



## CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

*For Week Ending March 21, 2014*

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



### ADMINISTRATION

#### Contra Costa County Financial Literacy Workshop

Congressman Jerry McNerney recently announced that he will host a financial literacy workshop on Saturday, March 22 for residents of Contra Costa County. The emphasis of the workshop will be on providing attendees with resources to help them make good financial decisions – including general tax information, tax implications of the Affordable Care Act, and financial aid resources for students of all ages. This event will be held in the multi-purpose room at Lone Tree Elementary School (1931 Mokelumne Drive in Antioch) from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### “Start Smart” Driving Safety Program

On Thursday, April 3, Liberty Union High School District is hosting the California Highway Patrol (CHP) “Start Smart” program. “Start Smart” is a two-hour driver safety class given by the CHP to new and future teenage drivers and their parents/legal guardians. This free event will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Liberty High School Performing Arts Center (850 Second Street). Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their teens, and [registration](#) is requested. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

#### Workshop on Social Media, Cyberbullying & Predators

The Brentwood Police Department will be hosting an informative presentation on the do's and don'ts of social media, “Social Media, Cyberbullying and Predators – Is Your Child Safe?” Topics will include how to help your child be safe, smart and responsible online, California State Law, as well as many other topics. Due to the sensitive nature of the material, it is requested that parents and guardians only attend. The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be held at the Edna Hill Middle School Theater (140 Birch Street). Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Planning Commission

At its March 18 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a modification to an existing cellular facility for Sprint, located on a PG&E tower south of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District (ECCID) Main Canal and east of Fairview Avenue. The Commission also held a public hearing to receive comments on the Notice of Preparation for the General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report. After a brief presentation by the City's consultant, the public hearing was opened, and no comments were received.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Landscaping

In a cost savings effort, park staff has been utilizing the broken down wood fiber chips that have been removed from the Spirit and Glory Playground footprints as a mulch layer for park tree wells and landscape bedding. The mulch layer will retain moisture and save on water and also help prevent weed activity that can be costly in labor and materials for removal.



### POLICE

#### Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the City of Brentwood and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the local public its eighth opportunity in four years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Brentwood Police Department at 9100 Brentwood Boulevard. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last year, almost 400 tons of prescription medications were collected from members of the public at more than 5,829 locations manned by 4,312 state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that partnered with DEA on the event. When added to the collections from DEA's previous seven Take-Back events, more than 2 million pounds of prescription medications have been removed from circulation.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and ecologically responsible method of prescription drug disposal while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

For more information regarding the prescription drug take back initiative, contact Lt. Doug Silva at the Brentwood Police Department (925) 809-7712.

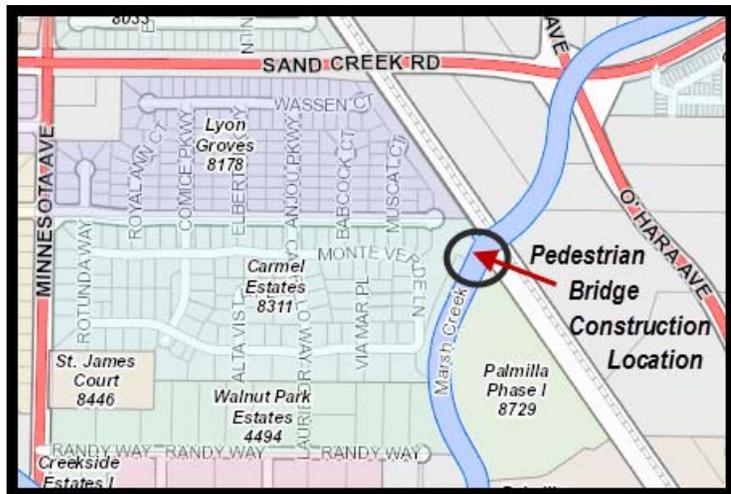
**PUBLIC WORKS**

**PG&E**

Last year PG&E installed a new gas transmission pipe on Fairview Avenue from Fairview Court to Vineyards Parkway. As part of the regular maintenance and inspection procedures, PG&E will be checking the structural integrity of the entire length of this pipeline starting in Oakley, proceeding south along Fairview Avenue, and finishing at the PG&E substation near the Vineyards project. PG&E will be using a device called a mandrel that will check the integrity from within the pipe while also being monitored above ground with PG&E vehicles. No excavation or construction is anticipated during this inspection. Lane closures and traffic control will be in place along Fairview Avenue during this testing which is scheduled to start the week of March 24 (while school is still on Spring Break). The inspection is expected to last no more than a week.

**Marsh Creek Pedestrian Bridge**

The developer of the Carmel Estates subdivision, which is located at the southeast corner of Minnesota Avenue and Carmel Parkway, is installing a new pedestrian bridge over Marsh Creek. The bridge foundation was completed, and construction is continuing with the installation of the prefabricated bridge portion. The map to the right shows the location of the bridge and the following photos show the progress of this project. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in April.





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### Water Conservation – Leak Detection

Water conservation is always important in California, but this year no Californian can afford to waste 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.

Leaks can run, but they can't hide. Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day. That's why it's a good idea to check plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for potential leaks.

A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water use. It's likely that a typical family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.

One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

To learn how to read your water meter, follow this link to a video on the City's website:  
<http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pw/operations/water/readMeter.cfm>

# CHP START SMART DRIVING SAFETY PROGRAM

## For Teen Drivers and their Parents

### WHEN

**April 3, 2014**  
**7pm – 9pm**



Raffle Prizes:  
(3) \$50 Visa gift cards  
(1) iPod Shuffle

### WHERE

**Liberty High School PAC**  
**850 Second Street**  
**Brentwood, CA 94513**

### REGISTRATION

The event is **FREE** and open to all LUHSD students and parents, but registration is requested: <http://chpstreetsmartsdiablo.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, visit [www.streetsmartsdiablo.com](http://www.streetsmartsdiablo.com) or contact us at 925-969-1083 / [kerri@511contracosta.org](mailto:kerri@511contracosta.org)



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### STREET SMARTS DIABLO

is a traffic safety program that educates pedestrians, cyclists and drivers in Central and East Contra Costa County. For more information, contact Street Smarts Diablo at 925-969-1083 or [kerri@511contracosta.org](mailto:kerri@511contracosta.org).

This event is supported by the Liberty Union High School District, Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblyman Jim Frazier and Supervisor Mary Nejedly-Piepho.

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DIABLO REGION

# CHP START SMART

## PROGRAMA PARA CONducIR CON SEGURIDAD

**Para conductores adolescentes y  
sus padres**

### CUÁNDO

**Abril 3, 2014**

**7pm – 9pm**

### DÓNDE

**Secundaria Liberty PAC**

**850 Second Street**

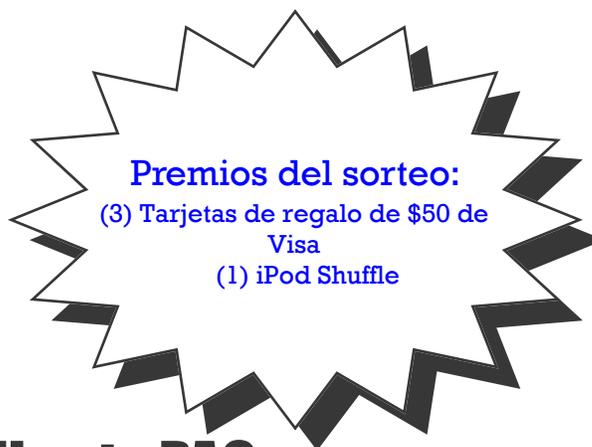
**Brentwood, CA 94513**

### REGISTRO

El evento es **GRATUITO** y abierto a todos los estudiantes y padres de LUHSD, pero requiere registro:

<http://chpstreetsmartsdiablo.eventbrite.com>.

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**START SMART** es una clase educativa dos horas para conducir seguramente de dada por la Patrulla de Autopistas de California (CHP). La clase se enfoca en conductores adolescentes con licencias nuevas o futuras y sus padres/tutores legales. Para más información sobre el programa, visite [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov) o contacte a oficinas de CHP al 925-646-4980.

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es un programa de seguridad vial que educa a peatones, ciclistas y conductores del Condado Contra Costa Central y del Este. Para más información, contacte a Street Smarts Diablo al 925-969-1083 o [kerri@511contracosta.org](mailto:kerri@511contracosta.org).

Este evento es apoyado por el Distrito Liberty Union High School, el Senador Mark DeSaulnier, el Assemblyman Jim Frazier y la Supervisora Mary Nejedly-Piepho.

# Social Media, Cyberbullying & Predators- Is Your Child Safe?

The Brentwood Police Department will be hosting an informative presentation on the do's and don'ts of social media.

Topics will include:

- ◆ What to look for
- ◆ Bullying online and Sexting
  - ◆ Access/Passwords
- ◆ The impact of digital media on kids
  - ◆ What is a digital reputation
  - ◆ California State Law
- ◆ How to help your child be safe, smart and responsible online

*Due to the sensitive nature of the material, parents and guardians only please.*

**Date: Thursday April 3rd, 2014**

**Time: 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Location: Edna Hill Middle School -Theater**

**140 Birch St., Brentwood**