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Brentwood Aquatic Complex

The aquatic staff has a desire to “make a difference” and is committed to professional excellence, as evidenced by the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex’s first “Gold International Aquatic Safety Award”. This award was presented by Ellis & Associates International Aquatic Safety & Risk Management, pursuant to consistently exceeding the criteria for aquatic safety certification.

The Aquatic Complex is open for Recreation Public Swim on Saturdays and Sundays (and Monday, September 3)

from 12–6 p.m. through September 30. The Complex is open for Weekday Lap Swim through October 26, 5:30-8 a.m., 11a.m.-12:45 p.m., and 6:15-8:15 p.m. for adults and teens ages 13+. Saturday Family Lap Swim is available on Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. through September 29.

And, it’s not too late to sign up for swim lessons. Evening group lessons will be offered during Sessions 4 (July 30–August 9), 5 (August 13–23), and 6 (August 27–30).

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

Downtown Wi-Fi

In March 2012 the City completed the installation of Wi-Fi Internet access in the Downtown area. The new Wi-Fi provides users with free access to the Internet within the perimeter of the downtown area, including City Park. All Wi-Fi enabled devices will automatically recognize the presence of the City’s wireless system and will automatically allow users to access the Wi-Fi. The wireless Internet service, provided by the City, will encourage the public to visit Brentwood’s downtown area by improving the shopping and recreational experience for residents and visitors. The Wi-Fi system is available on a daily basis between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., with a two-hour maximum daily usage limit per user.

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

2012 Parks and Recreation Honors and Designations

The City of Brentwood, for the fifth consecutive year, has been designated a “Playful City” for 2012, through the Playful City USA program, KaBOOM! The City will host their fifth annual Play Day on Friday, August 17, at City Park; the event is for kids of all ages.

For the second year in a row, the City of Brentwood has been recognized as a Tree City USA community. This program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters



For more info: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444



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City Staff and Residents Combine Efforts to Deter Burglaries

Many cities in the Bay Area have seen an increase in burglaries over the last few years. Brentwood Police have been working closely with residents and taking proactive measures to decrease these incidents and bring those responsible to justice. Recently there has been a marked decline of residential burglaries in Brentwood. We hope to see this trend continue and since January of 2012 Brentwood Police has arrested 12 offenders for burglary or attempted burglary. Crime data has been analyzed to identify areas where additional resources are needed and shifts and beat assignments have been adjusted accordingly. In addition several crime suppression details have been implemented utilizing off duty officers to provide high visibility patrols in these identified areas. The investigations side of the Brentwood Police has been very active in this arena as well, working off duty and overtime investigating the burglaries as well as working undercover. These are just a few examples of the steps the Brentwood Police are taking to reduce the number of burglaries; in addition to these activities here are a few things home owners can do:

Give your home a fighting chance against crime. It is almost impossible to make a home “crime proof” but it is easy to make entry difficult and frustrate a burglar.

1 Home/garage doors and windows should always be locked; more than half of all residential burglaries occur due to unlocked doors and windows. Do not leave your garage door open

while it is unattended. Criminals only need a moment of opportunity to grab something from your garage.

2. Check all windows and doors. Confirm that all of the hardware is in good working order. A window that is difficult to lock needs to be fixed. Limit access to your yard and home; lock your gates and have tools, ladders, etc. (whatever could be used to gain entry into your home) secured in your garage or shed. Do you have ample lighting? Motion detector lighting is an excellent way to alert residents that someone, or something, is moving about in the yard. The light can also allow your neighbors to see any suspicious movement that may be taking place.



3. If you have an alarm, use it! If you are only leaving for a few minutes, or a few hours, use it! It only takes a matter of minutes for a burglar to gain entry into your home. Your alarm could keep criminals from breaking in or make them flee your home.

4. Talk to your neighbors and learn what their family schedules are. Share contact information with your neighbors and keep them informed if you notice any suspicious activity in the neighborhood. If you should see anyone suspicious in the neighborhood, contact Police Dispatch immediately at (925) 778-2441 or call 911. Please give us the best description you can of the individual(s), the direction of travel, and how they were traveling (on foot or by vehicle). Always remember: a crime does not need to occur before you contact us.

5. Attend “National Night Out” on August 7, 2012. This is a great opportunity to share current crime information and communicate tips for effective crime prevention. For more information about National Night Out, please visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/index.html>.

For more information: Brentwood Police (925) 634-6911

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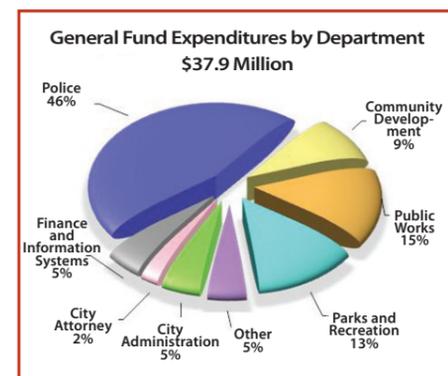
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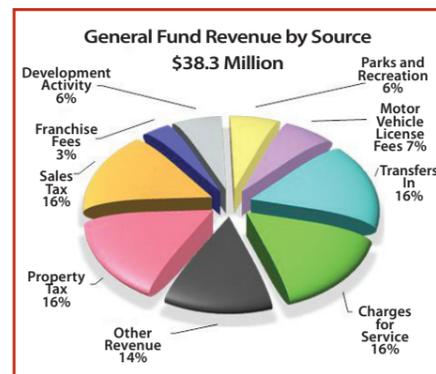
The 2012/13 - 2013/14 Operating Budget

The 2012/13 - 2013/14 Operating Budget was adopted by the City Council on June 26. The City's Operating Budget establishes the funding allocations for all of the services provided by the City including police, parks and recreation, street maintenance and water, sewer, and garbage services.



The City's General Fund includes approximately \$38 million in both revenues and operating expenses and maintains 30% of annual expenses in reserves. While property tax revenue has continued to decline, increases in sales taxes, combined with expenditure savings resulting from labor negotiations and through efficiency improvements have allowed the City's budget to remain balanced.

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



The accompanying charts display the General Fund's primary revenue sources and departmental expenses.

Shopping Local – Why It's Important...

Brentwood has become one of the most desirable shopping destinations in Contra Costa County. In addition to the Streets of Brentwood and Lone Tree Plaza, Brentwood also has a wide variety of boutiques, restaurants, and stores in the Downtown, along Brentwood Boulevard, and in numerous smaller centers around town. But we need your help to keep it that way.

As you plan your shopping for the next month, and especially for the holiday season, please consider giving your business to the retailers here in Brentwood. Local retailers play a critical role in our community:

- They provide one of the largest sources of tax revenue for the City's "General Fund," which funds police, parks, recreation, and other services to maintain Brentwood's quality of life.
- They also provide the #1 largest source of local jobs, and they are an important source of jobs for youth—often providing a high school student's first experience with managing the responsibilities of the adult working world.
- Many local retailers support local charities and sponsor community events.
- They help to give our neighborhoods vitality and individual character.

Over the next several months, the City will be partnering with local news media and businesses to launch a Shop Local campaign in Brentwood. To learn more about easy ways to keep your shopping dollars in Brentwood, please visit www.businessinbrentwood.com.

For more info: Community Development (925) 516-5405

Graffiti Removal Program

The City of Brentwood is dedicated to keeping our community beautiful and is proud to have an aggressive Graffiti Removal Program. Since July 2011, the City's Street Maintenance Division has removed 21,000 square feet of graffiti throughout the city. This includes graffiti on sound walls, tunnels, parks, sidewalks, utility cabinets, and signs. The City's goal is to respond within 24 hours for graffiti abatement, with the exception of holidays and weekends. If you see someone in the process of committing an act of graffiti, please call Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441. To report graffiti, please submit your request via your Smartphone using Report It!, a free application; call Public Works/Operations or submit a service request via the City's website at: www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pw/service/onlinerequest.cfm.

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

Use Report It!, a free Smartphone app to report graffiti and submit other types of maintenance requests.

Help rid neighborhoods and streets of abandoned shopping carts

The City of Brentwood assists in the removal of abandoned shopping carts throughout the city. Major stores located in Brentwood that supply shopping carts to their customers have agreed to pick up their shopping carts upon notification. It's easy for residents to report an abandoned shopping cart. Choose from the options below:

- 1. Phone:** Call Public Works at (925) 516-6000 and leave a message 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The voicemail messages are picked up during business hours and the appropriate shopping cart owners will be notified.
- 2. Online:** Go to <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pw/service/index.cfm> and follow the simple instructions to place a service request.
- 3. Smart Phone Application:** Download the smart phone application Report It! The application is available to iPhone and Android users. By taking a photo of the lost cart and sending it to the City, the application identifies the cart's location by GPS coordinates and transmits the information along with the photo.

Redevelopment Dissolution Update

The Brentwood Redevelopment Agency was dissolved on February 1, 2012 as a result of actions taken by the Governor and State Legislature. Over the years the Redevelopment Agency had provided funding for many community improvements, including downtown tree lighting, downtown façade improvements and apartment rehabilitation. The Agency also provided funding for several capital improvement projects, including the creation of the Sunset Industrial Complex, the Downtown Streetscapes, the widening of Brentwood Boulevard, and the O'Hara/Second Street extension.

While the loss of redevelopment funds has been difficult, the State recently took additional steps to collect even more funds from the City. Through Assembly Bill 1484, the State has enacted several significant takeaways, which in most cases cannot be challenged and which carry significant consequences for non-compliance. The consequences include the required payment of penalties and interest; with the State having the ability to collect any unpaid amounts by withholding locally generated property tax and sales tax from the City. Cities throughout the State believe that these actions are contradictory to the previous voter approved initiatives (Propositions 1A and 22) that were intended to keep the State from raiding local coffers and some have speculated that the State is attempting to circumvent these initiatives under the guise of disbanding the Redevelopment Agencies. Any future takeaways by the State, especially future sales and property taxes, will have potentially serious consequences to the City's ability to provide current levels of service to residents. The City will continue to work with our State representatives to minimize any impacts to the City and will continue to explore alternate funding sources to fill in the gap left by the loss of redevelopment.

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

Water Wisely

Today's irrigation systems include sophisticated controllers that allow you to easily adjust watering schedules to fit different needs.

- **Get in the correct zone and soil type.** Schedule each individual zone in your irrigation system to account for the type of sprinkler, sun or shade exposure, and soil in that section. The type of soil determines how quickly water can be absorbed without runoff.
- **Don't send water down the drain.** Set sprinklers to water plants, not your driveway, sidewalk, patio, or buildings.
- **When to water and for how long:** Prevent water loss by watering in the evening and early morning. Saturate root zones and let the soil dry. Water more often for shorter periods. For example, setting your system to run for three, five-minute intervals lets soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes at one time, reducing runoff.

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

Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- **Summerset Commons Park** on Fairview Ave., south of Balfour Rd., currently under construction. Estimated completion: August 2012
- **Solid Waste Transfer Station** at the City Corporation Yard is currently under construction. Expected completion: September 2013
- **Trash Capture Device**—Installation of storm drain line in landscape area along Thompsons Dr. to capture trash from runoff expected to start in July 2012. Estimated completion: October 2012
- **Pavement Management Program**—Slurry seal of several streets throughout the City is currently under way. Expected completion: September 2012
- **Pavement Management Program**—Pavement overlay on portions of Sellers Ave., O'Hara Ave. and Sand Creek Rd. expected to start in August 2012. Estimated completion: November 2012
- **Balfour Rd. sidewalk construction** between Minnesota Ave. and The Montessori School, expected to start in July 2012. Estimated completion: September 2012
- **American Ave. traffic signal installation** at Heritage High School expected to start in August 2012. Estimated completion: October 2012
- **Construction of sidewalk extension** at Grant St. expected to start in August 2012. Estimated completion: October 2012
- **Fiber Optic Link** between City Hall and the Senior Center/Aquatic Park expected to start in August 2012. Estimated completion: October 2012
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent 3-way Diversion Valve** structure expected to start in August 2012. Estimated completion: November 2012

Developer Projects:

- The Developer of Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. and east of Brentwood Blvd.) is currently installing underground utilities and will be paving streets in late summer for Phases III and IV. Estimated completion: September 2012

Regional Transportation Projects:

- **State Route 4/Sand Creek Road interchange** and widening from Lone Tree Way to just south of San Jose Ave. expected to start in June 2012. Estimated completion: March 2014

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