



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brentwood Business Roundtable

On April 29 the City hosted the 2nd Brentwood Business Roundtable (“BBR”). This event is designed to encourage dialog between the City and local business leaders, and is held twice per year. The April Roundtable featured presentations from five Brentwood business owners, each of whom have achieved sales growth during the current economy. The speakers included:

- Kajal and Shalendra Sharma, who own several franchise businesses
- Todd Mussell of Tactical Command Industries
- Sean McCauley, a local property owner, farmer, and entrepreneur
- Kerri Fritch, who owns a successful home-based business, Monogramming by Fritch

Amy Alvis also made a presentation on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The speakers shared their advice for business owners who are trying to take advantage of local market conditions, when the economy is fast improving and yet there continue to be risks for local independent businesses.

The next BBR will be held in the fall. For more information, contact Economic Development at (925) 516-5405.

EC2 Collaborative

On April 29, City staff hosted a meeting of the EC2 Regional Collaborative. The meeting was attended by staff from Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley, and several other government jurisdictions. Topics discussed included:

- Opportunities for business development related to the Food & Agricultural industries in East Contra Costa
- The Northern Waterfront Plan
- An update from the East Bay Leadership Council

The next meeting of the EC2 Regional Collaborative is scheduled for July 29. For more information, contact Economic Development at (925) 516-5405.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Online Services and Features

As a reminder, the following online services and features were recently made available to Brentwood residents and/or business owners:

- Business License Online Renewal allows you to easily renew your Brentwood business license (a.k.a. Business Tax Certificate) via the web. No need for a check, envelope or stamp. After entering your business license account number and pin code, you can verify your business information, enter your credit card number and your updated business license certificate will be on its way to you in no time.
- Utility Billing Online allows customers to:
 - Make a balance inquiry and/or credit card payment
 - Submit a request to establish a new account
 - Sign up to receive their utility bill via email
 - Submit a request for automatic payment of their utility bill
 - Send a message to Utility Billing
 - Sign up for a program to make their utility bills more predictable season to season.

And if you prefer to make your payment by phone, you can do so 24 hours a day with the telephone payment system. Call (925) 516-5415 and press 1 after the introductory message to be transferred to our automated payment system.

Customer service at your fingertips, 24 hours a day!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Balfour-Guthrie Park Restrooms

New doors with automated locks were recently installed at Balfour-Guthrie Park. The electronic locks automatically deactivate between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Restroom hours can be adjusted seasonally as well as by request of user groups. It is anticipated that installation of these doors and locks will result in operational savings to the City.



Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex (BFAC) Opens for 2014 Season

The Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex opens this weekend for recreational swim from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. BFAC will be open on weekends throughout May, and will open for summer on June 9. Weekend daily entry fee is \$7 per person. For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at (925) 516-5444.



Brentwood Senior Activity Center Volunteer Appreciation

Brentwood Senior Activity Center celebrated its 3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Award Luncheon last Friday, April 25. Mayor Bob Taylor and Assemblyman Jim Frasier helped recognize approximately 100 volunteers whose work totaled 88,665 hours. Volunteers assist in many different areas including reception, program assistance, event planning, and marketing. The inaugural "Bente Peterson Award" was given to Gene Brown, who helped pioneer senior services in Brentwood.

Persons interested in volunteering may call Kathy Pedroni, Senior Club Vice President, at (925) 516-5980.



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending May 2, 2014

Paul Eldredge, City Manager

PUBLIC WORKS

Address Painting on Curbs

The City has recently received numerous inquiries regarding the painting of address numbers on the curb. Residents at various neighborhoods have received notices offering this service for a fee. Residents should disregard these notices as this service is NOT affiliated with the City of Brentwood, nor is it legal without first procuring the necessary permits and approvals based on section 10.06.120 of the Brentwood Municipal Code.

For more information, please contact Public Works/Engineering at (925) 516-5420.

May is Water Awareness Month

The City will celebrate Water Awareness Month during May. With the California drought, summer quickly approaching and outdoor temperatures on the rise, Water Awareness Month serves as both a reminder and a call to action for residents to use water more efficiently and to make the most of every drop. For more water conservation information, please visit www.brentwoodca.gov or visit the Water Conservation booth at this year's Public Works Open House on Tuesday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Public Works Corporation Yard, 2201 Elkins Way.

California Highway Patrol Inspection

On April 17 the California Highway Patrol's Motor Carrier Division made a surprise visit to the City's Fleet Division for an Administrative Review. The inspection focused on driver records, regulated equipment, maintenance schedules and maintenance records. The Fleet Division passed this review with no infractions. City Administration was complimented for their excellent work on the Pull Notice Program (includes Commercial Driver's License ("CDL") random checks and notification of violations), drug testing diligence and the CDL record keeping; and the Fleet Division was complimented for their work with maintenance schedules and vehicle safety conditions.

Neighborhood Clean-up Events

Brentwood residents who have an active garbage account are invited to participate in the Neighborhood Clean-up Events. Residents can bring unwanted household items to the Brentwood Transfer Station at predetermined dates and times. Accepted items include: yard waste, appliances, e-waste (such as TVs and computers), furniture, and garbage. The clean-ups will be held Saturdays during May, September, and October. Drop-off days and times are determined by address. Invitations with the pertinent information will be mailed prior to each scheduled event. For more information, look for your invitation in the mail or contact Code Enforcement at (925) 516-5405.