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Brentwood to Feature the Largest Gigabit Broadband Service Network in the Bay Area

The City of Brentwood has entered into an agreement with Sonic.net to install gigabit broadband internet service throughout large portions of the city—thus making Brentwood the first city in the Bay Area to feature a widespread gigabit broadband network available to residents and businesses. Brentwood negotiated an innovative public-private partnership with Sonic.net, in which more than 8,000 households and businesses will be able to receive phone and gigabit internet service for as little as \$40 per month, plus tax and equipment fees. Sonic.net will offer a lower speed copper service to those areas of the city that currently do not have conduit available. In addition, Sonic.net, in conjunction with the City, is developing plans on how to bring fiber service cost effectively to

the parts of town that currently do not have the necessary infrastructure.

Sonic.net will also connect certain public facilities to the gigabit network, including schools with conduit access and will dedicate fiber service to the City for municipal services. The City will not be required to contribute any funds towards the deployment or the ongoing maintenance costs of the gigabit network. By becoming a gigabit city and with its proximity to major technology job centers, Brentwood will be well positioned as an attractive location for the next generation of technology firms.

Residents can learn more about the new gigabit network at the following link: <http://sonic.net/brentwood>.

QR Fit Trail

Hit the trail with your smartphone and you can accomplish more than a little hiking. How about working out your core, lower body, upper body, and improving flexibility too? The new QR Fit Trail fitness program is now available at Creekside Park, Miwok Trail, and Oak Meadow Park. So bring your smartphone, read QR code, work out, and get fit!



For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

New Shade for Parks

New, permanent shade structures are currently being installed in five parks: Sunset Park Athletic Complex (14 bleachers), Blue Goose Park (picnic area, toddler play areas, spring toy play area, and benches), Veterans Park (Universal Abilities Playground), Oak Meadow Park (4 bleachers), and Balfour-Guthrie Park (2 bleachers). This project is expected to be complete by the end of July.

For more information: Aaron Wanden (925) 516-5444



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Swimming Pool Barriers

Summer is upon us and with it comes 100-degree and plus temperatures. What better way to cool off than with a swimming pool. If you are one of the many homeowners considering putting in a backyard pool, please be aware of the 2013 California Residential Code requirements for swimming pool barriers. The City's Building Section has a handout that addresses all the requirements for such barriers. If you are contracting with a pool contractor or doing it yourself, make sure that the pool barrier is part of the planned work. Not only will it help prevent drowning but also it is mandatory by City Ordinance and State Law.

Interesting facts to consider:

1. Drowning is a real problem.

a. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death among children age 1-4 in California. A residential pool is 14 times more likely to cause a death than an automobile.

2. Both open water and pools are unsafe.

a. 50% of deaths by drowning occur in residential pools.

3. Pool owners without young children need to install protective barriers.

a. 35% of residential drowning is not at the home of the victim.

b. Yes, state and local laws require barriers on all residential pools.

4. There is proof that fences or safety barriers work. Small children can't climb over a fence.

a. In studies conducted in Australia and New Zealand, the findings suggest that adequate, four-sided pool fencing reduced drowning

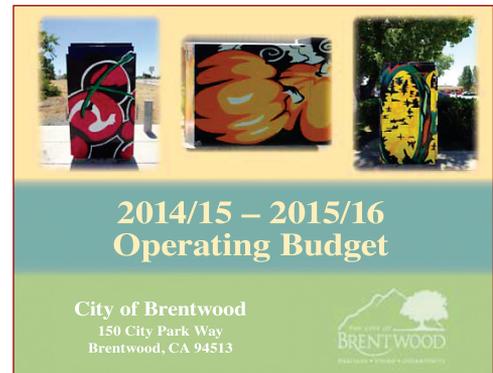
by 80%. Studies in Arizona demonstrated a 50% reduction. Be a responsible pool owner and reduce the chance of a drowning in your pool. **For further information on pool barriers, please contact the City of Brentwood Building staff at (925) 516-5405**

2014/15 – 2015/16 Operating Budget

The 2014/15–2015/16 Operating Budget was adopted by the City Council on June 24. The City's Operating Budget establishes the funding allocations for all of the services provided by the City including police, parks and recreation, street maintenance, water, sewer and garbage services. The total Operating Budget for fiscal year 2014/15 is \$184.5 million.

The City's General Fund includes approximately \$44.7 million in both revenues and operating expenses and retains 30 percent of annual expenses in reserves. Increases in property tax, sales tax and revenue from development combined with expenditure savings have allowed the City to work towards the goal of a balanced budget.

For more information: Finance & Information Systems (925) 516-5460



Graffiti Removal Program

The City is dedicated to keeping our community beautiful and is proud to have an aggressive Graffiti Removal Program. Since July 2013, the Street Maintenance Division has removed 8,395 square feet of graffiti throughout the city. This includes graffiti on sound walls, tunnels, parks, sidewalks, utility cabinets, signs and other public property. The City's goal is to respond within 24 hours for graffiti abatement for any graffiti in the public right of way, with the exception of holidays and weekends. If you see someone in the process of committing an act of graffiti, please call Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441. To report graffiti, please submit your request via a Smartphone using Report It!, a free application; or you can call Public Works/Operations or submit a service request via the City's website at www.brentwoodca.gov.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

Public Art Mosaic Mural Complete

Late last year City Council approved funding for the Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy to create a mosaic mural to be placed on a City sound wall. The 7-foot tall by 140 feet in length mosaic mural titled "Sunflowers" is now complete and is located at the corner of Brentwood Boulevard and 2nd Street. This is the third project that the graduating senior art students have provided for the City.



For more information: Poldina Scherff (925) 516-5444

Help Reduce Chloride in Brentwood's Wastewater

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City's wastewater treatment facility are currently above the levels set by the state. These

levels are exceeded due to the adding of chloride to the sewage system through normal, everyday activities such as the use of soaps, detergents and food preparations as well as self-regenerating water softeners.

Chlorides or salt are not cost-effective to remove at the wastewater treatment facility; therefore, with our customers' assistance we plan on focusing on reducing the amount of chloride coming into the treatment facility. On average, a third of the chloride found in Brentwood's wastewater is due to natural background levels in the drinking water and everyday activities, while the remaining approximately two thirds of the chloride is attributed to the use of self-regenerating water softeners. The City offers free water hardness testing and guidance on where to set the level of your softener.

For more information: Public Works Wastewater (925) 516-6060

Recycling Mandates for Commercial Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes

Per California state assembly bill AB 341, commercial businesses that generate over four cubic yards of solid waste per week and multi-family complexes with five units or more are subject to mandatory recycling. The City is responsible for monitoring customers to ensure compliance with AB 341 and provide education and outreach to customers affected by the new mandates.

For more information: Public Works Solid Waste (925) 516-6090

Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Overflow parking lot for Sunset Park: Landscape installation is in progress. Estimated completion: Winter 2014
- Sand Creek Road Median Landscape Project between the "Streets of Brentwood" entrance and State Route 4 ("SR4"). Estimated completion: Winter 2014
- Brentwood Boulevard Median Landscaping Improvements between Homecoming Way and Lone Tree Way. Estimated completion: Early 2015

Developer Projects:

- Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. and west of Brentwood Blvd.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Spring 2015
- Amber Park (east of Empire Ave. and north of Grant St.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Winter 2014
- Mission Grove (south of Balfour Rd. west of Union Pacific Railroad) has graded the site and is installing underground utilities. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Fall 2015
- Barrington (along Garin Parkway south of Sunset Rd.) is currently building homes. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Fall 2015
- Steeplechase (west of O'Hara Ave. and north of Lone Tree Way) is currently building homes. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Spring 2015
- Magnolia (west of Brentwood Blvd. and south of Marsh Creek) is expected to begin construction this fall. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Summer 2015
- Palmilla (north of Central Blvd. and west of Union Pacific Railroad) is building homes. The utilities and streets were previously constructed. Estimate completion of infrastructure: Summer 2015
- Vineyards at Marsh Creek (west of SR4 and Marsh Creek Road) is currently installing underground utilities and will be paving roads this summer. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Summer 2015
- Ferro Ronconi (north of Balfour Rd and east of Griffith Lane) is planning to start grading and underground utilities work in late summer. Estimated Completion of infrastructure: Fall 2015

Regional Transportation Projects:

- SR4/Sand Creek Road interchange and widening from Lone Tree Way to south of San Jose Ave. is open and a second bridge at this interchange is under construction. Estimated completion: Winter 2014

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420



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Fall Movie in the Park

The fall "Movie in the Park" will feature "Hotel Transylvania" on the big screen in City Park on Friday, October 24th, beginning at 7 p.m. This free event will take place rain or shine.

For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

Brentwood is a Playful City USA again for 2014!

The City will host their 7th annual Play Day on Friday, August 22nd at City Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is for kids of all ages and will encourage participants to play games, blow bubbles, play in the water feature and enjoy a concert for kids in City Park.

For more information: Barbie Gary (925) 516-5444

Starry Nights in Brentwood Summer Concert Series

The summer concert series will conclude with concerts by The Citations (August 1st), the Shawna Lynn Band (August 8th), Down North (August 15th), and the Play Day children's concert featuring Jungle Joe & Alphabet Rockers on August 22nd. With the exception of the Play Day concert that begins at 6:30, all other concerts begin at 7 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner.

For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

Water Wise

Water conservation is always important in California, but this year no Californian can afford to waste water. In January, Governor Brown declared a Drought State of Emergency, and in April, the Brentwood City Council requested that Brentwood water customers voluntarily reduce their water use by 10 percent. This can be accomplished simply by reducing your landscape irrigation by one day

a week, as well as following these irrigation tips to improve irrigation efficiency, improve landscape quality and reduce water waste:

- Get in the correct zone and soil type. Schedule each individual zone in the irrigation system to account for the type of sprinkler, sun or shade exposure, and soil in that section. The type of soil determines how quickly water can be absorbed without runoff.

- Don't send water down the drain. Set sprinklers to water plants, not driveways, sidewalks, patios or buildings.
- When to water and for how long: Prevent water loss by watering in the evening and early morning. Saturate root zones and let the soil dry. Water often and for shorter periods. For example, setting a system to run for three, five-minute intervals lets soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes at one time, reducing runoff.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

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