



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Planning Commission

The following actions took place at the January 15 meeting:

- Following the appointments made by the City Council on January 8, Robert A. Brockman, Lance Crannell, and Joseph Weber were sworn in for two-year terms, expiring on December 31, 2014.
- Lance Crannell and Joseph Weber were chosen Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2013, respectively.
- Joseph Weber was appointed to the Transplan Committee, while Lance Crannell and John Fink were appointed to the Design Review Sub-Committee.
- The Streets of Brentwood (Outlot B) project was approved, with some minor changes to the drive-through screening on the north side of the building. This project will involve the construction of a 7,540 square foot multi-tenant building located between Red Robin and BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, and will include a drive-through Starbucks on the west side of the building.
- An amendment to the master sign program for Siena Village, located north of Balfour Road along Cortona Way, was approved to allow for an enhanced monument sign for the Meridian Professional Center.
- Staff made brief verbal presentations regarding the Plan Bay Area project, Planning Commission representation on the City Council's Land Use and Development Committee, and the General Plan Update.

### FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS



#### Annual Audit

The City of Brentwood engages the services of the auditing firm Maze & Associates to complete the annual audit of the City's financial records and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Typically the on-site portion of the audit is completed in October but given the special circumstances related to the dissolution of redevelopment, the financial audit was delayed. Maze & Associates were on-site at City Hall from January 8 to January 11 and completed the fieldwork portion of the audit. The results of the annual audit and the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be presented to the City Council in February.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Utility Box Art Project

The Liberty High School Arts and Humanities Academy started working on five utility boxes located in the downtown area this week. City Council approved this agricultural themed art project in November 2012.

This is the second project the Academy has provided to the community; the first was the King Park Mural project, which was completed last year. These projects are made possible by a multi-year grant that Liberty High School received from California Department of Education California Partnership Academy and contributions from the City of Brentwood's public art fund.

The students started painting the utility boxes Wednesday, January 16 and hope to have the project completed by the end of May.

The locations of the five boxes are:

- Brentwood Boulevard and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Strawberries)
- Brentwood Boulevard and Oak Street (Corn)
- Walnut Boulevard and Oak Street (Cherries)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Maple Street (Peaches)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pine Street (Pumpkins)

The photos on this page show the conceptual designs of the boxes.



### Veterans Park Universal Abilities Playground Grand Opening Event

Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the grand opening of the new pirate themed Universal Abilities Playground at Veterans Park. The City of Brentwood, along with the Special Kids Foundation, will host a very special ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration on Friday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m. This event will take place rain or shine.

Light refreshments and pirate themed favors will be provided. Come out and join us as we celebrate East County's newest play destination for children of all abilities.



### PUBLIC WORKS

#### One Bay Area Grant Program

As part of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's ("MTC") new One Bay Area Grant Program, all Bay Area local jurisdictions are required to have an approved housing element and a Complete Streets Policy in place by January 31, 2013. The City of Brentwood has received approval of their housing element by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development and has also enacted a Complete Streets Policy. Both documents have been forwarded to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and MTC. The City is now eligible to apply for future grants through the new One Bay Area Grant Program.

**PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update**

As part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an old existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. Construction began last week and is expected to be completed by late fall of this year. The work continues next week on Fairview Avenue between Grant Street and Apricot Way. Traffic delays and detours should be expected in this area between the weekday hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jim Stack of PG&E at (707) 365-1573.

The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City of Brentwood's website by clicking on the following link: [Road Conditions](#).

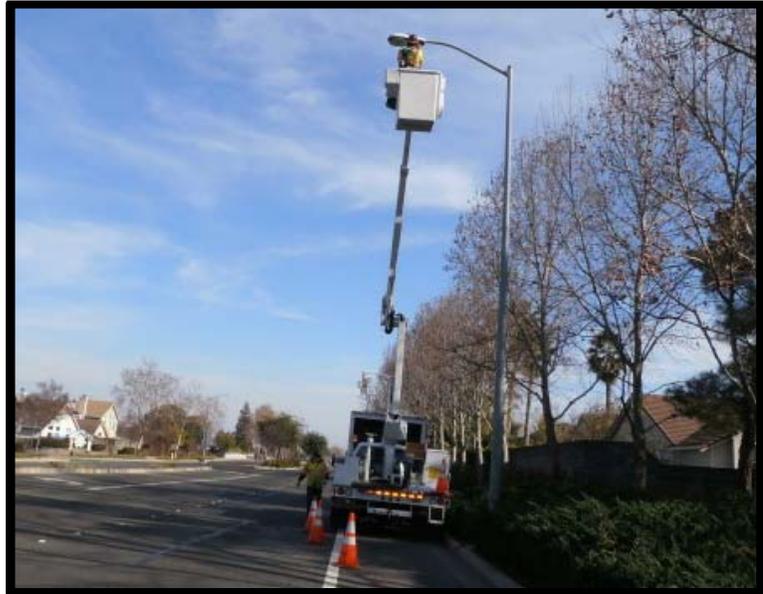


### Brentwood Area School Improvements (American Avenue)

The contractor for this project has received the traffic signal poles. Installation of these poles on American Avenue near the entrance of the Heritage High School parking lot will begin this weekend. Once the necessary electronic components have been tested, the signals will be activated and are anticipated to be fully functional by the end of the month.

### LED Street Light Conversion – Phase I

As part of the light-emitting diode (LED) Street Light Conversion project, all street lights on both sides of Balfour Road from Sellers Avenue to the westerly city limits (American Avenue) have been converted to the new LED lights as of January 16, 2013. Future areas to be converted are Sand Creek Road, Fairview Avenue and Walnut Boulevard.



*Balfour Road, during installation*



*Balfour Road, after installation*

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