



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending March 14, 2014

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ADMINISTRATION

Meet Assembly Member Jim Frazier

Assembly Member Jim Frazier will be available to meet with constituents at City Hall in Brentwood on Wednesday, March 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call (925) 778-5790.

Farmers Market Ribbon Cutting

The Brentwood Farmers' Market opens this weekend. In honor of the season re-opening there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The Farmers' Market will run every Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine, through November 22. The Market is held on First Street and Oak Street in historic downtown Brentwood. For more information, please contact Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association at (925) 825-9090 or www.pcfma.com.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Join us at the Brentwood Senior Activity Center (193 Griffith Lane) on Saturday, April 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a tea party with the Mad Hatter. At this special event, open to all ages 5+, the Mad Hatter will host games, music and a Mad Hatter hat contest. Participants will enjoy punch, sandwiches, and special desserts. Cost is \$5 per person and supports the Brentwood Senior Citizen's Club, Inc. All children must be accompanied by an adult and everyone must have a ticket. For more information, or to register, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (925) 516-5444 or www.brentwoodca.gov.

Spring Adult Softball

The City of Brentwood Spring Adult Softball league kicks off this week with 86 participating teams. All games are played at Sunset Park Athletic Complex; the coed division games will be held on Tuesday nights and the men's divisions on Thursday and Friday nights. Spring league plays eight games and holds a play-off for the top four teams of each division per night.



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POLICE

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the City of Brentwood and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the local public its eighth opportunity in four years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Brentwood Police Department at 9100 Brentwood Boulevard. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Last year, almost 400 tons of prescription medications were collected from members of the public at more than 5,829 locations manned by 4,312 state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that partnered with DEA on the event. When added to the collections from DEA's previous seven Take-Back events, more than 2 million pounds of prescription medications have been removed from circulation.

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.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and ecologically responsible method of prescription drug disposal while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Conservation – Find Your Water Usage per Day

Water conservation is always important in California, but this year no Californian can afford to waste any water. We all need to do our part. In Governor Brown's statewide [drought emergency](#) declaration, he asks all Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent.

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day, called GPCD (gallons per capita per day). To find out how you compare to this average, look at your City of Brentwood utility bill. Take your monthly water use in gallons divided by number of people in your household divided by 30. For instance, 15,000 gallons/4 persons/30 days = 125 GPCD. Knowing how much water you use is key to helping you understand how to most effectively manage your water use.

Solid Waste Transfer Station

With the recent opening of the new Solid Waste Transfer Station, demolition work continues at the old transfer station site (as shown below), which will be converted to an overflow parking lot for Sunset Park. This is anticipated to be completed this summer.

