

The Brentwood CONNECTION

VOLUME 5 • ISSUE 3

SPRING • 2012

In this Issue

- › Report It! – A Free Smartphone App
- › Brentwood Community Center Now Open!
- › Downtown Wireless
- › Grand Opening of the Civic Center
- › Youth in Government Program
- › Dissolution of Redevelopment
- › Public Works Open House
- › Fire District Parcel Tax
- › Arts and Humanities Academy Mural
- › New Recycling Mandates
- › Neighborhood Clean-up Events – Coming Soon
- › Picnic Rentals Available
- › Under Construction
- › Special Events
- › Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events
- › Water Awareness



Report It! – A Free Smartphone Application for City Work Requests

Have you seen a City maintenance-related issue you would like to report? Submit a work request via your smartphone. A free smartphone application is available for Android and iPhone users (the Blackberry application is forthcoming). Android users can download the application through the Market and iPhone users through the App Store. Search the application by typing “Brentwood Report It” and click “Download.” Residents can attach a photo, audio, or video file when submitting a request.

For more information:
Public Works/Operations: (925) 516-6000

Downtown Wireless

On January 10, 2012, Brentwood’s City Council approved proceeding with a downtown wireless system, which will provide the public with free Internet access in the downtown area.

All Wi-Fi enabled devices will automatically recognize the City’s wireless system, and will allow access to the system without a user name or password.

Public users will have a two-hour time limit per day. The new Wi-Fi system is expected to be available in spring 2012.

For more information: Finance & Information Systems (925) 516-5460

Brentwood Community Center Now Open!



The City of Brentwood is pleased to introduce East County’s newest event venue in historic downtown. Rental applications are now being accepted for use of this state-of-the-art facility, which features a commercial kitchen and a variety of room sizes.

Special “early bird” rates, a 20% discount, are valid for rental applications submitted prior to June 30, 2012. Don’t miss out on this great savings opportunity.

For more information:
Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444

Grand Opening of the Civic Center

The City of Brentwood invites you to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Civic Center and City Park on Saturday, May 19. Join us anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for musical entertainment, refreshments and tours of the Community Center, Park and History Walk.





Youth in Government Program

On Tuesday, February 28, 34 Brentwood high school seniors took part in the 5th Annual Youth in Government Program. Students shadowed a City Council or City staff member, enjoyed a bus tour featuring Brentwood’s current projects, and attended the City Council meeting that evening. The students hosted their own “mock” City Council meeting on March 7, where they ran the meeting, discussed issues, and made tough decisions based on their assigned position. The Brentwood Lions Club, who partnered with the City for the program, hosted a reception and awards program for participating students, City Council, and City staff.

For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444

Dissolution of Redevelopment

The Brentwood Redevelopment Agency, which dates back to 1981, was officially dissolved on February 1—a result of actions taken by the Governor, State Legislature, and the Supreme Court. Over the years the Brentwood Redevelopment Agency has provided funding for many community improvements including downtown tree lighting, downtown façade improvement grants, apartment rehabilitation, and health and safety grants. In addition, the Agency provided funding for a number of successful capital improvement projects, including the creation of the Sunset Industrial Complex, the Downtown Streetscape project, the widening of Brentwood Boulevard, and the O’Hara/Second Street extension.

The City is now in the process of winding down the affairs of the former Redevelopment Agency, completing this process under the guidance of an Oversight Board. The Oversight Board will have representatives from a variety of entities including the City, County, educational, and special districts.

Instead of having its duties taken over by the County Housing Authority, the City has taken over the Redevelopment Agency’s affordable housing duties.

The loss of the Redevelopment Agency will have a significant negative fiscal impact on the City. While obligations such as repaying bonds will continue, the termination of the Redevelopment Agency has resulted in a loss of approximately \$156 million in future money. Among other things, these funds were to be used to complete several capital improvement projects, many of which now have no funding source. City staff has and will continue to explore alternate funding sources.

For more information: Finance & Information Systems (925) 516-5460

Public Works Open House

National Public Works Week (“NPWW”) celebrates the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as “public works.” The City’s Public Works Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the City’s domestic water system (supply, treatment, and distribution) and wastewater system (collection and treatment); maintains the streets, storm drainage system, creeks, fleet, and facilities; and provides garbage collection and recycling services. The City will celebrate NPWW by hosting a public Open House, Tuesday, May 22, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There will be equipment demonstrations as well as information on water conservation, recycling, and a backhoe competition! The Public Works Corporation Yard is located at 2201 Elkins Way, just off Sunset Road.

For more information: Public Works (925) 516-6000

Fire District Parcel Tax

At a special public hearing on February 27, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District nine-member board unanimously agreed a \$197-per-parcel tax on the June 2012 ballot will include a 10-year sunset clause. The sunset clause means that the tax will end June 30, 2023, unless voters decide to extend it. If passed, the parcel tax will provide the following:

- Maintain the existing level of service and prevent the closure of existing stations
- Add a third firefighter to every engine
- Add paramedic services on every engine
- Add a 7th station in the future

For more information: Chief Hugh Henderson (925) 240-2131

Arts and Humanities Academy Mural

Late last year, City Council approved funding for the Liberty High School Arts and Humanities Academy to paint a mural at the King Park trail tunnel. The tunnel will feature a “Find It Wall” at both the entrance and exit, which identifies the common and scientific name of the species and a listing



of the contributing artists. All three walls will depict the experience of walking underneath a dock surrounded by an underwater scene of Brentwood’s delta indigenous aquatic species. The mural is scheduled to be completed by the end of the current school year.

For more information: Poldina Scherff (925) 516-5444

New Recycling Mandates for Commercial Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes

Beginning July 1, 2012, commercial businesses that generate over four cubic yards of solid waste per week and multi-family complexes with five units or more will be subject to mandatory recycling (AB 341), as mandated by the California Department of Resources Recycling

and Recovery (CalRecycle). The City is responsible for monitoring customers to ensure compliance with AB 341 and provide education and outreach to customers affected by the new mandates.

For more information: Solid Waste (925) 516-6090

Neighborhood Clean-up Events – Coming Soon

Residents of Brentwood who have an active garbage collection account are invited to participate in the City’s Neighborhood Clean-up Events being held twice this year. Residents can bring unwanted household items including yard waste, appliances, e-waste (TVs, computers, etc.), furniture, and garbage, all free-of-charge to the City’s Solid Waste Transfer Station. The events will be held on Saturdays during spring and fall. Drop-off days and times are determined by address. Look for the invitation in the mail or visit the City’s website for more information.

For more information: Solid Waste (925) 516-6090

Picnic Rentals Available

Picnic tables are now available to reserve, April through October, at several of Brentwood’s most popular parks, including Apple Hill, Blue Goose, Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex, Skate Park, City Park, Oak Meadow, Sunset Park Athletic Complex, and Veterans Parks. Picnic table rentals are very popular, so book early.

For more information: Parks & Recreation (925) 516-5444

Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation of about 40 sewer manholes along Sellers Ave., Sunset Rd. and Brentwood Blvd. Expected start: Spring 2012. Estimated completion: October 2012
- Brentwood Blvd. Median Landscape between Maple St. and Chestnut St. Expected start: March 2012. Estimated completion: August 2012
- Trash Capture Device to be installed in storm drain line located within landscape area along Thompsons Dr., the purpose of which is to capture trash from runoff water before it enters storm drain. Expected start: June 2012. Estimated completion: September 2012
- Pavement Management Program - slurry seal of several streets throughout the City and pavement overlay on portions of Sellers Ave., O’Hara Ave. and Sand Creek Rd. Expected start: June 2012. Estimated completion: September 2012
- American Ave. Traffic Signal installation at Heritage High School and construction of Grant St. Sidewalk Extension. Estimated start: June 2012. Expected completion: August 2012

Developer Projects:

- Marsh Creek Road and Vineyards Parkway Roadway Improvements currently under construction. Estimated completion: Spring 2012

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420



City of Brentwood
150 City Park Way
Brentwood, CA 94513

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Brentwood, CA
Permit # 708

ECRWSS

Postal Customer

Special Events - The Fun is Back!

Parks and Recreation has returned to our downtown roots at the new Brentwood Community Center. With the new building's larger capacity and the City Park remodel, we are pleased to introduce some new special events and also bring

back some hometown favorites, including **Starry Nights Summer Concert Series**, which kicks off Friday, June 15.

For details and more events, visit the City's website.

For more information: Poldina Scherff (925) 516-5444

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events



Free household hazardous waste only (oil, batteries, paints, etc.) drop-off events are scheduled May 12 in Oakley (DuPont Parking Lot, 6000 Bridgehead Road), June 16 in Discovery Bay (Discovery Bay Elementary School, 1700 Willow Lake Road), October 6 in Brentwood (Solid Waste Transfer Station, 2300 Elkins Way) from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. These events are open to all East County residents with proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

For more information: Solid Waste (925) 516-6090 or www.ddsd.org

Water Awareness



City of Brentwood water utility customers can obtain a low-flow showerhead by participating in a Free Home Water Use Survey. The survey consists of a utility fixture inspection, water leak check, and an irrigation evaluation. To request a Free Home Water Use Survey, complete the online request form located on the City's website.

Conservation Tip: Before turning on your sprinklers for the warmer spring weather, thoroughly inspect your irrigation system and timer to ensure peak performance.

For more information: Diana Williford (925) 516-6000

City Council, City Staff

City Council:

- Robert Taylor, *Mayor*
- Steve Barr, *Vice Mayor*
- Robert A. Brockman, *Council Member*
- Joel R. Bryant, *Council Member*
- Erick Stonebarger, *Council Member*

City Administration:

- City Manager – Paul Eldredge
- Assistant City Manager – Karen Chew
- City Attorney – Damien Brower
- City Clerk – Margaret Wimberly

Community Development

- Casey McCann, *Director*
- Finance & Information Systems**
Pam Ehler, *Director*
- Parks & Recreation**
Craig Bronzan, *Director*
- Police**
Mark Evenson, *Chief of Police*
- Public Works**
Bailey Grewal, *Director/City Engineer*

Please refer to our website for City Council, City Meetings and City Phone Numbers ■ City General Phone: 516-5400 ■ City Hearing Impaired: 516-5409

www.brentwoodca.gov