



### ADMINISTRATION

#### Cash for College

Senator Mark DeSaulnier invites California's high school seniors to a free workshop on *Cash for College*. High School seniors who attend a workshop and apply for a Cal Grant before the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline could qualify for an extra \$1,000 scholarship. Workshops in the Brentwood area begin next week. See attachment for more information.

### POLICE

#### Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy

Lieutenant Doug Silva has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. This is a prestigious, 10-week police executive training course paid for by the FBI that is reserved for the best in the business. In attendance will be representatives from across the country and around the world. It is an honor to have Lt. Silva represent the City of Brentwood.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Downtown Infrastructure and Streetscape Project

The concrete repair work on downtown sidewalks and ADA ramps began on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. The areas scheduled for replacement are being removed and replaced as part of the project's punch list. The project is expected to take about four weeks, weather permitting.

No activities are planned in the downtown area during this time. The earliest activity is the "Brides Day Out," which is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pedestrian access to all properties and businesses in the downtown will be maintained at all times during this work and businesses will remain open.

#### AMC Purchases RAVE Theater

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, AMC Theaters purchased the RAVE Cinema located at The Streets of Brentwood. The sale is part of a nationwide deal, with AMC purchasing six theaters from the RAVE Cinema chain. AMC will take over management of the Brentwood RAVE Cinema on January 17<sup>th</sup> and will be making changes over the next several months to the sign and interior of the theater to reflect the change in ownership.



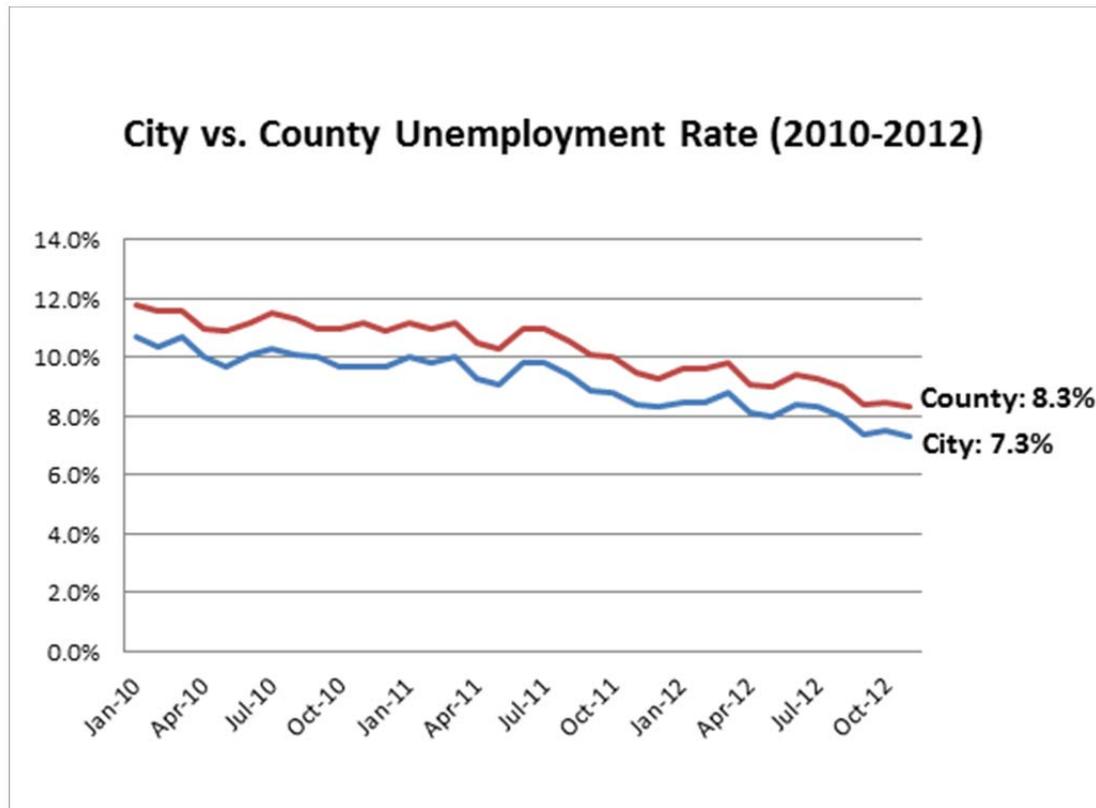
# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending January 11, 2013

Paul Eldredge, City Manager

## City's Unemployment at Lowest Level Since 2008

Brentwood ended 2012 with a citywide unemployment rate of 7.3%. This is the lowest rate since December 2008. The chart below shows unemployment for Contra Costa County (in red) and Brentwood (in blue). The chart shows consistent decline in unemployment during the past two years. For more economic data about Brentwood, please visit the City's Economic Development website at: <http://apps.ci.brentwood.ca.us/ed/index.aspx?page=2>



Source: Contra Costa Workforce Development Board

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

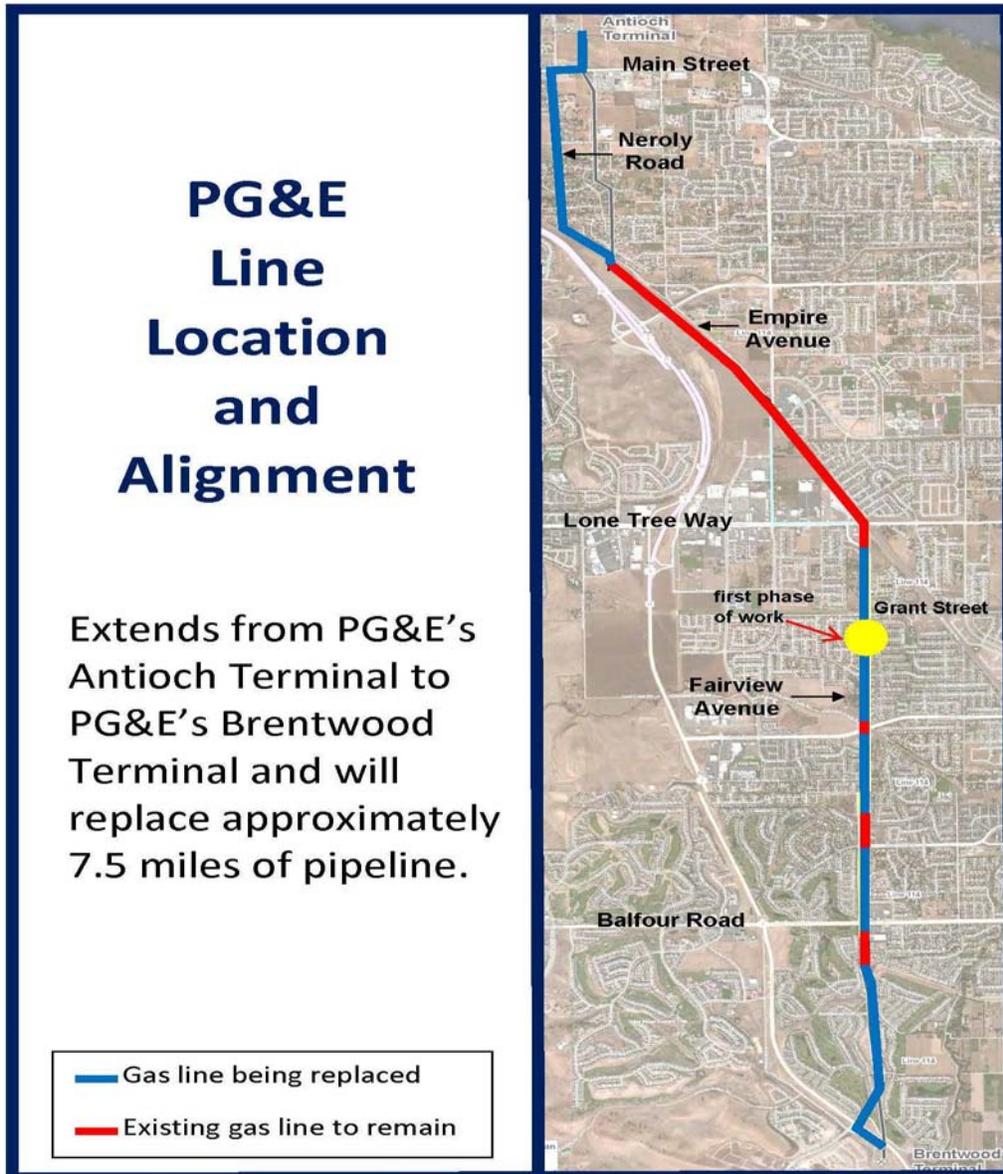
### LED Street Light Conversion – Phase I

The City's light-emitting diode (LED) Street Light Conversion project involves replacement of High Pressure Sodium (HPS) cobra street lights with new energy-efficient LED luminaires. Work on Balfour Road will begin on Monday, January 14th and is anticipated to take approximately three weeks. Later this year, additional replacement of lights is planned on portions of Sand Creek Road, Fairview Avenue and Walnut Boulevard.

**PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update**

As part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E will start construction of a new 24-inch gas pipeline on Fairview Avenue. Construction is expected to begin next week and be completed by late Fall 2013. The first phase of construction will occur on Fairview Avenue between Grant Street and Cipriani Place/Empress Lane. Traffic delays and detours should be expected in this area between the weekday hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jim Stack at PG&E at (707) 365-1573. The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City's Public Works website at:

<http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pw/engineering/roadconditions/index.cfm>.



## Solid Waste Transfer Station Expansion Project

Construction work continues at the City's Corporation Yard for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station as shown in the following photos:



Transfer truck access tunnels to be used for collection of solid waste prior to shipment to landfills.



Preparation of the transfer truck access tunnel ceiling.



Material for the truck scales has arrived and is awaiting installation.



First course of asphalt on the extension of Elkins Way.

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# SENATOR MARK DESAULNIER

California State Senate

invites California's high school seniors to a free workshop on

## CASH FOR COLLEGE

apply for a CAL GRANT and other financial aid

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### WORKSHOPS IN YOUR AREA:

January 15th  
Mount Diablo High School, Library & Computer Lab  
2450 Grant St., Concord  
6:30pm-8:30pm

January 16th  
Heritage High School,  
Multi-Use Building  
101 American Ave., Brentwood  
7:30pm-8:30pm

January 17th  
Mount Diablo High School,  
Library & Computer Lab  
2450 Grant St., Concord  
6:30pm-8:30pm

January 17th  
Freedom High School  
Multipurpose Room  
1050 Neroly Road, Oakley  
6:00pm-8:00pm

January 22nd  
Liberty High School, Cafeteria  
850 2nd Street, Brentwood  
7:00pm-8:30pm

January 24th  
Ygnacio Valley High School  
Cafeteria & Computer Lab  
755 Oak Grove Road, Concord  
6:00pm-9:00pm

January 26th  
Antioch High School  
700 W. 18th Street,  
Antioch  
9:30am-11:30am

January 30th  
Pittsburg High School  
250 School Street,  
Pittsburg  
7:00pm-8:30pm

February 4th  
Deer Valley High School  
4700 Lone Tree Way,  
Antioch  
6:00pm-8:00pm



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please call 925.942.6082.  
[www.sen.ca.gov/desaulnier](http://www.sen.ca.gov/desaulnier)

California high school seniors who meet income qualifications and have a minimum gpa of 2.0 are guaranteed financial assistance through the Cal Grant program. These grants do not need to be repaid and may be used for tuition, fees, books and access costs at qualifying public or private California two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

If you are not sure whether you meet financial-need requirements, apply anyway. The California Student Aid Commission periodically raises the income ceilings depending on the budget, and changes can occur that alter a family's situation. So, apply anyway. You will not qualify if you do not apply. For information on program qualifications\*\*, visit [calgrants.org](http://calgrants.org).

*\* In 2013, the March 2nd deadline falls on a Saturday, so the Cal Grant deadline will be extended to March 4th.  
\*\*The California Student Aid Commission provides guidelines to determine whether you are eligible for financial aid; it is not the final determination of your financial need.*

## HERE'S A CHECKLIST OF HELPFUL INFORMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS NEED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION. BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS THAT APPLY TO YOU.

- Student's Social Security card & driver license (or government issued id)
- Parent or guardian's Social Security card
- If not a U.S. citizen, bring alien registration card; if you do not have an ar card, check out [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org) to see if you qualify for California Dream Act financial aid
- Parent's Federal Income Tax return or current w-2 forms
- Records of untaxed income such as tanf, veteran's benefits, Social Security benefits
- Student's w-2 forms, pay records or records of income earned
- Bank account records or bank statements
- Records of stocks, bonds or investments
- Business records
- If you know the colleges you are interested in attending, bring a list

*This workshop is intended to provide information and to assist in filling out applications; it is not an assurance of a grant or scholarship.*