Brentwood’s Sustainability Commission Members Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for City’s EV Charging Stations

In Fall 2020, the City of Brentwood qualified for the Ameren Missouri incentive program to encourage businesses to install Electric Vehicle chargers. Ameren’s funding plan goal was to install 1,000 EV stations across the state. Their program covers up to half of the total project cost to install the stations.

The City has installed four charging ports, covering four parking spaces in the Brentwood Recreation Complex parking lot. The EV charging stations were ready for public use in mid-February 2021. The stations are available for the public to use, at no cost to the user, during normal business hours. To use the stations, users download the ChargePoint app and then locate the Brentwood station via the app.

Here’s some data from mid-February though the date of the charging stations’ official ribbon cutting ceremony on June 9: 43 unique drivers used the stations for 82 charging sessions. The average session length was 2 hours and 39 minutes. During that time period, these four stations kept 532 kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere. This is the equivalent to planting 14 trees and letting them grow for 10 years.

The City of Brentwood is committed to a focus on sustainability. The Brentwood Board of Aldermen launched a sustainability initiative to help ensure a vibrant future for the Brentwood community. Each City department is working to identify and incorporate sustainable practices into their operations.

The Board approved creation of a Sustainability Commission in Fall 2020. Brentwood’s Sustainability Commission began work in January 2021 and includes five Brentwood residents representing each of the City’s four Wards: Andy Burkemper (Chair), Melissa Boban, Alex Porter, Tika Shah and Lindsay Spencer.

The Commission will help to develop a city-wide coordinated effort to advance energy conservation, environmental improvement, and sustainability of resources for Brentwood.
Progress continues on the three components of the Brentwood Bound Plan. These transformative initiatives are bound together in building a bright future for Brentwood.

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

**Follow the Progress**
Visit BrentwoodBound.org for project details, videos, presentations, construction updates, project timelines and other information.

Questions or input to share? Call 314.963.8673 or email brentwoodbound@brentwoodmo.org.

**Watch the Progress - Live!**
See live views of work on Brentwood Bound projects through the “Site Cameras” link at the top of the home page of BrentwoodBound.org.

**Project Timeline Highlights**

**Deer Creek Flood Mitigation Construction - Phase 1**
8/2020-8/2022
Norm West Park to Breckenridge Industrial Court

**Deer Creek Flood Mitigation Construction - Phase 2**
7/2021-12/2022
Breckenridge Industrial Court to confluence of Black Creek and Deer Creek

**Manchester Road Improvements Construction**
8/2021-12/2023
After the Missouri Department of Transportation approves the recommended bidder, construction will begin.

**Deer Creek Greenway Connector Demolition Work**
4/2021-7/2021

**Deer Creek Greenway Connector Construction**
7/2021-6/2022

>> More details on BrentwoodBound.org > Timeline

**Project Updates**
Keep track of construction through regular updates on the website and the City’s communication channels.

**Construction Update**
BrentwoodBound.org

Proposed design for event pavilion in the park within the Brentwood Bound project area
Brentwood Firefighters Fight More Than Fire

Today’s fire service has evolved into an all-hazards response and includes much more than just firefighting or emergency medical response. Brentwood firefighters and paramedics manage these incidents regularly and train often to provide the Brentwood community with their very best.

Today’s “firefighters” are asked to do more than fight fire or take care of sick or injured patients – many firefighters are also rescue specialists or rescue technicians. A rescue technician manages high-angle rescues using complex rope systems, manages the extrication of entrapped vehicle occupants following collision, retrieves endangered persons clinging to submerged vehicles in flood waters, or pulls an unconscious worker from a hazardous materials environment – all events which Brentwood firefighters have managed in recent years.

Members of the Brentwood Fire Department have committed themselves to these rescue disciplines and they train often should complex incidents occur. Four Brentwood firefighters attended the Indiana River Rescue School in South Bend, Ind., a five-day class held mostly in a swift water environment, where they learned how to safely rescue trapped persons in flood waters.

Thanks to the Brentwood Bound Deer Creek Flood Mitigation Project, the local flooding situation will improve and become safer, but the water is not being eliminated. Swift water will continue to be present in the region and Brentwood’s firefighters will be used throughout the St. Louis region and beyond to help other communities manage their flooding incidents. High-risk emergencies occur, and the Brentwood Fire Department is constantly working to better serve Brentwood.

“Talk with the Hawk”: Major Hawkins Shares Bicycle Safety Tips

First and foremost – helmets save lives! Please wear your helmets when biking (no matter where you go) and make sure the kiddos are wearing them, too. While kids might ride bikes on the sidewalks, it is not typical for adults to do so; everyone who is an adult on a bike should be in the street. While biking on the roadway, keep in mind you must follow the rules of the road, just as if you are a motorcyclist. This helps keep you seen and keep you safe. Please make sure you are dressed in bright colored clothing or gear to help drivers see you when you are on a bike. Or, you can do what my parents did to me when I was young, and put a giant orange flag on my bicycle. There really was no way to avoid seeing me with that beautiful little flag waving happily in the wind.

Find more tips in Major Hawkins’ “Talk with the Hawk” newsletters at https://www.brentwoodmo.org/2181/Talk-with-the-Hawk-Newsletter
**Report a Concern, Make a Request**

Make requests (such as vacation checks or household item pick-ups) or submit concerns (such as missed trash pickup) through the MyGov request-tracking system via the homepage of brentwoodmo.org.

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

If you submit your name and contact information, you’ll receive feedback when the request is received and also will receive updates as the request is investigated by staff.

**State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) Program**

The Missouri Housing Development Corporation is the state administrator for the emergency rental and utility assistance authorized by Congress to help with COVID relief. The State Assistance for Housing Relief Program provides assistance with rent and utilities for Missouri residents who have been directly or indirectly financially impacted by COVID-19. The program can assist income eligible households with up to 12 months of financial assistance.

To learn more, call 833.541.1599.

**State Weatherization Assistance**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is offering weatherization assistance to increase energy efficiency and improve the health of homes. The department’s Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program is essential to meeting heating and cooling needs of those with low incomes.

To learn more, call 800.361.4827 or 573.751.2254.

Find more COVID-19 resources at brentwoodmo.org.

**CITY SERVICES**

**CodeRED Emergency Notification**

Sign up to receive notifications of impending emergencies, weather alerts, or critical community alerts via phone, email or text. Click the CodeRED button on the homepage of brentwoodmo.org or call 314.962.4800 to sign up. Download the CodeRED Mobile Alert by Onsolve LLC mobile app for real-time, location-specific alerts.

**Knox HomeBox Loan Program**

The Brentwood Fire Department offers a 90-day Knox HomeBox loan program for residents who have a temporary special need or physical disability preventing them from opening their front door to Brentwood fire and medical personnel in event of an emergency. Call 314.963.8612.

**MAGIC Bus**

This free service is designed to transport Brentwood residents age 60 and older or adults with disabilities to destinations within Brentwood and surrounding communities. To learn more, including current restrictions, call 314.963.8685.

**Medication Disposal**

Deposit acceptable items directly into the medication disposal drop box located inside the Brentwood Police Department lobby. Medication drop-off hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

**Notary**

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

**BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Thank you for your patience as we have worked our way through all of the pandemic hiccups at the library. Your continued support of the library and the librarians during this time has been tremendous. We are grateful to be able to serve this community.

We are also VERY happy to be back to regular business hours (except for Sundays.)

The Summer Reading Club runs through July 31st. Join at Brentwoodlibrarymo.beanstack.org or install the Beanstack app on your mobile device.

Visit the library website at brentwoodlibrarymo.org for more information on services.
Grow Solar St. Louis Group-Buy Program Brings Affordable Renewable Energy to Residential Homes

Grow Solar St. Louis is a public education and group purchasing program for residential and commercial solar. Offered by the Missouri Botanical Garden, Washington University and Midwest Renewable Energy Association, property owners throughout the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and St. Charles County may participate in this program to help pool their buying power to secure significant discounts that make installing solar more affordable.

Thinking about going solar?

Grow Solar St. Louis is a great way to reduce energy bills, support the local economy, and help create a healthier environment.

Attend a free, virtual Power Hour webinar on Zoom to learn more about Grow Solar St. Louis, a program that makes solar more accessible and affordable in our community. Learn about the basics of solar, its financial benefits, and how the solar group-buy program works. After the session, you can schedule a free, no-obligation site assessment/cost estimate.

Senior Programs

Brentwood Social Club - Wednesdays, July 7 & August 4
11 am-1 pm at Brentwood Community Center
Gather with friends to play games, bring your crafting projects, socialize, and meet new people.
**Open to Brentwood residents and non-residents, ages 50+; Free**

Game Night - Thursdays, July 15 & August 12
5-7 pm at Brentwood Community Center
Enjoy friendly competition at a game night! Get ready to challenge each other with fun and games. Learn a new game or play an old favorite.
**$5 per person; for ages 18+**

Financial Wellness Seminars - Thursdays, July 22 & August 19
6:30-7:30 pm at Brentwood Community Center; check in begins at 6 pm
Presented by West Community Credit Union; pre-registration is recommended.
**July 22: Understanding the Credit Score**
**August 19: Fraud Prevention for All Ages**
**Free**

Let’s Eat - Fridays, July 30 & August 27
11 am-1pm at Brentwood Community Center
Join a group of new friends each month for a catered lunch from popular St. Louis eateries. Pre-registration is required; please select your meal choice when you register. Find the menu options on the Parks and Recreation section of the City of Brentwood website.
**Friday, July 30: St. Louis Rotisserie, $15**
**Friday, August 27: Honey Baked Ham, $12**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Brentwood Summer Beats - July 9 and August 13
7-9 pm at Brentwood Park
Join us for our summer concert series, each accompanied by food trucks. Bring lawn chairs and thick blankets to sit on.
**July 9: The Wax Museum**
**August 13: Rock Candy**
**Free**

Nerf War on Ice - Saturday, July 24
12-1pm at Brentwood Ice Rink
Back by popular demand! Bring your Nerf gun for an hour of fun on the ice!
**All participants are required to wear a helmet. Eye protection is required and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. No ice skates are allowed; ice will be dry shaved for participants to wear shoes.**
**Resident $10; Non-Resident $12; for ages 5+**

Brentwood Recreation Complex & Brentwood Ice Rink
2505 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144
Community Center: 314.963.8689 | Ice Rink: 314.963.8680
www.brentwoodmo.org/parks | www.brentwoodmo.org/ice
BrentwoodParksandRec
**CALENDAR**

Please check the calendar on the home page of the City website, brentwoodmo.org, for meeting updates and access information. All meetings and events are subject to change or cancellation.

**JULY**

5  Independence Day Holiday* –
   City Offices Closed, Ice Rink Open
8  Public Works Committee, 6 pm
13 Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm
14 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
15 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
15 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
19 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
22 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm
26 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
27 Ward 3 Meeting, 7 pm
28 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
28 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm
29 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am

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

**AUGUST**

5  Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
7  Residential Paper Shredding, 9 am-noon
11 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
12 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
16 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
19 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
23 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
25 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
25 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm
26 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am
26 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm

**SEPTEMBER**

2  Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
6  Labor Day* – City Offices Closed, Ice Rink Open
7  Library Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
7  Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
8  Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
9  Public Works Committee, 6 pm
14 Redevelopment Corporation Annual Meeting, 6 pm
14 Ward 1 Meeting, 6:30 pm
16 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
20 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
22 Public Safety Committee, 5:30 pm
23 Board of Adjustment, 7 pm
25 Electronics Recycling, 8 am-noon
30 Coffee with the Mayor, 9 am
27 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
29 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm

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

**PAPER SHREDDING**

Saturday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 6
9 am-noon, Brentwood Recreation Complex side parking lot

Dispose of residential personal/confidential paperwork, which will be shredded by Secure Document Destruction. Maximum 5 boxes of documents per household. Questions about what to shred? Call 314.795.0004.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Saturday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Dec. 18
8 am-noon, Brentwood Recreation Complex side parking lot

To learn more about what can be recycled and see the list of fees for some items, visit the Midwest Recycling Center website: https://mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-events
A colony of honey bees took up residence at the Brentwood firehouse in May. Captain (and also Beekeeper) Kerr and Firefighter Tesson removed the bees to relocate them and save the colony.