

The Brentwood Lamplighter



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TOWN OF BRENTWOOD FY 2008-2009 BUDGET

On Tuesday, June 17th, the Mayor and Town Council adopted the FY 2008-2009 Budget. The current tax rate 0.476/\$100 was decreased to 0.443/\$100, and Personal Property tax rate 0.62/\$100 was increased to 0.93/\$100. A copy of the budget is available at the Town office at 301/927-3344.

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$ 749,454
Other Taxes	243,727
Licenses and Permits	5,698
Intergovernmental	24,332
Charge for Services	3,000
Fines	10,500
Miscellaneous	48,075
Sub-Total Revenues:	\$1,084,786
Fund Balance (Reserve)	\$ 349,112
Total Revenues	\$1,433,898

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$ 309,294
Public Safety/Vol. Fire Dept.	11,000
Public Safety/Police Services	190,000
Public Safety/CMEI	56,162
Maintenance	273,284
Sanitation	154,780
Parks & Recreation	22,284
Cable Television	24,328
Town Ctr./Community Ctr.	10,000
Total Operating Expenses:	\$1,051,132
Contingency Reserve	33,654
Total Expenses	\$1,084,786

Tax Rate

Real Property	0.443/\$100
Personal Property	0.93/\$100



TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

The Town Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



BIKE CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to the participants of the Bike Decorating Contest during Brentwood Day. Nina Young of Varum Street took the First Place trophy with her bike, "Save the Polar Bears" and Jennifer Murphy took Second Place with her bike, "Fishy Dreams". Thanks for your efforts and we look forward to the next contest! :-)

HONOR YOUR BRENTWOOD VETERAN WITH A BRICK

(Dottie Varnado)

A lasting tribute to our Veterans, a brick for Veterans Park. These can be ordered at the Town Hall for \$29 each.

Bricks ordered by September 1 will be dedicated at the November Veterans Day celebration. To purchase a brick(s), please contact the Town Hall at 301/927-3344.



The Town of Brentwood does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Hall at (301) 927-3344 or Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A BIG “thank you” to the many Brentwood residents who came out on such a hot day to enjoy the parade, music, amusements, food and fun on Brentwood Day! Special “thanks” to Linda Grigsby & Melora Anderson for pulling the event together and making it a success. There are others to thank as well, Richard Welch for organizing the vendors and James Cooksey for helping to organize a parade that the Town has not had for over 10 years! In addition to all who attended, we wish to also extend our appreciation to organizations, businesses, vendors, elective officials, and others who participated. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year! The next scheduled event is National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5. More information about this event will be forth coming.

School is out! Parents make sure you know the WHERE, WHAT, and WHO involving your children and youths: (a) WHERE are they? (b) WHAT are they doing? (c) WHO are their friends? Provide wholesome activities for them in a supervised setting. Keep our kids busy in a positive and fun-filled way. Have a safe summer!

Thanks From Linda

I wish to thank Dottie Varnado, Mary Linkous and Tammy LaDow for doing some calling for Melora and myself, it was a great help! I heard many compliments about Brentwood Day, but also a few complaints about the music. I would like to let you know that all comments were heard and will be taken into account for any project I work on next. It was great to see you all at Brentwood Day and I look forward to seeing you all again!

NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN CENTER NEEDS HELP

In the FY09 CDBG Budget for Prince George’s County, funding for NDC was eliminated. Without this funding, the NDC will not be able to provide the critical pro-bono design assistance to communities throughout the County - INCLUDING Brentwood! You can help by contacting the County Council members and tell them to reinstate the CDBG funding for the NDC Action plan and also by going to www.supportndc.org and adding your testimonials!

ATTENTION:

NEW COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Starting September, the Council will hold meetings every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with the understanding that special meetings and/or emergency will be called when necessary. The new dates

- are: September 9, 2008
- October 14, 2008
- November (To Be Announced)
- December 9, 2008
- January 13, 2009
- February 10, 2009
- March 10, 2009
- April 14, 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you in need of Community Service hours? Contact the Town Hall for opportunities throughout the summer and through leaf season (November). There will be many chances for individuals to get service hours done before going back to school.

EXERCISE ANYONE?

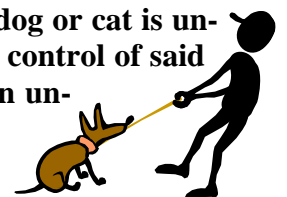
Ever think about going to an exercise class but change your mind because of the price? We need to talk to you. Call the Town Hall and speak with Linda or Melora, 301-927-3344.

ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

The Town has received several complaints about dogs and cats running the streets at will. This is a violation of the Code of Brentwood and Prince George’s County Animal Control. Animals not on a leash and under the immediate control of their owner create a possible health and safety hazard for residents. We will contact Prince George’s Animal Control Facility asking for the animal(s) to be picked-up and the owner once identified will be issued a citation.

60-4 Running at large restricted.

No person shall permit or allow a dog or cat to roam at large in the Town of Brentwood unless such dog or cat is under the immediate control of said owner or custodian under a leash.



FROM THE DESK OF CPL KENWORTHY

Recently in Brentwood, the Mt. Rainier Police Department and the P.G. County Contract officers have seen an increase in graffiti particularly in the area of 37th and Allison Streets. The graffiti is gang related. Working in conjunction with the P.G. County Gang Unit, the local gang has been identified as LBC (Little Brown Criminals), 3131, L3P, and QTG (Queenstown Gangsters). These local gangs are mostly made up Hispanic and Black juveniles aging from 10-17 yrs old. MRPD has made several arrests involving these gang members, and investigations into their activities are ongoing. If any resident sees graffiti, or if their property has been tagged (sprayed), please contact Cpl Kenworthy at the Brentwood Town Hall ASAP so a report can be filed. In response to complaints of prostitution and drug activity in the area of Bunker Hill and 38th Street, MRPD has increased patrols in that area. Speed continues to be an issue in the 4300 block of Rhode Island Ave with average speeds at 52 mph in a 35 zone. MRPD, as well as the PG Contract Officers, have conducted speed enforcement in that area. Recently MRPD received information there is activity in front of a drug house (in the 3700 block of Quincy Street) again. If residents see anything suspicious please contact MRPD at 301-985-6565 or PG County Police at 301-333-4000; if it's an emergency please dial 911.

**FROM THE DESK OF CPL MURPHY**

My name is Cpl. Eddie Murphy. I recently returned to the Mount Rainier Police Department after a five year absence. During that time I worked for the Norfolk Police Department in Virginia, and served the last two years as Assistant Chief of Police for the Town of Morningside. I have attended the Maryland Residential Crime prevention School and the Maryland State Police Basic Drug Investigator School. I look forward to working with the citizens and business's in Brentwood. One of the first things that I would like to start is home security surveys and classes on crime prevention.

BUNKER HILL FIRE STATION

(Bill Tavel)

The Bunker Hill Fire Station located at 3716 Rhode Island Avenue is a consolidation effort between three individual fire departments (Brentwood, Mt. Rainier, and Cottage City), and is managed by the newly formed (2004) parent department of Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Assoc. Inc., as well as the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Career Staff assigned to the Station. Our "main" function is to protect lives and property. Please call the Station if you have any questions or if you're interested in volunteering. We are always looking for firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and administrative personnel. Training is FREE and volunteering is a great way to help your community! If interested call the Bunker Hill Association Office (301/927-5713) and ask to speak with a Volunteer.










CODE ENFORCEMENT

(Martha Nichols)

The Town has received numerous complaints from resident's seeing rats in their yards. In response we are compiling a flyer on rat control, which we will include in next month's edition. We hope the information will be helpful in alleviating the rodent problem in Brentwood. Everyone has to work hard to make sure that yards are kept free of garbage, trash and debris. Prince George's County and Town Codes prohibit open storage of indoor furniture, appliances, car parts, construction materials, etc. Covering piles of clutter and debris with tarps, creates rodent harborage and is against the Prince George's County and Town's Property Maintenance ordinances. Please make sure that all fire wood is stored 18" off of the ground.

Every year, the state doles out monies to cities/towns known as highway user fee funds, which are funds the state collects from vehicle registrations and the gasoline tax. Funds are appropriated to cities/towns via the number of registered vehicles in their jurisdiction. Please make sure that as a resident of Brentwood, your vehicle(s) are registered to your Brentwood address. It is a Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration requirement that all vehicles must be registered within 60 days of residency. Thank you for your cooperation.

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** All Bingo at the Bunker Hill Fire Station has been suspended due to the temporary Use & Occupancy permit.		Bulk Trash 1 Wrkshp Mtng 7pm 	2	3 *BACAC 7:30pm	4  Town Hall Closed	5
6	7 Public Wrks Committee 7pm	8 	9	10 *BACAC 7:30pm	11 	12
13	14	15 Bulk Trash Council Meeting 7:30pm 	16	17 *BACAC 7:30pm	18 	19
20	21	22 	23	24 *BACAC 7:30pm	25 	26
27	28	29 Bulk Trash	30	31 *BACAC 7:30pm	 * Brentwood Anti-Crime Advisory Committee, Brentwood Town Hall Join the Brentwood Online Community: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/	



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and Safe
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