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Water Softener Removal Financial Incentive Program

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City's wastewater treatment facility are above maximum levels set by the state. These levels are exceeded primarily due to the use of salt-based, self-regenerating water softeners. To reduce the amount of chlorides coming into the treatment facility, the City is offering a financial incentive program to residents willing to remove their sodium and potassium salt-based, self-regenerating water softener or first time water softener buyers.

Water Softener Removal Financial Incentive Program



To be eligible for these incentives, residents are required to complete an application to participate in the program.

Following is a summary of the incentives:

\$700 Removal Incentive: Sodium and potassium salt-based water softeners are eligible for this incentive, which is paid out per unit to the applicant, and the City will directly reimburse prequalified plumbers for the removal of the unit(s).



\$300 First Time Purchaser Incentive: This incentive is available for the first time purchase of a non-salt-based device (where no previous unit has been in place).

For more information: visit www.brentwoodca.gov/wsprogram or call Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

Blue Goose Park Improvements

Exciting changes are in store for the users of Blue Goose Park. Two projects recently approved will soon be constructed. The first project is converting the existing single-flow pump system for the water feature to a recirculating system, which will result in a significant amount of water savings. The second is expanding the existing parking lot with an additional 14 parking stalls. These projects are expected to be completed by late spring 2015.

**For more information:
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Largest Gigabit Broadband Network in the Bay Area Ready for Launch

The wait is over! The highly anticipated launch of the largest gigabit broadband network in the Bay Area is set to launch in Spring 2015. Last year the City of Brentwood entered into an agreement with Internet service provider Sonic to install gigabit broadband Internet service throughout large portions of the City—thus making Brentwood the first city in the Bay Area to feature a widespread gigabit broadband network available to residents and businesses. Brentwood negotiated an innovative public-private partnership with Sonic, in which more than 8,000 households and businesses will be able to receive phone and gigabit internet service for as little as \$40 per month, plus tax



and equipment fees. Sonic will offer a lower speed copper service to those areas of the city that currently do not have conduit available. In addition, Sonic, in conjunction with the City, is developing plans on how to bring fiber service cost effectively to the parts of town that currently do not have the necessary infrastructure to receive gigabit Internet broadband service.

Sonic will also connect certain public facilities to the gigabit network, including schools with conduit access and will dedicate fiber service to the City for municipal services. The City will not be required to contribute any funds towards the deployment or the ongoing maintenance costs of the gigabit network. By becoming a gigabit city and with its proximity to major technology job centers, Brentwood will be well positioned as an attractive location for the next generation of technology firms.

Residents can learn more about the new gigabit network at the following link: <http://sonic.com/brentwood>

Neighborhood Clean-up Event

Residents of Brentwood with an active garbage collection account are invited to participate in the City's Neighborhood Clean-up Events. Residents can bring up to two (2) yards of unwanted household items including yard waste, appliances, e-waste (such as TVs and computers), furniture and garbage, all free-of-charge, to the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station. The events will be held in April/May and September/October. This year, the City will be transitioning from mailed invitations to an online registration process to provide more flexible scheduling of times and dates for residents. Look for more information in the mail or on the City's website 3-4 weeks in advance of the events.

For more information: Solid Waste (925) 516-6090

Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program CaliforniaFIRST Program

(Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing)

In December 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution consenting to the inclusion of properties within the City of Brentwood's jurisdiction to finance distributed generation renewable energy sources, and energy and water efficiency improvements through the HERO and CaliforniaFIRST Programs.

The HERO and CaliforniaFIRST Programs offer PACE Financing, which is a financing mechanism that qualifies property owners to receive loans for energy saving projects that are repaid through their property taxes. Loans may be used for such projects as energy and water efficiency improvements (solar panels, heat reflective roofing, insulation, HVAC, windows, artificial turf, pool pumps), and electric vehicles charging infrastructure. The HERO and CaliforniaFIRST programs will offer the property owner assistance in qualifying for a PACE loan, finding a qualified contractor, cost estimates, and support throughout the entire program participation. Property owners can choose to participate in the program at their discretion. The program is 100% voluntary, and available to commercial and residential property owners.

For more information regarding the HERO and CaliforniaFIRST programs, please visit heroprogram.com and californiafirst.org. Information is also available at City Hall, Information Center, First Floor.

Water Conservation: Why and How

Water is California's most precious and natural resource. How we manage it today will affect nearly every aspect of our future. When our state enjoys a year of abundant rain and our reservoirs are full, it is easy to think that our water supply is endless. But after three consecutive dry years, California is now experiencing a serious drought. We simply cannot afford to waste any water.

State Drought Regulations and the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan remain in effect. These include a request to voluntarily reduce water use by 20%, and restrict the following in promotion of water conservation:

- Watering between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Causing excessive flooding or runoff
- Washing a vehicle without a shutoff nozzle
- Using a hose to wash hard surfaces
- Operating a non-recirculating decorative fountain

Public Works Open House

National Public Works Week (NPWW) celebrates those who oversee and maintain the City's infrastructure and services. **The City will celebrate NPWW by hosting a public Open House Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,** with equipment demonstrations, information on water conservation, recycling, a backhoe competition and participation of the Brentwood Union School District third graders. The Public Works Corporation Yard is located at 2201 Elkins Way, just off Sunset Road.

For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

For 2015, the City is supporting the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation and [SaveOurWater.com](http://www.SaveOurWater.com). To take the Mayor's challenge pledge to save water, visit www.mywaterpledge.com between April 1–30, 2015. The National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation



is a nationwide competition aimed at drastically slashing water use. In return, residents can win prizes.

At www.SaveOurWater.com, learn more about the drought and ways to save water.

Contact the City's Water Conservation Specialist at (925) 516-6045 for a free water use evaluation.

Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- **Treescape (Corporation Yard):** Planting trees along the north and west limits of the City Corporation Yard. Currently out to bid. Estimated completion: Summer 2015.
- **Beatrice Street Sewer Rehabilitation:** Replace sewer main and additional sewer line improvements to meet the City's current standards. Construction expected to begin this spring. Estimated completion: Summer 2015.
- **Blue Goose Park Parking Lot Extension:** Additional parking will be installed. Construction expected to begin this spring. Estimated completion: Summer 2015.
- **2015 Pavement Management Program (Balfour Road Overlay):** Grind and overlay Balfour Rd. from Pippo Ave. to Minnesota Ave. Construction expected to begin this summer. Estimated completion: Fall 2015.
- **2015 Pavement Management Program (Slurry Seal):** Slurry seal and pavement rehabilitation of various streets throughout the City. Construction expected to begin this June. Estimated completion: Fall 2015.

Developer Projects:

- **Amber Park (north of Grant St. east of Empire Ave.):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Summer 2015.
- **Barrington (south of Sunset Rd. along Garin Parkway):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Winter 2015
- **Cedarwood Phase 2 (north of Sycamore Ave. west of Garin Parkway):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Fall 2015.
- **Ferro Ronconi (north of Balfour Rd. east of Griffith Ln.):** Site is currently being graded and underground utilities are being installed. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Fall 2015.

- **Garin Corners (north of Balfour Rd. east of Brentwood Blvd.):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Summer 2015.
- **Magnolia (south of Marsh Creek west of Brentwood Blvd.):** Construction expected to begin this spring. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Winter 2015
- **Mission Grove (south of Balfour Rd. west of Union Pacific Railroad Tracks):** Underground utilities installed, streets paved and homes are currently being built. Estimated completion: Fall 2015.
- **Palmilla (north of Central Blvd. west of Union Pacific Railroad Tracks):** Utilities and streets were previously constructed and homes are currently being built. Estimated completion: Summer 2016.
- **Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. west of Brentwood Blvd.):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Fall 2015.
- **Renaissance at Windy Springs (south of Amber Ln. west of Windy Springs Ln.):** Site is currently being graded and utilities will be installed. Estimated completion of infrastructure: Fall 2015.
- **Steeplechase (north of Lone Tree Way west of O'Hara Ave.):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Summer 2015.
- **Vineyards at Marsh Creek Phase 5B (north of Marsh Creek Rd. west of SR4):** Site graded and wet utilities installed, beginning to build homes this spring. Estimated completion: Spring 2016.
- **Vineyards at Marsh Creek Phase 4 (north of Marsh Creek Rd. west of SR4):** Homes currently being built. Estimated completion: Summer 2016.

Regional Projects:

- **Balfour Road Interchange (Balfour Rd. and SR4):** Utility relocation work will begin this spring with construction estimated to begin this summer.

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420



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Movie in the Park

The first Movie in the Park this year will be *A League of Their Own* on Friday, April 17 at 6:45 p.m. in City Park. This movie is rated PG and runs 128 minutes. Bring your lawn chair, a blanket, and picnic dinner and enjoy this free event!

For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

2015 Starry Nights in Brentwood Summer Concert Series

The summer concert series returns to City Park on Friday, June 12. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner. Watch for the performer line-up to be advertised soon.

For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

Seasonal Hiring

Summer is coming and the City of Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department is now hiring seasonal lifeguards for the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex. Applications are currently being accepted.

For more information and applications, visit our website at www.brentwoodca.gov or call (925) 516-5444

Picnic Rentals Available

Picnic tables are now available for reservation from April through October at several of Brentwood's most popular parks, including Apple Hill, Blue Goose, Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex, Skate Park, City Park, Oak Meadow, Sunset Park Athletic Complex, and Veterans Parks. Picnic table rentals are very popular, so book early!



For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

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