



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending March 6, 2015

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Ballot Box at City Hall

Contra Costa residents of the 7th Senatorial District will find it easier to vote on the upcoming Special Primary Election, as the Brentwood City Clerk's office has teamed up with the Contra Costa County Elections Department to provide a convenient “CoCo Vote-N-Go” drop off location prior to, and through 5:00 p.m. on, Election Day (March 17). The secure, steel drop-off box is in the Payment Center on the first floor of City Hall (150 City Park Way).

“We are excited to continue working with our city partners to be able to offer voters the opportunity to cast vote-by-mail ballots in their local communities,” said Joe Canciamilla, Contra Costa Registrar of Voters. “We urge voters to take advantage of this service for this Special Election.”

The distinguishable red box will be available during normal City business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). City staff members also have the popular “I Voted” stickers upon request for those who drop off their ballots. County elections officials will regularly pick up collected ballots.

Ballots may also be dropped off at any other city hall in the county (check for individual business hours); at the County Elections Office in Martinez, located at 555 Escobar Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and at any polling place on Election Day.

For more information, call (925) 335-7800 or visit the County Elections website at www.cocovote.us.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission

At the March 3 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved a one-year design review extension request for the Magnolia project located on Brentwood Boulevard between the Marsh Creek apartments and Marsh Creek channel. This project includes 10 duet units fronting onto the boulevard as well as 23 cluster homes. The developer, Discovery Builders, has recorded the associated final map and is preparing to obtain a grading permit. They are scheduled to begin site preparation work in May.

The Commission also received an informational report on the status of Plan Bay Area; its background, philosophy, intent, and implications for Brentwood. The plan is undergoing the first of several updates, scheduled to occur on a four-year cycle. A second informational report was

received on the status of the pylon sign at the Streets of Brentwood shopping center and the timing of improvements to the sign.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Jeff Ellis & Associates Instructor Training at Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex

Last weekend the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex hosted the Jeff Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard Instructor Training class. Students from California, Oregon, Nevada, and Idaho attended this three-day course in order to receive their Lifeguard Instructor License. The City of Brentwood had two of our own part-time staff attend the class and they both passed with several good comments from the instructing staff. There were a total of thirty students and five instructors that were our guests for the weekend. They asked that we extend their gratitude and admiration for the facility and the City of Brentwood itself for hosting the event.

2015 Youth in Government Program: Mock City Council Meeting

Forty Brentwood high school seniors hosted their own “City Council” meeting on Wednesday, March 4, as part of the eighth annual Youth in Government Program. The Brentwood Lions Club, who partners with the City on the program, recognized each student’s participation in the program at an awards presentation and reception following the meeting. Thank you to all the City Council members and staff who mentored the students.



Seniors Are on the Move!

Brentwood 50+ Senior Spring Bocce League play began their Thursday morning league on March 5 with fourteen 14 teams playing at Veterans Park and Apple Hill Park bocce courts.

Mad Hatter Tea Party Event

The Mad Hatter Tea Party is sold out! This Saturday, March 7, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Brentwood Senior Citizen’s Club, Inc. will host a tea party with the Mad Hatter. At this special event, open to all ages 5+, the Mad Hatter will host games, music and a Mad Hatter hat contest. Participants will enjoy punch, sandwiches, and special desserts.



PUBLIC WORKS

Balfour Road Interchange Project

As part of the Balfour Road Interchange Project, utility relocation work is required prior to the beginning of construction. This work is scheduled to begin the week of March 16 and will involve the relocation of all PG&E, AT&T and Comcast services, located within Balfour Road between Summerset Drive and Cortona Way. The contractor has been informed that lane closures will not be allowed on westbound Balfour Road before 8:30 a.m., in order to not impede school traffic headed to American Avenue. This relocation work is anticipated to be completed by June 2015.

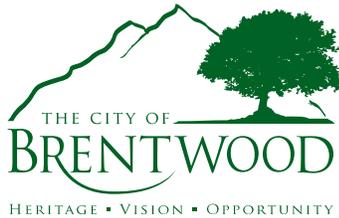
Water Softener Removal/Replacement Financial Incentive Program

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City’s wastewater treatment facility are above maximum levels set by the state. These levels are exceeded primarily due to the use of salt-based, self-regenerating water softeners. To reduce the amount of chlorides coming into the treatment facility, the City is offering a financial incentive program to Brentwood residents willing to remove their sodium and potassium salt-based, self-regenerating water softeners or to first-time water softener buyers.

To be eligible for these incentives, residents are required to complete an application to participate in the program. Following is a summary of the incentives.

- **\$700 Removal Incentive:** Sodium and potassium salt-based water softeners are eligible for this incentive, which is paid out per unit to the applicant; and the City will directly reimburse prequalified plumbers for the removal of the unit(s).
- **\$300 First-Time Purchaser Incentive:** This incentive is available for the first-time purchase of a non-salt-based device (where no previous unit has been in place).

For more program information or to download the [application](#), visit the City’s website, www.brentwoodca.gov/wsprogram, email Operations@brentwoodca.gov, or call Public Works/Operations at (925) 516-6000.



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City Supports the Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation

The City of Brentwood has signed up to participate in the Wyland Foundation National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. Residents simply go online to www.mywaterpledge.com from April 1-30, 2015, enter Brentwood, and then make online pledges to conserve water, save energy and reduce pollution. Cities compete in various population categories, with Brentwood in the category of 30,000-99,999 residents. The city with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category wins.

Residents of the winning cities are eligible to win thousands of prizes - such as a Toyota Prius, home irrigation kits, home improvement gift cards and more. Most importantly, participants will see real results based on simple actions they can do to save water and energy.

To pledge to reduce water usage, go online to www.mywaterpledge.com and enter Brentwood.

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