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Upcoming election forums and registration deadlines in Brentwood

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Upcoming forums for candidates battling it out for four seats in Brentwood's upcoming municipal election will give residents a chance to ask questions and hear their opinions on local issues.

There are eight candidates in May 1 election: Bob Bell, Richard Boone, Betsy Crossley, Anne Dunn, Frederic E. Kane, Paul Ross, Brian Joe Sweeney and Bill Youree.

Dunn and Sweeney are seeking re-election but there are also two open seats for voters to fill after a referendum last year to increase the size of the Brentwood Board of Commissioners from five to seven members.

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS) candidate's forum on Wednesday, April 4 at the Brentwood Library on Concord Road starting at 6:30 p.m. will focus solely on growth management and open space preservation.

"Growth management and open space preservation rank among the most important issues facing Brentwood today," founder of the CBGS Stephen Prince said in a release.

"It's clear that the time has come for an aggressive plan for preservation and our members are going to be very interested in hearing what the candidates will have to say on these important issues."

In surveys conducted last year updating Brentwood's 2020 Plan respondents'

number one priority was growth management and 81 percent said preservation of the city's "remaining farms and other large open space tracts" should be given "mid to high priority."

The Brentwood Woman's Club will hold a City Commissioner Candidate Forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at the Brentwood Municipal Center, located on Maryland Way.

This open forum will be moderated by Tom Lawrence of WAKM 950 AM, with four journalists, including Williamson Herald Editor Mindy Tate, directing questions for the candidates.

Debates will be recorded and broadcast on Channel 19.

To register to vote in the Brentwood Municipal Election qualifying residents must register in person by March 30, or through the mail by April 1.

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