



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending March 7, 2014

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



ADMINISTRATION

Meet Assembly Member Jim Frazier

Assembly Member Jim Frazier will be available to meet with constituents at City Hall in Brentwood from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. To schedule an appointment, please call (925) 778-5790.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Join us at the Brentwood Senior Activity Center (193 Griffith Lane) on Saturday, April 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a tea party with the Mad Hatter. At this special event, open to all ages 5+, the Mad Hatter will host games, music and a Mad Hatter hat contest. Participants will enjoy punch, sandwiches, and special desserts. Cost is \$5 per person and supports the Brentwood Senior Citizen's Club, Inc. All children must be accompanied by an adult and everyone must have a ticket. For more information, or to register, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (925) 516-5444 or www.brentwoodca.gov.

2014 Youth in Government Program: Mock City Council Meeting

Twenty-nine (29) Brentwood high school seniors hosted their own City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 5 as part of the seventh annual Youth in Government Program. The Brentwood Lions Club, who partners with the City on the program, recognized each student's participation in the program at an awards presentation and reception following the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

PG&E Gas Line on Dainty Avenue

In their on-going efforts to improve service reliability, PG&E will be installing a new 6" gas line in Dainty Avenue between Beatrice Street and Pippo Avenue to replace an aging 4" line. This project will also involve replacement of at least 20 gas services. These improvements are necessary to reduce the likelihood of future gas leaks. PG&E will be working with City staff to identify if additional pipeline replacement projects are needed in the city. Construction hours will be limited from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Expected duration of this project is approximately two months, weather permitting. The Project Field Engineer and main contact person in case of any questions is Nathan Ulrich at (415) 716-8225.

New Solid Waste Transfer Station Begins Operations

On Monday, March 3, the City of Brentwood opened its new Solid Waste Transfer Station ("Brentwood Transfer Station"), located at 2301 Elkins Way, one-half mile north of its original 15-year old transfer station, without any service interruptions to the public. Construction of the new facility was completed late last year as originally scheduled, and now with the new permit in place staff was able to move in and begin operations. The new facility is now an enclosed operation with an administrative office building that will serve the City's needs through build out. The new enclosed facility provides improved operational efficiency including environmental controls, health and safety, while complying with State regulatory requirements. With this new facility, the City's solid waste rates remain the lowest in the region. Construction has resumed with the demolition of the old facility this week, which will be converted to an overflow parking lot for Sunset Park, anticipated to be completed this summer.



Water Conservation

Water conservation is always important in California, but this year no Californian can afford to waste any water. We all need to do our part. In Governor Brown's statewide [drought emergency](#) declaration, he asks all Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent.

Over 50 percent of water use in Brentwood is outdoors. This is due to our hot, dry Mediterranean-like climate. Simple ways to save water outdoors include:

- Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler to reduce evaporation. This could potentially save approximately 25 gallons each time you water.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. This could help you save approximately 12-15 gallons each time you water.
- Choose a water-efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers. This could save approximately 15 gallons each time you water.



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- Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool. Organic mulch also improves the soil and prevents weeds. Save approximately 20-30 gallons/1000 square feet each time you water.
- Overwatering is one of the most common mistakes people make. One easy way to cut down how much water you use outdoors is to learn how much water your landscaping actually needs in order to thrive.

For more information contact Diana Williford, Water Conservation Specialist, at (925) 516-6000 or dwilliford@brentwoodca.gov.