



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending February 20, 2015

Gustavo “Gus” Vina, City Manager



CITY ADMINISTRATION

Message from New City Manager, Gus Vina

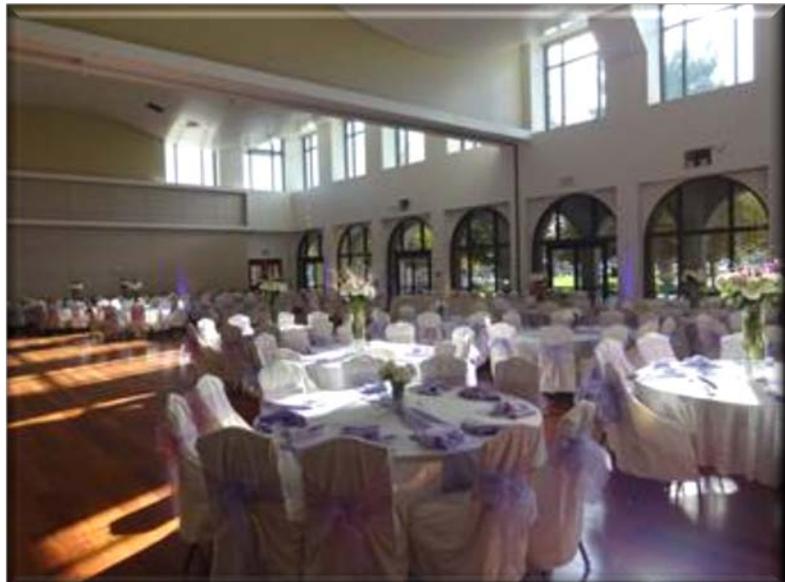
As I complete my first week here at the City of Brentwood, I'd like to take a minute to thank the Mayor and City Council for this great opportunity to join the Brentwood team. This first week has allowed me to visit and meet many City employees and to tour our facilities. I will be busy in the next couple of weeks reaching out to many other folks in our community that partner with us on so many things we do for the community so that I can introduce myself and meet them. You will see that I work with lots of passion because I truly believe in all the things local government is involved in and can bring to its community in terms of quality of life. I have been very fortunate to have worked in the cities of Stockton, Sacramento, and Encinitas and now I will use my 34 years of experience to help bring a very bright future to Brentwood in an environment that is productive, forward thinking and exciting. I look forward to working with all of you!

PARK AND RECREATION

“A Bride’s Day Out” Event

The Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, is one of the stops for “A Bride’s Day Out” this Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. “A Bride’s Day Out” kicks off the wedding season by promoting several businesses and features discounts and prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Downtown Brentwood Coalition. For more information, please visit: <http://www.brentwooddowntown.com/upcomingevents/bridesdayout2015.html>





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2015 Youth in Government Program

Be on the lookout for professionally dressed Brentwood high school seniors around the Civic Center on Tuesday, February 24. Forty students will be taking part in the eighth annual Youth in Government Program, where they will shadow a City staff person or City Council member, enjoy a bus tour featuring Brentwood’s current projects and site tours, and attend the City Council meeting that evening. The program will culminate with the students hosting their own “mock” City Council meeting on March 4, where they will run the meeting, discuss issues, and make tough decisions based on their assigned position. The Brentwood Lions Club, who partners with the City on the program, will host a reception and awards program for participating students, City Council and City staff following the mock meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Projects Out to Bid

The City of Brentwood has the following two projects currently out to bid, with bid opening dates the first week of March:

Treescape (Corporation Yard): This project will install a block wall, irrigation and trees along the west side of the City’s Corporation Yard. The intent of this project is to screen the City’s Corporation Yard from the Marsh Creek trail system and surrounding vicinity as required by the State permit obtained to operate the new Solid Waste Transfer Station. Bid Opening – March 3, 2015.

Citywide Wastewater Rehabilitation (Beatrice Street): This project will replace the existing 6” sewer line in Beatrice Street with an 8” sewer line to meet current City standards. Bid Opening – March 5, 2015.

Water Conservation

The month of January, without any recordable rain in the Bay Area, kept the call for water conservation alive. The wet start to February was a pleasant change, bringing local rainfall up to about normal for this time of year as well as precipitation levels for the [northern Sierra](#) up to average.

However, the February storms have been followed by sunny skies and warm temperatures. As of this writing, there is no rain in the 10-day forecast, and the window for precipitation in Northern California is getting smaller as spring and summer approach. If it were to stop raining and snowing now, there would be slightly less precipitation than last year. So, please, continue your efforts to conserve water.

City water customers have reduced their usage by an average of 19% since being asked to voluntarily reduce water use by 20% in August 2014. Simple ways to save water everyday are:

- Find and fix leaks.
- Take shorter showers.
- Shut off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation.
- Visit a car wash with a recycling water system.



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In addition to the request to reduce water use by 20%, the following are prohibited in promotion of water conservation:

- Watering between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Causing excessive flooding or runoff.
- Washing a vehicle without a shutoff nozzle.
- Using a hose to wash hard surfaces.
- Operating a non-recirculating decorative fountain.



Regional Stormwater Permit Update

The City of Brentwood is a member of the Contra Costa Clean Water Program (“Program”)*, which oversees stormwater regulations and compliance in accordance with the regional stormwater permit (“permit”)**, a 5-year permit that expires this fall. Over the past year, Program staff has been negotiating with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (“Regional Board”) for issuance of a new permit.

Recently the Regional Board released an administrative draft of the regional stormwater permit (“draft permit”) for review by public agencies regulated by the permit. As expected, the draft permit contains several stringent requirements as compared to the current permit. Complying with the new permit requirements may substantially increase the City’s share of the permit costs and result in additional costs for potential Capital Improvement Projects.

City staff is in the process of reviewing the draft permit and working with Program staff to estimate the cost of compliance. After the cost estimate is prepared, City staff will review the fiscal impacts and determine next steps as appropriate.

*The Clean Water Program is a joint agency with Contra Costa County, its 19 cities/towns and the Contra Costa Flood Control & Water Conservation District

**The regional stormwater permit, officially called the Municipal Regional Permit, is issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, which is a regulatory division of the State of California

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