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Reserve Police Officer Program

The Brentwood Police Department is in the process of re-establishing its Reserve Police Officer Program. The Police Department has had a strong Reserve Police Officer Program as far back as the 1960s, providing the community with an auxiliary unit of trained and competent volunteer police officers. These officers were used to supplement the Police Department's regular personnel and were historically used for special events, prisoner transports, and in the event of an emergency.

In 2006, the Reserve Police Officer Program was disbanded due to attrition, retirements, and a lack of qualified candidates. Now, as economic times are changing, along with increased population within the city, the Police Department has received many inquiries and a great deal of community interest in re-establishing the program.

A Reserve Police Officer must meet all the hiring qualifications and standards of a regular police officer recruit. They are required to complete a significant amount of mandated training provided in two different phases, sponsored by the Police Department, at the Contra Costa County Regional Police Academy in Pittsburg. After a Reserve Police Officer has completed the first training phase, they may begin to work at the Department in a position appropriate to their level of training and certification. After completion of the second phase, Reserve Police Officers may provide support services such as prisoner transports, traffic control, public event



security, crime scene and evidence security, patrol with a full time police officer, crime prevention, and various administrative functions. Uniforms and all the necessary safety equipment are provided for volunteer service.

Anyone interested in becoming a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Brentwood can contact Sgt. Tim Herbert at (925) 809-7737.

Pay by Phone

The City Council identified "Customer Service – Deliver Excellent Public Services" as a priority in their most recent Goals and Strategic Plan.

Continually striving to meet this goal, beginning this summer, Finance and Information Systems is pleased to offer a 24-hour "Pay by Phone" option to utility customers. Pay by Phone will provide a secure and immediate payment system, as well as account balance information, by phone at any time.

Additional conveniences offered to customers include online services such as service requests, access to account information, and payment processing, as well as the option of setting up automatic payments from a checking account or credit/debit card, assuring timely payments and helping to avoid late charges.

For more information please visit <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/departments/financial/utility.cfm>

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Brentwood is a Playful City USA again for 2013



Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that the City of Brentwood, for the sixth consecutive year, has been designated a “Playful City” for 2013. Through the Playful City USA program, KaBOOM!, a national non-profit dedicated to saving play, honors cities and towns determined to prioritize play and ensure that children are healthy by providing the time and space for play. The City will host their sixth annual Play Day on Friday, August 16, at City Park. This free event is for kids of all ages and participants will be encouraged to play games, blow bubbles, play in the new water feature, and enjoy a concert.

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

Graffiti Removal Program

The City is dedicated to keeping our community beautiful and is proud to have an aggressive Graffiti Removal Program. Since July 2012, the Street Maintenance Division has removed 8,700 square feet of graffiti throughout the city. This includes graffiti on sound walls, tunnels, parks, sidewalks, utility cabinets, and signs. The City’s goal is to respond within 24 hours for graffiti abatement, with the exception of holidays and weekends. If you see someone in the process of committing an act of graffiti, please call Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441. To report graffiti, please submit your request via a Smartphone using Report It!, a free application; or you can call Public Works/Operations or submit a service request via the City’s website at www.brentwoodca.gov.

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

Water Wise

Watering lawns and landscapes efficiently will improve landscape quality, reduce water waste, and even lower your water bills.

Today’s irrigation systems include sophisticated controllers that allow for easy adjustment of watering schedules to fit different needs:

- Get in the correct zone and soil type. Schedule each individual zone in the irrigation system to account for the type of sprinkler, sun or shade exposure, and soil in that section. The type of soil determines how quickly water can be absorbed without runoff.
- Don’t send water down the drain. Set sprinklers to water plants, not driveways, sidewalks, patios, or buildings.
- When to water and for how long: Prevent water loss by watering in the evening and early morning. Saturate root zones and let the soil dry. Water often and for shorter periods. For example, setting a system to run for three, five-minute intervals lets soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes at one time, reducing runoff.

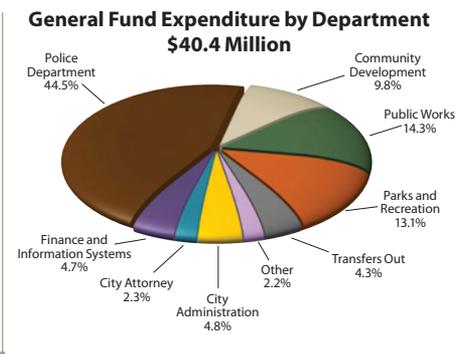
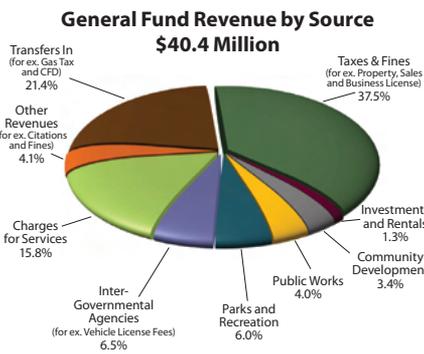
For more information: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

The 2013/14 Operating Budget

The City’s 2013/14 Operating Budget was amended by the City Council on June 11, 2013. The City’s Operating Budget allocates resources to fund all of the services provided by the City including police, parks and recreation, street maintenance and water, sewer, and garbage services.

For more information: Finance & Information Systems (925) 516-5460

The accompanying charts display the General Fund’s primary revenue sources and departmental expenses for 2013/14.



General Plan Update

Progress continues on a comprehensive update of the General Plan, which is the City's guiding policy document for future planning and development decisions. Two important resource documents have been prepared to date. These documents include the Existing Conditions Report, which will be used as the technical framework for the project, and the Opportunities and Constraints Report, which summarizes input from the community and identifies key issues and opportunities to address in the General Plan Update.

On March 21, the General Plan Update Working Group held its first meeting. Subsequent meetings were held each month, covering a wide variety of topics, including noise, safety, economic development, fiscal sustainability, community facilities, conservation, and open

space. The Working Group is critical to the project, as it will be developing the various goals, policies, land use alternatives, and circulation modes, as well as discussing priority issues to consider. All meetings are open to the public, and the community is encouraged to participate. The Working Group has regularly scheduled meetings on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 6 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Community Center.

The General Plan Update is currently scheduled for adoption by the City Council in the summer of 2014.

For more information on the project, please visit the General Plan Update website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org or contact City staff by telephone at (925) 516-5132 or by e-mail at tordaz@brentwoodca.gov.

Police Department Partners with Nixle for the Community

The Brentwood Police Department has partnered with Nixle to provide a new communications service to the community. The Nixle Community Information Service will allow the Police Department to deliver important, valuable community information to citizens via cell phone text message and/or e-mail.

Messages from the Police Department may include information about recent police activity, crime alerts, missing person information, extreme weather advisories, wanted person information and road closures, as well as other relevant public safety and community event information.

Nixle is a free service to the public and is secure, reliable, and easy to use. Residents can begin receiving pertinent information by registering on the City's website at www.brentwoodca.gov or at www.nixle.com.

For more information: Police (925) 634-6911

Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Solid Waste Transfer Station at the City Corporation Yard: Currently under construction. Estimated completion: Fall 2013
- Pavement Management Program: Slurry seal of several streets throughout the city is currently in progress. Estimated completion: September 2013
- Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation – Phase II: Rehabilitation of about 50 sewer manholes along Sellers Avenue, Lone Tree Way, Walnut Boulevard and Brentwood Boulevard is currently under construction. Estimated completion: July 2013
- Landscape Improvements for Los Nogales Improvements (Walnut Boulevard) and John Muir Parkway Phase I (Ventura Drive to Thomas Road) is currently under construction. Estimated completion: August 2013
- PG&E Line 114: 24" gas line replacement project on Fairview Avenue is currently under construction. Estimated completion: September 2013
- PG&E Line – 4" gas line replacement project on St. Andrews Drive is expected to start this summer. Estimated completion: Winter 2013

Developer Projects:

- The Developer of Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. and west of Brentwood Blvd.) is currently installing underground utilities and will be paving streets this summer for Phases V and VI. Estimated completion: September 2013
- The Developer of Amber Park (east of Empire Ave. and north of Grant St.) is currently grading and installing underground utilities and will be paving streets this summer for Phase III. Estimated completion: September 2013
- The Developer of Mission Grove (south of Balfour Rd. and west of Union Pacific Railroad) is expected to start construction this summer. Estimated completion: Spring 2014
- The Developer of the Barrington subdivision (along Garin Parkway south of Sunset Rd.) is expected to start construction this summer. Estimated completion: Spring 2014

Regional Transportation Projects:

- State Route 4/Sand Creek Road interchange and widening from Lone Tree Way to just south of San Jose Ave. is currently under construction. Estimated completion: March 2014

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



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MOVIE IN THE PARK

The fall “**Movie in the Park**” will feature “*The Goonies*” on the big screen in City Park on Friday, **October 25, beginning at 6 p.m.** This free event will take place rain or shine.



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

Fats, Oils, and Kitchen Grease

Fats, oils, and grease can cause significant problems in the sewer collection system. When oil and grease are poured down kitchen drains, it congeals on the inside of the sewer pipes, restricting water flow. Over time, the pipe will become so restricted that it can cause a sewer back-up. Please help prevent sewer back-ups by properly disposing of oil and grease in the garbage.

**For more information: Public Works Wastewater
(925) 516-6060**

WHAT’S NEW IN PUBLIC ART? BALFOUR ROAD PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Four artists will create design concepts for consideration for the Balfour Road Public Art Project. The theme is “Playful City” with an emphasis that represents the diversity within the community, along the open perimeter areas eastbound on Balfour Road between Mountain View Drive and Foothill Drive. The four artists, Bruce Chaban, Brian Keith, Scott Runion, and Patricia Vader/Joe

Bologna, have approximately three months to create their conceptual designs for presentation to the Arts Commission in September. The Commission will make their final recommendation to City Council in October.

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

Recycling Mandates for Commercial Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes

Per California state assembly bill AB 341, commercial businesses that generate over four cubic yards of solid waste per week and multi-family complexes with five units or more are subject to mandatory recycling. The City is responsible for monitoring customers to ensure compliance with AB 341 and provide education and outreach to customers affected by the new mandates.

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

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Please refer to our website for City Council, City Meetings and City Phone Numbers ■ City General Phone: 516-5400 ■ City Hearing Impaired: 516-5409

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