



CITY ADMINISTRATION

Happy Thanksgiving

Due to the short week and the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no City Manager Weekly Update next week. Also, please be reminded that City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th. Our very best wishes to you and your family for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



Brentwood Library – City Read Program

Beginning November 3rd, the Brentwood Library will begin its 12th annual City Read program. Free copies of “Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him” will be available at the library. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission

At the November 18th meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a time extension for a design review approval for the development of a one-acre site with approximately 7,430 square feet of retail and office space consisting of two buildings and a 1,301 square foot oil change building, to be located at 6670 Brentwood Boulevard. The project was well received by the Commission and the time extension was unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy Project

The Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy (PADA) recently presented to City Council proposed abstract murals to be placed on the entrances of the Marsh Creek Trail underpasses between Sand Creek Road and O’Hara Avenue, as reflected in the photos below.

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Subsequently a Memorandum of Understanding for a specific abstract theme was approved. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2015. This is the fourth project that the graduating senior art students have provided for the City. Other projects included the mural located in the tunnel under Sand Creek Road adjacent to King Park, five utility boxes located in the downtown area and the mosaic mural at the corner of Second Street and Brentwood Boulevard.



“Playful Winds” Public Art Installed

On Tuesday, November 18th, the “Playful Winds” themed public art sculptures were installed on Balfour Road, between Mountain View Drive and Foothill Drive. Artist Brian Keith, staff, and City dignitaries were in attendance at the official unveiling ceremony that was held at 10:30 a.m. that morning.



Special Event Application Processing

At the City Council meeting on November 12th, City Council endorsed the concept of simplifying the application and review process for community Special Events. Moving forward, staff will evaluate the process with the goal of shifting the application, review and approval process to Parks and Recreation. This will eliminate the need for community organizers to apply for a Temporary Use Permit through Community Development, which will save time and cost. It is intended that improving the process will make it more customer friendly and the City will have a more facilitative role in helping our event planners with the many details that must be reviewed and approved by City departments and staff. The City looks forward to working with our community event organizers in helping to facilitate and implement safe and wonderful events for the Community.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Ring in the holiday season at Brentwood’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5th at the Brentwood Community Center and City Park. This year’s event is hosted by the Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee.

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Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Community Center's Main Hall will host musical performances by local children's groups and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Just before 7:00 p.m., the festivities will move outdoors for the official lighting of the 24-foot Christmas tree at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following the tree lighting, Santa Claus visits will be available in the Community Center, so bring your camera!

Have a JOYFUL holiday season!

POLICE

Brentwood Dispatch Center

During the Brentwood City Council meeting on November 12th, the Police Chief provided a report to City Council regarding the current status of dispatch services with the City of Antioch. The report identified concerns with the current services provided by Antioch, and it outlined a number of different options for future dispatching services. Staff recommended that the City move forward with establishing its own dispatch center with a one-time cost of approximately \$1.5 million and an annual operating cost of approximately \$1.83 million. Currently, Brentwood is under contract with the City of Antioch, and pays \$845,000 annually for dispatch services. After the presentation, the Council voted 5-0 to move forward with the creation of a dedicated dispatch center for the residents of Brentwood.

The next steps include hiring a consultant to finalize costs, equipment, timelines and the development of a comprehensive funding plan. The funding plan will be brought back to City Council for their approval. Once the funding plan is approved, the process will take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

PUBLIC WORKS

Purchase of Capacity Right in Rock Slough Conveyance Facilities

On November 12th the Brentwood City Council approved the purchase of a 14.5% (30 million gallons per day) capacity right in the Contra Costa Water District's (CCWD) Contra Costa Canal, which secures water supply for the City through its build-out and provides redundancy in its water supply.

The City has a long standing relationship with CCWD dating back to the 1990's that includes agreements for water treatment, supply, treatment plant operation and maintenance, and conveyance. Currently, the City is utilizing the CCWD canal to deliver its water supply from the Delta to the Brentwood Water Treatment Plant. Per a previous agreement with CCWD, the City needed to either purchase capacity right in future improvements of the existing canal or construct its own pump station, fish screens and pipeline. Both CCWD and City staff determined the option to increase the capacity of the existing canal and allow the City to "buy" a capacity right of 14.5% was the best fiscal and operational approach.



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The purchase of this capacity right has two components: Initial Buy-In and Canal Replacement Project future phases (Segments 3-5). The Initial Buy-In pays for recent canal improvements (Segments 1- 2) including pumping plants and fish screen at a cost of \$8.3 million that is split into five annual, interest-free payments. The Canal Replacement Project (Segments 3-5), with an estimated cost of \$7.3 million, will take place in future years as grants and additional funding sources are secured.

Light Pole and Fire Hydrant Painting

The City has begun its annual Light Pole and Fire Hydrant Refurbishing Project (Project), which is done to maintain the aesthetic quality and extend the lifespan of light poles and hydrants by preventing corrosion.

Currently, the City's contractor (CVP Inc.) is working in the California Spirit and Belvedere subdivisions located south of Balfour Road and east of Walnut Blvd. This Project will paint/refurbish 181 light poles and 46 fire hydrants, with completion targeted for spring 2015, weather permitting.



October Water Use

City water customers continue to respond to the State's drought conditions and used less water in October 2014 than was used during the same period last year. Water use was down 14.5% from 380 million gallons (MG) in October 2013 to 325 MG in October 2014. Customers can continue to reduce water use this fall by adjusting irrigation to one day per week and, when it rains, remember to turn off sprinklers. To reduce water use inside the home, the City recommends the following:

- Find and fix leaks.
- Take shorter showers.
- Shut off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.

Outside water use can be further reduced by:

- Covering swimming pools to reduce evaporation.
- Taking vehicles to car washes that use recycling water systems.

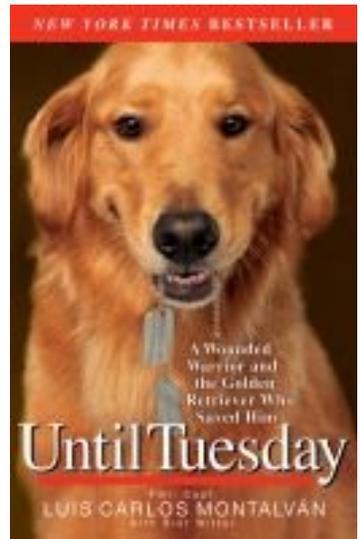
Ferro Ronconi Project-Subdivision No. 9173

This residential development project is located at the northeast corner of Griffith Lane and Balfour Road and will consist of 160 single family homes. Teichert Construction (Contractor) has been working steadily for two weeks on the grading and off-site utilities. The pictures on the next page show the progression of work.



12th Annual Brentwood Library CityRead

Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him



Free copies available in the Library starting November 3rd.

Until Tuesday chronicles how Montalván, a decorated Iraq war vet, began to recover from PTSD with the help of his service dog, Tuesday.



CityRead Author Event *Wed, December 3* *@ 7:00 p.m.*

Luis Carlos Montalván (and Tuesday!) will appear at the Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, for an hour-long presentation and book-signing.

Books will be available for purchase. No registration is required for this event.

2014 Brentwood Library CityRead Sponsors

-  Brentwood Art Society
-  Friends of the Brentwood Library
-  Lions Club of Brentwood
-  Lions Club of Discovery Bay
-  Rotary Club of Brentwood



Brentwood Library
104 Oak Street
Mon-Thurs, 10-8
Fri/Sat, 10-6
925-516-5290

More Veterans Events This Fall From Brentwood Library



October through November, enjoy
veteran-themed pieces by local artists!

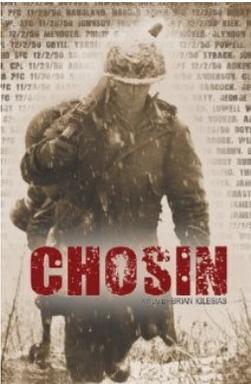


Meet a Veteran!

Thur., November 6, 6-7 p.m.

Local veteran Phil Ehrhorn brings humor and life to his stories of the Vietnam war. A slice of American history, perfect for 2nd grade and up.

Held inside the Brentwood Library. Free, no registration required.



Chosin Film Screening

Tues., November 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

At El Campanil Theatre, 602 W 2nd St, Antioch. This documentary records Korean War veterans as they relate one of the most savage battles in American history.

Free; no registration required.



War Ink

Debuts November 11, 2014 at ccclib.org

This Veterans Day, visit ccclib.org to view *War Ink*, an online exhibition of body art from local veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Participant stories and experiences were recorded by the *StoryCorps Military Voices Initiative*.