



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending August 9, 2013

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



ADMINISTRATION

Brentwood Library Hosts Town Hall Meeting

The Contra Costa County Library is updating its Countywide Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will guide their work over the next several years. Their goal is to continually work to ensure materials, services and programs meet the ever-changing needs of their patrons and the communities in which they serve. As part of this process, a Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled in each community where residents and stakeholders can share their vision and voice their opinions on the Library and what its priorities and goals should be. The Town Hall Meeting for the Brentwood community has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Brentwood Community Center located at 35 Oak Street. Take this opportunity to provide input about the Library's Strategic Plan and how they can better serve the community. For more information on the Contra Costa County Library, please visit www.ccclib.org.

POLICE

DUI Enforcement

The Brentwood Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies throughout California stepping up DUI enforcement at the end of the traditional summer season through Labor Day (August 16 through September 2). During this period, there will be an increase in law enforcement presence on the roads, including additional officers and DUI checkpoints throughout the state, and those caught driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be arrested.

The Brentwood Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers' License Checkpoint on August 16, on Sand Creek Road near Highland Way, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Specially trained officers will be on hand.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Brentwood Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information, please see the attached Press Release.

Public Safety Forum

The City of Brentwood is pleased to announce their first Public Safety Forum, which will take place on Saturday, August 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street). Admission is free, and all residents are encouraged to attend this event. Please see the attached Press Release for more information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

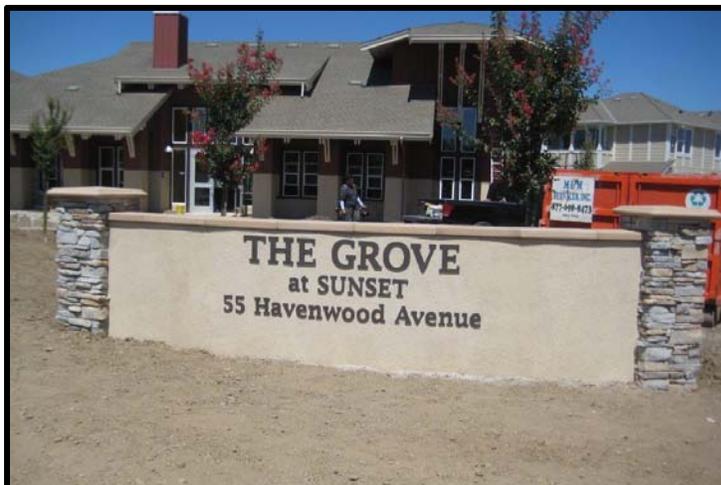
Entrepreneur Training Program

The City is accepting applications for its annual Entrepreneur Training Program. This seven-week class (held Sept. 16 – Oct. 30) is designed specifically for the owners of existing Brentwood businesses and new start-up ventures. In previous years, this program has helped more than 50 Brentwood businesses to solve business problems, adjust to changing market conditions, and plan for future growth. Instruction is being provided by well-known business consultant Jeffrey G. Hall. To apply, complete and submit the application, which is available at: [2013 Brentwood Entrepreneur Training Program Application](#). Two free informational sessions will be held on August 12 and August 26 at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor of City Hall (150 City Park Way). For more information, contact Peggy Trudell at either ptrudell@brentwoodca.gov or (925) 516-5405.

The Grove at Sunset

The Grove at Sunset is a Meta Housing apartment project that will create 54 units along the Brentwood Boulevard corridor at the intersection of Havenwood Avenue. The project includes five main buildings, a Community Center, a Community Pool and a Community Park. Meta Housing received \$3.95 million from City Housing Funds towards the project, and construction began in July 2012.

This project continues to move forward. Mail boxes have been installed (photo top right). Work continues on the Community Center with the installation of the fireplace (photo bottom right). The monument sign has been prominently displayed at the corner of Brentwood Boulevard and Havenwood Avenue (photo below), and landscaping will be added over the next two weeks. The project is on schedule and is expected to be completed in September.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Starry Nights in Brentwood Summer Concert Series

Join us tonight (August 9) at 7:00 p.m. as San Francisco-based “Swing Fever” hits the stage in City Park, at Oak and Second Streets in the historic downtown area. Dedicated to the music of the swing era, and playing it “as though the numbers are on today’s Hit Parade,” the band treats swing era music as a living, breathing form. Each of the players brings a fresh excitement, new arrangements and unusual instrumentation to the group. Clever, fun, romantic, moody, witty – here is wonderful, classic music presented in its full emotional range.



Next Friday, August 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m., the final concert of the season will be a kids’ concert performed by the award-winning Hipwaders in honor of Play Day (see the article below for more information on Play Day). For information about this critically acclaimed Bay Area band, please visit www.hipwaders.net.

Free parking is available in the parking garage located at 100 City Park Way (between City Hall and the Community Center). Please do not bring glass containers or audio/video recording devices, and alcohol is not permitted in City Park. Dogs must be leashed and their owners are responsible for cleaning up after them. Don’t forget your lawn chairs, blanket and picnic basket and enjoy our summer concerts in the park. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444.

Quasquicentennial Celebration & Annual Play Day

Quasquicentennial means 125, and that is how old our City Park is this year. To celebrate, the City will hold a birthday celebration on Friday, August 16 in conjunction with the annual Play Day and children’s concert. Festivities for the birthday celebration will start at 6:15 p.m. and will include birthday cupcakes, singing “Happy Birthday,” games (some of which were played by children 125 years ago), and a history “story walk” located throughout the park. The rose garden will also be dedicated to James and Josephine Sanford, who in 1888 dedicated this parcel of land as a gathering place for the community.

Following the birthday festivities, the annual Play Day will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Hipwaders will be performing a kids’ concert (see the previous article on the concert series for more information), and staff will be providing a special giveaway to Play Day attendees. Come have a blast with us and see why Brentwood is a Playful City USA!



Play Day 2012

Bark in the Park Dog Parade

The Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee (BANC) will be hosting a “Bark in the Park” Dog Parade on Saturday, August 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in City Park. Dogs are encouraged to wear costumes to this free, fun, family event. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Fencing Improvements

Some of the wooden fences along the creeks in Brentwood are due for repair or replacement. This fencing was installed over 20 years ago and portions of it are now failing or beginning to fail. Over the next year, 1000 feet of fencing will be replaced. The wood posts and cross rails will be replaced with a two-rail precast concrete fence. The long term benefits of the precast concrete are considerable, as costs and staff time for repairs and maintenance will both be significantly reduced. The first area of replacement is approximately 400 feet in length, in three cul-de-sacs (Arbor Court, Crystal Court, and Quiet Gable Court) along Marsh Creek.



PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Renewal

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board recently adopted a 5-year renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. This permit allows the City to continue discharging its highly treated water into Marsh Creek. The permit renewal process took just over a year and addressed several key water quality components including chloride, which will be an area of focus for the City over the course of this new permit.

PG&E Projects within Brentwood

- Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan:

As a part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. PG&E is performing re-inspection work and testing of the new pipeline from Balfour Road north to Fairview Court. As part of the inspection and pressure testing, up to 20 large water containers will be temporarily placed along Fairview Avenue at different locations for the next several weeks. These tanks will be filled with water, and used to test the integrity of the new pipeline. Connection points will be constructed after testing. The last part of work for PG&E to complete this project is the resurfacing and re-striping of Fairview Avenue from Balfour Road north to Fairview Court, which is anticipated to be completed by late fall. 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.



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to 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact William Calvin of PG&E at (925) 421-5255. 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](#).

- **St. Andrews Road Project:**

This project will involve the replacement of a gas pipeline on St. Andrews Drive between Mountain View Drive and Spyglass Drive. Work began this Monday and is anticipated to be complete by late fall of this year.

- **Minnesota Avenue Project:**

PG&E will be adding an additional service line to improve service along Minnesota Avenue between Central Boulevard and Deer Creek just south of Bristow Middle School. The work will begin within the next couple of weeks and is anticipated to be complete this fall.

City staff will continue coordinating with PG&E to ensure impacts to the community and school traffic are minimized and will be paying particular attention to the cumulative effects of these projects on traffic in the neighborhoods.

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PRESS RELEASE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 9, 2013

Brentwood Police to Conduct End of Summer DUI Crackdown

Brentwood, CA – The Brentwood Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies throughout California stepping up DUI enforcement at the end of the traditional summer season through Labor Day – August 16 through Sept. 2. During the crackdown period, there will be an increase in law enforcement presence on the roads, including additional officers and DUI checkpoints throughout the state, and those caught driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be arrested.

The Brentwood Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on 8/16/13, on Sand Creek Road near Highland Way between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The California Office of Traffic Safety is reminding Californians to plan ahead during the crackdown and every day by designating a sober driver.

“The end of summer and Labor Day weekend is traditionally a time to have fun,” said Sergeant Bryan Smith. “Don’t let it turn into a time of tragedy or jail visit by driving impaired by alcohol or drugs. We will be out looking for those making that unwise and dangerous choice.”

The Brentwood Police Department will be joining the CHP, Avoid DUI Task Forces and over 115 other local police departments across the state. Specially trained officers will be on hand to detect drivers under the influence of alcohol as well as legal or illegal drugs. In 2011, 774 California drivers with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher were killed in alcohol-impaired crashes. A first-time DUI conviction can cost up to \$10,000 in fines, legal fees, and insurance increases.

During the Labor Day weekend in 2011, a total of 138 people across the county were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers or motorcycle riders with a .08 BAC or higher. Of those fatalities, 83 percent occurred during early evening and overnight.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Brentwood Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

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MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the Brentwood Police Department Traffic Safety Unit, please contact Sgt. Bryan Smith at (925) 809-7711 or via email at [bsmith@brentwoodca.gov].



PRESS RELEASE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Brentwood is pleased to announce their first Public Safety Forum in August. Presenters from the Brentwood Police Department and the East Contra Costa County Fire District will share important information about public safety at a Community Forum on August 17th. Topics will include Neighborhood Watch, crime prevention, internet threats to children, bullying, C.E.R.T., smoke detectors, exit drills in the home, Vial of Life program, and hands only CPR. A Question and Answer session will follow the presentations. All residents are encouraged to attend this event.

The forum will take place on Saturday, August 17th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street. Admission is free. Below is the agenda for the event:

- 10:00 Welcome / Introductions
- 10:05 Neighborhood Watch
- 10:15 Crime Prevention
- 10:25 Internet Threats to Children
- 10:35 Bullying
- 10:45 C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team)
- 10:55 Questions and Answers
- 11:10 Hands only CPR / Vial of Life / Smoke Detectors / Exit Drills in the Home
- 11:45 Questions and Answers
- 12:00 End

Prepared by Lieutenant Ben Tolero
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(925) 809-7713

Come celebrate

PLAY, MUSIC

and a **BIG**

MILESTONE!

Friday, August 16 • 6:15 p.m.

City Park

Join us for a **Play Day and Children's Concert** as we celebrate the **125th birthday of City Park!**

6:15 p.m.: City Park Birthday Celebration

6:30 p.m.: Children's Concert featuring the Hipwaders

**Free games and activities
throughout the night.
Fun for everyone!**



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Proud to be **PLAYFUL** for 6 years!

Brentwood Parks & Recreation Department

516-5444 or www.brentwoodca.gov



BARK IN THE PARK DOG PARADE



Saturday, August 24
City Park

corner of Second and Oak Streets

**Dogs are encouraged to
wear costumes to this free, fun, family event!**

10:00AM: Registration*

10:30AM: Parade

*To register, dogs must be properly licensed, tagged
and current on their vaccinations.
All dogs must be on leash.



Event hosted by the
Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee