



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending January 17, 2014

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



ADMINISTRATION

Cash for College Workshop

Senator Mark DeSaulnier invites California's high school seniors, and their parents and/or guardians, to a free Cash for College Workshop to be held in the Liberty High School cafeteria, 850 Second Street, on Wednesday, January 22, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For details regarding this particular workshop, please contact Kelly Perkins, Liberty High School College and Career Coordinator, at 925-634-3521 ext. 5217 or at perkinsk@libertyuhsd.k12.ca.us. For more information, including dates and times of additional workshops, please see the attached flyer.

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Community Meetings

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District ("District") is hosting a series of community meetings to discuss future service models and the finances of the District. The District is currently staffing five fire stations, which cover seven communities of the Far East County, including Brentwood. The District currently provides services with the assistance of a FEMA grant providing revenue, which expires in November 2014, and they seek your input as they prepare for the future. To learn more about the District and a proposed parcel tax, you can attend the community meeting at the Brentwood Senior Activities Center (180 Griffin Lane) at 7:00 p.m. on January 23. Other meeting locations and dates can be found by following this [link](#) or you can call the District at (925) 634-3400.

PARKS AND RECREATION

In Mount Diablo's Shadow – Volume III

In Mt. Diablo's Shadow (An Anthology of Prose and Poetry) Volume III was recently published. This is the third collection of poems by local contributors compiled and edited by City of Brentwood Poet Laureate Kati Short. For more information, contact Kati Short at katishort@yahoo.com.

Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy (PADA) Mosaic Mural

The next beautification effort in Brentwood will begin this Saturday on the sound wall at 2nd Street and Brentwood Boulevard. This is a joint program between Liberty High School and the City. The City partners include Police, Public Works as well as Parks and Recreation. The sound wall is the third joint public art project. The other two are the pedestrian tunnel mural on the Miwok Trail at King Park and the paintings on the five utility boxes in the downtown area. This sound wall design is composed of ceramic tiles depicting sunflowers with the words



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Heritage, Vision & Opportunity in the design. The students are doing the tile/design work. Part of the educational process for the students involved presentations for approval to the Art Commission and City Council. Bedrock Masonry will begin work preparing the sound wall this Saturday, January 18 from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will return on Monday, January 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and wrap up on Tuesday, January 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No road closures are necessary as all work is being performed from the sidewalk and pedestrians will continue to be able to utilize the crosswalks.



PUBLIC WORKS

State Route 4 - Sand Creek Road Interchange Project

The contractor has finished building the earthen abutment required to build the second bridge over Sand Creek Road. Beginning the end of January, the contractor will start driving piles required to support the bridge. Please see the attached flyer for detailed information.

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CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Apply for a CAL GRANT and other financial aid

High school seniors who attend a workshop and apply for a Cal Grant between January 1st and the March 2nd deadline could qualify for an extra \$1,000 scholarship.

2014 East Bay Cash for College Workshops

January 14 • 6:30-9:00pm
Ygnacio Valley High School
Multi-Use Room & Library
755 Oak Grove Rd., Concord

January 23 • 7:00-9:30pm
Freedom High School
Cafeteria/Computer Labs
1050 Neroly Road, Oakley

January 23 • 5:00-6:30pm
Pittsburg High School
Library
1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg

January 25 • 9:30-11:30am
Antioch High School
Library
700 W. 18th Street, Antioch

January 25 • 10:00-12:00pm
Mt. Diablo High School
Library/Computer Labs
2450 Grant St., Concord

February 3 • 5:00-8:00pm
Deer Valley High School
Theater
4700 Lone Tree Way, Antioch



For more information,
please call 925.942.6082.
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.

** 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 CALDREAMACT.ORG to see if you qualify for California Dream Act financial aid
- Parent's Federal Income Tax return, current W-2 forms or other records of income
- Records of untaxed income such as TANF, veteran's benefits, Social Security benefits
- Student's W-2 forms, pay records or other records of income earned
- Bank account records or bank statements
- Records of stocks, bonds or investments
- Business and farm 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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!
The Middle Class Scholarship is a new program beginning in the 2014-15 academic year that provides undergraduate students with family incomes up to \$150,000 a scholarship to attend University of California or California State University campuses. Application is made by filling out the FAFSA.



State Route 4: Sand Creek Interchange & 4-Lane Widening Project

JANUARY 2014

What Work Will Be Done?

The contractor for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority will begin pile driving for the second State Route 4 / Sand Creek Road Undercrossing, which will, once complete, provide much needed congestion relief on State Route 4 (Formerly SR4 Bypass).

What Can We Expect?

During the duration of the bridge construction, you will notice the installation of temporary construction safety railing and structure falsework. Pile driving at the abutments and the median of Sand Creek Road for the bridge foundations will commence on January 27, 2014 and will last approximately 4 to 6 weeks. You may notice increased noise from pile driving from 7:00 AM until 5:30 PM, Mondays through Fridays.

Who is Doing the Work?

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority is administering the project through their construction manager Parsons Brinckerhoff. The project is being constructed by the contractor, Bay Cities / Myers, Joint Venture.

When Will Work be Completed?

The project started in June 2012 with completion anticipated in the fall of 2014.

Please drive with caution through the work area and leave a safe traveling distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. CCTA appreciates your patience as we work to improve mobility in East Contra Costa County.

For the most current information please contact the project hotline number at 925-206-3002 or go to www.4eastcounty.org.



LOCATION OF PILE DRIVING