



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending March 29, 2013

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



ADMINISTRATION

Library Expansion Project

The Library Expansion Project took a big step forward at Tuesday night's City Council meeting when the Council authorized an Agreement for Architectural Services with Mark Davis Design + FOG. As noted during the meeting, a 30% contingency has been added to the contract, which is larger than most contingencies associated with design work. Because the agreement has several design options worked into the scope of work, the larger contingency will ensure all options to be fully evaluated. The initial tasks of the architect include: meeting with stakeholders; completing a needs assessment that includes staffing, population and circulation levels; assessing the structural integrity of the two buildings; and determining expansion options.

Science on Saturday Returning to Brentwood

On Saturday, April 20, the Lawrence Livermore National Lab will hold its Science on Saturday program in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street), from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Although aimed at middle and high school students, this event will provide Brentwood residents of all ages the chance to learn from Lab scientists about artificial retinas – technology that provides sight to people with certain types of blindness. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Plan Update

The General Plan Update Working Group held its first public meeting on Thursday March 21 in the second floor conference room of the Community Center. The meeting focused on establishing the framework for subsequent meetings and discussing roles, responsibilities, and expectations. The meeting was attended by approximately 15 residents. Regular meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:00 p.m., beginning April 18. The public is encouraged to attend. Questions regarding these meetings, or the project as a whole, should be directed to Taira Ordaz in the Community Development Department at (925) 516-5132 or tordaz@brentwoodca.gov.

Update on i-GATE Regional Partnership

As part of its office/industrial development strategy, the City participates in i-GATE, a public-private partnership designed to promote local economic development opportunities connected with the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Labs. Recently, i-GATE hired a new CEO, Thomas Spirgi, who was chosen for his broad organizational and leadership skills and for his extensive background working in executive positions at Solyndra, Novellus, and other innovation-based companies.

The Streets of Brentwood Improvements

As previously reported, several projects are moving forward at The Streets of Brentwood, including:

- This week, The Streets began installing 45 new light standards in the parking areas. Installation will be completed next week, and will significantly improve nighttime lighting.
- Next week, The Streets will start construction on a major project to improve parking and circulation in the interior of the shopping center. The construction is being phased to allow all shops to remain open, and to avoid any inconvenience to shoppers. Construction will be complete by May 20, in time for the “Blues, Brews & BBQs” event.
- Grading work should begin within the next thirty days on the new building to be located between Red Robin and BJ’s Brewhouse. This new 7,400 square foot building will house Starbucks Coffee, Sleep Number Beds, and other tenants. The building should be completed by the end of the year.
- Starbucks is relocating from the Sand Creek Crossing shopping center, just across Sand Creek Road. While the new building is being constructed, Starbucks will be opening an interim location at The Streets, in the café space formerly occupied by “Code Brew.” This temporary relocation is scheduled to take place in April.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Repairs at Senior Activity Center

The handrail and footings at the building frontage of the Senior Activity Center are scheduled for repairs to be completed by early May. These are repairs to damages that were incurred from a traffic accident.





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King Park Dog Park Renovation

The King Park Dog Park closes for several weeks each spring (March to May) for repair of heavily worn turf areas. The maintenance includes sodding and seeding of worn areas. In the past, turf maintenance required closure of the entire dog park. With the addition of the new small dog park area, and the installation of synthetic turf in the large dog park area, the need for closure of the entire park for maintenance has been eliminated. The park is scheduled to fully open on May 13.

PUBLIC WORKS

PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update

As a 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. PG&E is currently working from southbound Central Boulevard to Balfour Road. Paving in the area of Buena Vista Street to Summerwood Drive will be completed next week. Traffic delays and detours should be expected in these areas between the working hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Also, beginning next week the contractor will begin working in the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Balfour Road. This work will occur at night to minimize impacts to daytime vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and to minimize impacts to nearby commercial businesses. City staff will be monitoring this area, and may adjust working hours based on the progress of the construction and any feedback received from the businesses and residences. Traffic delays and detours will be in place. For more information please contact Tony Del Greco of PG&E at (510) 846-1397. 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](#).

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LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY PRESENTS
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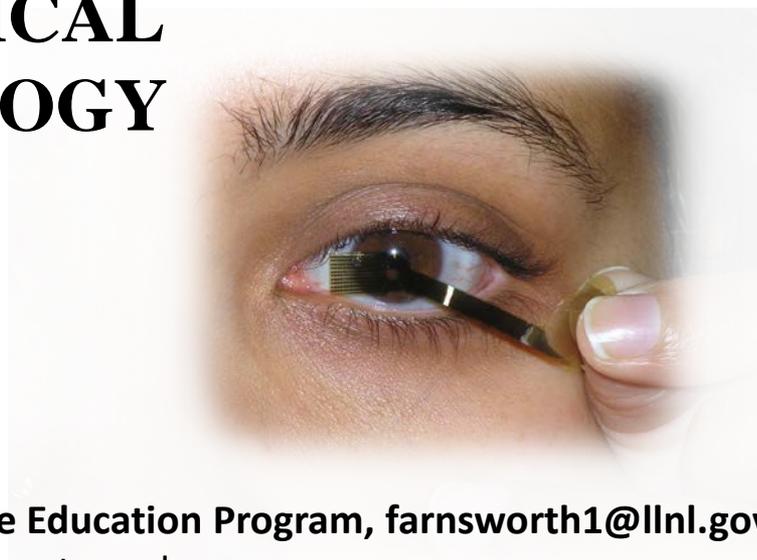
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City of Brentwood**

LOCATION: Community Center - 35 Oak Street - Brentwood, CA 94513-1164

DATE: April 20, 2013

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Students, teachers and parents are invited to attend Science on Saturday (SOS). SOS provides science talks with demonstrations highlighting cutting edge science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

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