



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending August 29, 2014

Steven M. Salomon, Interim City Manager



CITY ADMINISTRATION

Assemblymember Jim Frazier Office Hours at City of Brentwood

Assemblymember Jim Frazier will hold office hours at the City of Brentwood from 9:00 am to Noon on Monday, September 8th. ***If you are experiencing a problem with a state agency, please call (925) 778-5790 for an appointment.*** Here is the link to his website and where you can “RSVP”: <http://asmdc.org/members/a11/district/upcoming-events>.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission

At its August 19th meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a subdivision map and design review for a new residential development known as Renaissance Estates. The project site is approximately 3-acres in size, is located south of Amber Lane and west of Windy Springs Lane and will be subdivided into 9 lots for single-family homes to be built by Bradford Communities. The project was supported by residents who were in attendance, was well received by the Commission and was unanimously approved.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Bond Refinancing

On August 26th the City Council authorized staff to proceed with a refinancing of multiple bonds issued between 2004 and 2006. Based on today's market rates, the refinancing of the bonds will generate an estimated \$13.7 million in total gross savings over a 22 year time period. By law, approximately \$4.2 million of the savings will be rebated back to the property owners in the form of lower annual assessments, with the remaining \$9.5 million available for future City capital improvement projects. The refinance is expected to close within the next few weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS

Recycled (Non-Potable) Irrigation Water Use in City Parks

To conserve the City's high-quality drinking (potable) water, the City uses recycled or non-potable water for irrigating many of its green belts, median strips and parks. Recycled water used for irrigation is highly treated wastewater reclaimed from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. In an ongoing effort to reach the State-mandated goal of reducing potable water use by 20%, two additional City parks (Blue Goose and Arbor View Parks) were recently converted to recycled water for irrigation. Recycled water is a sustainable resource that is not subject to the restrictions placed on potable water use activities, such as time-of-day restrictions. Look for the newly-installed Recycled Water signs at these parks.



PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Project (Phase II)

As part of its system-wide program to ensure the safety of its transmission pipelines, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will be replacing sections of its natural gas pipeline along the railroad tracks between Neroly Road and Lone Tree Way. The jack and bore work will be performed underneath the roadway on Lone Tree Way, which will allow for Lone Tree Way to remain open during construction and result in minimal impacts to traffic. Work has begun and is expected to last approximately 3-4 months.

This project involves excavating around the existing underground gas pipeline and installing new pipeline. During construction, residents will experience noise due to trucks and other heavy equipment (as shown in the photos below) and, at times, may smell gas and hear a loud, steady noise as natural gas is vented from the pipeline using safe and common techniques. Although this is normal when crews are working, PG&E encourages anyone who has concerns about the smell of gas to call 1-800-743-5000.

In most cases, customers' gas services will continue without interruption. If that changes, a PG&E representative will contact any customers that will be affected.

PG&E will clearly mark all work areas and traffic flaggers will help to direct traffic. Please plan for minor delays when driving through this area.



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The PG&E Customer Care Representative for this project is Julian Lacson (925-459-8097) and the PG&E Project/Construction Manager is Carter Val (925-324-3091).



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