



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending July 18, 2014

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



CITY ADMINISTRATION

Personal Message from City Manager, Paul Eldredge

This will be my final weekly update as your City Manager of the City of Brentwood. As you may or may not be aware, after much deliberation and consideration, I tendered my resignation to the City Council on June 26. I have accepted the position of General Manager for the Union Sanitary District in Union City. This was a very difficult decision to make as I have been extremely fortunate to be a part of such an incredible organization in so many capacities during my time in Brentwood.

This month marks my 17th anniversary with the City of Brentwood. I started my career here as an entry level engineer and most recently served as the City Manager since October 2011. I have been so fortunate to have the opportunities afforded to me over the years. The City of Brentwood is a strong, high-performing community and organization with a well-deserved reputation for outstanding achievement. I hope that I have added some value to that tradition of excellence.

The City Council has been in the process of searching for an interim City Manager with the intent of having someone on board and ready to step in prior to my departure, which is currently scheduled for next week. An announcement regarding the interim City Manager will be made in the near future. It is currently anticipated that the interim City Manager will serve the City of Brentwood for up to six months, or until a permanent City Manager is selected.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brentwood community for making Brentwood such a special place. I greatly appreciate the support of the community during my tenure here at the City. I would also like to personally acknowledge the efforts and support of City staff and City Council. Although I may be leaving Brentwood physically, I will never leave emotionally.

With gratitude and warmest regards,

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Plan Update

At its meeting on July 22nd, the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the General Plan Update. The General Plan Update project, which began in late 2011 when it was added to the Council's strategic plan, establishes a vision for the long-term physical form and development of Brentwood. The key components of the General Plan Update include broad goals, followed by specific policies and actions that help implement them. This project represents a public process and a collective effort on the part of residents, stakeholders, a 12-member Working Group, the Planning Commission, and the Council. The Commission held a public hearing on June 17th to consider the General Plan Update, and unanimously recommended that it be approved by the City Council. At the hearing on July 22nd, the Council will consider certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report for the project, as well as approval of a General Plan amendment to adopt the General Plan Update. Please visit the project website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org for more information, or contact Planning Manager Erik Nolthenius at (925) 516-5137 or enolthenius@brentwoodca.gov with any questions.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

New City Website

We are excited to announce that the City's new website was launched on July 15th. Representatives from all departments collaborated on the new design to ensure functionality and a consistent web experience throughout the new site. This redesign effort brings a fresh, new look to the City's web presence and will more effectively showcase the City and the many features, resources and amenities available to the public. The website also features new technology which will help staff more effectively manage and maintain the website content. The City's website is located at www.brentwoodca.gov.



PUBLIC WORKS

Water Conservation

On April 22, the City Council adopted a resolution calling upon City water service customers to voluntarily reduce water use by 10%. City staff is pleased to report that water use is down 13% as compared to April and May of 2013. This is a great response from the residents of Brentwood. The City is also continuing to convert parks and landscape medians from potable water for irrigation to recycled/non-potable water.

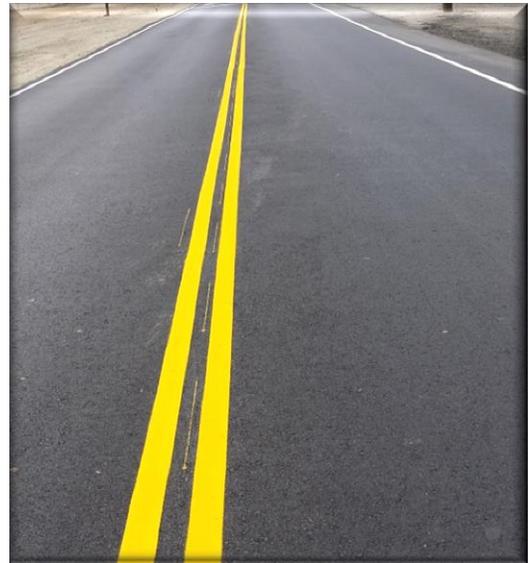
To help customers reach their water saving goals, staff has worked with the Contra Costa Water District and is able to offer free water conservation devices to City water customers. These are currently available at City Hall, Utility Billing Office, and include a low water using showerhead, a low flow bathroom faucet aerator and a 4-minute shower timer. Customers are limited to one of each device while supplies last.

2014 Pavement Management Program (Slurry Seal)

The project is expected to be complete by the end of next week. The contractor is finishing up the striping work. The pictures below show the recent striping done this week to Lone Tree Way and Fairview Avenue.



Fairview Avenue southbound approaching Central Boulevard



Eastbound Lone Tree Way east of Union Pacific Railroad

Sand Creek Road Interchange Project

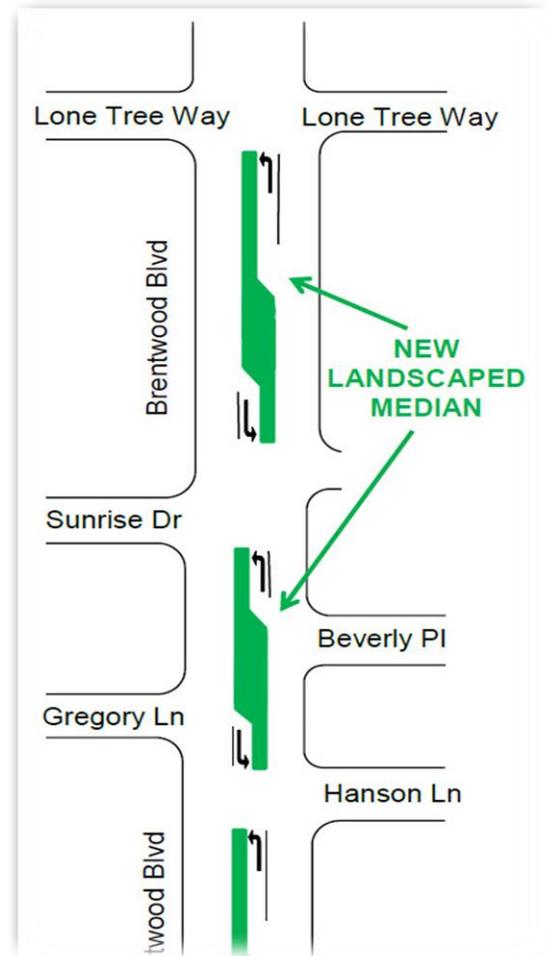
The majority of recent activity on this project has focused on the widening of the existing bridge over Sand Creek. The contractor has begun preparation of the bridge in advance of the concrete placement and the project is expected to be complete in late 2014.

Brentwood Boulevard Median Landscaping Improvements

Median landscaping and road work has begun on the stretch of Brentwood Boulevard between Homecoming and Lone Tree Way. This work will include widening roadways and surface restoration and landscaping the median with trees, shrubs, vines and flowering plants. Work began in early July with the widening of Brentwood Boulevard.



Brentwood Boulevard Improvements



Map of Brentwood Boulevard Scheduled Landscaping