



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Agricultural Tourism

“Harvest Time in Brentwood” has just published their 2013 edition “Farm Trail Map” – and as of today, May 24, they have officially launched their new website, [www.harvest4you.com](http://www.harvest4you.com), and new mobile handheld app. The map, website, and mobile app were all funded with assistance through the City’s Agricultural Enterprise Program. In addition, the City has continued a partnership with Harvest Time in Brentwood, in order to cross-promote shopping destinations in Brentwood (such as Downtown and the Streets of Brentwood) with the U-pick activities. For example, the City has printed and delivered more than 2,000 “Downtown Tourist Maps” to Harvest Time so that they can be distributed at the farm stands. Each year, approximately 200,000 tourists visit to enjoy the U-pick/farm stand experience in Brentwood – creating a significant opportunity for local shops and restaurants. The new Harvest Time website and mobile app have received favorable press (KTVU, Contra Costa Times, etc.) that further highlights Brentwood as a regional tourist destination.

### Meet the Lenders

On May 21, the City partnered with several government and financial organizations (CalCAP, SBA, First Bank, Marble Bridge, SBDC and Contra Costa CAN) to host the “Meet the Lenders” forum. This well-received annual event allows small business owners and entrepreneurs to learn about special lending programs. For more information on these programs, please visit the Economic Development website at: <http://apps.ci.brentwood.ca.us/ed/index.aspx?page=45>.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Liberty Arts and Humanities Academy Utility Box Art Projects

The Liberty High School Arts and Humanities Academy is putting the finishing touches on their utility box public art project. A special Grand Revealing and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at Independence High School (929 Second Street). Refreshments will be served.





## CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

*For Week Ending May 24, 2013*

Paul Eldredge, City Manager

### East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Project Status

In March of this year, Parks and Recreation staff, upon recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission and approval from City Council, submitted an application to East Bay Regional Park District for Measure WW funds to add shade structures to several parks for a not-to-exceed amount of \$425,000. Staff was notified this week that the project application has been approved. Areas to be covered include bleachers, seating areas, playgrounds, and picnic areas in some of our most heavily utilized parks, including Sunset Park Athletic Complex, Blue Goose Park, Veterans Park Universal Abilities Playground, Oak Meadow Park, and Balfour-Guthrie Park.

### Solano County Amateur Softball Association (“ASA”) Bat Buster Tournament

Sunset Park Athletic Complex will house the Solano County ASA Bat Buster Girls’ Softball Tournament this Memorial Day weekend. The three-day tournament will host 33 teams in the 6 to 8, 9 to 11, and 12 to 14 age divisions from the Solano County area.

For more information, please contact Poldina Scherff at (925) 516-5444.

### **POLICE**

On Wednesday, May 22, the City of Brentwood rolled out a new communications service that allows the Police Department to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The Nixle Community Information Service is a free service to the public and is secure, reliable and easy to use. Brentwood residents, as well as those in neighboring communities, can subscribe to the service by signing up on the Police Department page of the City’s website ([www.brentwoodca.gov](http://www.brentwoodca.gov)), or at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Via email, text, or over the web, subscribers will get up-to-date information from the Police Department about recent police activity, crime alerts, extreme weather advisories, and road closures, as well as other relevant public safety and community event information.

### **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 Baldwin Drive to Regent Drive, with traffic control from Balfour Road up to Concord Avenue. Detours will be in place and traffic delays should be expected between the weekday hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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](#).

## Solid Waste Transfer Station Expansion Project

Construction is continually progressing at the City's Corporation Yard for the transfer station and related operations building; as shown in the photos below.



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