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Water Conservation – Winter Season

Brentwood residential water customers have continued to respond to California's drought, and the City's request to reduce water use. The City's overall residential water use is down 43% compared to 2013. Although current state-mandated conservation regulations will remain in effect through February 2016, your conservation efforts have allowed the City Council to extend the summer season, increase citywide average volume for the winter season, and decrease penalties and rebates, effective November 1, 2015.

Remember there are two ways to comply with the City's potable water usage reduction requirements:

- 1) **Reduce your water usage by 35% as compared to 2013, or**
- 2) **Maintain your water usage at or below the citywide average (8,000 gallons/month residential; 24,000 gallons/month commercial, Dec.-March)**

During the winter months plants need much less water than during the spring and summer months,

New Recreation Software

Parks and Recreation staff will be converting to new recreation registration software called PerfectMind late this winter. This software will have a more modern look and feel, offer additional functionality, and be more customer friendly. *Watch for more information coming soon!*

**For more information:
Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444**

even when there is no rain. Use a moisture meter to test the ground to see if it is dry enough to require supplemental water. Get a free moisture meter while supplies last at the Payment Center, inside City Hall, located at 150 City Park Way.

Additional Water Conservation Tips

- ◆ **Find and fix leaks**
- ◆ **Learn to read your water meter and track your usage**
- ◆ **Utilize the Convert for Cash Rebate Program**
- ◆ **Visit Save Our Water for more tips at www.saveourwater.com**

Double your Convert for Cash rebate by also applying for rebates from the State www.saveourwaterrebates.com.

**For more information:
Public Works (925) 516-5373**

A Letter From Santa

A personal letter from the "North Pole" for your special little "believers." Letters vary, and may cover topics such as weather conditions, reindeer health, Mrs. Claus and the elves keeping Santa on track, and the spirit of Christmas. Every effort is made not to duplicate letters mailed to the same residence. You must register no later than December 11, 2015.

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Planning Moves Forward for Brentwood's New Library!

In September 2015, the Brentwood City Council held their Strategic Planning Workshop where Council members discussed their vision for the future of Brentwood and directed staff on a two year business plan.

As a part of the plan, City Council was provided a financial plan that identified \$12.2 million that could be used to fund a **new 20,400 square foot library**. City Council reiterated that we need to build a new library for the citizens of Brentwood. At the October 27, 2015 City Council meeting, Council voted 5 – 0 approving the



Library project budget and directing staff to move to the schematic design phase. As the project moves forward, City staff will be working with the architects, the Library, including Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation, as well as the community to gain input on design and amenities.

For more information: Gail Leech, Management Analyst (925) 516-5118

Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy (PADA) Project

The Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy (PADA) recently proposed to the City Council the installation of mosaic sculptures featuring sports and animals. The sculptures are to be located at Sunset Park Athletic Complex, in the five lunettes, between Softball Fields 1 and 2.

The project is scheduled for completion by June of 2016. This is the 5th project the graduating senior art students have provided for the City.

For more information: Poldina Scherff, Recreation Manager (925) 516-5444

Coming Soon! Better in Brentwood Marketing Campaign

The Economic Development Division will be launching a new marketing campaign aimed at promoting Brentwood and enticing locals and visitors to Shop, Dine, Explore, Live and Play in Brentwood. The program will center its energy on several elements: advertising in tourism-based publications to capture a diverse tourism audience; educational programs for locals - especially students - on the importance of spending their dollars locally; marketing materials (t-shirts, mugs, wine glasses,

etc.) displaying the Better in Brentwood logo; and the installation of new banners throughout the city, heavily concentrated at the entrances and main arterials of Brentwood.

Through this campaign, residents and visitors will see that everything truly is... Better in Brentwood!

For more information: City Manager's Office/Economic Development (925) 516-5440



Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Citywide Traffic Signal Interconnect Program – Estimated completion: Spring 2016.
- Baldwin Drive/Fairview Avenue Traffic Signal – Estimated completion: Spring 2016.

Developer Projects – Infrastructure Work:

- Ferro Ronconi (north of Balfour Rd., east of Griffith Ln.): Streets being paved.
- Magnolia (south of Marsh Creek, west of Brentwood Blvd.): Construction expected to begin next year.
- Sprouts (north of Sand Creek Rd., west of Shady Willow Ln.): Site graded and underground utilities being installed.
- Mangini (south of Big Basin Dr., east of O'Hara Ave., west of Adams Ln.): Site graded and underground utilities being installed.

Developer Projects – Homes being built:

- Barrington (south of Sunset Rd., along Garin Pkwy.)
- Bella Fiore (north of Amber Ln., east of Shady Willow Ln.)
- Cedarwood Phase 2 (north of Sycamore Ave., west of Garin Pkwy.)
- Mission Grove Phase I (south of Balfour Rd., west of UPRR Tracks)
- Mission Grove Phase II (south of Balfour Rd., west of UPRR Tracks)
- Palmilla Phase I (north of Central Blvd., west of UPRR Tracks)
- Palmilla Phase II (south of Central Blvd., east of Griffith Ln.)
- Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St., west of Adams Ln.)
- Renaissance at Windy Springs (south of Amber Ln., west of Windy Springs Ln.)
- Steeplechase (north of Lone Tree Way, west of O'Hara Ave.)
- Vineyards at Marsh Creek Phase 4 and 5B (north of Marsh Creek Rd., west of SR4)

Regional Projects:

- Balfour Road Interchange (Balfour Rd. and SR4): Utility relocation work in process with construction estimated to begin mid 2016.

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420

Utility Box Public Art Project



This past summer, four artists were contracted to paint a total of nine (9) utility boxes located throughout the city. The painting has been completed and each box has received an anti-graffiti treatment.

For more information: Poldina Scherff, Recreation Manager (925) 516-5444

Street Tree and Sidewalk Maintenance

Help us help you—it is important to keep street trees (trees located between the sidewalk and the street) trimmed high enough to allow for efficient street sweeping and garbage collection. This will permit the sweepers to collect falling leaves and keep the storm catch basins clear of debris. Maintaining trees, and tree roots, will help reduce sidewalk damage. The City’s Municipal Code (Section 12.12.010) places responsibility for maintaining the sidewalk fronting a property upon the property owner. If a street tree needs to be removed prior to replacing a sidewalk, the property owner will need to complete a no-fee Encroachment Permit Application, and turn it into the Parks & Recreation Department. Parks & Recreation staff will follow-up to determine what actions it deems necessary.

For more information: Public Works/Operations at (925) 516-6000

Help Reduce Chloride in Brentwood’s Wastewater - Water Softener Removal Incentive Program

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City’s wastewater treatment facility continue to be above the level allowed by the State. The permitted limit is exceeded primarily by the use of water softeners that are salt based, self-regenerating, and discharge brine to the city’s sewer system. The installation of these types of water softeners are now prohibited within city limits (Brentwood Municipal Code

13.04.022). Residents who currently have brine discharging water softeners, or those looking to make a first-time purchase of a water softener, can help in lowering chloride levels in the following ways:

- Have your water hardness tested to determine if a water softener is required.
- Test your current water softener to make sure it is properly set.
- Turn off, by-pass, and/or remove your water softener.

Free Water Use Evaluation

The City offers a free water-use evaluation that includes a demonstration on how to read your water meter and check for leaks; read and calculate current water use; check all water-using fixtures for leaks and efficiency; review your sprinkler timer and make watering suggestions; and answer general water-use questions. Customers must be at home during the evaluation, which takes approximately 30 minutes.

For information, or to schedule an appointment: (925) 516-5373 or email savewater@brentwoodca.gov

Keep Storm Drains Clean

Storm drains flow into creeks and into the Delta. To help prevent flooding, storm drain inlets located near homes, landscape areas, and gardens need to be kept clean to prevent debris from entering the storm drain system.



For more information: Public Works Wastewater Division (925) 516-6060

- If you purchase or replace a water softener, keep in mind that it is now prohibited to install a brine-discharging water softener. Your new water softener must be a non-brine discharging unit.

To encourage residents to purchase non-brine discharging water softeners, and remove or replace existing brine discharging water softeners, the City offers a financial incentive through its Water Softener Financial Incentive Program, www.brentwoodca.gov/wsprogram.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000



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Pay by Phone and Utility Billing Online

The City of Brentwood offers residents many options for viewing and paying their utility bills. Utility Billing offers a 24-hour "Pay-by-phone" option to utility customers. Pay-by-phone provides a secure and immediate payment system, as well as account balance information, by phone, at any time. Access Pay-by-phone by calling (925) 516-5415.

In addition, Utility Billing customers can go online to access account information, process payments, set up automatic payments, and request additional services. To access Utility Billing Online, visit the City of Brentwood website at: www.brentwoodca.gov. Under the Quick Links, select Online Services. You'll need your Utility Billing account number and the amount of your last payment the first time you log in to establish access.

For more information: Utility Billing at (925) 516-5415

Christmas Tree Disposal

The City recommends disposing of Christmas trees in one of the following ways: 1) With local organizations that collect Christmas trees for recycling—for more information, call: (925) 634-7933; 2) 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; or 3) the City will pick up flocked or uncut trees for a fee of \$20 per tree.

For more information: Public Works Solid Waste Division (925) 516-6090

Leaf Bags

Free leaf bags are available to residents during the fall months. Please fill these bags with leaves only, and place them curbside on regular green-waste pickup days. Leaf bags can be picked up at the Payment Center inside City Hall, 150 City Park Way.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

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 provide the empty sand bags to residents — limit 10 bags per household, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Proof of residency must be provided. During 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: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

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