



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Vision for a Vibrant Downtown

On December 2nd, staff hosted a public workshop to discuss the Brentwood downtown. Notices of the workshop were mailed to all property and business owners in the Downtown. The primary purpose of the workshop was to gather input on: (1) the current state of Downtown; (2) a vision for the future of Downtown; and (3) ways to enhance the vibrancy of Downtown. The workshop was attended by approximately 20 members of the community, who provided a significant amount of input to staff. This input will be summarized and presented to the City Council in a separate workshop at 6:00 p.m. on December 9th, just prior to its regularly scheduled meeting. The public is encouraged to attend and provide additional input at that time. For anyone that was not able to attend the workshop on December 2nd or who will not be able to attend the workshop on December 9th, but would like to submit comments, please contact Jeff Zilm at (925) 516-5136 or jzilm@brentwoodca.gov, or Erik Nolthenius at (925) 516-5137 or enolthenius@brentwoodca.gov.

Public Review Draft Housing Element

The Public Review Draft Housing Element, a focused update to the Housing Element of the City's General Plan, is available for public review and comment. The Housing Element is required by State law to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs in order to preserve, improve and develop housing for all economic segments of the community, and demonstrate how the City will accommodate its fair share of regional housing needs. The City of Brentwood is updating the Housing Element consistent with the requirements of State law. The Public Review Draft Housing Element includes a Housing Program, which establishes goals, policies, and implementation actions to address the City's housing needs through January 2023.

The Public Review Draft Housing Element addresses the following topics:

- Review and evaluation of the current Housing Element;
- Population growth and employment trends;
- Household characteristics;
- Housing costs and vacancy rates;
- New construction and special population housing needs;
- Resources available for housing production;



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- Inventory of available residentially zoned land;
- Governmental and non-governmental constraints to housing production;
- Energy conservation measures; and
- Existing affordable housing developments.

All interested parties are invited to review the Public Review Draft Housing Element and express their opinions. The document may be reviewed during normal business hours at the following locations:

- City of Brentwood Community Development Department – 150 City Park Way, Brentwood
- Library – 104 Oak Street, Brentwood;
- Senior Center – 193 Griffith Lane, Brentwood;
- Community Center – 35 Oak Street, Brentwood; OR
- Online at <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/DraftHousingElement>

To comment, please submit written comments to: Debbie Hill, Associate Planner at 150 City Park Way, Brentwood, CA 94513, (925) 516-5135, or by e-mail to: dhill@brentwoodca.gov. **The public comment period will close on January 7, 2015.**

PARKS AND RECREATION

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Ring in the holiday season at Brentwood's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony tonight, December 5th at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street) and City Park. This year's event is hosted by the Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Brentwood Community Center's Main Hall will host musical performances by local children's groups and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Just before 7:00 p.m., the festivities will move outdoors for the official lighting of the 24-foot Christmas tree at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following the tree lighting, Santa Claus visits will be available in the Community Center, so bring your camera.

Have a JOYFUL holiday season!



The Brentwood Concert Band will be hosting a Toys for Tots Holiday Celebration concert on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street). Cost for admission is one new unwrapped toy or monetary donation per person.

Holiday Movie in the Park

Parks and Recreation is pleased to present *The Santa Clause* as a Movie in the Park. This event will take place on Friday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in City Park (710 Second Street). This is a free event for the entire family. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, a picnic dinner and enjoy this fun holiday event! Should the weather be inclement, the movie will be shown in the main hall of the Community Center (35 Oak Street).



PUBLIC WORKS

Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

The City's annual Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event was held on Saturday, October 4th, with 177 local residents utilizing the free drop-off for unwanted e-waste chemicals, oils, paints and pesticides. A total of 25,717 lbs. of material was collected for reuse, recycling or proper disposal and processing. These events are provided to City residents as a service to help keep hazardous materials from landfills, sewer systems or ending up illegally dumped.

Neighborhood Clean-up Events

The Neighborhood Clean-up Events for the fall concluded in October. These fall clean-up events were held at the City's new Brentwood Transfer Station. Residents brought items such as yard waste, appliances, e-waste (TV's, computers, etc.), furniture and garbage, free of charge.

- Total attendance of the three Saturday events was 1,249 with an average attendance of 428 per event, about the same level of attendance as last year.
- Materials accepted totaled 280 tons, including recyclables, a 19% increase from last year.
- Recyclable materials diverted from the landfill totaled 115 tons, making up approximately 41% of total materials collected at the events. Residents recycled items including wood, e-waste, tires and metals.

These events are provided to City residents as a service to help keep public areas and neighborhoods free of debris and to recycle materials that may have ended up in a landfill. The City's overall recycling rate continues to meet or exceed the state's mandates. Additional events are planned for spring of next year. More information can be found on the website at the following link: [Neighborhood Clean-Up Event Information](#).



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Water Supply and Conservation Update

Rains are bringing much needed snow to the Sierras and are filling lakes and streams, bringing up the water levels in the State's reservoirs. The Department of Water Resources maintains a database of reservoir conditions that is updated daily. A snapshot of the Current Reservoir Conditions indicates that reservoir levels remain well below average (see following graphic). These rains may help ease the water supply situation for California but the drought is far from over. We ask residents to continue saving water by ensuring that their sprinkler systems are turned off for the winter. Visit <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/reservoir.html> for more information on current water/reservoir conditions.