



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending April 24, 2015

Gustavo “Gus” Vina, City Manager



CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Assemblymember Jim Frazier

Assemblymember Jim Frazier invites you to stop by Willy’s Bagels & Blends (390 W. Country Club Drive) on Saturday, April 25, to share your legislative ideas, questions and/or concerns with him between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Ballot Box at City Hall

City Clerks throughout Contra Costa County have teamed up with the Contra Costa County Elections Department once again to provide convenient “CoCo Vote-N-Go” drop off locations for individuals voting in the May 5 and/or the May 19 Special Elections. The secure, steel ballot box here in Brentwood is in the Utility Billing Payment Center on the first floor of City Hall (150 City Park Way), and can be accessed Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., through May 19. County elections officials will regularly pick up collected ballots.

Ballots may also be dropped off at the County Elections Office in Martinez, located at 555 Escobar Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement is mourning the loss of one of its own, Bruce Bradley, who recently passed away. Code Enforcement Officer Robbie Portillo-Bienemann and fellow volunteer Leonard Graham attended Mr. Bradley’s memorial service held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood on April 21st. Bruce volunteered for many years as part of the Code Enforcement program team. Code Enforcement staff would not be able to accomplish all that they do in the community without the assistance of their volunteers. Bruce was a wonderful man, dedicated volunteer and good friend. He enjoyed making a difference in the Brentwood community and will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bruce’s wife Pat, and his entire family.

Planning Commission

At the April 21st Planning Commission meeting, the Commission acted on the following items:

- Approved a conditional use permit (CUP 15-006) to allow the expansion of an existing outdoor display area for a retail business known as Mex-Stone Crafters, located at 2800 Empire Avenue.
- Approved a conditional use permit (CUP 14-013) to allow the establishment of a business known as the Imperiale Beer Café and Bottle Shop, with wine and beer sales within a vacant 2,044 sq. ft. tenant space, located at 2411 Empire Avenue, Suite 101.
- Recommended that the City Council approve a rezone (RZ 14-009) of approximately 9.10 acres from R-1-E to PD-54 establishing development standards for the Maffeo property; approved a vesting tentative subdivision map (VTSM 9386) to create 27 single-family residential lots; and a design review (DR 14-009) for four single-family residential home plans to be constructed on the 27 lots, located east of O’Hara Avenue, west of Adams Lane, south of the future extension of Big Basin Drive, and north of the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail.
- Recommended that the City Council approve a rezone (RZ 15-001) amending Brentwood’s Zoning Code, Chapter 17.850, Temporary Use Permits, to establish procedures and standards for the granting of temporary use permits for short-term activities on private property.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Call for Artists – Utility Box Mural Project

The City of Brentwood and the Arts Commission invite artists to participate in a “Call for Artists” for a Utility Box Mural Project. The City and the Commission are seeking artists to showcase their work on eleven utility boxes located throughout Brentwood. The goal of the project is to reflect the natural beauty of the surrounding area and/or enhance the surrounding environment. Utility boxes should reflect a youthful, playful, active, recreational theme. This Call for Artists is open to all adult and student practicing artists and is also open to Art Teachers that are interested in mentoring a group of students. All entries must be original designs and artwork must be suitable for viewing by all ages.



Call for Artist information packets are available at the Parks and Recreation Department (35 Oak Street) or can be downloaded at www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/parks/arts. Deadline for submittal of application packets is Friday, May 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Blue Goose Park Improvements – Parking Lot Expansion

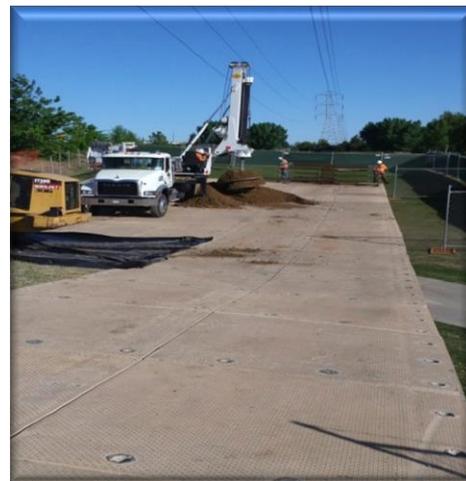
On Monday, April 20th, the contractor broke ground on the parking lot expansion at Blue Goose Park. This parking lot expansion will increase parking capacity by 14 additional stalls. Work is expected to be complete in mid-June.



PUBLIC WORKS

PG&E Transmission Tower Relocation at Balfour Road and State Route 4

As part of the Balfour Road Interchange Project, PG&E is required to relocate two power transmission towers that are located on the north and south side of Balfour Road at State Route 4. The towers will be replaced with a single straight pole on each side of Balfour Road. The foundations for the new poles have been constructed and beginning Saturday, April 25, to Monday, April 27, two large cranes will be placed on each side of Balfour Road to support the cables during the relocation. No lane closures are anticipated and there will be no disruption to power. The photos below show the progression of the work.





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Neighborhood Cleanup Events

Brentwood residents with an active garbage collection account are invited to participate in the City's Neighborhood Cleanup 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 spring events will be held on May 2nd, May 9th and May 16th.

- **Online Registration**

This year, the City will be transitioning from mailed invitations to an online registration process to provide more flexible scheduling of dates and times for residents. More information has been sent out in the mail and is available on the City's website at <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/cleanup>, or you can call the Solid Waste Division at (925) 516-6090.

- **Donations Accepted – St. Vincent de Paul**

New to the Cleanup Event this year, to assist the City with its recycling efforts, is a donation area staffed by St. Vincent de Paul. When loading your vehicle, please separate items to be donated such as: furniture, mattresses, books, clothing, kitchenware, tools, toys, etc. A more detailed list of acceptable donated items is available online at <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/cleanup>.

City Supports the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

The City of Brentwood has signed up to participate in the Wyland Foundation National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Residents simply go online to www.mywaterpledge.com from April 1-30, 2015, enter Brentwood, and then make online pledges to conserve water, save energy and reduce pollution. Cities compete in various population categories, with Brentwood in the category of 30,000-99,999 residents. The city with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category wins.

Residents of the winning cities are eligible to win thousands of prizes - such as a Toyota Prius, home irrigation kits, home improvement gift cards, and more. Most importantly, participants will see real results based on simple actions they can do to save water and energy.

To pledge to reduce water usage, go online to www.mywaterpledge.com and enter Brentwood.



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Cup of Joe with Jim

Stop by to share your legislative ideas, questions and concerns with Assemblymember Jim Frazier

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:30am-11am

Willy's Bagels & Blends

390 West Country Club Drive, Ste. A
Brentwood, CA 94513

Coffee and pastries provided

RSVP:

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