick wall behind his apartment building.

“After I get back from taking my mom and brother to work, I watch some TV, play some video games and around noon I start doing some pushups and exercises like sit-ups,” Justo

said. “Then I go outside and run a little bit in the backyard and throw against the wall. Later I take a shower and relax, play more video games, watch Netflix and go pick up my mom and brother.”

Justo knows it’s a far different routine than he would have been following in Florida.

“As a kid I always threw against that wall,” he said. “It’s been a big factor in keeping my arm loose. I don’t know when baseball is going to start again ... I don’t want to go outside and contract the virus.”

Justo, a right-handed pitcher who was drafted out of a New York junior college by the Cardinals in the 12th round in 2018, has been able to get by financially because of the extension of the weekly \$400 payments to minor-league players. He also appreciates Adam Wainwright’s donation of \$250,000 which is supposed to go to players in the Cardinals’ farm system.

“I got the chance to have a conversation with him after I was drafted when he was in Florida on rehab,” Justo said of Wainwright. “I saw him and I was like, ‘That’s Wainwright.’ I saw him pitch when I was growing up. He’s such a nice guy... so many guys don’t have the financial ability to stay afloat during this situation. It was very kind of him.

“My parents don’t let me work because they just want me to focus on baseball, and the money is enough for me to help out my family. I want to feel like I am doing something even though they won’t let me. I want them to let me try and help out.”

Justo, who started and won the second game of the playoffs last year when Johnson City was facing elimination, has tried to stay in touch with his friends and teammates to make sure they are their families are all getting through the pandemic. Even though it might be worse in New York than in other locations, Justo knows it could affect anybody anywhere if they are not careful.

“Nobody is having any problems that I know of,” he said.

“Nobody knows when it is going to be over. There’s no vaccine. Especially in New York (it’s tough) because there are so many people. There are medical tents set up in Central Park. The big Navy medical ship is in New York harbor, by the Statue of Liberty. The city is trying its best to help the people.”

As his baseball dreams have been put on hold, Justo knows he, like everybody else, is facing a different opponent right now in a bigger game than baseball.

“I was looking forward to playing for a full-season team,” Justo said. “Johnson City was a big jump from the GCL. I was looking forward to just enjoying the game.

“I am worried about my baseball career but at the same time I also worry about my family and friend’s well-being. At the end of the day baseball is just a sport. As much as I love it and want to be in the big leagues one day, human life is way more important than sports right now.”

To read more about Justo [CLICK HERE](#) for our story from when he was drafted in 2018

Follow Rob Rains on Twitter @RobRains



ANDY LEAHY FOR ALDERMAN - WARD 3

Normally this would be an article about running for re-election. However, the election has been delayed. So, instead, this article is about prioritizing what is important.

The Covid-19 pandemic has upended everything we regard as normal. Our daily lives have been disrupted. It is more important than ever during this time to take care of yourself, your family, friends, neighbors and your community.

Keep in touch with those close to you. Talk to your neighbors. Do a good deed for someone who needs it. We all need to look out for each other. Our community is important. We are all in this together and together we will get through it. Stay safe.

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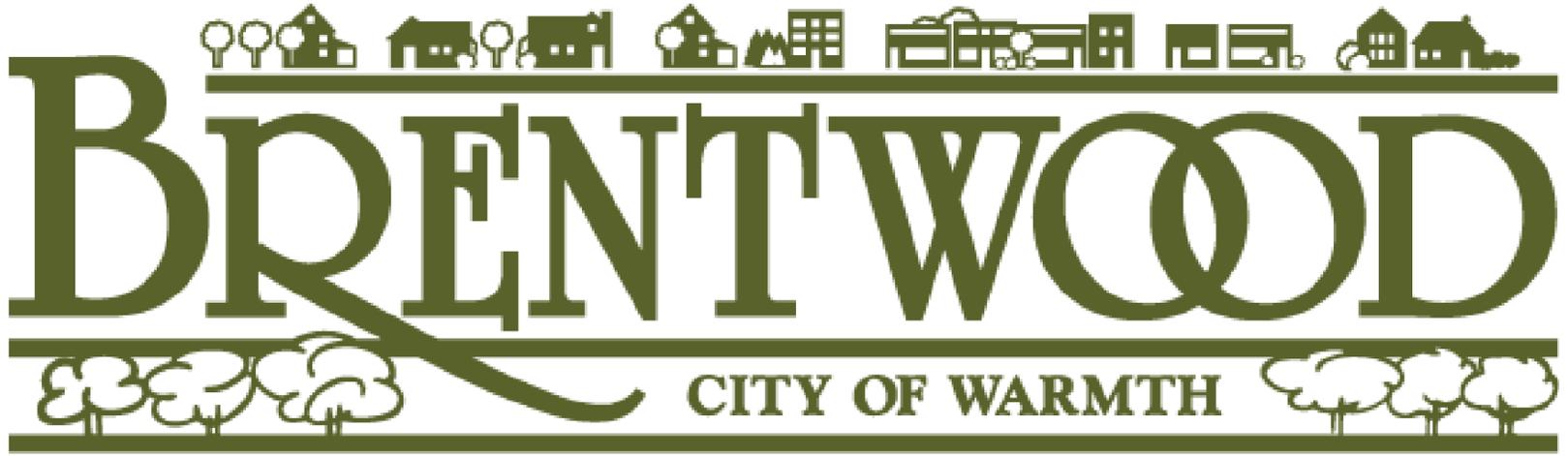
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Justo’s father, a cancer survivor, is the superintendent of their apartment building, and Justo said he has not heard of any of the residents of the 27-unit building who are sick - but he is still trying to be as cautious as possible and limit his contact with other people.

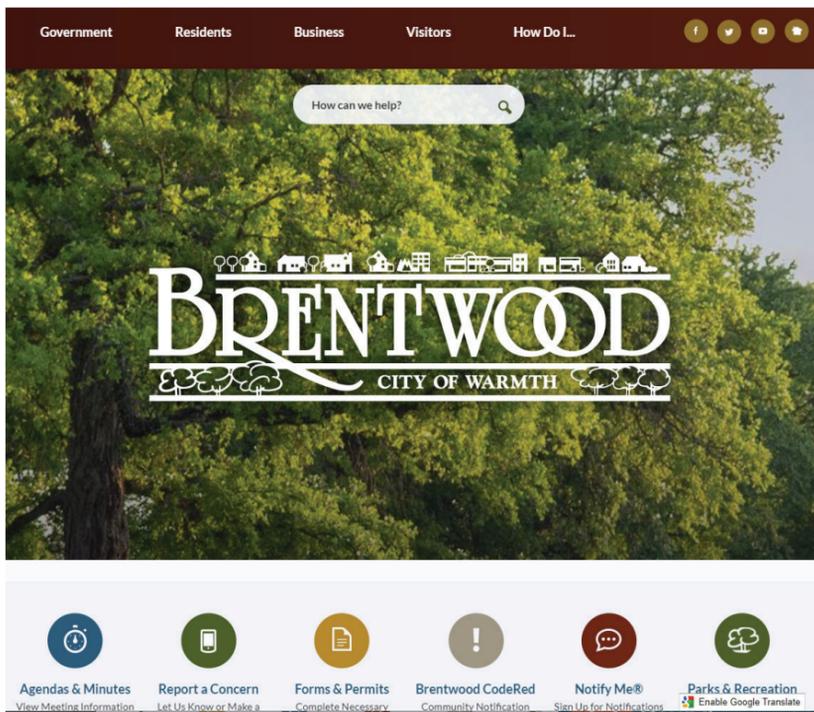
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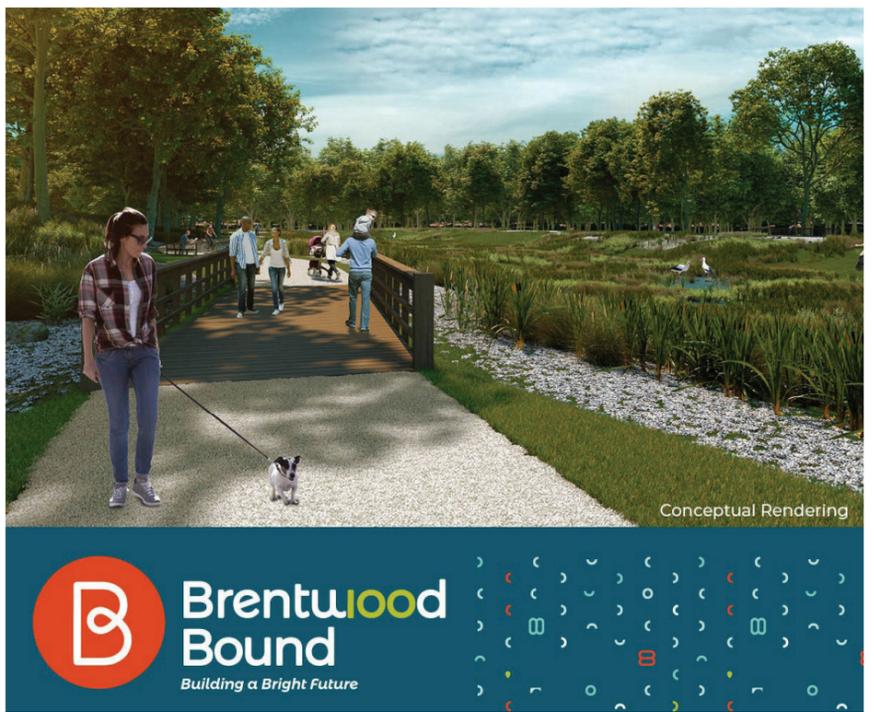




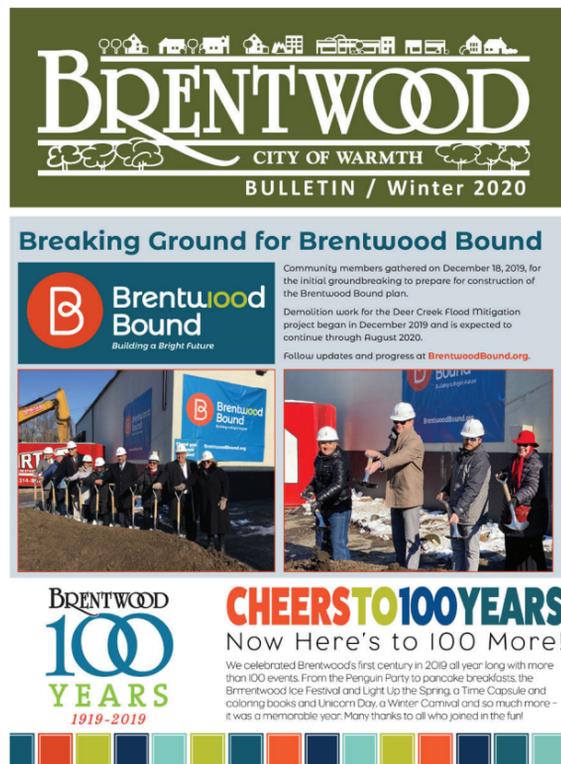
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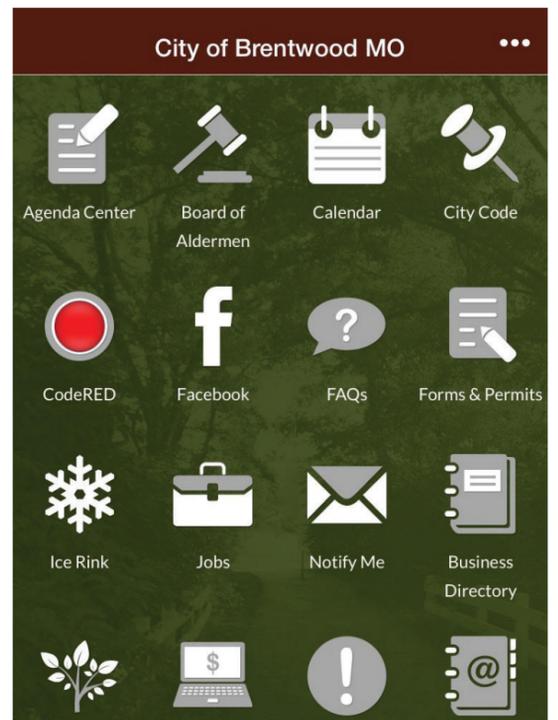
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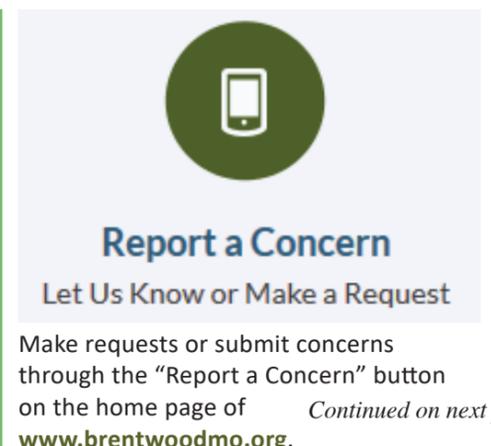
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Brentwood School District

April 2020 News

Teacher and Support Staff Member of the Year

Brentwood School District congratulates two outstanding staff members for their commitment to education and student success!

Danielle Bowen, a school social worker serving students throughout the district, has been named Brentwood School District Support Staff Member of the Year.

Jerry Schmidt, a math teacher at BHS, has been named Brentwood Teacher of the Year.

In order to be recognized for either distinction, employees must be nominated, complete an application, and then be selected by a committee of their peers.

While many staff members were nominated for these awards, Danielle and Jerry stood out for their embodiment of Brentwood School District's "WHY" statement: "To empower and support our students with meaningful relationships that allow them to thrive and become positive forces of change."

Congratulations to Danielle and Jerry on this amazing accomplishment!



Food Drives Help Brentwood Families During Pandemic

Brentwood School District has hosted its second successful food drive in order to provide nutritious meals to families in need during the St. Louis County stay-at-home orders and extended school closures. Over 200 hundred food items were collected in the first drive with nearly 300 collected in the second! Thank you to all who donated!

Brentwood School District and Chartwells is also providing meal pickup at Mark Twain Elementary on weekdays to children under 18. Pickup is available from 12-1 PM, Monday through Friday. Please see the district's website on COVID-19 resources for more information at <https://bit.ly/bsdcovid19>.

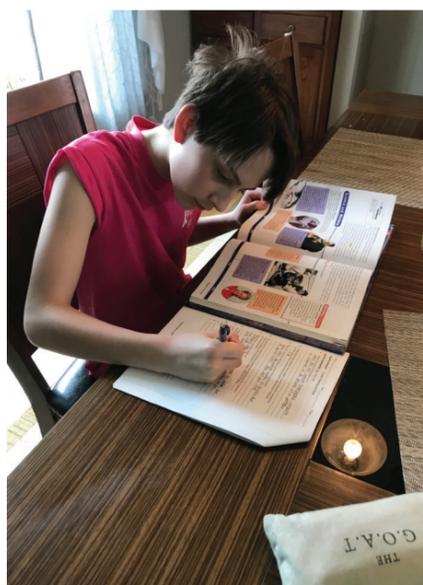
Virtual Learning at Brentwood



Brentwood has joined school districts throughout Missouri in providing virtual learning for students during extended school closures. In Brentwood, virtual learning is designed to help support students and families by providing routine and structure. We understand that this crisis affects each family differently and the primary goal of virtual learning will be to maintain relationships with students to help support them on their individual

pathways. The mode of instruction has changed, but Brentwood's mission has not. We want our community to know that we are here to help our families and students in whatever way possible during this pandemic. For more information and resources, please visit our website www.brentwoodmoschools.org and click on the COVID-19 Information link, or go directly to <https://bit.ly/bsdcovid19>.

Distance Learning... A New Normal for Now



Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Nourishing the Body and Spirit during the Coronavirus



Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church continues to provide nourishment of the body and spirit during the Coronavirus. All Church Services remain intact and are live-streamed through [Instagram@stmmchurchmass](https://www.instagram.com/stmmchurchmass) each day and on the weekends. The Sacrament of Reconciliation which is an important part of Spiritual life continues to be offered using all of Archbishop Carlson's social distancing measures. For Catholics prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Adoration) is very important and a Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. is offered daily with the simple intention of an end to the Corona Pandemic. Our perpetual Adoration Chapel is open and with social distancing mandates in mind, people can visit to offer private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. In order to keep people safe in the Chapel a virus mitigation spray is pumped into the Chapel every two weeks by Woodard Cleaning and Restoration Company.

We are also mindful of the elderly and the medically compromised. We have a courier team set up for those members of the parish who are in need of groceries, prescription drug delivery and simple household tasks. We must make these things available to those who must "shelter in place".

The parish Saint Vincent de Paul organization and the parish CARE organization, each in different ways, help people with practical matters: utility assistance, medical bills, food shortage assistance etc.

In these extraordinary times, it is good to offer some normalcy to our Parish Family and by providing Mass, Reconciliation, private prayer and assistance for those in need we continue to show that Christ is alive and at work in our area.

During these uncertain times that our world is facing, one thing is certain and that is that the students at Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School are continuing to learn. The school building may be closed, however, all of the teachers are continuing to teach the students through "distance learning", a new way of teaching and learning through the use of technology. This has been a new approach that not only the parents and students have had to learn but the teachers and administrator, as well. Kinks have had to be worked out, but now that it's the third week of teaching and learning, it all seems to be going very well. Classes are held on-line, assignments are made and turned in on-line and learning is very evident. It is because of technology that the opportunity to continue the teaching and learning process has continued.

Neighborhood Eyes

Neighborhood Eyes is a program for Brentwood residents who have surveillance systems for home protection. If you have cameras on your property, you may have valuable video that could aid in the investigation of a crime in your neighborhood. Find out how to sign up and help your police department solve crime on your block by visiting brentwoodmo.org

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WITH IN-PERSON TOURS TEMPORARILY CLOSED, EXPLORE ST. LOUIS BRINGS ATTRACTIONS INTO HOMES VIRTUALLY

Families are not able to go out to St. Louis attractions right now, so Explore St. Louis has created an online hub to bring the attractions to them. "Virtual St. Louis" is a one-stop-shop web page where visitors can find links with entertainment options that will enlighten, educate and bring St. Louis into their homes.

"Virtual St. Louis allows people to explore St. Louis from the comfort of their own homes," said Brian Hall, CMO of Explore St. Louis. "Many of our incredible attractions are offering up behind-the-scenes tours, discussions, and unique information that some have never seen before."

To get the word out, Explore St. Louis introduced the "Daily Explorer", a daily email newsletter that highlights virtual experiences around St. Louis. Visitors can sign up for the Daily Explorer at <https://explorestlouis.com/virtual-st-louis/>.

Attractions that are currently offering virtual experiences around St. Louis include everywhere from Saint Louis Zoo to the Cahokia Mounds Museum and beyond. Watch the playful otters at the St. Louis Aquarium, learn how to play chess from a master, see a show from The Muny, or spend a tranquil afternoon among the cherry blossoms, and more.

"Social distancing and remaining safe and healthy are at the forefront of everyone's minds and our number one priority," added Hall. "We look forward to the time when we can welcome our visitors in person, but until then, we hope Virtual St. Louis will be a guide to St. Louis and an enjoyable way to keep everyone connected."

About Explore St. Louis

Explore St. Louis is the driving force behind St. Louis' \$5.8 billion convention and tourism industry, the official destination marketing organization of St. Louis City and County and operator of the America's Center Convention Complex.

Opera Theatre Update

Dear Friends,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. Normally at the beginning of spring in St. Louis, we are bustling with activity to prepare for Opera Theatre's festival season — building sets, sewing costumes, and preparing to start rehearsals. Unfortunately, that is not the case today. Like you, we have been following the news of COVID-19 and taking appropriate precautions. It is now with great regret that we are forced to cancel Opera Theatre's 2020 Festival Season.

Until recently, I held out hope that we might adapt our festival season and still produce opera in June. However, it has become clear that it is no longer possible to present our festival. More importantly, it would not be safe to convene hundreds of artists, staff, and audience members night after night — we must all do our part to flatten the curve.

To our ticket-holders, please know how sad we feel that we cannot gather with you this spring. We will reach out to you soon with more information about converting your tickets into a tax-deductible donation, a 2021 Festival Season credit, or a full or partial refund. If you are able, I hope you will consider donating your 2020 tickets to help sustain our company and our payments to artists. Members of our Board of Directors have committed \$500,000 to match the dollar value of every ticket donation made before June 30, 2020. I am making a personal commitment to this campaign with a 50% voluntary pay cut. I hope you will join us — your generosity will have twice the impact and will make a real difference for our artistic family.

Our community will emerge from this crisis, and when we do so, shared artistic experiences will be more powerful than ever. Today, I promise you that we will return to creating art as soon as it is safe to do so. We are already hard at work on our 2021 Festival Season, which will be announced by early fall. Thanks to forty-five years of your generosity and guidance, Opera Theatre is a resilient organization. We have never believed more strongly in our mission, and we look forward to the day when we can once again bring people together through the power and beauty of live opera.



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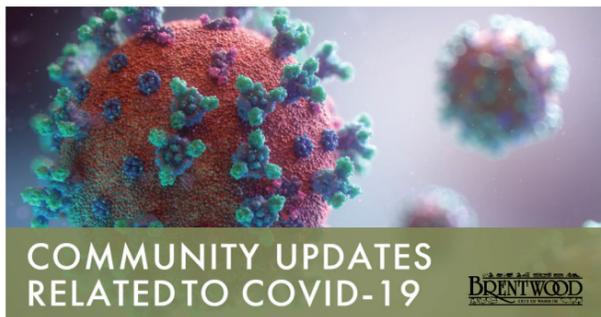
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City of Brentwood News – April 2020

City of Brentwood Updates Related to COVID-19



This information is accurate as of April 6, 2020. Please check the City's website for additional details and updates: www.brentwoodmo.org.

The City of Brentwood continues to monitor the rapidly evolving developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We will continue to follow guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), St. Louis County Health Department, and other state and federal authorities.

On March 21, St. Louis County Executive Sam Page issued a stay-at-home order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The St. Louis County order is in effect as of Monday, March 23. To comply with this order, the City of Brentwood has implemented measures to help protect our community members and our employees.

The City of Brentwood encourages all residents and community members to comply with the order to stay at home whenever possible. Residents can still go to grocery stores, gas stations, medical offices and other essential service locations as necessary.

Social distancing has been shown to dramatically reduce the spread of the coronavirus from person to person. Help protect yourself and others by following social distancing guidelines such as washing hands and using hand sanitizer, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others when out in the public, and coughing or sneezing into a tissue.

Please support area restaurants through their delivery and take-out options during this difficult time.

We are all in this together. It is up to each of us to help "flatten the curve" and help slow the spread of coronavirus.

Here are some steps we are taking to protect the well-being of the public and our employees. We'll continue to regularly adjust these measures and update this information as necessary.

RESTRICTIONS TO VISITING CITY FACILITIES

City Hall, Brentwood Recreation Complex, Brentwood Fire Station, and Brentwood Public Works building are closed to the public until further notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY

We ask Brentwood residents and community members to help minimize 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, www.brentwoodmo.org. Staff members will respond to phone messages and online requests as quickly as possible.

NOTARY SERVICES

We are suspending Notary of the Public services until further notice.

PUBLIC EVENTS AND MEETINGS

We are suspending the monthly Coffee with the Mayor events until further notice.

Board of Aldermen meetings and committee meetings, when held, will be conducted via a virtual format (video and/or audio). Please check the Calendar and the Agenda Center on the City's website (www.brentwoodmo.org) for updates and details specific to each meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Brentwood fire station is closed to the public until further notice.

The Brentwood Fire Department has suspended the following daily practices until further notice, to ensure the safety of our community as well as ensure the continuity of emergency response personnel: Building inspections and pre-planning; fire station tours; community use of the fire station; Fire Department participation in community activities at the station or in the community; CPR and First Aid classes; car seat installations; smoke detector inspections or battery changes

The Fire Department is following mandates issued by the St. Louis County Executive and best practices from St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Health. Daily updates from these sources help the department develop plans for continuity of service.

If you think you are having a medical emergency, please call

911. The dispatcher will ask you questions about recent travel and your medical history as they gather accurate information to help first responders determine the proper level of care and personal protective equipment needed.

Please direct any non-emergency questions to the Fire Department, 314.963.8612.

PARKS & RECREATION

The Brentwood Recreation Complex is closed to the public until further notice.

The Parks & Recreation Department has suspended all indoor and outdoor programming and activities, plus all rentals at the Brentwood Recreation Complex (including the Community Center and Ice Rink) until further notice. Parks & Recreation staff will contact those who have registered for upcoming programs or reserved space at our facilities.

All playgrounds in the City of Brentwood and all restrooms and drinking fountains at Brentwood parks are closed to the public until further notice. The Memorial Park Inline Skating Rink is also closed. Park maintenance staff will operate weekly with a reduced crew to empty trash cans, empty doggie pots, replace doggie bags and mow as necessary.

MAGIC Bus services are suspended until further notice.

Please direct any questions to parks@brentwoodmo.org or 314.963.8689.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Planning & Development office at Brentwood City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. The department has suspended issuance of Solicitors' Permits, and is limiting code enforcement services and building and occupancy inspections, until further notice.

The department is suspending Planning & Zoning Commission, Site Plan, Board of Adjustment and Architectural Review Board meetings until May; during the week of April 20, staff will reevaluate accepting applications for potential meetings in May.

Applications for Residential Occupancy Permits will continue to be required and are accessible on the City's website, www.brentwoodmo.org. Applications will receive a 60-day conditional occupancy permit in accordance with Section 400.1240 of the Brentwood City Code. Following the conditional occupancy permit period, any deficiency or non-compliance with City Codes will be required to be completed prior to granting a final occupancy permit.

Please direct any questions to Planning & Development, 314.963.8602.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Brentwood Police Department has suspended participating in community service and community education events and programs until further notice. All other police operations devoted to public safety continue. The police department is fully staffed and diligently patrolling the city, including all streets and neighborhoods and all Brentwood parks.

The department has altered some patrol initiatives, including limiting contact with people as the CDC and health officials have required. This means minor offenses such as warrants for traffic tickets are being put on hold until the courts resume normal operation. Officers are responding to all other offenses, especially crime in progress, in the normal manner.

The department is in constant contact with St. Louis County health officials, the State Emergency Management Agency and the Governor's Office, to stay well informed on the latest developments of this pandemic and best practices as they evolve. Additionally, St. Louis area police departments have entered an agreement that assures continuity of police services in the event officers are forced into treatment or isolation.

Medication disposal services at the Brentwood Police Department have been suspended until at least mid-May.

Police Reports: To request a copy of a police report, call the Records Clerk at 314.963.8691. We will process reports when they become available. We will send reports via email or mail and will include an invoice for \$6 for non-Brentwood residents. Payment by check or money order (payable to City of Brentwood) will be due upon receipt. We are not accepting in-person requests until further notice.

In an emergency, please call 911 as always. In a non-emergency situation that may require a police officer, please call the non-emergency number, 314.644.7100.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department will continue to provide its core services: trash, recycling and yard waste collections; weekly household bulk item collections per Ward; recycling receptacle deliveries; sign and roadway maintenance services as well as weekly household collections per ward; municipal building and fleet maintenance; and assistance with qualified Sewer Lateral Program tasks.

Please continue to report any missed sanitation collections, street light outages, roadway repair inquiries and other issues online through the "Report a Concern" button on the home page of the City's website, www.brentwoodmo.org.

BRENTWOOD MUNICIPAL DIVISION COURT

The Violation Bureau at Brentwood City Hall is closed to the public. The court dockets of March 23, April 13, and April 27 have been postponed. A new court date summons will be mailed in the future to the address on file. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the court office at 314.963.8623, leave your name and message, and staff will return your call as soon as possible during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday; or contact staff by email at muni@brentwoodmo.org. Payment of fines and costs are still being accepted online or by mail. To pay by phone, please leave a message and staff will return your call as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Resources



Please visit the City's website, www.brentwoodmo.org, for a list of resources including public health guidelines and phone hotlines; information about supporting area restaurants; and resources for small businesses.

Municipal Election Postponed to June 2, 2020



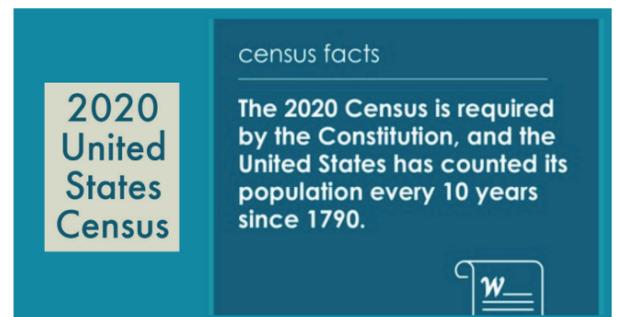
On March 18, Governor Mike Parson signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 and ordered that all Missouri municipal elections previously scheduled for April 7, 2020, be postponed to June 2, 2020.

A Note About Nextdoor.com

City of Brentwood staff members regularly post updates and share information on Nextdoor. City staff can see replies to City posts, but City staff is not able to see what you are your neighbors are posting on Nextdoor. Your Nextdoor neighborhood remains private to you and your neighbors who are verified residents of your Nextdoor neighborhood network.

If you have concerns or comments to direct to City staff or City departments, please contact the City at 314.962.4800 or submit your questions or comments via the Report a Concern feature on the home page of the City website, www.brentwoodmo.org. The appropriate staff member will respond.

United States Census 2020



The 2020 United States Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five

U.S. territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.

Data from the 2020 Census will help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding will flow into states and communities every year for the next 10 years.

The 2020 Census is happening now. Complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. Learn more at <https://2020census.gov/>



TRAVEL

by Sue
McCarthy

Merida — Izamal — Chichen Itza

Merida with a population of 1 million people is a very clean and safe city. In fact, it is called “The White City”, not only for the limestone buildings, but also for the cleanliness of the streets and well-maintained parks.

Colonial and Cosmopolitan

The Paseo Montejo resembles Paris’s Champs Elysees; the broad tree-lined streets are bordered with the colonial architecture of magnificent Italian Renaissance mansions and pastel haciendas, upscale shops and restaurants. Merida has many hospitals and four universities. When U.S. President George W. Bush was going to visit Merida the Star Medica Hospital was the hospital of choice in case medical care was needed for the President. Medical Tourism is becoming one of the major new industries in Yucatan. The University of Yucatan has for generations been one of the best medical schools in Mexico.

There are many churches, cathedrals and museums to visit. The Merida Cathedral is the oldest Catholic Cathedral standing on the Americas mainland; it was built in the second half of the 1500’s (1556-1599). When the Spaniards conquered the area they dismantled all the Pyramids and used the stones as the foundation of the Cathedral of San Idelfonso. The Spaniard Francisco de Montejo founded Merida in 1542.

We walked through the Main Square “zocalo” (this used to be called the Plaza de la Independencia). Sunday is a day for families to gather in the parks and squares. Music is played and the people dance in the streets and under the arches of the colonial buildings. Restaurants put their café tables outdoors and people dine throughout the day. Children and their parents ride their bicycles on the streets that are closed each Sunday for the enjoyment of the families. Kevin and I sat down in one of the many s-shaped love seats called “confidenciales.”

Then we walked across the street to the Palacio del Gobierno (1892) houses the tourism office, the government offices and a magnificent art gallery on the second floor. There are 27 over-sized murals by Fernanco Castro Pacheco illustrating Yucatan’s violent past. There is an inner courtyard with huge carved wooden doors and graceful arches. This is definitely a must-see in Merida.

On the south side of the street you’ll find the home of the former Spanish governor and conqueror of Yucatan, the Casa de Montejo (1542). This was the family home for over 300 years.

Merida was home of many millionaires in the early 20th century who made their fortunes cultivating the sisal (or henequen) plant. Sisal was known as “green gold”.

Marketplace

You can’t leave Merida without stopping by the marketplace. Here you will find almost anything from jewelry, hats, crafts and handiwork, shoes made out of rubber tires, fresh produce, spices and butcher shops featuring whole pig heads, chicken heads and feet and fresh cuts of pork.

For closing out on this fantastic visit to Yucatan I’d like to add that Merida is considered by Mexico to be the safest city since crime is not tolerated and the city has the lowest crime rate per capita in Mexico.

www.yucatan.travel Yucatan Tourism Board

Other places to visit are Chichen Itza and Izamal known as “a majical city”.

We will visit Izamal this month and next month visit Chichen Itza.

Izamal – the whole town is painted yellow. This includes the gate into town, all the colonial buildings, the market, the convent and Kinich Restaurant. The Franciscan convent was built over one of the pyramids. You can take a carriage ride on the cobblestone streets. In 1993 Pope John Paul visited and was commemorated by a statue of the Pope in the convent courtyard. Inside there is a beautiful altarpiece, stained-glass window and many statues along the walls. Our Lady of Izamal (Queen and Patron Saint of Izamal) is located on the second floor.

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RESTAURANT REVIEWS

How I Judge A Restaurant

Since we have not been dining out this month, I thought you might like to know how I judge a restaurant. My criteria includes much more than just the food.

I seldom consider the restaurant's exterior or its location unless there is something really out of place. For me, a restaurant's character is on the inside. I inhale deeply as we enter and the smell will tell me a lot. Do I smell fresh baked bread, a nice garlic sauce, Mom's Sunday beef roast, or do I get a musty odor, or the smell of disinfectant. Although that might be a good thing for some at this point in time.

Next, I am concerned with how we are greeted. If we are greeted with a genuine smile, and a pleasant welcome, we are off to a good start. If I am simply asked "how many" and told to "follow me" by a greeter who seems to be put off by the fact I have interrupted his/her Facebook time, I am not impressed.

If I have made reservations and arrive at the prescribed time only to be told it will be 15 to 20 minutes before our table is ready, and "why not have a seat at the bar", I will seriously consider finding another place to dine. I consider this to be either poor management, or a poorly disguised attempt to get me to spend money on their highest marked up item, alcohol. Either way, I am not happy.

I always scan the dining area as we go to our table. Do guests appear to be happy? Are the open tables bussed and clean, does the wait staff seem pleasant, or frazzled? This gives me an idea of what to expect.

Cleanliness is one of my important concerns. Are portions of a previous customer's dinner still on my table? Are the chairs and/or booth's clean and stain free? And what about the menus? While I don't object to laminated menus, especially in a casual dining restaurant, I do expect them to be clean. We once ate at a trendy steak house/grill and the server handed our party of four, menus that you could actually pick off bits of food, on all four menu's! We asked for different menus and got yet another set of filthy menus. Our server was unpulsed and so was his tip!

Speaking of servers, they can make or break my opinion of a restaurant more easily than the food. I enjoy a pleasant, honest greeting that includes their name and their willingness to see that we have a good experience. Did they ask if we have any special needs, allergies etc. Did they ask if would like a drink and bring them to us quickly? A perfunctory "Hi, my name is Joe/Jane, and I'll be your server tonight" that sound like they are reading from a script doesn't cut it with me. I have pretty much already figured out you are my server since you are standing at our table with a pad and pencil in your hand..

I also judge the appearance of our server. Is their apron reasonably clean? Are they reasonably clean? Do they appear to have any pride in their job and/or themselves? And while I realize it is a trend in today's younger generation, I am not impressed with a walking billboard for a tattoo parlor, pink hair and numerous pieces of metal in their face. All I can think of is, I've lived this long without hepatitis, and I don't want it now.

I will also ask our server a question about some item on the menu. If I get a "deer in the headlights" look, they loose

points. I actually had one waitress tell not to order a specific item because no one ever likes it. It was not just her opinion, but that of many other customers. I appreciated her honesty. Every server should know their menu, and what it includes, and a brief description of how items are prepared.

Whether it is a five-star restaurant, or a family pizza joint, I don't expect to be have our server watching over us at all times, but I do want him/her to check back with us on a regular basis to keep our glasses full, and see if we want anything else etc. Good service goes a long way. Having to wave, or get up and go across the room to interrupt a conversation with other servers about how they don't like the boss, their boy/girl friend etc. is a big fail.

A look at the menu will tell me a lot about a restaurant. A menu with 40 or 50 items, or more than 5 items in a category, usually means you will be getting a lot of frozen, rather than fresh food items. Many of these items in the national chain restaurants are pre-prepared and simply warmed up before being sent to your table. I usually try to avoid the daily special as it is most likely yesterday's left-overs.

We do enjoy a glass of wine with a meal, but many wine-lists can be rather daunting. I want a wine list to include domestic, and imported, reds and whites along with a few rose's and sparkling selections. If you order wine by the glass and want anything other than a Chardonnay or Merlot, ask them to pour it from a fresh opened bottle. Many other wines, especially in a Small restaurant, may have been opened some time ago and be well on their way to vinegar. You should be able to get a good bottle of wine for \$25 to \$40. Any thing over \$75 is purely for status and, if not stored properly, may be undrinkable.

Now let's talk food. I have never understood America's expectation that all food items come to the table at exactly the same time. European Chefs will serve a table their food in a reasonable amount of time, but not necessarily all together. This assures you that your dinner arrives at the optimum moment of preparation. When our food all come out at the same time, more than a few of the items will probably have set under a heat lamp for an unreasonable amount of time. The real problem is when your food comes to the table over cooked or cold. We experienced this just last month at Salt and Smoke in St. Charles. There is simply no reason for this other than a disorganized kitchen, or poor servers.

I enjoy all types of food in all types of restaurants. A breakfast, or a burger, in a greasy spoon, street food at an outdoor market, or a white linen, gourmet restaurant all have a place in my culinary tastes. Dining out is a social experience that should be enjoyed by all. All I ask is to get what I paid for with the ambiance to make it memorable.

Also, when we visit a resaurant we never tell tell them we are doing an article. That way, we hope to get the same experience,e and service, as everyone else.

We hope to see you soon in a neighborhood restaurant. In the mean time feel free to see a number of our dining experiences from around the world on our YouTube channel; www.youtube.com/kevinandsuetravel

Mary Josephine Watson Noble-Huggans Former Brentwood Resident Dies at 77



Mary Josephine Watson Noble-Huggans, a former resident of the Howard-Evans Place neighborhood in Brentwood, passed away on February 25, 2020. Affectionately known to many as Mary Jo, she was born on April 21, 1942 to Charles and Josephine Watson in Brentwood. As a child, she went through the Brentwood School system attending L'Ouverture School on Rose Avenue for grades K-8 and then moving on to Brentwood High School, where she graduated in 1957.

Mary Jo accepted Christ at an early age at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Agnes Avenue in Brentwood under Reverend M.L. Thames and Reverend Charles Thames. In 1962, she received a Certificate of Accomplishment from the former TWA Airlines in her career training for flight stewardess. In 1977, she graduated from Forest Park Community College of Nursing with an Associates degree in Nursing. Then, in 1983, she attended Webster University to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing. She worked at several hospitals and healthcare agencies as she was always looking for new experiences in nursing and ways to help others.

Mary Jo married Frank Noble of Meacham Park, Missouri in Tijuana, Mexico and three children were born to them: DeVona, Frank and David. Her husband, Frank, preceded her in death in November of 2008. In 2016, Mary Jo met Fred J. Huggans at Central Baptist Church. This was the beginning of a great friendship and, in 2018, a happy loving marriage for both of them, her adult children, grandchildren, sister, and all.

On February 25, 2020 at 12:02 pm, Mary Jo took her last breath at St. Mary's Hospital with her husband, Fred, children DeVona, Frank and David(Betty), sister Alma, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousin, and friends by her side. Mary Jo will be missed by her family and friends.

(Thanks to Elaine Reed for providing information and photos for this tribute)

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How to Spot a Coronavirus Scammer and Prevent Being a Victim

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The pandemic is testing both our physical and financial health. This is definitely uncharted waters as we're living with heightened concern over the risk of being an essential worker, the distractions of working from home, or maybe even being out of work and worrying about how that affects our finances. But one thing that hasn't taken a break are scammers.

Scammers are working overtime to take advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus by setting up websites and using fake emails, texts, and social media posts as a ruse to get your personal information and take your money.

Here's an update on more scams we're seeing, and steps you can take to protect yourself, your personal information, and your wallet.

Charity Scams. During a crisis nonprofits and fundraisers are often called upon to obtain donations and services to aid people in need. Scammers know this and will take advantage of the situation. What to do:

- Ask for detailed information about the charity or nonprofit, including name, address, and telephone number.
- Never wire money to someone claiming to be a charity or nonprofit. Scammers often request donations to be wired because wiring money is like sending cash.
- Consider it a red flag if the organization thanks you for a pledge you do not remember making.

Computer and Internet Scams. This is when scammers dupe people into giving out their personal financial information by creating authentic-looking emails, text messages, or internet pages to entice their victims into disclosing financial information. What to do:

- Do not email financial information or account numbers. Email is not a secure method of transmitting personal information.
- Do not open any message that comes from an unfamiliar source. Be cautious about opening attachments and downloading files from emails.
- Use trusted security software on your computer and make sure it is updated regularly.

Telephone Scams & Robocalls: Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes. What to do:

- Hang up. Don't press any numbers. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls, instead.
- If a caller claims to be from an established organization, such as a hospital, charity or law enforcement agency, look up the number of the organization yourself.
- Consider it a red flag if the caller insists on secrecy.

Misinformation and rumors: Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. What to do:

- Before you pass on any messages, and certainly before you pay someone or share your personal information, do some fact checking by contacting trusted sources.

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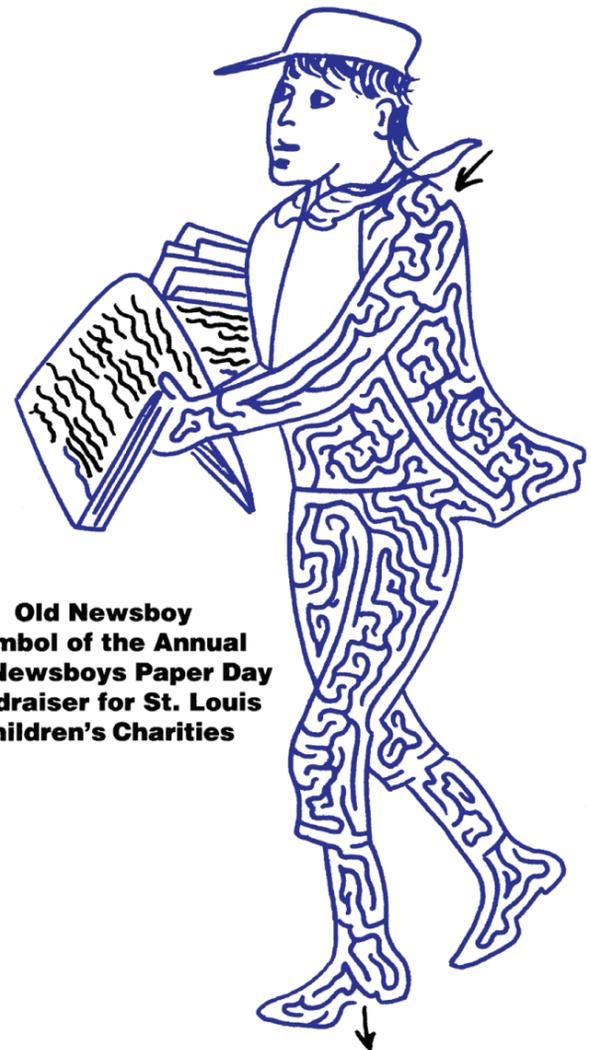
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