



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending September 12, 2014

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CITY ADMINISTRATION

2014 State of the City Address

Mayor Robert Taylor will be presenting information on the City's budget, transportation projects and more at the 2014 State of the City Address. The event will be held on Tuesday, September 30th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street). This is a free event and is open to the public. The event is sponsored by the Los Medanos Community College Foundation – PG&E Community Fund. Please see the attached flyer.

John Marsh Stone House Heritage Day

Mark your calendar - A Stone House Heritage Day at Marsh Creek State Park has been planned for Saturday, October 11th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This event will be held alongside the historic Stone House in the park next to the Marsh Creek Reservoir at 21999 Marsh Creek Road. Marsh Creek State Park is the largest historic park in the California State Park system and the John Marsh Stone House will be the centerpiece of the park's remarkable 11-acre Historic Zone. Presentations, performances and hands-on activities for kids will highlight five historical aspects of the site: John Marsh and his Stone House; Ancient archeology; the Californio period; Native Americans and the Westward Movement. Hear the story of John Marsh, view important archeological finds dating 7,000 to 3,000 years old and enjoy the dancing of Bay Miwok tribe, who were native to the Brentwood area and many more activities.

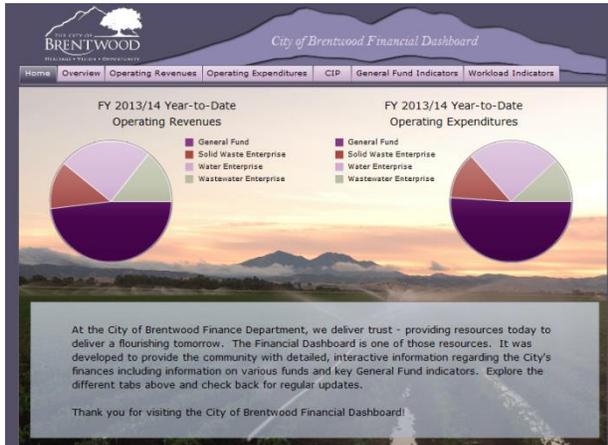
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission will be taking over the management of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Service. This is considered a benefit to East County residents as the train times will become more commuter friendly following the very successful ACE Train program. The takeover is a long process but will greatly benefit those passengers coming up from the Central Valley to East County and East County residents that want to avoid the Highway 4 commute. More details will be forthcoming as they are available.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Financial Dashboard



The 2013/14 fiscal year-end update of the City's Financial Dashboard is now available on the City's website. The Financial Dashboard is a web-based reporting tool that provides interactive information on the City's finances, which includes analysis of the City's year-to-date revenues, expenses and budgetary information for the City's operations. It also allows users to view financial information from previous years, providing an easy way to compare trends over time. In addition, the Financial Dashboard provides financial information concerning the City's Capital Improvement Projects.

The Financial Dashboard can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/finance/dashboard.asp>

PUBLIC WORKS

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 directional bore is in progress and is 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. This work 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) 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 the 24-hour phone number: **1-800-743-5000**.



This photo is of the directional bore where the 24" pipe will be inserted and pulled back to Fairview Court underneath Lone Tree Way.

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This shows the 24” pipe, which is being tested and will be pulled underneath Lone Tree Way to Fairview Court.

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.

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).

Landscape Improvements

Sand Creek Road Median - The picture (right) shows the progress of planting in the Sand Creek Road median between State Route 4 and the entrance to the Streets of Brentwood. The contractor is expected to complete this median work by the end of this month.

Brentwood Boulevard Median – The non-potable water line has been installed and the contractor is working on the concrete mowband and cobblestone.

Elkins Way - Irrigation is being installed on both sides of the roadway.



City Water Customers Conserve

Residents and businesses who receive City water service are responding to the call to conserve water to help ensure there is enough water to meet future demands. On August 12, the City asked its customers to voluntarily reduce their water use by 20%. In response, water use was down 15% August 2014 compared to August 2013. The City continues to encourage its customers to keep up the good work to help reach the new 20% voluntary reduction goal.

Neighborhood Clean-up Events

Residents of Brentwood who have an active garbage account are invited to participate in the Annual Neighborhood Clean-up Events. Residents can bring unwanted household items to the Brentwood Transfer Station. Accepted items include: yard waste, appliances, e-waste (TVs, computers, etc.), furniture and garbage. The clean-ups will be held Saturdays during September and October. Drop-off days and times are determined by address. For more information, look for an invitation in the mail or visit the City's website at: <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/recycling/events.asp>.

Winter Preparations

City crews have been preparing for this upcoming winter season. These preparations include weed abatement in the City maintained creek channels and inlets, storm pond maintenance, tree trimming and spraying the abated areas to slow the regrowth of vegetation. This is completed on an annual basis to help prevent possible flooding during the winter season.



St. Regis Pond



Sand Creek Clean-up



PRESENTS

2014 State of the City Address Mayor Robert "Bob" Taylor

FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Brentwood Community Center
35 Oak Street



Parking available in the public parking structure adjacent to City Hall and the Brentwood Community Center

**Learn about the City's budget, transportation projects and
upcoming programs and events.**

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