



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BRENTWOOD BUZZ

FEBRUARY EDITION



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February brings us some much-needed rain, along with an array of exciting updates in our newsletter! Join us at February's "Town Halls with Tim," a City Council Meeting, or the State of the City address to stay informed about crucial City matters. Explore upcoming community events by non-profits and get involved to make a difference. This month, we celebrate completed projects, share insights on City developments, and unveil new amenities like pickleball courts at Creekside Park and the new cable climber replacement at Veterans Park. Don't miss out on activities in the Spring activities guide and February events. Stay connected, stay informed, and participate!

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CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE



TOWN HALLS WITH TIM

You are invited to

Join Brentwood City Manager Tim for Town halls with Tim, a monthly series dedicated to open Q&A about the City of Brentwood.

February
Tuesday 13 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
2024

Location: On Zoom

City Manager
TIM OGDEN

**FEBRUARY TOWN HALL
WITH TIM**

I can't believe February 2024 is already here! The year is moving along briskly, and City Hall is bustling with exciting projects and updates that I'm eager to share with you.

It has been my pleasure to host monthly "Town Halls with Tim" with residents in various locations across the City and providing updates on City business. After months of meetings, and hearing from hundreds of residents, I have assembled the top five commonly asked questions, along with their answers for all our readers.

1. **Costco Status:** The City Council approved the project planned to be located south of the center with Home Depot. Costco has submitted building plans for staff review, and working through a lawsuit filed by an opponent of the project with resolution hopefully this year.

2. **Sand Creek Road Extension:** The ~\$13M road extension will extend Sand Creek from SR4 to Heidorn Ranch Rd. Due to delays from protected golden eagle nests, a CA Department of Fish and Wildlife permit to build the bridge over Sand Creek, and now with weather issues, the planned May 2024 completion will be closer to late summer.

3. **Lazy Dog:** The City Council approved the restaurant project, and they are working on building plan approvals for staff review, and shared access with the adjacent commercial center. Construction is expected later this year.

4. **Homelessness:** Questions arise about the resources available for homeless individuals and the limits of enforcement laws regarding encampments. The Police Department recently held a town hall meeting discussing the topic, and it can be viewed along with other resources at: <https://www.brentwoodca.gov/government/city-manager/unsheltered-resources>.

5. **Streets of Brentwood:** New retail prospects are increasingly filling up the commercial center. Of note, Barnes & Nobles, Limitless Axes & Ale, Mathnasium, Mochninut, and Chip Cookies are all planning to open this year, two medical care centers, and a proposed La Quinta Inn & Suites & Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham.

The next "Town Halls with Tim" forum will include my executive team that lead our city departments and we'll collectively answer question about city business. This forum will be held exclusively on Zoom on February 13 at 5:30pm, preceding our regular City Council meeting that you are also invited to join and participate in. I look forward to seeing you soon.

City Manager Tim Ogden
CityManager@brentwoodca.gov



HEART HEALTH MONTH - Explore resources and educational webinars dedicated to raising awareness about heart health. It's essential for everyone to embrace heart-healthy lifestyle changes. Prevention and awareness are the cornerstone of a healthy heart. By tuning into your heart's needs and adopting heart-healthy habits, you can significantly decrease the risk of heart-related illnesses. Access toolkits and other valuable resources on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website to support your journey towards better heart health.

[CENTER FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - The City and its employees are celebrating the achievements of African Americans during this Black History Month. Residents are encouraged to explore the diverse history and contributions of African American artists and artisans who have enriched our community's cultural tapestry. For further insights into the origins of Black History Month, delve into the Universal History Archive, offering access to a gallery of historic photographs.



[UNIVERSAL HISTORY
ARCHIVE](#)

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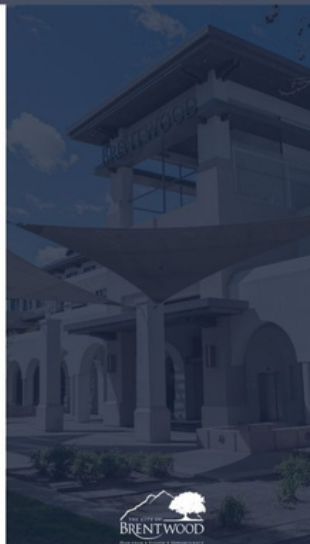
**Tuesday
February 20, 2024**

6PM
Community Center

- ▶ 6:00 - 6:15 Meet & Greet
- ▶ 6:15 - 6:45 State of the City Address
by Mayor Joel Bryant
- ▶ 6:45 - 7:15 Question & Answer

Please RSVP at
brentwood.info/State_ofthe_City

*This is an in-person event only



The public is cordially invited to the 2024 State of the City at the Brentwood Community Center on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

The program will begin promptly at 6:15 PM, following a meet and greet session starting at 6:00 PM.

- 6:00 PM: Meet & Greet
- 6:15 PM: State of the City Presented by Mayor Joel Bryant
- Closing: Q&A session

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[RSVP TO THE STATE OF
THE CITY](#)

BRENTWOOD PD WELCOME FIVE NEW OFFICERS

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Last month, Brentwood PD welcomed the addition of five new officers.

Pictured from left to right:

- Officer Nikolas Canales- recent graduate of the Police Academy
- Officer Chance Ledsworth- recent graduate of the Police Academy
- Officer Selene Torres- recent graduate of the Police Academy
- Officer Esperanza Rojas Bolanos- recent graduate of the Police Academy
- Officer Corey Blumberg- Lateral from Antioch PD

Please give them a warm welcome as they start their careers for the City of Brentwood.



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION



The U.S. Department of State estimates about 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking around the world. The seriousness of this issue is recognized, prompting active measures to combat it. This includes educating community members on the types of crimes officers can enforce and the factors traffickers consider when choosing their victims.

Officer Agostinho, accompanied by representatives from Pillars of Hope and Redemption House of the Bay Area, participated in a Q&A Panel. Each shared personal stories and insights into their efforts to combat human trafficking. Gratitude is extended to Brentwood Neighborhood Church for hosting this impactful event.

Additionally, Brentwood PD will host a Community Town Hall Meeting on this crucial topic in the near future. Stay tuned to social media platforms for updates on upcoming Town Halls addressing various topics. The ongoing participation of the community is greatly valued.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT
PILLARS OF HOPE](#)

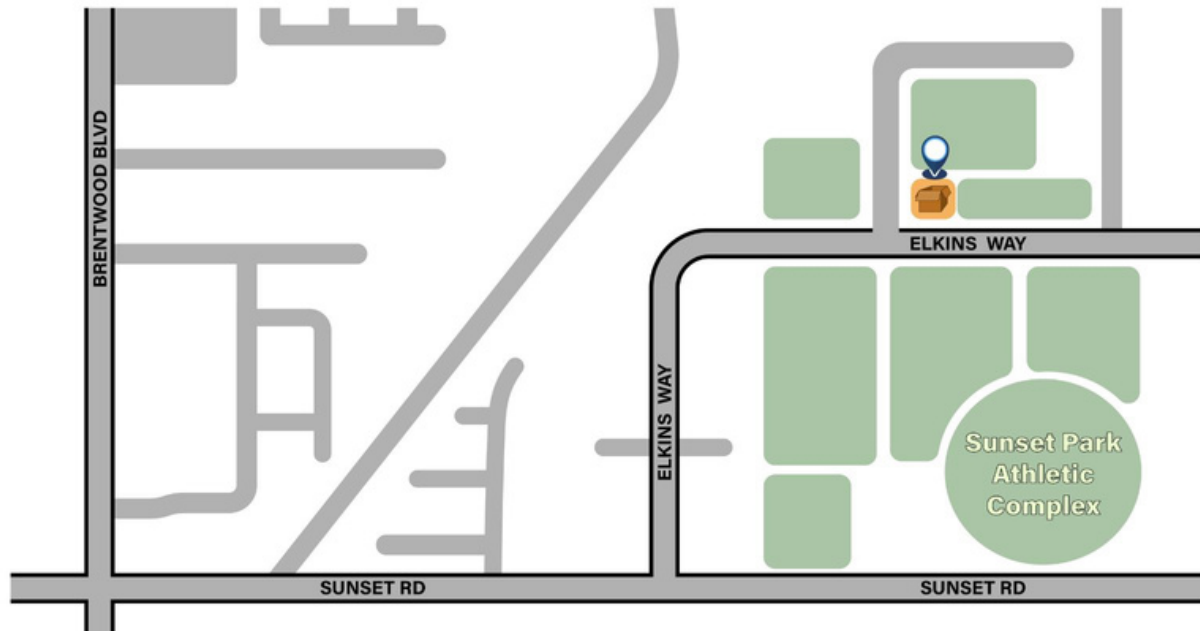
[LEARN ABOUT
REDEMPTION HOUSE](#)



BRENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL

On January 24, 2024, Brentwood PD held the first Town Hall of the year, with an exceptional turnout of engaged residents eager learn about homelessness within our community. For those who couldn't attend the meeting, the recording of the event will be available on BrentwoodPolice.com soon. Be on the lookout for upcoming Town Halls addressing various topics. Your ongoing participation is incredibly valuable, and we eagerly anticipate more enriching conversations ahead.





FREE CARDBOARD DROP-OFF

PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE

The Brentwood Cardboard Drop-off is a FREE amenity designed to assist with surplus cardboard. The facility is located at 2300 Elkins Way, just off Sunset Road. Our free cardboard drop off service is available for Brentwood Residents and Brentwood Businesses ONLY. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (925) 516-6000.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
CARDBOARD DROP-OFF](#)

Please refrain from leaving styrofoam, plastic wrapping, or garbage at this location. Strict adherence to this policy is appreciated to prevent cross-contamination. Surveillance cameras are in place to ensure the safety and compliance of all patrons. Your cooperation is valued in maintaining this free service for Brentwood residents and businesses.

FREE SANDBAG FILL STATION

We would like to remind residents of the free self-filling sandbag station, conveniently located near 2251 Elkins Way, adjacent to the City's Recycled Water Fill Station. Each household can obtain up to 10 bags, and they are available while supplies last. For additional details, individuals can contact the Public Works Department at (925) 516-6000.





CREEKSIDE PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

PARKS AND RECREATION

With pickleball emerging as one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, Brentwood recognized the need for its own dedicated courts. Although the pandemic delayed the project in 2020, it was reinstated in 2021. After considering various locations, Creekside Park was ultimately selected as the ideal site for the courts.

The Park and Recreation ad-hoc committee, along with staff, regularly convened to ensure that conceptual plans for the courts aligned with the requirements and specifications recommended by USA Pickleball. Understanding the importance of offering ample court space, staff is pleased to announce the construction of four courts at the picturesque Creekside Park.

In July 2023, Luma Engineering Contractors Inc. was chosen to undertake the project. This entailed constructing four pickleball courts equipped with lights and relocating a half-court basketball court. Staff has collaborated closely with the contractor to prepare the courts for use by temporarily striping them, allowing users to play until the permanent surfacing is installed. Due to wintery weather, completion of the final sports court surfacing is set for March.

The lights are temporarily set up on a schedule with MUSCO lighting, programmed to turn on from 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM. However, a permanent on/off switch will be installed in the upcoming weeks. Once installed, the lights will operate for forty-five minutes each time the switch is activated until 10:00 pm.

We eagerly anticipate hosting a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome players and residents alike.

VETERANS PARK CABLE CLIMBER REPLACEMENT

Veterans Park underwent its original construction in 2003 and has since become a beloved destination for many in the community. The park's popularity soared with the completion of the Veterans Park Universal Abilities Playground project in 2013. However, due to the heavy use of the cable climbers, and the challenge of sourcing replacement parts, it became evident that a replacement was necessary.

In March 2023, the Park and Recreation ad-hoc committee met with staff to evaluate three separate vendor proposals. After careful consideration, the committee selected GameTime, whose proposal showcased the most innovative and engaging conceptual design. The chosen colors of red, white, and blue were chosen to complement the existing adjacent Universal Abilities Playground and the overall theme of Veterans Park. In June 2023, the City Council approved the contract with GameTime.

GameTime, along with the staff, eagerly anticipates the public's enjoyment of this new play equipment, reflecting the dedication and enthusiasm invested in its planning.

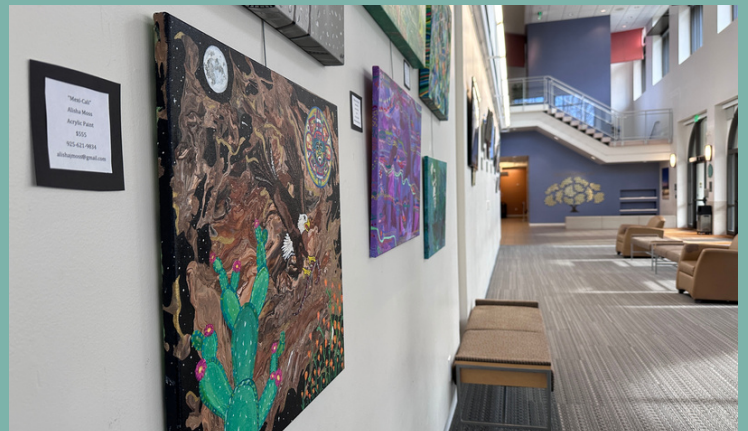


SPRING 2024 ACTIVITIES GUIDE - Introducing the Spring 2024 Activities Guide - your passport to a world of excitement and enrichment! With a spectacular lineup for all ages, ranging from sports to creative arts, preschool adventures to dance extravaganzas, and everything in between. Let the springtime adventures begin!

[VIEW THE GUIDE](#)

PUBLIC ART WALLS - The public art walls located in the Brentwood Community Center highlight local artists and art organizations throughout the community. The program exhibits art in the Brentwood Community Center. Visit these free exhibits Monday-Friday from 8:00am- 5:00pm. Current exhibit features local artists in January-February:

- Alisha Moss
- Christian Raitt
- Anthony Nguyen
- Johnny Williams





DIVERSE DINING OPTIONS AT SCIORTINO RANCH

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The recent opening of Chipotle, Panda Express, Starbucks, Denny's and soon Wendy's at Brentwood Blvd. & Sand Creek Rd. serves to address the need to spread out retail and restaurant services across the city. The Chipotle Restaurant at Lone Tree Plaza is one of the highest sales generators for the company. The addition of establishments such as Chipotle, Panda Express, and Starbucks in Sciortino Ranch offers our local residents, particularly those residing in the Eastern and Northern parts of Brentwood, more convenient restaurant choices. National retailers and restaurants are recognizing the growth on the eastern and northern ends of Brentwood. As more development opportunities arise along the Brentwood Blvd. Corridor, we anticipate a continued increase in interest from high-end retailers and restaurants.



WANT TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES? VISIT BETTERINBRENTWOOD.COM

"Better in Brentwood" is a vibrant marketing initiative by the City of Brentwood, aimed at bolstering local businesses and spotlighting the charm of our City. Stay informed about upcoming events, new businesses, popular restaurants, family-friendly parks, and more! For all things Brentwood, including shopping, dining, exploring, living, and playing, rely on Better in Brentwood's website and social media channels to keep you in the loop.

**BETTER IN
BRENTWOOD**

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM (CWS)



Contra Costa County
Community Warning System

**Register For
Emergency Alerts!**

CWSAlerts.com

Call: (925)655-0111

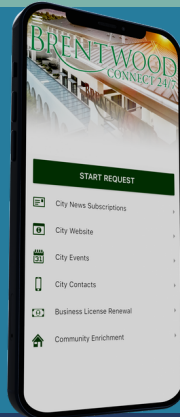
  @CoCoCWS

Residents are encouraged to register to receive emergency notifications from the [Contra Costa County Community Warning System](https://www.contracostacounty.gov/CommunityWarningSystem), referred to as CWS.

Why should you sign up?

- **Immediate Alerts:** Be the first to know when there's a potentially life-threatening hazard in Contra Costa County. Receive alerts via phone calls, text messages, email, sirens, website updates, and social media.

- **Life-Saving Information:** Get crucial details about the incident and learn what actions you need to take to safeguard yourself and your loved ones. Whether it's sheltering in place, evacuating, or avoiding certain areas, CWS provides clear instructions to protect your health and well-being.
- **Tailored Notifications:** CWS targets residents and businesses directly impacted by emergencies, ensuring that those who need to take action are promptly informed.



BRENTWOOD CONNECT 24/7

Is there graffiti or a broken swing at a park that you want to report to City staff? Download the Brentwood Connect 24/7 app to your mobile device. This app gives residents access to City staff, services, and resources that make our City work.



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



[View Agendas](#)

Here are ways the public can participate in City Council Meetings:



In Person



[youtube.com/CityofBrentwoodCA](https://www.youtube.com/CityofBrentwoodCA)



brentwoodca.gov/vcc



Toll Free (877) 853 - 5247

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FEBRUARY EVENTS



HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOK PROJECT FEB 1 - MARCH 1

The Heritage High School Book Project set a goal of collecting 1000 books for Malawi, Africa.

They are accepting books for reading levels from pre-k to 8th grade. Contact heritagebookproject13@gmail.com for ways you can donate.



BESTIE BASH FEB 8

The Downtown Brentwood Coalition invites you to celebrate with your Besties in Downtown Brentwood. Over a dozen participating shops & stops with extended hours, raffles, fantastic sales, giveaways, themed drinks & menus, photo ops and more! Free to attend.



SWEETHEART RUN FEB 10

The Rotary Club of Brentwood is thrilled to present the 2nd Annual 5K Race/Walk, an event that goes beyond the finish line! Run/walk for a cause, benefiting both global and local communities, with a special emphasis on funding local high school scholarships. Sign up at RunBrentwood.com



LIONS CLUB CRAB FEED FEB 10

Enjoy delicious fresh crab while supporting the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired. This fun community event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy great food and contribute to a worthy cause. Get your tickets now and be a part of this exciting event! Tickets available at LCOBW.com



BRENTWOOD PAL CRAB FEED FEB 23

Brentwood PAL presents the 25th Annual Crab Feed on Friday, February 23, 2024 at the Brentwood Community Center from 5 PM-10 PM. Tickets can be purchased at BrentwoodPal.com. This event will benefit the Unified Prom.



LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL FEB 24

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Chinese Culture Club from Heritage High School. Experience the Chinese culture with vendors, activities and a Lion Dance show at 10:30 AM. This event will be held in Downtown Brentwood on Oak St. from 9 AM - 1 PM.