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Brentwood leaders plan to open the doors to a new municipal building in July 2020.

The 10,000 square-foot building will be complete with state-of-the-art technology and heat — something they haven't always had at their current building.

The project is one of many leaders say are leading to a resurgence of the community.

"It's a great time to be in Brentwood," Council President Harold Smith said. "There's a lot of great opportunity here."

Officials gathered in front of 3735 Brownsville Road on May 2 to break ground on the \$4.5 million municipal building project being led by general contractor Mucci Construction.

Plans for the new municipal building have been a topic of conversation for at least a decade.

Leaders have said the need for it is clear: the old building located about a quarter of a mile down the road from the new municipal building is more than 100 years old, has a failing roof, asbestos in the floor tile and no central heating and cooling.

Brentwood, in late 2017, purchased the condemned former Snee Dairy Building and in the last year and a half demolished the structure to make way for its new borough building.

The building will house police, borough administration, parks and recreation and planning, along with a new council chambers borough Manager George Zboyovsky said will provide another space for public rental use.

To fund the project, Brentwood borrowed approximately \$7 million in 2018 to pay for the municipal building project and renovations to the pool. A five-year financial projection shows no need to raise taxes over that time span, leaders say.

The new municipal building is an indication Brentwood “has its act together,” Mayor Dennis Troy said.

“It’s a view into the soul of the community,” he said.

Borough leaders also are excited about the future of the former municipal building site.

“This opens up a very prime piece of real estate in our central business district,” Troy said.

The borough plans to submit requests for qualifications to developers and will narrow down the field based on their responses before seeking proposals for the site.

Troy envisions the property becoming a mixed-use development, with retail/commercial space on the first floor and market-rate apartment units on the upper floors.

The borough building is just one of many new projects to occur in Brentwood as of late.

In the last six years alone, ribbon-cuttings have happened at Brentwood stadium, a new Department of Public Works facility and the concession stand and bleachers at the stadium, Smith said.

Allegheny Health Network also is opening a hospital in Brentwood on Route 51.

Another ribbon-cutting will take place in the next few months when renovations to the municipal pool are complete.

“This is not the end of Brentwood’s resurgence,” Smith said. “It’s a great step along the path.”

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