

## March 2015 Newsletter

### Board of Directors

- Greg Blanford
- Bert Bosse
- Jim Cartiglia
- Kathy Crisp
- Jim Fordice
- Peg Fredi
- Peggy Howell
- Gil Hutchinson
- David Kumatz
- George Malo
- Alex Noble
- Stephen Prince
- James Selleh
- Paul Webb
- Jimmy Wilson

### Advisors

Ken Connelly

*Special Advisor to the Board*

Wheelhouse Market Advisors

*Marketing*

### Photography

Angie Miller

*Photography*

### Why We Do What We Do

Our green space is disappearing at an alarming rate. We've seen rezoning along Split Log Road and discussion plans for the Holt Property along Crockett Road. More development is coming.



Preserving green space helps control and manage over-development and sprawl. More than any other issue, growth and over-development are the biggest threats to our quality of life.

Concerned citizens should work together with public and

private organizations. Get involved. Let your elected officials know you want our community to do more. The sooner we can preserve green space, the better. The longer we wait, the more way pay, the less we get, and the fewer choices we have.

Green space preservation is a great investment for future generations. Once it's gone, it's gone.

### Election of Officers

The Board of Directors announced their officers for 2015 at the recent annual meeting: Gil Hutchinson, Chairman; George Malo, Vice Chairman; Bert Bosse, Treasurer; David Kumatz, Secretary.

### Arbor Day 2015

CBGS is an annual participant at Arbor Day. We have a great opportunity to share information with the community. Last year, our group was even recognized by the City of Brentwood's Tree Committee for our commitment to saving green space in Brentwood with a tree planted in Crockett Park!

This year's event will again be at the Library. Stop on by Saturday. It's a fun day!

Arbor Day

Date: 3/28/2015 11:00 AM

Location: Brentwood Library

8109 Concord Road

Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

### Fund Raising Update

CBGS formally announced in late 2011 our goal to raise \$300,000 over the next five years. This announcement marked the first time our organization shifted from being a community advocacy group to one that also is willing to make a financial stake in our community for the future. These funds helped Brentwood purchase

the remaining property at Ravenswood Farm, add future amenities at the new Smith Park and support our continuing efforts to preserve greenspace in Brentwood.

CBGS announced on March 9, 2015 additional payments in the amount of \$24,000 towards Smith Park. Remarked President Gil Hutchinson "CBGS continues to push to add green space in our community. Private donations provide amenities at Smith Park and help keep the focus on preserving our rapidly diminishing green space. This represents a total of \$100,713 paid project to date. With over \$168,000 in total pledges made for Smith Park, we are well on our way to reaching our 5 year goal!"

### **Memorial Opportunities**

CBGS provides the opportunity for you to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. [Learn More](#)



### **Election 2015**

Five candidates are running for four positions in the Brentwood Board of Commissioners May 5 election: Jill Burgin, Betsy Crossley, Anne Dunn, Tamela Soltis and Ken Travis. [Learn More](#)

As in prior elections, a list of questions have been put together by our Board of Directors to help the community gain a better understanding of where each candidate stands on preserving our cherished green space. We will share the results with the community at large in the future through our Web and Facebook sites, emails to our donors and supporters and media releases.

CBGS will not endorse any candidates.

Warmest Regards,

Gil Hutchinson  
President

### **About Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc.**

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc. is a volunteer citizens group organized as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers. CBGS desires to assure that ongoing development of land resources is accomplished in a way that is beneficial to landowners, to existing citizens of the city, and to future generations of Brentwood residents. For more information please visit [www.brentwoodgreenspace.org](http://www.brentwoodgreenspace.org), our Facebook site "Brentwood Green Space" and Twitter @BrentwoodGreenS.

### **Media**

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