



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending April 26, 2013

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ADMINISTRATION

Commission/Committee Vacancies

- Arts Commission: The City is currently accepting applications to fill a position to serve on the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month, serves the City Council as an advisory commission, making recommendations related to the arts. Applications must be received by Friday, May 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. by either mailing or hand-delivering to the City Clerk's Office at 150 City Park Way, by emailing to webcityclerk@brentwoodca.gov, or by faxing to (925) 516-5441. For more information, please contact Poldina Scherff at (925) 516-5444.
- BANC Committee: The Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee (BANC) is interested in expanding its current membership and is accepting applications from interested residents. BANC, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., is an advisory committee comprised of residents who work on projects such as "Home of the Month" and National Night Out, and who act as an informational resource for their neighbors. An online application can be submitted by following this link: http://www.brentwoodca.gov/boards/application/board_application_fillin.cfm. For more information, please contact Barbie Gary at (925) 516-5444.

Downtown Fire Station Reopening

On Wednesday, May 1, at 8:00 a.m., the fire station in downtown Brentwood will reopen, as East Contra Costa Fire Protection District ("ECCFPD") has been awarded a \$7.8 million FEMA and Homeland Security "Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response" (SAFER) Grant. The ECCFPD provides firefighting personnel and emergency medical service (basic life support) to the residents and businesses in Brentwood, Oakley, Discovery Bay, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Byron, Marsh Creek, and Morgan Territory. This is the second station in the district to reopen with SAFER Grant funds since the Knightsen station reopened in November of last year, and will make five district fire stations with three firefighters on duty at each station. For more information, please contact Fire Chief Hugh Henderson at (925) 240-2131.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Plan Update: Land Use Map Change Requests

In order to meet projected residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational land needs throughout the city, the General Plan Update will include revisions to the City's current Land Use Map. One of the key steps in this process is providing property owners with an opportunity to request changes to the existing land use designations for their respective parcels.

Property owners who would like to request changes are encouraged to submit a Land Use Map Change Request Form, which is available on the City's General Plan Update website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org. Land Use Map Change Request Forms, along with the applicable fee based on parcel size, must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013**. Forms can be submitted to the attention of Taira Ordaz in the Community Development Department, located at 150 City Park Way. Forms may also be submitted via fax at (925) 516-5407 or by e-mail at tordaz@brentwoodca.gov.

TriLink 239 Public Meeting

First identified in 1959, State Route 239 ("SR239") is a legislatively approved, but unconstructed route in the California state highway system. SR239 is a potential multimodal link between State Route 4 ("SR4") near Brentwood and I-205 west of Tracy in San Joaquin County. The route has not been adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC); however, Contra Costa County was awarded \$14 million for initial study and planning under SAFETEA-LU in 2005. Administration of the study, now called TriLink, was transferred to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) in January 2012.

An Open House Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. to provide the public the opportunity to learn more about TriLink 239 and to provide input on the key benefits and issues to be considered. The meeting will be held at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street), Multipurpose Room A. For more information, visit the project website at www.trilink239.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Restroom Locks

Parks and Recreation staff is responsible for opening and closing park restrooms on a daily basis. Due to the efficiency of the automatic locking doors on the restrooms serving City Park, automatic locks have been installed on the doors of restrooms at Veterans Park, Apple Hill Park, and Blue Goose Park, and installation is anticipated for additional park restrooms in the future. Automatic locks are easily programmed by staff remotely, and this upgrade is expected to save several thousand dollars annually in staff time.



Currently the park restrooms with automatic locks are scheduled to be unlocked from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, and all other park restrooms are unlocked from 8:00 a.m. to dusk daily; these times will be adjusted accordingly as the seasons change.

Improvements to Bocce Courts

Two new benches have been installed at the Veterans Park Bocce Courts.

Additionally, Park/Maintenance staff designed and installed four new hand rails at the bocce courts at Apple Hill Park.



Arbor Day Event - Saturday, April 27, 2013

The City of Brentwood will host its third annual Arbor Day tree planting project in cooperation with the Mormon Many Hands Day of Service on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Along the north Sand Creek frontage, approximately 600 feet east of the O'Hara Avenue intersection, volunteers will plant, stake, and water 24 native Redbud and Valley Oak trees, and spread tree chipper mulch around the tree bases.

Another group of volunteers, including the Mormon Many Hands and Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed volunteers, will weed, spread mulch, and water native grasses along the Marsh Creek trail frontage, on the opposite side of the brick sound wall at this location.

The tree planting site and the native grass site are City property that currently does not have any landscaping. This Arbor Day project is the first in a multi-year project to completely landscape this area with native Californian trees, shrubs and grasses.

Parking for volunteers will be at the Los Medanos College (LMC) campus parking lot. Participants can walk to the work sites by entering the Marsh Creek trail at the northeast corner of the LMC campus and proceeding west on the trail to the planting site. All volunteers will be required to sign a liability waiver upon arrival at the project site.

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Brentwood Family Aquatics Complex

The Brentwood Family Aquatics Complex (“BFAC”) will be opening for weekends, beginning May 4. Hours of operation will be 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Admission (single entry) price is \$6 before 4 p.m. and \$2 after. BFAC will also be open for Memorial Day, which is Monday, May 27. The Parks and Recreation Department offers multi-entry passes at a discounted rate; 10 entries for \$39.10 (resident rate) or 25 entries for \$83 (resident rate). For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444.

POLICE

Prescription Drug Take Back Event

On Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Brentwood Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its sixth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and/or unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your unwanted medications for disposal to the Brentwood Police Department at 9100 Brentwood Boulevard. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 244 tons of prescription drugs at over 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its five previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 2 million pounds - over a thousand tons - of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information regarding the prescription drug take back initiative, contact Lt. Doug Silva at the Brentwood Police Department at (925) 809-7712.

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 finishing up paving from Central Boulevard to Balfour Road and working from Balfour Road to Baldwin Drive with traffic control up to Concord Avenue. Delays should be expected between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. 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](#).

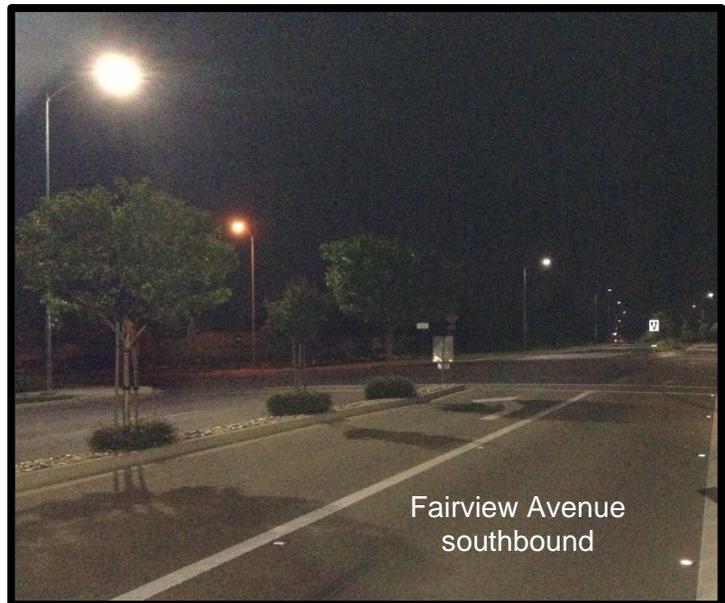
Support of the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

The City has signed up to participate in the Wyland Foundation National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Residents may simply go online to www.mywaterpledge.com through April 30, enter in the word "Brentwood", and make online pledges to conserve water, save energy, and reduce pollution. Cities compete in various population categories, with Brentwood in the category of 30,000 - 100,000 residents. The city with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category wins.

Residents of the winning cities are eligible to win thousands of prizes - such as a Toyota Prius, water-saving fixtures for the home and garden, or home improvement gift cards. Most importantly, participants will see real results based on simple actions they can do to save water and energy.

LED Street Light Conversion – Phase I

Work resumed on the LED Street Light Conversion project the week of April 8. The contractor replaced the existing streetlights with LED luminaires on Sand Creek Road from Brentwood Boulevard to the Streets of Brentwood, Walnut Boulevard from Oak Street to the southerly City limit, and Fairview Avenue from Concord Avenue to Grant Street. The City began the first phase of this project by replacing all the lights on Balfour Road in January followed by a 2-month testing period to see what feedback, if any, was received from the public. No public complaints or feedback were received during this period. This project is funded through a zero-interest loan from PG&E which will be paid through savings from the energy usage.



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