



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **Code Enforcement Activity**

There has been a recent spike in graffiti, particularly along the State Highway 4 Bypass and in the downtown area. Code Enforcement staff responds quickly to reports of graffiti, and they have been diligent with contacting private property owners to ensure the graffiti is removed right away. Caltrans, Home Depot, and the HOA for Summerset III have been very responsive with graffiti removal lately. Likewise, Public Works staff is always quick to respond to reports of graffiti on City property, subdivision sound walls, and utility boxes. Graffiti is also reported to the Police Department so that a vandalism report can be taken.

Spring is upon us and weed abatement efforts have begun due to the tall weeds on various undeveloped parcels throughout the city. Notices are being sent out to property owners this week to notify them of the weed abatement/property maintenance requirements. Code enforcement action now should help to reduce potential fire hazards later.

To speak with Code Enforcement staff, please call (925) 516-5405.

#### **2015 Spring Brentwood Business Roundtable**

The Economic Development Division staff is sponsoring a Brentwood Business Roundtable. The topic of the event is Incorporating Your Business/Insuring Your Business/Tax Implications. The event will be held **Wednesday, April 1**, from **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street). The panelists are:

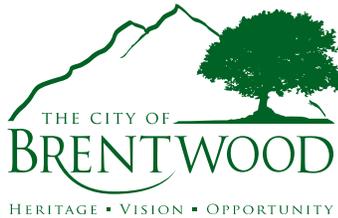
- Ed Younger, Esq. – Alvis Quashnock & Associates
- Frosty Andrews, CPA – Andrews Consulting
- Dirk Zeigler – Zeigler Insurance

Please RSVP to Peggy Trudell at [ptrudell@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:ptrudell@brentwoodca.gov) or at (925) 516-5187 by March 27.

#### **MOD Pizza Grand Opening**

On March 17 the Economic Development Division staff stopped by the soft grand opening of MOD Pizza to welcome them to Brentwood. The event was well attended and the intent of the visit was to give them a contact person at the City should they have any questions or concerns. The official grand opening was on March 18. MOD Pizza is located in Lone Tree Plaza in the old Tavo's restaurant space, next door to Kinder's.





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### **ICSC Monterey 2015**

As part of the City’s continued effort to attract new retailers and strengthen relations with its existing retailers, Economic Development Division staff attended the International Council of Shopping Centers’ (ICSC) Monterey Idea Exchange on March 11 and 12. Staff was very pleased to hear about the positive movement that is being proposed at The Streets of Brentwood after meeting with members of the RED Legacy leasing team. The broker for Lone Tree Plaza also met with staff and is hopeful that letters of intent can be achieved soon for the former Aaron Brothers store and some of the other in-line vacant store fronts. Staff will continue to monitor the progress of all shopping centers and bring newsworthy items to the community’s attention.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Ferro Ronconi Project**

This residential development project is located at the northeast corner of Griffith Lane and Balfour Road (vacant parcel across from the Aquatic Center). As part of this project the contractor will be installing a sewer manhole on Balfour Road at the nose of the median island on the east side of the intersection of Griffith Lane.

The construction will begin Monday, March 23 to Wednesday, March 25, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This work is being constructed during school spring break as to not impede with school traffic. One lane will be closed in each direction on Balfour Road near the intersection of Griffith Lane. No left turns will be allowed on westbound Balfour Road to southbound Griffith Lane and southbound Griffith Lane to eastbound Balfour Road. Traffic control and signs will be in place and a traffic alert has been posted on the City’s website at the following link: <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/traffic/road/default.asp>

#### **Water Conservation**

The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the following emergency drought regulations Tuesday, March 17, 2015. The prohibitions on potable water use, first adopted in 2014, will continue, and new prohibitions will go into effect. All Californian’s are now prohibited from:

- washing down sidewalks and driveways
- watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff
- washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle
- operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system
- irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes, during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation (new)



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**(New) Prohibitions affecting commercial businesses include:**

- restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers on request
- operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.

Following Board adoption this past Tuesday, the regulation will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, which has 10 days to approve or deny the regulation. If approved, the regulation will take effect immediately and remain in effect for 270 days from that date.

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