



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending October 3, 2014

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CITY ADMINISTRATION

John Marsh Stone House Heritage Day

A Stone House Heritage Day at Marsh Creek State Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This event will be held alongside the historic Stone House in the park next to the Marsh Creek Reservoir at 21999 Marsh Creek Road. Marsh Creek State Park is the largest historic park in the California State Park system and the John Marsh Stone House will be the centerpiece of the park's remarkable 11-acre Historic Zone. Presentations, performances and hands-on activities for kids will highlight five historical aspects of the site: John Marsh and his Stone House; Ancient archeology; the Californio period; Native Americans and the Westward Movement. Hear the story of John Marsh, view important archeological finds dating 7,000 to 3,000 years old and enjoy the dancing of Bay Miwok tribe, who were native to the Brentwood area and many more activities.



Voter Drop Boxes

Contra Costa County residents will find it easier to vote this upcoming election, as the county Elections Office is teaming up with City Clerks to provide several convenient vote-by-mail drop off locations.

Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg, San Ramon, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Richmond, Hercules and Pinole are among the cities participating in this effort. The steel drop-off boxes will be located at those City Halls starting the week of October 13th, one week after voters receive their absentee ballots. For Brentwood, the box will be located in the 1st floor lobby at City Hall (150 City Park Way).

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The aluminum boxes will be available during normal business hours. City staff members will also have the “I Voted” stickers for those who drop off their ballots. County election officials will pick up collected ballots on a weekly basis.

For more information, call (925) 335-7800 or visit the county elections website at www.cocovote.us.

FINANCE

Free Wi-Fi

Last year the City began offering free Wi-Fi internet access for visitors in the downtown area. This initial launch was well received by the public, and the City Council authorized the expansion of Wi-Fi network to include the Senior Center, Aquatic Park, Veterans Park and the Brentwood Police Station. Last week the installation and testing of the new Wi-Fi areas was completed, and free public access for the Wi-Fi network at these expanded locations is now active. The City is now looking into further expansion of the Wi-Fi network by bringing access to Sunset Park and the Public Works Operations area near Elkins Way.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Annual Marsh Creek and Delta Cleanup Event

The 10th Annual Marsh Creek and Delta Cleanup Event was held on Saturday, September 20th. This was a cooperative regional event organized by the Friends of the Marsh Creek Watershed. Eight thousand four hundred seventy-five (8,475) pounds of trash was removed from Brentwood creeks during this event.

Blue Goose Park Improvements

On Tuesday, September 23rd, City Council approved a new Blue Goose Park Improvements capital improvement project. The two parts of this project are as follows:

- 1) Conversion of the existing single-flow water system to a recirculating pump system.
- 2) Expansion of the parking lot to add 14 additional parking spaces.

Conversion of the single-flow water system to a recirculating system will result in a significant amount of water savings. In addition to the new pump system equipment, this project will require that a 4,000-gallon in-ground holding tank be installed, and construction of a pump house, similar to the pump house in front of the Community Center that serves the City Park water feature, be constructed.

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Expansion of the parking lot will help alleviate the parking issues created by heavy use of this park. Currently, parking has been overflowing into the surrounding neighborhoods, and this should bring some relief to the neighbors and convenience to the park users.

Staff will be bidding out both projects in the next few months in the anticipation work will be complete in spring 2015.

Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex

The Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex is now closed for Recreation Swim until May 2015. The facility is still open for Lap Swim through the end of October.

PUBLIC WORKS

City of Brentwood Sponsoring Educational Assemblies to BUSD

The City of Brentwood Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Enterprises are sponsoring eight award-winning educational assemblies, "The Waste Reduction Production" by EarthCapades. The assembly content is for 5th grade classes attending Brentwood Union School District (BUSD), with an additional performance at the Public Works Open House (May 2015) in which BUSD 3rd grade classes will be in attendance. The assembly will educate students on how to reduce waste and recycle, conserve water, and what not to put down the drain (wastewater education). Please visit www.EarthCapades.com for more information on the assemblies.

Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

The City of Brentwood Annual Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event (oil, batteries, paints, e-waste, etc.) is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station (2301 Elkins Way). This event is open to all east county residents and is funded by the East Contra Costa County communities of Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Oakley and Pittsburg. Residents will be required to present a valid driver's license at the event.

If you are unable to take advantage of this event, you may take your hazardous waste directly to Delta Diablo Sanitation District located at 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Hwy. in Antioch, during their regular hours of operation: Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call (925) 756-1990 or visit Delta Diablo Sanitation District's website at www.ddsd.org. Also attached is a brochure.

Fall Irrigation

Fall Back for Savings: Landscape water needs in October are less than they were in September. Reduce the number of watering days per week by one day compared to what you had in September. You will find the landscape will thrive and you will save water. Typically in October, lawns can survive on 2 days per week and established shrubs on 1 day per week.





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Lawns are Water Guzzlers: Lawns are generally the single biggest water user for a typical property. That means they offer the greatest potential for savings. If you have a lawn, here are some tips:

- Mow lawns 2 ½ to 3 inches high. Taller grass blades will promote deeper roots and the taller grass will shade the soil, resulting in less water evaporating from the soil.
- Keep lawn mower blades sharp. Dull mower blades shred grass tips, causing the lawn to look brown.
- Don't fertilize. Actively growing plants use more water and fertilizer can damage already stressed root systems.
- Trim the grass adjacent to sprinkler heads to ensure the sprinklers spray is not blocked.
- Water early in the morning between 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The temperatures are cooler, wind is calm and there is little evaporation.
- Check for runoff. If your lawn is on a slope, water will generally run off after 5 minutes. Use the cycle and soak method of watering. Water in two or three cycles, 3-6 minutes per cycle. Space each watering cycle about an hour apart to allow the water to soak in.
- Hand water dry spots rather than turning up the schedule.

Distribution: City Council, Arts Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, BANC, Department Heads, Brentwood Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Coalition, Brentwood Press, Contra Costa Times

Bring us your e-waste!

Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility



E-waste refers to electronics that are obsolete or no longer working. The most common e-waste accepted at our facility includes computers and their components, printers, cell phones, TVs, fax & copy machines, VCRs, DVD/CD players, stereos, personal electronic devices and microwaves. Once you drop off e-waste, we manage the safe removal, recycling and reuse of all toxic and non-toxic materials.



Our e-waste program helps residents and businesses comply with state law banning landfill dumping of hazardous electronic waste such as TVs, stereo equipment and computers. **Heavy metals and other toxins in electronics can seep into landfills and flow with rainwater into storm drains.** This untreated toxic mixture then flows directly into the Delta, Bay, and other water supplies where it pollutes water, fish and wildlife.



To keep toxins out of our precious waterways, consider the following waste reduction tips before you buy or discard another electronic product:

- **Resist impulse buying of new or more advanced models.**
- **Keep the model you have for as long as it still meets your needs.**
- **Check out upgrades/repair options before replacing an electronic item.**
- **Donate or resell electronics to others who will use them.**
- **Buy used electronics whenever feasible.**
- **When you must buy new, consider investing more initially for a model that will meet longer-term needs.**



When you're sure your e-waste is no longer useful, we're here to help. For more information and links to additional resources, visit us at www.ddsd.org.

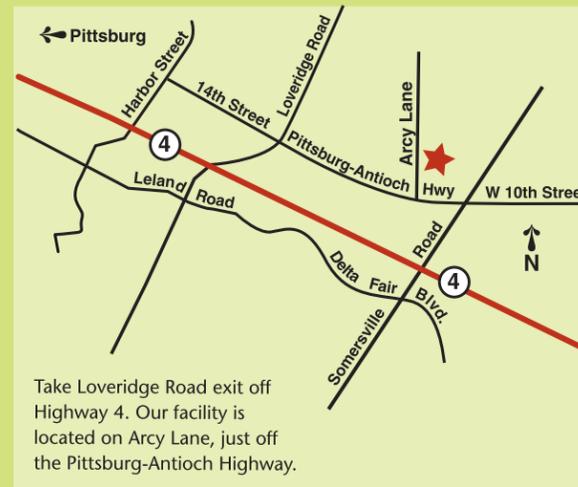


Rescue & Reuse

Take home free reusable household products

Save money while helping to reduce the manufacture and consumption of new toxic products. Visit our Reuse Area and take home used (and sometimes new) items, such as paints and cleaners.

facility location



Take Loveridge Road exit off Highway 4. Our facility is located on Arcy Lane, just off the Pittsburg-Antioch Highway.



Delta Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection Facility

2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway • Pittsburg, California 94565-1373 • (925) 756-1990
Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours.

It's *your* Delta. Keep toxins out.

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Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility helps you keep toxins out of your environment.



Residential HHW Accepted

Antifreeze
 Batteries (all)
 Cooking Oil/FOG (fats, oils & grease)
 Drain Openers
 Electronics (see e-waste section)
 Fluorescent & High Intensity Lights
 Gasoline & other Flammable Liquids
 Grease & Rust Solvents
 Household Cleaners
 Mercury Thermometers (**exchange mercury thermometers for free digital thermometers**)
 Motor Oil & Filters
 Oven Cleaners
 Paints, Stains, Thinners & Strippers
 Personal Care Products (lotion, make-up, etc.)
 Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides & Fertilizers
 Pharmaceuticals (prescription & other medicines)
 Pool Chemicals
 Propane Tanks
 Sharps (syringes, needles & lancets)
 Wood & Metal Cleaners



HHW Not Accepted

Appliances, except microwaves (call Contra Costa Waste Recycling Center & Transfer Station at (925) 473-0180)
 Asbestos (call Altamont Landfill at (925) 449-6349)
 Compressed Gas Cylinders, except propane tanks (contact local gas suppliers)
 Explosives and Shock Sensitive Materials and Ammunition (contact local law enforcement agency)
 Infectious and Biologically Active Materials (contact County Health Department)
 Radioactive Materials (contact County Health Department)
 Railroad Ties/Treated Wood (call Altamont Landfill at (925) 449-6349)
 Tires (contact Contra Costa Recycling Hotline at 1 (800) 750-9096)



The Safe Place for Toxic Waste!

For items not listed, please check the Contra Costa Reuse & Recycling Guide at www.cccrecycle.org or visit us on the web at www.ddsd.org.



Pack & Drive

Prepare for HHW drop-off

To make your drop-off visit to our facility go smoothly, follow these tips:

- Do not mix materials.
- Leave all product & packaging labels intact or clearly label containers if necessary.
- If a container is leaking or dirty, place it in a larger, nonleaking, covered container and label what the product is.
- Pack containers in a sturdy box or tub with newspaper or other absorbent materials, and transport them in the trunk or rear of your vehicle.
- Do not leave HHW in the sun or store it overnight in your vehicle prior to visiting the facility.
- Upon arrival at facility, stay in your vehicle.

Limits of the law: State law limits the transportation of Household Hazardous Waste to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit, and each container must not exceed 5 gallons.

Stop Mercury Pollution!



Mercury Manners

Handle with care

Liquid or gaseous mercury is commonly found in fluorescent lights, thermometers, thermostats, vehicle/appliance light switches, button batteries, and children's toys/tennis shoes that light up. Although fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) lights can use up to 50% less electricity than traditional lightbulbs, they contain mercury that can escape when they break—causing harm to people, animals and the environment. Therefore, it's essential to safely package mercury-containing lights before dropping them off at our facility:

- NEVER tape fluorescent light tubes together. Doing so increases the risk of breakage and mercury contamination.
- To pack fluorescents or HIDs, use original packaging or other sturdy protective containers. Secure the packaging with tape or twine.
- Please place smaller bulbs, such as compact fluorescents and halogens, in a zip-loc bag.

Battery Behavior

Understand what's inside

All batteries used in homes and businesses are categorized as hazardous waste because they contain toxins such as mercury, lead, cadmium, nickel, and/or other caustic materials. These toxic batteries include rechargeable and single-use AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9-volt, and computer batteries. Most battery labels explain the dangers of incineration, improper charging/connecting, explosion, and breakage — which can result in the release of toxins and seriously harm people, animals and the environment.



Rethink...Recharge

When shopping for electronics, look for models that do not require batteries. Shop for products powered with traditional electricity or capacitors (electrical energy storage technology) or other alternative technologies. When electronic purchases do require batteries, invest in the long-term cost savings of rechargeable batteries and a charger.



To order a free battery guide, call the City of Pittsburg at (925) 252-4110.

Reduce toxic risks!



Sharps & Safety

Use free sharps disposal program

Sharps that are discarded in the garbage or left around the home pose a serious risk of injury and contamination to people, animals and the environment. We offer a safe way to discard syringes, needles and lancets used in the medical care of people and animals in your home.

Call (925) 756-1990 to request a free BD™ Home Sharps Container by mail. The container holds 70-100 insulin syringes or 300 pen needles. When your container is full, simply bring it to our facility and pick up another free container.