



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending December 18, 2015

Gustavo “Gus” Vina, City Manager



City offices will be closed for the holidays on Thursday, December 24; Friday, December 25; Thursday, December 31 and January 1.

Happy Holidays to you and yours, from all of us at the City of Brentwood!

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Bond Issuance

On December 8, the City Council authorized a bond issuance which will generate approximately \$11.2 million to be used for one or more City projects, including the New Library and Municipal Service Center. The bonds will be repaid over 20 years at an interest rate of 3.25%. Debt service will primarily be funded by utilizing prior bond refinancing savings with the balance by various funds, including the Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater Enterprises and Community Facilities Fees.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sciortino Ranch

At its meeting on December 15, the City Council held a public hearing to consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's previous denial of a vesting tentative subdivision map, rezoning, and environmental impact report addendum for the 61 acre Sciortino Ranch site, located north and south of Sand Creek Road, adjoining the east side of Brentwood Boulevard. On a 3-1 vote, the City Council overturned the Planning Commission decision and upheld the appeal of the applicant, New Urban Communities Partners, LLC. The approved map and zoning will allow development of 326 single-family detached homes. Nine acres at the northeast and southeast corners of Sand Creek Road and Brentwood Boulevard are zoned for future commercial development. Five acres of public parks are also included in the project design.

Planning Commission

On December 15 the Planning Commission met and acted on the following items, all on unanimous votes:

- Approved a request by Glenn and Jeannie Stonebarger/WGV Nuvera Brentwood, LLC for a tentative parcel map to subdivide a 9.78-acre parcel into two separate parcels (2.81 acres and 6.97 acres), located west of Sellers Avenue and east of Guthrie Lane. These vacant properties are designated by the general plan for Medium Density Residential.
- Approved a request by Robert and Laurel Jones for a home occupation use permit to allow a swim school on the residential property at 1801 Castellina Drive. The conditions of approval limit operation of the swim school between the last full week of May to the second full week of August. Hours of operation will be from 9 to 5 from Mondays through Thursdays.
- Approved a request by Cornerstone Fellowship for a conditional use permit to allow a religious assembly use and design review approval for a new 40,737 sq. ft. building, parking lot, utilities, landscaping, and related improvements at 6651 Lone Tree Way.
- Adopted a resolution recommending the City Council to approve an amendment to Chapter 17 (Zoning) of the Brentwood Municipal Code establishing a new chapter related to medical marijuana facilities (Chapter 17.780 – Medical Marijuana Facilities). The proposed ordinance would prohibit establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation, commercial cannabis activities, and delivery or transport of marijuana in the city of Brentwood.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Award of Excellence for Landscape Maintenance

Terracare Associates presented the Parks and Recreation Department with the “Merit Award of Excellence” for recognition of their commitment to improve the environment by enhancing the world’s landscape. The award was given by the National Association of Landscape Professionals to Terracare Associates and the City of Brentwood as a joint effort for the landscape maintenance Terracare provides the City of Brentwood in the City parks and streetscapes.





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PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Brentwood recommends recycling your Christmas tree in one of the following ways:

- Local organizations will be collecting Christmas trees for recycling. For more information, call (925) 634-7933.
- Unflocked trees may also be recycled by removing all decorations, cutting the tree into sections of three feet or less and placing the cuttings in the green waste cart for collection.
- The City will pick up flocked or uncut trees for a fee. The fee for pickup is \$20.00 and will be reflected on your utility bill.

For more information, call Public Works Solid Waste at (925) 516-6090.

Leaf Bags

In an effort to reduce impacts to storm inlets and local landfills, the City will be providing free leaf bags during the fall months. These special clear bags should only be filled with leaves, and placed curbside on your regular green-waste pickup day. Leaf bags can be picked up at the Payment Center inside City Hall (150 City Park Way) or at the Recycled Water Fill Station (2251 Elkins Way) during its operating hours (shown below). For more information, please call Public Works/Operations at (925) 516-6000.

Recycled Water Fill Station – Hours of Operations Change

Effective January 1, 2016, the operating hours for the City’s Recycled Water Fill Station, located at 2251 Elkins Way, will change as shown below:

Open: Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed: All other days, day of and day after measurable rainfall, and all City-observed holidays

Sand Bags

Brentwood residents may pick up sand bags to fill from the Public Works Corporation Yard, outside the Cardboard Drop-off gate located at 2300 Elkins Way. During storm events, City staff will be on location to distribute the empty sand bags, limit 10 bags per household, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Proof of residency must be provided. For after hours, the sand, sand bags and shovels will be supplied at the same location, while supplies last. Residents may report flooding to the Public Works Department, or after hours to Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441. For more information, call Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000.

Garbage Service Holiday Schedule

Friday garbage service will be scheduled with a one day delay after the following two holidays:

- Christmas Day: No service on Friday, December 25. Those regularly serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.
- New Year’s Day: No service on Friday, January 1. Those regularly serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.



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Water Conservation Program

Brentwood residential water customers continue to respond to California’s drought and the City’s request to reduce water use. The City’s overall water use from June – November 2015 is down 43% compared to June – November 2013. Although the drought continues, your conservation efforts have allowed the City Council to make the following changes (shown in the comparison charts below - changes shown in bold) to the Water Conservation Program effective November 1, 2015.

- Extend the summer season and Citywide average volume for the upcoming winter season

	Season	Current	Revised
Residential	Summer	May – October 11 units/month	April – November 11 units/month
	Winter	November – April 5 units/month	December – March 8 units/month
Commercial	Summer	May – October 32 units/month	April – November 32 units/month
	Winter	November – April 24 units/month	December – March 24 units/month

1 unit = 1,000 gallons of water

- Decrease in monthly penalties and rebates

	Water Reduction	Current	Revised
Rebates	More than 50%	\$50	\$20
	50% - 41%	\$25	\$10
	40% - 36%	\$10	\$10
Penalties	34% - 21%	\$100	\$100
	20% - 0%	\$200	\$100
	Increased Water Use	\$300	\$200

Remember there are two ways to comply to meet the City’s potable water use reduction requirements:

- 1) Reduce your monthly water use by 35% as compared to 2013; or
- 2) Maintain your monthly water usage at or below the Citywide reduced average.

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