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Brentwood Community Shows Educator Appreciation



Students, families, and community members throughout the district came together the week of April 24th to show their appreciation for teachers, teacher assistants, counselors, librarians, and other staff members who have been working around the clock to adapt to virtual learning in light of COVID-19.

Thank you to all who took the time to let our staff know how much they are appreciated. We miss our students and love our community!

Brentwood Bound Virtual Open House

Wednesday, June 3, 5-6 pm, via Zoom videoconference. Visit www.BrentwoodBound.org or www.brentwoodmo.org for information on how to participate in the virtual open house. As Brentwood begins its second century, we're working on ambitious plans to transform and renew part of our City. The Board of Aldermen approved three projects to revitalize the Manchester Road corridor in Brentwood: Deer Creek Flood Mitigation, Manchester Road Improvements, Deer Creek Greenway Connector. On April 1, 2019, Brentwood voters approved Proposition B, an economic development sales tax to fully fund the Brentwood Bound plan, by a 3-to-1 margin. The Board of Aldermen approved the collection of this sales tax, effective January 1, 2020. The Brentwood Bound initial groundbreaking took place in December 2019. Learn more about progress on the Brentwood Bound Plan and projects by attending a Virtual Open House on June 3. The presentation will be posted on www.BrentwoodBound.org after June 3.

Epworth Children & Family Services to Partner with NAACP St. Louis County

Epworth Children & Family Services—a nonprofit that helps children, youth, and families move toward self-sufficiency by focusing on health, housing, education, and employment—recently entered a partnership with the NAACP St. Louis County. Epworth will receive more than 1,000 meals on a weekly basis from the NAACP St. Louis County as part of its new food distribution program during the current pandemic.



“We are extremely happy to partner with the NAACP St. Louis County Branch,” said Epworth President and CEO Dr. Michael Panicola. “Epworth has been meeting the needs of at-risk and in-need children, youth and families since 1864, and we are more than pleased to continue this important work during these very difficult times.”

Pictured is a recent photo of volunteers and staff at the Normandy Drop-In Center creating meals for the Epworth community.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities.

Epworth Children & Family Services is a multiservice agency that helps at-risk and in-need children, youth, and families move toward self-sufficiency by focusing on health, housing, education, and employment. Epworth provides foster care case management, residential and intensive treatment, psychological evaluation, in-home family therapy, emergency shelter services, transitional and independent living, homeless youth outreach, drop-in center and clinical services, life skills and vocational training, and a 24-hour crisis help-line. Epworth is headquartered at 110 N. Elm Ave. in Webster Groves and has offices in Normandy, University City, and South St. Louis City. For more information, call (314) 961-5718 or visit www.epworth.org.

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Brentwood 4th Grader Rescues Baby Opossum



Tommy Hopfinger, a 4th grader at McGrath Elementary had no idea he would become a baby opossum rescuer this spring. After finding two in his own backyard, Tommy soon discovered from a neighbor that the baby opossums mother had been killed by a dog. Tommy did some research and discovered the babies were too young to survive on their own.

He sprung into action and quickly became the neighborhood's go-to-guy for rescuing these tiny marsupials. Over the course of three days Tommy rescued 7 baby opossums using a butterfly net to safely collect them. He found the babies in 4 different yards and 1 garage.

Tommy and his dad made multiple trips to the Wildlife Rescue Center in Ballwin. There the staff will make sure the baby opossums are well cared for until they are old enough to be released back into nature.

Tommy likes to call the Wildlife Rescue Center to check on the opossum babies. He is happy to report they are all doing great!



The St. Louis Blues, Aquarium Foundation, Magic House and KidSmart Partner to Support Elementary Students' At-Home Learning Activity Kits Distributed to Children in Need

What do you get when you take the Stanley Cup winning team, add a little water and sprinkle some magic? A powerful partnership that helps connect kids in need with educational materials during this challenging time. The Saint Louis Blues, St. Louis Aquarium Foundation and The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum have created an educationally-based activity packet for children with limited internet and computer access.

In partnership with KidSmart who is providing school supplies and distribution of the packets, over 12,000 kits will be distributed to students in pre-K through second grade in the St. Louis area. Distributed with meals as a part of the free and reduced lunch program at Ferguson-Florissant, St. Louis Public and other school districts, families will have easy access to their copy of the activity book.

"We are excited to work with the St. Louis Aquarium Foundation, The Magic House and KidSmart to create an educational tool to use at home," said Chris

Zimmerman, St. Louis Blues President and CEO. "We hope this provides support for St. Louis families who are experiencing an unprecedented time in their child's education."

About Blues for Kids, Charitable Trust of the St. Louis Blues

Blues for Kids, the charitable trust of the St. Louis Blues, has a mission to positively impact programs and services that improve health and wellness of youth in the St. Louis area.

Thanks to the commitment of Blues players, alumni, volunteers and fans, Blues for Kids has contributed more than \$5 million to the St. Louis community.

MAY IS BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH

Every May is nationally recognized as Better Hearing and Speech Month by ASHA, the national Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Maryville University is home to the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, addressing the needs of children who are at risk of school failure because of communication impairments.

Many young children have speech development challenges. Often, parents notice that their child struggles with language even though he or she is clearly eager to talk. Often, these problems are mild and can be effectively "nipped in the bud" when parents know exactly how to help.

"We involve parents in an early intervention process to ensure the best possible outcomes for a child who appears to be struggling with speech," said Jacob Gutshall, Director of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic. "With early identification and long-term therapy and techniques taught to parents for use in the home, children have a better chance of achieving success in school and throughout life."

Each child is served by a Masters-level speech and language pathologist, certified by ASHA, licensed by the Missouri State Board of Healing Arts and trained in the Hanen Centre's "It Takes Two to Talk." Therapy sessions are tailored to each child's special needs. Services include screenings, evaluations, individual and group therapy, audiological evaluations, and parent training. To have a child screened at one of the seven Walker clinics, please call 314.529.9200 to set up an appointment. All clinic services are free.

Currently during the COVID-19 crisis, Walker Clinic therapists are reading to children online and modeling techniques for parents. Visit XX to view the "Read Along" and learn more. The 2020 KidTalk Celebration, a popular annual fundraiser to support clinic services, will be rescheduled.

About the Walker Clinic The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, serving the Greater St. Louis area since 1988, is a 501(c)(3) charity organization that provides services to children in six locations in St. Louis City, County and the communities of Crystal City, Troy and Union, Missouri. Services are funded by corporate and foundation grants, special fundraising events and individual donations. The Clinic receives no federal funding, and families are never charged for services, regardless of financial status or insurance coverage.

Missouri Historical Society Donations

Missouri Historical Society is donating 10% of profits from its new STL Strong Collection to the Gateway Resilience Fund, which supports small locally owned businesses in the St. Louis Region. The remaining proceeds support MHS operations.

The STL Strong collection includes T-Shirts, baseball caps, a ceramic mug, a tote, an iPhone cover, a poster, and a sticker. View the collection and get your STL Strong gear here. Photographs of items from the STL Strong collection are available upon request.

We are St. Louis. Strong today. Even stronger tomorrow.

SUNDAY OUTDOOR MARKET RETURNS TO THE BOULEVARD ON MAY 17, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TOWER GROVE FARMERS' MARKET

Back for its third season, The Boulevard Farmers Market, in partnership with Tower Grove Farmers' Market, returns to central St. Louis, beginning on Sunday May 17, 2020. The market will offer essential items from local farmers and small business owners, and will be held in the outdoor shopping center on The Boulevard, across from the Saint Louis Galleria from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekly through October 25, 2020.

To adhere to safety standards and current guidelines relating to COVID-19, the market will be held on one side of The Boulevard and organizers will be limiting the number of patrons as necessary. Patrons will be required to wear a face mask and maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others.

Considered essential, as grocery stores and pharmacies, farmers markets are an important option for groceries during this time of quarantine.

"Our vendors are the backbone of our operation and our community, and with the drastic changes we've all experienced with the COVID-19 pandemic, their operations have been completely upended," said Patrick Horine, Co-Founder of Tower Grove Farmers' Market.

"We look forward to bringing these essential businesses back to our community in a way that prioritizes safety. We are blown away by the support of the community so far, and look forward to making this smaller-scale market a success," he continued.

Vendors for the first market include: Alpacas of Troy, Dang Good Produce, Grand Army Farm and Howie Farms. More vendors will be announced via social media as they are confirmed.

"Our Sunday Markets have become a weekly tradition for many families in the area," said Ramzi Hassan, President and Owner of Edwards Realty Company. "While we eagerly anticipate the return of the more robust markets with live music and crowded streets, it is so important for us to support small businesses and farmers and provide a means for them to sustain revenue at this time."

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New live webcams at the Saint Louis Zoo

#BringTheStlZooToYou continues with the addition of more live webcams from the Saint Louis Zoo thanks to Mid America Chevy Dealers.

You can now watch our polar bear, grizzly bears, seals and sea lions, and gorillas on a rotating webcam. Look for a different 24-hour stream starting at 9 a.m. every day. Our penguin cam continues to stream 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Penguin & Puffin Coast. Visit stlzoo.org/livewebcams.

Current schedule:

Sunday: Gorillas at Jungle of the Apes

Monday: Polar bear at McDonnell Polar Bear Point

Tuesday: Grizzly bears at Centene Grizzly Ridge

Wednesday: Gorillas at Jungle of the Apes

Thursday: California sea lions and harbor seals at Judy and Jerry Kent Family Sea Lion Sound

Friday: Polar bear at McDonnell Polar Bear Point

Saturday: Grizzly bears at Centene Grizzly Ridge

Daily: Penguins at Penguin & Puffin coast (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Be sure to follow #BringTheStlZooToYou on the Zoo's social media channels and website. We'll do our best to share stories, photos, videos and educational activities as much as possible while the Zoo is closed to the public.

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PARKWAY WEST STUDENT GOES EXTRA MILE TO MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE STILL FED DURING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES

The statewide shutdown of schools as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on children and families that depend on free and reduced-price breakfast and lunches during school days, and while local school districts are making efforts to get nutritious meals into the hands of homebound students, the increased demand and the lack of distribution networks has overwhelmed the resources of many local schools. To help fill the gap during these trying times, Donovan Denham – a sophomore at Parkway West High School – is working to bring food to the families that desperately need it.

Denham, of Ballwin, is the Student Director of St. Louis Food Rescue, a non-profit that collects unsold fresh food and produce from local food retailers and immediately delivers it to food banks and shelters in the St. Louis area. Since late March, when schools across the area were first closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Denham has rescued over 500 pounds of fresh food that would otherwise be thrown away and made more than 15 food drop-offs to shelters and food pantries in the St. Louis area, including the Parkway Food Pantry which services needy families throughout the Parkway School District.

Denham plans to make many more deliveries between now and the end of summer break to help get healthy, nutritious food to vulnerable students while schools are closed.

"I have always known that the food drop-offs were important, but during this pandemic, I can really see the impact the food we are delivering is having, and it makes me appreciate the opportunity I have to help in this difficult time," said Denham.

To help make a bigger difference and reach more families, Denham recently reached out to WGU Missouri – a nonprofit, online university he frequently volunteers with – to get the university's help in distributing food to those in need. As a result of his efforts, WGU Missouri is teaming up with Denham to sponsor several lunches in the coming weeks for the 68 women and children staying at the Gateway 180 homeless shelter, located north of downtown St. Louis. Gateway 180 is one of the area shelters served by Denham and St. Louis Food Rescue.

"When Donovan came to WGU Missouri looking for help with his mission to provide food for area children and families in need, we were more than happy to assist him," said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Chancellor of WGU Missouri. "Donovan shares in our values of helping our community and changing lives, and it's so inspiring to see how devoted he is to serving those in need. Donovan is doing great things, and we are honored to be a part of his activism. We look forward to partnering with him in the weeks to come to serve families at Gateway 180 homeless shelter."

Denham has been volunteering with St. Louis Food Rescue for 3 years. The organization is devoted to providing volunteer opportunities to teenagers and making community service a part of their lives through weekly pick-ups from generous retail partners that include WholeFoods, Costco and Einstein Brothers Bagels. To learn more or get involved with St. Louis Food Rescue, visit www.stlouisfoodrescue.org/.



Brentwood School District

May 2020 News

Congratulations Class of 2020!

Brentwood School District would like to recognize the BHS Class of 2020 for their patience and effort in unprecedented times. From construction to virtual learning, these students approached challenges to the end of their senior year with grace and tenacity.

The 55 members of the Brentwood Class of 2020 submitted 270 applications to 130 colleges and universities all across the United States and abroad. To date, they have been offered 98 scholarships totalling \$2,338,010. While many of our students will continue their learning at a college or university next year, others have committed to serve in the military, enter a trade or apprenticeship program, or immediately join the workforce.

To each member of the Brentwood Class of 2020, congratulations on your outstanding achievements and best of luck in your future endeavors!

Brentwood Middle Named Distinguished PLTW School

Brentwood Middle School has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Gateway. It is one of just 176 middle schools across the U.S. to receive this honor. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in over 12,200 schools across the U.S.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Brentwood Middle School had to meet the following criteria:

Offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level;

Have more than 50 percent of the student body participating during the 2018-19 school year;

Have 25 percent of students advancing to high school participate in two or more units,

have strategies and supports in place that support reasonably proportional representation with regard to race, ethnicity, poverty, gender and can support such claims with relevant data.

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. PLTW Gateway empowers students to lead their own discovery and uncover a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond.

"It is a great honor to recognize Brentwood Middle School for their commitment to providing students with an excellent educational experience," said Dr. Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They should be very proud of their work to ensure students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose."

Board of Education Announces New Chief Financial Officer

During the closed session of the April 21st Board of Education meeting, the Board approved Matt Norrid as the district's new Chief Financial Officer. Earlier this year, the former CFO John Stewart accepted a position with another school district.

Mr. Norrid spent the last seven years as Director of Business and Financial Services in the Fox C-6 School District. Prior to that, he spent nine years in public accounting, working to lead audits of school districts and government entities. Mr. Norrid is a graduate of University of Missouri, St. Louis where he earned a bachelor's in accounting. His anticipated start date will be July 1, 2020. We hope you will join us in welcoming Matt Norrid to the district!

Resources and 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>.

Proposition E Now on June 2 Ballot

In March, the St. Louis County Board of Elections moved the April 7th election date to June 2nd. Proposition E will now appear on that ballot. Prop E seeks voter authority to issue \$29 million in bonds in order to upgrade elementary school facilities by completely rebuilding McGrath Elementary and renovating Mark Twain. This bond will add an additional forty-seven cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

The funds from Prop E will be used to improve the safety, security, accessibility, and learning opportunities provided by both elementary schools. The average age of the elementary facilities is 73 years. Even with proper maintenance, the buildings face significant challenges in adapting to modern student learning needs. In addition to safety, security, and accessibility, Prop E will focus on providing flexible learning spaces at each building that allow students greater opportunities to learn and grow.

On May 5th, the Brentwood Board of Education met to discuss the financial impact of Prop E and the future of the Brentwood School District. An archive of that meeting is available on the district's YouTube channel at bit.ly/bsdyoutube. More information is available on the www.brentwoodmoschools.org website. There, you can see more details about what Prop E will provide to generations of Brentwood families.



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Drive-by Graduation Party for Eddie Wright

Among the many “social” casualties of the Coronavirus “stay-at-home” policy is a significant “rite of passage” ceremony for thousands of young people across the US—college graduation. When they realized that this would affect them directly, the Wright-Sivier family in Brentwood decided to take matters into their own hands.

Their son, Eddie Wright, was graduating from Maryville University with a degree in Sports Business Management. The ceremony was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, at the Family Arena in St. Charles. Since Maryville cancelled the ceremony and nothing was scheduled in its place, the proud parents (Ed Wright and Joanne Sivier) planned a “Drive-by Graduation Party” for the same day between 4 pm and 5 pm.

“We felt bad for Eddie and really for all of us when we realized there wouldn’t be a ceremony to recognize the 4 years of hard work by all of the students,” said Joanne. “So, we thought this would give family and friends a chance to salute Eddie while maintaining our social distance. It was fun.”

At 4 pm, the parade of cars began with honking, banners, and even candy thrown out by relatives and close acquaintances. Eddie’s Aunt Dory and Uncle Blair drove all the way from Elsah, Illinois with signs and candy. Joanne’s sister, Sarah Bliss and family, drove by with their own 2020 Kirkwood High School grad, Sam. Other parade cars featured Eddie’s sisters, June Burkhardt and Missy Ryan, with their families plus friends from Brentwood, Saturday breakfast, and the left field bleachers.

“It was cool,” Eddie said. “I wasn’t sure how many to expect but it was a bunch that came by. It wasn’t the same as a big ceremony, but I still had fun.”

People stopped to chat, drop off gifts, and pick up special graduation cupcakes. The weather was great, and you could tell people were glad to get out of the house for a special occasion.

The grad’s dad, Ed Wright, said: “It was a lot of fun but hopefully we’ll have regular ceremonies in 2 years when Jackson graduates from Webster University and Elliot graduates from Brentwood High.”

So, what are Eddie’s plans now? As the two-sided sign he held up on Saturday said: “Going skating” and “Looking for a job”.



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RESTAURANT REVIEWS

A Drive-by Great Deal



Saturday afternoon I was faced with the fact that it was time to dig out the lawn mower and start another season of summer exercise. It all began with trying to resurrect our ten year old plus lawn mower to a finely tuned machine of human torture.

After twenty minutes or so of handle pulling, and possibly teaching the new neighbor kids some old school military vocabulary, I felt like it was already time for a cold beer!

An hour or so later, I was not ready to stand at the kitchen stove for an extended period of time fixing dinner. Normally, faced with this situation, we would be off to our favorite, nearby Mexican or Chinese restaurant to satisfy our hunger and thirst. This is, however, not normal times, so I decided

to try our first curb-side service dinner.

Not wanting to drive far from home, I decided to try a local St. Charles restaurant for this experiment. Sue said she was ready for some pizza, so I decided on Frankie Tocco's Pizzeria on Historic South Main Street. I must confess that we had never eaten here, but as I said, it was close.



We ordered by phone and decided to try one of their two curb-side special dinners. We decided on the dinner for two, a large, one topping pizza, a small pasta with a red sauce, a small house salad and Italian bread and garlic butter for \$22.95.

They also offer a curb-side dinner for four that includes a large, two topping pizza, a large house salad, a large red pasta and cheese garlic bread for \$32.95.

There is also a "Take and Bake" dinner for four. It is a 1/3 pan of ziti, or a 1/3 pan of lasagna, and a 1/3 pan of house



salad and Italian bread and garlic butter for \$34.95

They said it would be forty minutes since it was a busy Saturday night. I pulled up in front of their business forty minutes later and a very pleasant young lady brought out my order that filled up the passenger seat of my car.

When we opened our order we found a very large, St. Louis style, pepperoni pizza. A salad that was enough for four people, more than a quart of pasta shells in red sauce and six slices of Italian bread with sides of garlic butter. We were amazed at the amount of food in front of us.

The pizza was very tasty. The bread was fresh. The pasta was good and the mixed greens salad was unbelievably fresh and delicious. We had leftover pizza for lunch on Sunday and we had the pasta for dinner later that night. Three meals for \$22.95 is incredible!

Frankie Tocco's is a family owned restaurant that offers a full menu of Italian favorites as well as beer and wine service with sit down service when this virus thing is over with. By the way, they also offer New York style pizza with a thicker crust, and a Chicago style pizza with higher stacked toppings. They are now part of our local favorites list.

I am glad we finally tried the curb-side delivery access to help our local restaurants. It works, and I hope it helps keep our local, family owned restaurants in business. If you have not yet done so, we highly suggest you try this to support your favorite restaurants.

Frankie Tocco's is located at 108 South Main St. in the historic area of St. Charles. Their phone # is 636-947-7007. You can see their complete menu, photos and reviews at facebook.com/FrankieTocco



TRAVEL

by Sue McCarthy

Fredericksburg, TX - Texas Hill Country

Gillespie County Airport has a 5,000 ft. runway and has the capability to be operational 24-hours daily, seven days a week. Guests at the Hangar Hotel can sit and sip one of the great Martinis from the bar as they watch the planes land and take off.

The hotel and airport are located 2 miles from town on Highway 16 south.

Hangar Hotel

WWII Décor is the theme of this boutique hotel, conference center and diner. There are fifty rooms in the hotel decorated to reflect the early aviation and military history period.

When walking down the hall to the rooms look up at the runway landing light arrow on the ceiling. The Officer's Club has plush Bomber Jacket Leather seating where you can relax in front of the mahogany and granite fireplace with friends. The bar boasts a choice of 100 martinis. Or, you can relax upstairs on the Observation Deck where you can watch planes taking off and landing. Walking around the property observe a vintage red and white "Freedom" water tower, a 10 ft. WWII searchlight and a 1946 North American Navy airplane. The Hangar Hotel is not just for pilots. It is an aviation-themed restaurant and hotel with airplane memorabilia, model planes and USO history.

This is the perfect place if you are planning a banquet, wedding, meeting or seminar. The Conference Center is eight thousand sq. ft. plus an additional eighteen hundred sq. ft. There are two Quonset hut briefing rooms; the hangar doors open to provide inside/outside seating, and it seats 750 guests. There is a 9 ft. x 12 ft. movable projection screen. The adjoining Pacific Showroom has 350 seats, a 1940's USO swing dance contest was held in May. You would think you were really in the South Pacific seeing the palm trees and tropical flowers, a Tiki Bar with thatched huts, bamboo, 50 ft. x 16 ft. ocean mural, and vintage cars.

The stainless steel diner's theme is 1940's décor with an airplane motif. The ceiling is made of curved birch trimmed in mahogany with terrazzo floors. The seating has padded booths and soda fountain swivel stools. Bomber Burgers and Blue Plate Specials are served. Be sure to check out the kid's menu with names like Rosie the Riveter Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Kamikaze Dogs and Patton's PBJ.

Fredericksburg Brewing Co. (www.yourbrewery.com)

When the state of Texas passed legislation in 1994 permitting brewpubs, it was only

a matter of months before the Fredericksburg Brewing Co. was founded and now claims the title of "Oldest and Most Acclaimed Brewpub in Texas." The brewpub also has the reputation for the "Best in Texas" for their award-winning brews.

The 1890's restored building has an authentic looking German-style biergarten with flags from countries all over the world. If you didn't know better you'd think you were in Germany. As you walk in the front door you can see the massive copper and stainless brew equipment made in Europe behind the bar. The top of the bar is poured concrete, the floor was made of long leaf yellow pine timbers and the building made of limestone block.

There are also twelve "Bed and Brews" above the brewery, which are reminiscent of breweries found in Germany. If you stay in one of the rooms overnight each guest will receive a free four sampler of beer for each night's stay...that's where the name "Bed and Brew" came from.

Unlike many other cities sidewalk consumption of beer is allowed and you can sip your cold brew as you take a stroll through this quaint German community. Kevin's souvenir t-shirt with the brewery name on the front and on the back was a perfect gift for him. "Less Government...More Beer."

Inn on Baron's Creek - www.innonbaron'screek.com

There are over 300 B&B's located in and around the Fredericksburg area, many of these are quaint historic places to stay. The inn has a total of 90 suites and is only a short two blocks stroll from downtown. You'll find the limestone décor reflects the German heritage. 830-990-9202

Luckenbach (pop. 3) (www.luckenbachtexas.com)

Take RR 1376, 8 miles 13 miles south east of Fredericksburg, TX to the famous town of Luckenbach. You probably won't find a Luckenbach road sign since collectors keep stealing them. You won't find a large town, not even a small town. What you will find is 9.142 acres with a dancehall, a general store/bar and a wooden lean to type stage where local acts perform live music while cats and roosters saunter across

the stage. A sign in the bar says. "If you are drinking to forget, please pay in advance." The general store/bar started out as an 1849 trading post, by Jacob Luckenbach (1817-1911) one of the earliest German settlers in the area. If you are lucky you might be there on a night a famous performer or two drop in. Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson helped make Luckenbach famous with their song with this famous line, "Let's go to Luckenbach, Texas with Waylon and Willie and the boys."

"Voted Best Dance Hall in Texas!" Singers and songwriters from all over stop by to try their brand of entertainment on the old wooden stage. The Dance Hall can be rented for weddings and events. Come dressed casual, sit at the wooden picnic tables and have a BBQ Burger prepared at the Feed Lot. "Everybody is somebody in Luckenbach!"

IF YOU GO - Fredericksburg, TX

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Fredericksburg, TX
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INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of
StLSportsPage.com

Pandemic forces major changes in Cardinals preparations for draft, but not in the importance of their work

Randy Flores is fond of saying that each of the years he and his team of scouts have prepared for the baseball draft has been different.

Different does not begin to describe this year's preparations.

How different? Flores and the rest of the Cardinals' scouts are spending their days in front of computers watching videos of prospects instead of watching games in person. There are no games to watch because of the coronavirus pandemic, which shut down baseball at all levels in March.

Add in the facts that the date for the draft, originally set to begin on June 10, has not been officially determined, as well as whether the draft will be cut to five rounds or 10 instead of the usual 40, and it is immediately obvious the challenges that Flores and his scouts are facing – just like the other 29 major-league teams.

"We are all in the same boat," Flores said. "We're all missing those live looks, those jumps in performance, missing those who might be developing a pitch and didn't get a chance to be seen live. Luckily, it's a level playing field because all of us are dealing with those difficulties.

"There's a lot of unknowns out there."

What Flores does know for certain is that he and his scouts still have to prepare – even if in a different manner – and rank and evaluate players for whenever the draft is held. Thanks to extra picks because of a competitive balance selection and a compensation pick for losing free agent Marcell Ozuna to the Braves, the Cardinals will have five of the top 93 picks in the draft.

The Cardinals will have the 21st, 54th, 63rd, 70th and 93rd picks in the draft, all in the top three rounds, plus their normal picks – at least in rounds four and five.

While the exact details of the draft have not been confirmed, it appears likely the draft will be cut to five rounds if this major-league season is canceled and 10 rounds if the season is just delayed. Any eligible player not drafted could still sign as a free agent, but with a strict \$20,000 cap on a signing bonus.

Scouts have not been allowed to work out players in person since March, when all of the live games stopped and the Cardinals sent their scouts home. In some cases, high school players who were projected as first-round picks had not even begun their season, leaving teams to make draft decisions by relying on a player's performance from last season and their appearances on the summer showcase circuit.

Under the new scouting landscape, one advantage the Cardinals might have is that they have incorporated video in their evaluation process for several years, and have a database of videos from past seasons to draw from. Flores in fact ran a company which provided videos of players to teams before he was hired as the Cardinals' scouting director.

"I don't know if it gives us an edge but it maybe puts us a step or two ahead of the learning curve," Flores said. "Our baseball development team ramped up its capture of video

and the archiving process pre-COVID. We were already using streaming services for conference calls that traditionally were in-person and pivoted a few years ago and went to Facetime ... so all of those steps are not foreign to us."

Flores has been running the Cardinals' drafts since 2016. His first year, combined with every aspect of his job as the scouting director being new, saw a player they had not expected to still be on the board, Delvin Perez, drop to their selection. In his second draft, Flores had to prepare for a draft that did not include any picks in the first or second round as a result of the team's former scouting director hacking into the Astros' computer database.

In 2018, Flores and the Cardinals had to pivot to be able to select Nolan Gorman after he unexpectedly fell in the draft. Flores relies on all of those experiences in his draft preparations, but none of what he has gone through in the past four drafts come close to matching the unusual nature of this year's countdown to the draft.

"Lo and behold COVID-19 ... I think that tops them all," Flores said.

Flores was at a game in the southeastern part of the country in mid-March when the decision was made to pull the scouts off the road.

"It was late at night and I started trying to change my flight and it was a four-hour plus hold time on Delta and I couldn't get through," Flores said. "So the next morning I got in my rental car and drove the 11 hours home and bunkered down."

Flores immediately told his scouts that just because their work was going to be different this year, the importance wasn't going to change.

"We got on a zoom call and told everyone we were going to operate under a set of assumptions," Flores said. "The intent of laying those out was for everyone to really understand that this is going to be different, it's not just a pause.

"In order to get the type of focus and intentionality on our process moving forward we operated under the assumption there would be no further in person evaluations, no pre-draft staff meetings and that we would be communicating by zoom calls and phone calls. We assumed the draft day will be June 10 so we could keep our timing, our cadence and our momentum and then adjust if any of those assumptions held to be incorrect."

Flores said he does not know when the final decisions will be made about the date for the draft and how many rounds it will be – but he knows his scouts will be ready.

"This is one of those deals where we learn more each week," he said. "A month ago you could never have imagined the steps that would happen, that we are all seeing it play out on live TV. That's why the commissioner's office is holding off; we get more clarity each week on what the next steps are going to look like."

"We are all in the same boat," Flores said. "We're all missing those live looks, those jumps in performance, missing those who might be developing a pitch and didn't get a chance to be seen live. Luckily, it's a level playing field because all of us are dealing with those difficulties.

A few weeks ago John Mozeliak, the Cardinals' president of baseball operations, offered Flores some advice about the challenges he was going to face because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"His counsel was something to the effect that, 'Look Flo, you are going to try to figure all of this out right now – the draft strategy, signability, where the draft will take place, how you will have meetings – but just pause on that because those answers will come in time. Save the energy for when that's necessary.'

"We don't know yet how we will do all that, but I don't have to. We will be ready when we have some clarity."

While Flores is focused primarily on this year's draft, he already knows the pandemic is going to impact the drafts in the next couple of years as well. The Cape Cod League, where the Cardinals have always had an active scouting presence looking at top college players, has been canceled for this summer. Many other leagues also are expected to cancel their seasons, after there was no or only a short spring season, and many of the high-profile scouting summer showcases also likely will not be held.

For now, Flores has been working mostly from home. He has been able to use the time when he normally would have been on an airplane heading to one game or another to watch a top prospect to access more video of players he might not have seen in the past.

When he needed a break in past years from the rigors of the road, if Flores found himself in one of his frequent hangouts, the airport in Atlanta, he would try to spend some time in the rainforest that was built between two of the terminals. If he happened to be in Kansas, he would go out and take a drive on some quiet back roads.

Since he can't do either now, Flores has found a capable substitute – spending time his two daughters, 10 and 8, and his 2 ½ year old son.

"My mental escape comes from being able to spend some time with them in the spring when I have not been able to do that in any spring of their lives," he said. "Evening walks with my family provides all the mental break I need."

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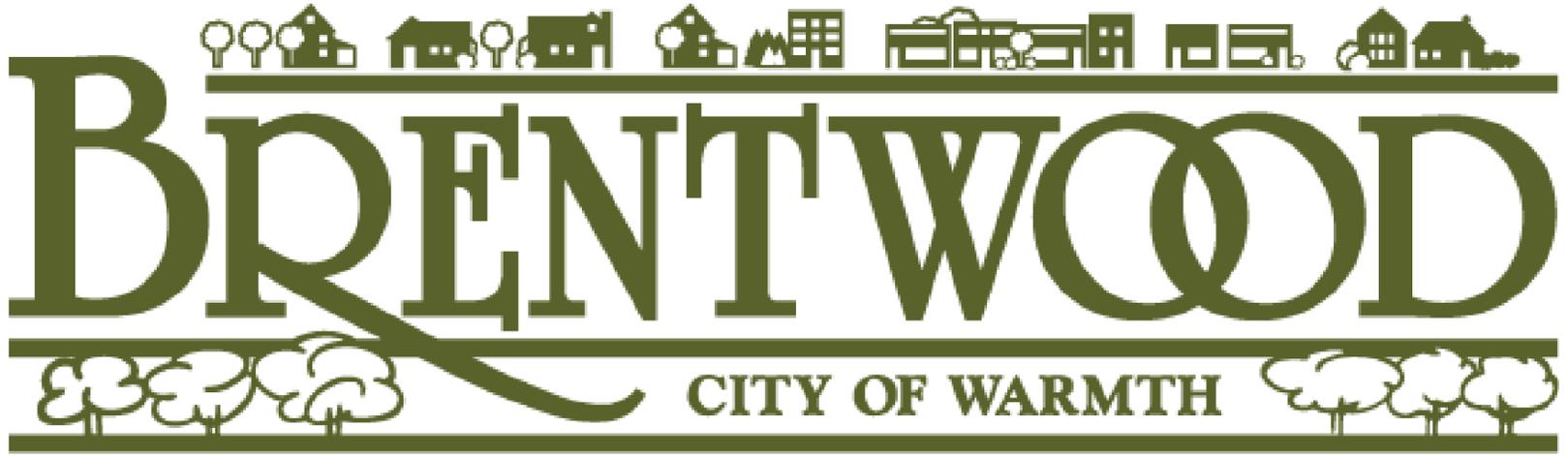


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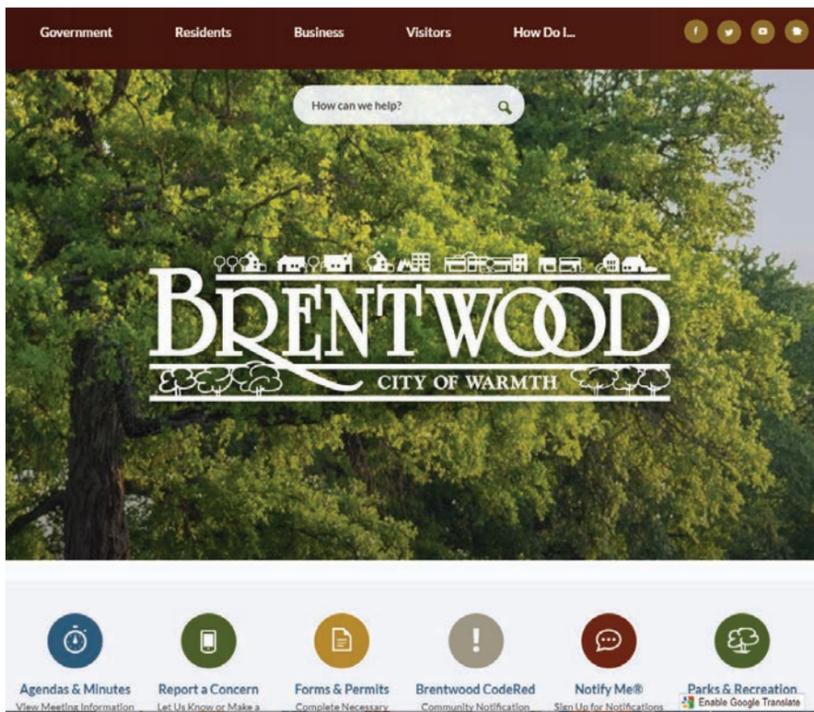
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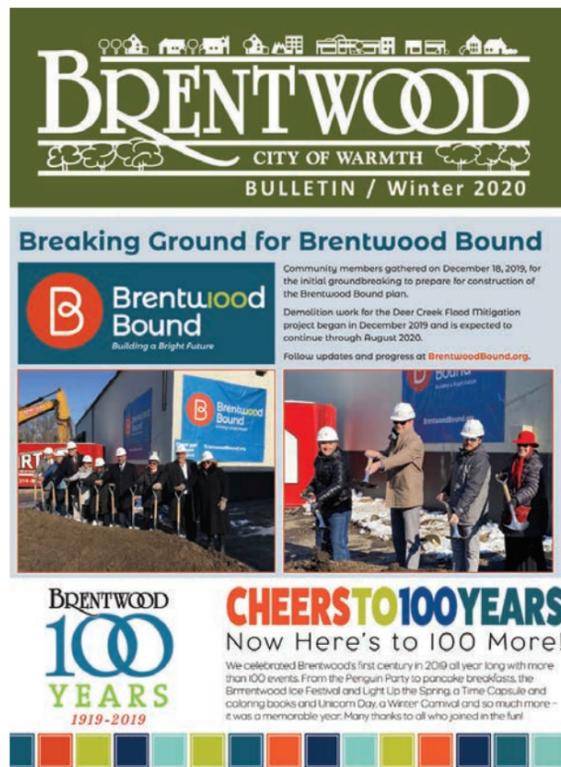
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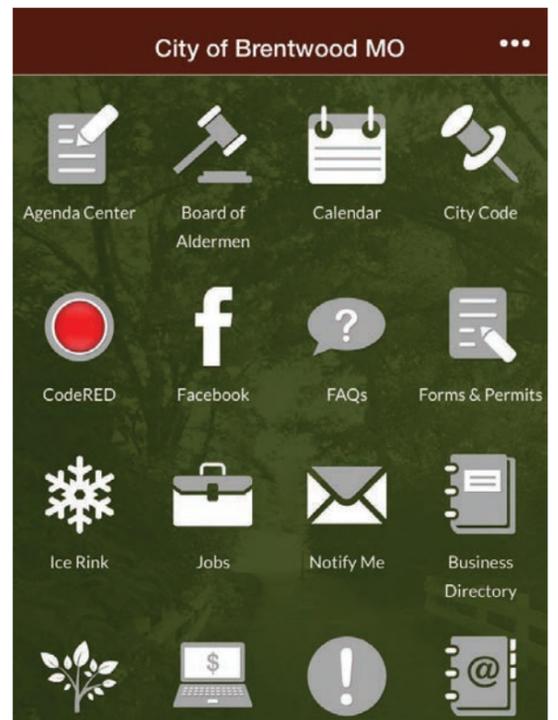
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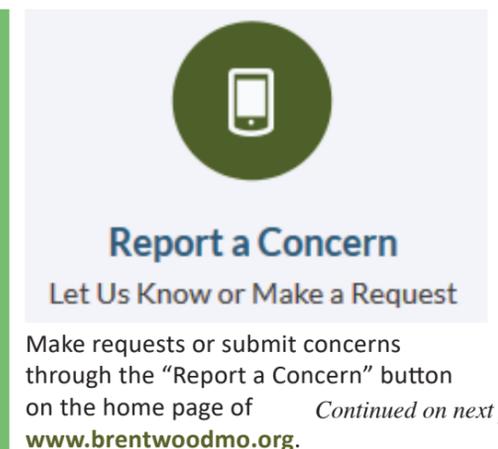
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Proposition E

is a \$29 million bond issue to fund critical updates to our elementary school facilities at Mark Twain and McGrath, incorporate the Early Childhood Center into our neighborhoods, and reduce long-term operational costs. Prop E is a fiscally responsible investment in our kids, our community, and our future!



In light of the ongoing global pandemic, the district is committed to being as fiscally responsible as we can. Prop E was already designed to contain costs, but now will do so even more.

- The urgent needs of our elementary facilities haven't changed. The Brentwood School Board adopted a resolution on May 5 to meet the needs of our elementary schools while integrating the Early Childhood Center into our neighborhood schools. Doing so will efficiently use Prop E bond funds and ensure that voters are not asked for another facilities tax increase in the foreseeable future.
- The reduced footprint from 4 to 3 buildings, all fully updated, will reduce Brentwood School District's financial exposure, and the inclusion of the ECC into an elementary school has educational benefits for students.
- Prop E will still ensure two up-to-date K-5 neighborhood elementary schools. Each elementary school will still see necessary improvements to accessibility, safety, and infrastructure as well as create classroom spaces that are conducive to modern teaching.

Vote YES on E

Tuesday, June 2

Request an absentee ballot by May 20.
Virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, May 19, at 7 PM

Visit our web site for more information on how the community is coming together in support of Prop E:

www.yesforbrentwoodschoools.com

Paid for by Brentwood Citizens for Excellence, Jim Schnarr, Treasurer

LETTER TO EDITOR

We are writing on behalf of Brentwood Citizens for Excellence, an advocacy group composed of various stakeholders in our community who have worked on behalf of Prop E to ensure its passage. The pandemic certainly has changed how we saw that campaign going. Indeed, the pandemic has changed so many things in our daily lives, and yet as a community, we have been resilient. Prop E remains on the June 2 ballot. We still support it and encourage you to vote yes on Prop E.

It is always difficult to ask voters to raise taxes on themselves, not least at this moment when many are either losing their jobs or worried about the prospect of financial instability (ourselves included). Our thoughts are understandably preoccupied with our health, our family, and our prospects for the future. All of those facts are true at the same time other facts are also true, namely, that our elementary school facilities are falling behind. The rationale for why we need to invest in our children's future is still true (please see our advertisement in these very pages). From our vantage point, Prop E is still pressing and necessary, and indeed it should be a unifying moment for our community. Without Prop E, we would be deferring our shared educational mission for several more years at least. If anything, this moment shows us all how we need to prepare for the future even as that investment comes with a price.

"We are all in this together" has become somewhat of a cliché these days, but clichés only become overused because they have a lot of truth to them. If anything, Brentwood is even more prepared to pass Prop E in light of the sobering realities the pandemic has revealed.

Ben Cooper, Co-Chair
Dave Spencer, Co-Chair

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

More than ever, we are seeing the tremendous power of working together and community. Together, we are slowing a global pandemic. Together, we are carrying each other through uncertainty and upheaval. Together, we are planning and taking action, determined to safely reclaim our lives from COVID-19. A few weeks ago, the Brentwood community was faced with the desperate needs of the elementary facilities and entrenched in debate on Prop E, a \$29 million bond to replace McGrath Elementary and extensively renovate Mark Twain Elementary. In the intervening weeks, community members, district leadership, and the Board of Education worked together to further optimize the elementary education plan to benefit the district and Brentwood community. The collaborative efforts resulted in the Board resolution on May 5th to integrate the Early Childhood Center (ECC) and elementary schools using both Prop E's \$29 million and district resources. This plan takes care of the urgent needs of our elementary schools, while integrating the ECC into the neighborhood schools we value. It upholds and enhances quality education while reducing the district's fiscal exposure in these uncertain times. Together, we can keep our schools and community strong now and into the future. Please join us in voting YES for Prop E on June 2nd.

Sincerely,

Paul Presson, MBA
Sue Reeds, MD
Michael White, PhD
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CLEAN AIR PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES RETURN OF AIR QUALITY FORECASTING FOR THE 2020 SEASON

Air quality forecasting resumes May 1 in the St. Louis metropolitan area, and the region's ozone season is kicking off with one advantage that should help to keep emissions at bay in the coming weeks. While the region continues to respond to the ongoing pandemic, fewer automobiles are taking to the roads as many workers continue to telecommute to minimize the spread of COVID-19. However, once the state and region gradually open back up for business, it is expected that traffic will ramp back up and so will the potential for increased emissions that contribute to ozone formation.

The importance of keeping the region's air clean is at an all-time high as millions of Americans – including St. Louis residents – are living in communities impacted by unhealthy levels of pollution in the form of high ozone days, more particle pollution days and higher annual particle levels than ever before. According to the American Lung Association's 2020 State of the Air report, 2.5 million children and 10.6 million adults with asthma live in counties that received an "F" grade for at least one pollutant. Likewise, more than 316,000 children and 1.4 million adults with asthma live in counties failing all three tests, meaning there is still much work to be done to protect local communities from the growing risks to public health.

Signing up to receive the Partnership's daily air quality color-coded forecast via email at www.cleanair-stlouis.com helps to ensure St. Louisans know what the next day's air quality will be and if they should alter their outdoor activities to minimize exposure to polluted air. Should the forecast call for poor air quality in the form of an Orange or Red Air Quality Day, the hope is that people will also take specific steps to further reduce emissions. While weather conditions do play a significant role in our region's daily air quality, transportation-related emissions have always been one of the biggest contributors to air pollution, and the choices people make on how to get around affects air quality and the health of the region.

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City of Brentwood News – May 2020

City of Brentwood Updates Related to COVID-19

This information is accurate as of May 4, 2020. Please check the City's website for additional details and updates: www.brentwoodmo.org.

The City of Brentwood continues to monitor 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 Department of Public Health, and other authorities. Visit www.stlcorona.com for additional information and resources.

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 until further notice and will be evaluated in mid-May. 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, coughing or sneezing into a tissue, and wearing a face mask covering your nose and mouth if you must be out in the public.

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.



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; 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, April 27 and May 11 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.

Please visit www.stlcorona.com for additional information and resources from St. Louis County.

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 or 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.

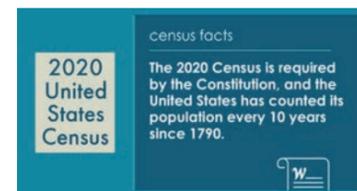
If you have concerns or comments to direct to City staff or City departments, please contact the City at 314.962.4800 or submit your questions or comments via the Report a Concern feature on the home page of the City website, www.brentwoodmo.org. The appropriate staff member will respond.

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/>



Responsible Recycling

Residents can help sustain single-stream recycling services in Brentwood by knowing what to put in the recycling bin and what to leave out of the recycling bin.

DO Add to the Recycling Bin:

Paper
Flattened Cardboard
Plastic Bottles and Containers
Glass Bottles and Jars
Metal Food and Beverage Cans
Food and Beverage Cartons

Keep these items loose (not bagged), clean and dry. Place these in your recycling container; do NOT place recyclable items in a trash bag or plastic bag.

DO NOT Add to the Recycling Bin:

Plastic Bags and Film
Styrofoam
Sharps and Needles
Food Waste
One-Time-Use Disposables (such as plastic straws and utensils)
Batteries
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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.

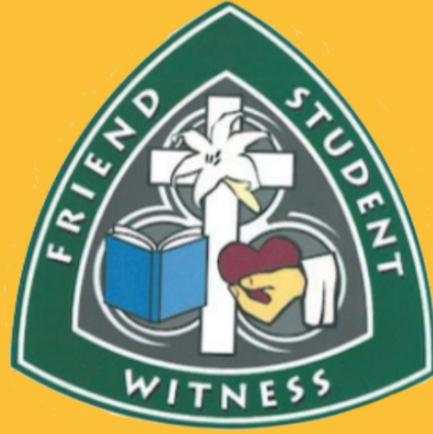
The Brentwood Fire Department has suspended the following daily practices until further notice, to ensure the safety of our community as well as ensure the continuity of emergency response personnel: Building inspections and pre-planning; fire station tours; community use of the fire station; Fire Department 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.

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Jeff Gould For Alderman Ward 3

A case for modernizing communication methods in our local government.

Before this pandemic, I was asked what my priorities would be when elected as Alderman. My answer was:

1. Provide a strong voice for Ward 3 residents and encourage more citizen engagement in our local government

2. Ensure the Brentwood Bound project is comprehensively executed in a timely, fiscally-responsible manner

3. Improve our Ward's public safety to maintain a secure community for our families to live, work and play

While all three priorities are important, there's a reason "provide a strong voice" came first. As we've adjusted to mandatory stay-at-home orders, social distancing, work-from-home practices and virtual schooling, finding new ways to stay connected with each other is imperative. President Lincoln said we must be a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." That proclamation is just as relevant today. Our democracy and freedom are diminished when the public isn't informed and able to participate in the process.

Our Alderpersons need to know the will of the Ward, but waiting for residents to come to you or passively posting information on the city website is unacceptable in this information age. It's time our elected officials shift their mindset to better serve our community.

Regular in-person meetings with residents are always preferred, and I sincerely hope they can continue. No matter how much information you share virtually, it's no substitute for developing personal, face-to-face relationships. However, now it's a question of public safety and health. The silver lining is that adding more contemporary methods of communication could allow for more residents to engage and provide their input.

I'm encouraged to see some of the administration embracing this new paradigm. The mayor and a few city officials have been active on social media and are even starting to hold virtual public meetings.

The good news is that many of these solutions have proven effective when used appropriately. Email has been around since 1972, yet when is the last time you received one from your representative? Community pages and platforms on social media have been increasingly impactful over the past decade, but only relatively recently used to quickly alert the community. If you haven't already, I'd urge all residents to join the Brentwood MO Community Group on Facebook and sign up for the Nextdoor app.

Soon I hope you'll see more frequent use of tools like video conferencing with citizen participation, as well as cloud-based surveys that enable our community to offer real-time feedback and presentations that share our input. Even virtual happy hours and coffee breaks have become part of our social norms and are a great way to stay connected in a less formal manner. Today's world moves pretty fast, so delivering and receiving information in a timely manner is critical to ensure our community keeps pace.

The truth is, no one likes change. However, when change is necessary, we've shown we can quickly adapt as a society, then often look back and say, "Why didn't we do that sooner?"

Ward 3, you have a choice to make for the future of your representation and I'm asking for your support. The municipal election is now being held on Tuesday, June 2. Vote Jeff Gould for Alderman – Ward 3.

For any additional information or questions, feel free to email me at jeffbgould73@gmail.com or chat with me through Facebook or Nextdoor.



WARD 3 FOR LEAHY



Do you remember seeing the red canopy at the Rec Center, the polling place for Ward 3? That red tent is there to serve

YOU. For 18 years Alderman Leahy has served this ward and has brought the red tent to the polls. Stop and talk to him about the issues on the ballot. He will NOT tell you HOW to vote, but he will inform you of the facts so that you can make an informed decision. Let him know your position on any issues facing the city and what's good and bad in your neighborhood.

Alderman Leahy had been there EVERY election for 18 years, even when he is not on the ballot. He sets the standard for serving the public.

For 18 years, ever since he was first elected, he has hosted monthly Ward 3 open meetings for residents to stay informed. He was doing this long before the mayors started offering morning coffees or afternoon happy hours.

Alderman Leahy was the driving force on the board to return to the two-year term of office so your elected officials would be accountable to you, the voters. That makes for better government.

The job of alderman should not be a popularity contest but a choice of who will do the work. Alderman Leahy spends hours reading material, speaking with residents and doing research on the issues.

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON JUNE 2nd.

It is YOUR Vote and it matters!

Also, on this ballot is the Brentwood School Board Candidates, The Brentwood School Bond issue and MSD Bond Issue. These issues are worth looking into before coming to vote.

Brentwood Election Day Food Drive

Brentwood voters go to the polls on June 2nd to cast votes in the recently postponed April municipal election. The current events of the past two months have changed all our lives. As the Brentwood Community we have an opportunity to make the "City of Warmth" an active physical example of a sharing and caring community for those in need.

On June 2nd when you come to vote bring some canned goods or paper products to donate to help those in need. The items will be distributed to the McKnight Crossing Christians Who Care, St Mary Magdalen St Vincent De Paul and CARE organizations to help local families in need.

Specifically, food banks often need items like:
Peanut butter
Canned soup
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Canned stew
Canned fish
Canned beans
Canned meats
Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Paper towels and toilet paper

The polling places for the June 2 Election and where your donations will be accepted are:

Ward 1 McKnight Crossing and Brentwood Rec Center

Ward 2 The Heights in Richmond Heights; Brentwood City Hall will NOT be available for this election

Ward 3 Brentwood Rec Center

Ward 4 Brentwood Forest Club House

Any questions may be directed to Andrew Leahy at leahyag@sbcglobal.net

or call 314-962-2318 and if you wish to help with this collection please let me know.

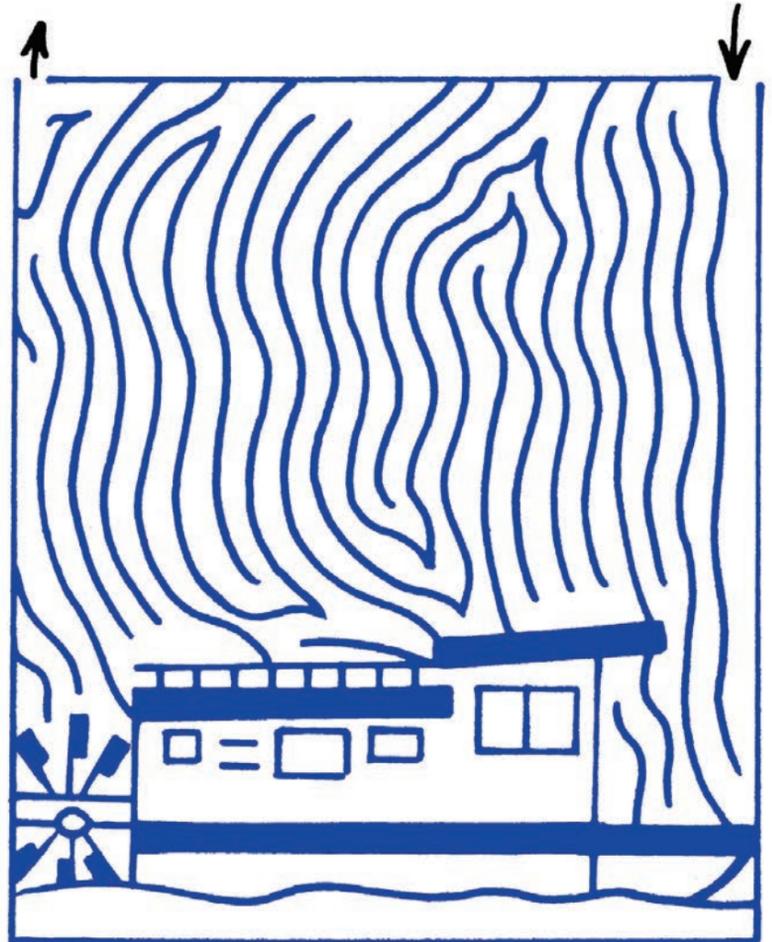
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- West County Center T-Mobile
- University City T-Mobile (6662 Delmar Boulevard)
- Saint Ann Wireless Toyz (3594 North Lindbergh Boulevard)

More locations to come. If you are interested in collecting phones for Lydia's House through a drive at your business, faith community or school, please contact Lisa Weingarth at (314) 771-4411 ext. 101 or lweingarth@lydiashouse.org.

About Lydia's House

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. Our program provides up to two years of transitional housing and critical support services to survivors of domestic violence.

Web: www.lydiashouse.org Email: info@lydiashouse.org
Connect: Find us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

Civic & Church Organizations

Brentwood Optimist Club

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Goff-Moll Post 101, 2721 Collier
Mary Meers, President

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3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
The American Legion, 2721 Collier Ave.
Brentwood, MO 63144, 961-3263
Halls for Rent

Maplewood Lions Club

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Lion Judy Yingling, President
Phone: 314-550-0093

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COVID-19 has created financial instability for many in our community. If you have been impacted financially due to this pandemic please reach out to us to explore options. Call (636) 720-2400.

WE BELIEVE IN PEOPLE—OUR MEMBERS AND OUR COMMUNITY

Our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus. Our thoughts are especially with those who are sick, and we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery. We're truly inspired by the selfless healthcare workers in our community and around the world who are on the front lines working tirelessly to care for people in need.

In extraordinary times of stress and risk to health, we are working hard to be there for you. We are confident the Brentwood community will help and support one another. Please strive to stay healthy—and stay connected.



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