



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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sunset Park Athletic Complex Improvements

- New Fencing
A new chain link fence was recently installed around the play structures at Sunset Park Athletic Complex. The original tubular steel fence was installed ten years ago and was showing signs of deterioration and the potential to be a safety hazard.



Gustavo “Gus” Vina, City Manager

- **Soccer Field Renovation**

The Sunset Park soccer fields are currently closed for the annual turf renovation. The soccer season can be very stressful for the turf due to the amount of constant foot traffic on them on a daily basis for nearly nine months straight. This year’s renovation began on February 16, at which point the soccer fields were closed and will remain closed until May 11.



The turf renovations consist of aeration, over seeding the turf, and finally topdressing with compost. The compost is used to cover the seed to help keep the seed moist and promote germination. The renovations are a necessity to help keep the soccer fields healthy and in the best condition for the athletes during the soccer season.

PUBLIC WORKS

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.

City Photovoltaic (Solar) System Project Update

In December 2014, City Council approved a Power Purchase Agreement with SolarCity to install and operate a Solar System at their expense and the City of Brentwood is required to purchase the power generated at a set rate. The three locations are the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Police Station and the Aquatic Center Complex. SolarCity is diligently proceeding with the execution of this project. They have submitted and received approval for the Aquatic Center site and construction of the underground work is underway (as shown in the photo below). The next phase of the work includes pouring of the foundation, erecting columns, and installation of the solar panels. The other two sites are under design and review, and construction will begin once that is complete.



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 next week 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. Due to the school's spring break, March 16 through March 27, the contractor will be allowed to begin prior to 8:30 a.m. This relocation work is anticipated to be completed by June 2015.

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