



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending July 25, 2014

Steven M. Salomon, Interim City Manager



CITY ADMINISTRATION

Greeting from Steve Salomon, Interim City Manager

This is my first message serving as Interim City Manager. I started with the City on Monday, July 21. As a resident of Brentwood, and with over 30 years of experience working for California local governments, it is a privilege to work with the Brentwood City Council, staff and community. One of my principal responsibilities will be to work with the Council to find a permanent City Manager to replace Paul Eldredge. Paul worked for Brentwood for 17 years, 3 as City Manager, and left to become the General Manager of the Union Sanitary District in southwestern Alameda County. Paul did an excellent job for the City and I will ensure that City operations continue in an effective manner until such time as a permanent City Manager has been selected.

I look forward to meeting and working with many of you. I can be reached at (925) 516-5440 and ssalomon@brentwoodca.gov.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Plan Update

On July 22, the City Council unanimously approved a comprehensive update of the General Plan. The General Plan is the City's "constitution" or "blueprint" for development, and includes a set of goals, policies and actions that collectively form the community's vision for the future. The General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 1993 (a partial update was completed in 2001). The update, which formally began in April 2012 with the Council's approval of a work program for the project, completes one of the goals identified in the Council's strategic plan. The update was a significant and collective effort on the part of the community, key stakeholders, a 12-member working group, the Planning Commission and the City Council. The next phase of the project will be continued maintenance and implementation of the various actions identified within the General Plan. For questions about the General Plan, please contact the Community Development Department's Planning Division at (925) 516-5405 or visit the Planning Division's webpage at www.brentwoodca.gov/planning.

Harvest Time Festival

The first Brentwood Harvest Time Festival took place on July 12 and 13 in City Park. The Harvest Time Festival was organized by Brentwood Harvest Time, a farming membership organization, to celebrate the farmlands harvest, and focused on food, family and fun. Activities at the event included contests, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, a beer garden, local food, art and craft vendors, and live entertainment. For more information regarding Brentwood Harvest Time, visit: www.harvest4you.com.

Update on Business Development

As part of the City's ongoing business attraction efforts, staff is continuing marketing, industry outreach and discussions with individual companies in the following key industry sectors:

- **Health Care:** Staff is working with two prominent health care businesses that are both considering locating in Brentwood, with potential deals to be made public within the next few months.
- **Industrial Biotechnology:** On June 23-24, staff attended the Annual BIO Conference in San Diego and met with several industrial biotechnology firms to discuss Brentwood as a potential future location. On July 22, staff met with Gail Maderis, executive director of "Bay Bio" – which is a trade organization representing biotechnology firms in the Bay Area – to discuss potential business development opportunities for Brentwood in industrial biotechnology.
- **Food & Food Processing:** On July 10, staff attended the "Food & Beverage Innovators Forum" in San Francisco, and met with several food companies to discuss potential location of their operations in Brentwood. Staff is continuing efforts to market the Brentwood Community Center's commercial kitchen to local food businesses.
- **Solar:** On July 8, staff attended the Intersolar North America Trade Show, which provided the opportunity to market Brentwood as a location for emerging solar manufacturing and distribution firms.
- **Advanced Manufacturing:** Staff is continuing to work with regional partnerships, such as the East Bay EDA (Economic Development Alliance), East Bay Manufacturing Group, and i-GATE, to identify tech-oriented manufacturing businesses that might be attracted to Brentwood.

Downtown Tree Maintenance and Lighting

Over the next week, tree maintenance will take place in the downtown area (Oak, First, Second and Chestnut Streets). Immediately following the tree maintenance, Pacific Display, Inc. will install new tree lighting where needed. This is part of the on-going tree maintenance program for the downtown core. During maintenance, the tree lighting will be out in the downtown for several days depending on the location of the work. Staff is working closely with the vendor to make sure this is done in an expeditious manner. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Trudell at (925) 516-5187.

Brentwood Food Products Featured at County and State Fairs



This year's Contra Costa County Fair featured an exhibit promoting local food products. The booth was then displayed at the California State Fair, where it received 2nd place out of 56 county exhibits. The exposure and popularity of the Contra Costa County exhibit provided a unique opportunity to promote Brentwood's local agriculture, food and beverage industries.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Starry Nights Concert Series

The Starry Nights in Brentwood Summer Concerts continues with a performance by the Project 4 Band on July 25 at 7:00 p.m. Starry Nights is an annual summer-time series of concerts held Friday evenings in City Park (710 Second Street). Please see the attached schedule for details, and for more information, call Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444.



Brentwood Family Aquatics Complex Update

The hours of operation at the Brentwood Family Aquatics Complex will change as of Monday, July 28. Recreation Swim will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with an entrance fee of \$7. Weekday swim will close; however, evening Swim Lessons and Lap Swim are still open. For hours of operation and more information, please call the Aquatics Complex at (925) 516-5430.

PUBLIC WORKS

Measure J Sales Tax Funds

In 2004, Contra Costa County voters approved the Measure J Sales Tax, which extended the ½ cent sales tax for transportation-related projects. For the City of Brentwood to receive its proportionate share of the funds, a Measure J checklist must be completed and submitted for approval every other year. Last week, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority provided the final approval of the City's Measure J checklist. The City is projected to receive approximately \$758,000 in each of the next two years. By completing the Measure J checklist, the City is now eligible to begin receiving these funds on August 1, 2014, and will use them for road rehabilitation projects, including the annual pavement management program.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

The City recently completed the installation of 2 new rectangular rapid flashing beacon systems on Garin Parkway at Lawrence Lane/Mendota Street and on O'Hara Avenue at Pimento Street. The City received funding to purchase the beacons through the Transportation Development Grant. The Grant originally funded 3 sets of beacons installed earlier this year on Brentwood Blvd. at Village Drive and at Maple Street, and on Walnut Blvd. at McClarren Road. After submitting its reimbursement to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), MTC informed the City that additional funds were available to purchase 2 additional sets of beacons. The Grant ultimately provided the City with \$50,500 for the purchase and installation of 5 sets of beacons. All 5 locations were selected based on input from staff as well as requests the City had received regarding pedestrian safety.





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State Route 4/Sand Creek Road Interchange Project

The contractor for the State Route 4/Sand Creek Road interchange project recently began grading work to complete improvements made to Sand Creek Road. The current work involves widening and re-paving Sand Creek Road at the interchange, which will provide 2 westbound lanes, 3 eastbound lanes and 2 eastbound left turn lanes. In the next few weeks, the contractor is scheduled to begin constructing the new lanes on State Route 4 to access the newly-constructed second bridge over Sand Creek Road. It is anticipated that northbound State Route 4 traffic will be switched onto the new bridge by late October.

Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft EIR/EIS

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is being developed by the State as a 50-year habitat plan. The goals include restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem and securing California's water supplies. The BDCP would secure California's water supply by building new water delivery water infrastructure and operating the system to improve the ecological health of the Delta. The BDCP would also restore or protect approximately 150,000 acres of habitat.

The BDCP Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are available for public review until July 29, 2014. As one of the oldest and largest Delta communities, the City of Brentwood relies on the Delta for its high quality of life, recreation and water supply. In addition, the City has a diverse water portfolio that utilizes both treated and untreated water from the Delta, groundwater and tertiary-treated recycled water. The City has reviewed the BDCP and its associated EIR/EIS and submitted comments on July 18, 2014. The City found significant legal and scientific flaws in the documents, and is requesting the Draft EIR/EIS be withdrawn, reworked and recirculated to address the identified deficiencies.

For additional information on the BDCP, visit <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Home.aspx> or contact Public Works/Operations at (925) 516-6000.

City of Brentwood presents

Starry Nights in Brentwood

Summer Concert Series
2014

June 13

Cocktail Monkeys

Rock/Pop/R&B

June 20

Hot Rods Band

Oldies 50's & 60's

June 27

Staci Frenes Band

Acoustic Pop/Folk

July 18

Blues Healers

Blues & Rock

July 25

Project 4 Band

Top 40's, R&B, Latin,

August 8

The Shawna Lynn Band

Country/Rock

August 1

The Citations

Blues/Blues Rock

August 15

Down North

Soul/Punk

August 22*

Jungle Joe & Alphabet Rockers

Children's Concert & Play Day!

City Park 7:00pm

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All patrons are asked to follow park rules before, during and after the concerts. No glass containers, No audio video recording devices.



*August 22 Children's Concert begins at 6:30pm.

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