



Please be reminded that City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27. Our very best wishes to you and your family for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place in the City Park performance area and the Community Center on Friday, December 4. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with music, singing, hot drinks and goodies. Santa will be making a visit in the Community Center immediately following the lighting of the tree. Bring the family and join us in ringing in the holiday season!

**A Letter from Santa**

It's not too late to request a personal letter from the “North Pole” for your special little “believers.” Letters will vary and may cover topics such as weather conditions, reindeer health, Mrs. Claus and the elves keeping Santa on track, and the spirit of Christmas. Every effort is made to not duplicate letters mailed to the same residence. To register, contact Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444 no later than Friday, December 11.



The City of Brentwood's Annual  
**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

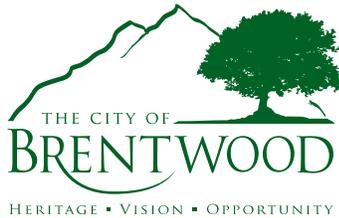
**Friday, December 4th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Brentwood Community Center & City Park**  
35 Oak Street

**Featuring**

- ☆ Music & singing
- ☆ Hot drinks & goodies
- ☆ Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. sharp
- ☆ Visit Santa after tree lighting
- ☆ Free!

Event sponsored by the City of Brentwood & the Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee (BANC)  
\*Volunteers needed! Contact Cathy at [twopals90@gmail.com](mailto:twopals90@gmail.com)





# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending November 27, 2015

Gustavo “Gus” Vina, City Manager

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Garbage/Recycle Service**

As a reminder, your garbage and recycle service will not be affected by the holiday this week. Place your carts curbside as regularly scheduled.

### **How Residents Can Help During Storm Preparation**

During rainy weather, fallen leaves can create issues. In residential areas, these issues occur when residents blow or rake large amounts of leaves into the street for the City’s Street Sweepers to pick up. Since sweepers can only pick up a maximum 4 inch layer of leaves, they will need to drive around the leaf piles left in the street. This practice can lead to flooding. Also, to help with the flow of water, residents should park their vehicles one foot from the curb so leaves do not stop the gutter. This will help eliminate ponding in residential areas. Residents can take advantage of the City’s Leaf Bag Program ([Leaf Bag Program](#)) to properly dispose of leaves.

If sand bags are needed, Brentwood residents may pick up sand bags to fill from the Public Works Corporation Yard, outside the Cardboard Drop-off gate located at 2300 Elkins Way. During storm events, City staff will be on location to distribute the empty sand bags, limit 10 bags per household, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Proof of residency must be provided. For after hours, the sand, sand bags and shovels will be supplied at the same location, while supplies last. Residents may report flooding to the Public Works Department at (925) 516-6000, or after hours to Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441.

### **Water Conservation – Winter Season**

Brentwood residential water customers continue to respond to California’s drought and the City’s request to reduce water use. The City’s overall water use from June – October 2015 is down 43% compared to June – October 2013. Although the drought continues, your conservation efforts have allowed the City Council to make the following changes (shown in the comparison charts below - changes shown in bold) to the Water Conservation Program effective November 1, 2015.

- Extend the summer season and Citywide average volume for the upcoming winter season

	Season	Current	Revised
Residential	Summer	May – October 11 units/month	<b>April – November</b> 11 units/month
	Winter	November – April 5 units/month	<b>December – March</b> <b>8 units/month</b>
Commercial	Summer	May – October 32 units/month	<b>April – November</b> 32 units/month
	Winter	November – April 24 units/month	<b>December – March</b> 24 units/month

1 unit = 1,000 gallons of water



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- Decrease in monthly penalties and rebates

	Water Reduction	Current	Revised
Rebates	More than 50%	\$50	<b>\$20</b>
	50% - 41%	\$25	<b>\$10</b>
	40% - 36%	\$10	\$10
Penalties	34% - 21%	\$100	\$100
	20% - 0%	\$200	<b>\$100</b>
	Increased Water Use	\$300	<b>\$200</b>

Remember, there are two ways to comply to meet the City's potable water use reduction requirements:

- 1) Reduce your monthly water use by 35% as compared to 2013; or
- 2) Maintain your monthly water usage at or below the Citywide reduced average.

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