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General Plan Update

Significant progress continues to be made on completing a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan, which is the guiding policy document for future planning and development decisions.

A 12-member Working Group, which was appointed by the City Council in February 2013, recently finished conducting a series of approximately 15 public meetings over the past year. The Working Group was instrumental in developing the draft goals and policies for the General Plan Update, as well as the draft land use map, which was selected by the City Council in December 2013.

Beginning in September 2013, the City Council held a series of joint workshops with the Planning Commission to review the draft goals and policies,

and to provide feedback to the City's consultant and staff. On February 25, a joint workshop was held to review the entire Draft General Plan.

The Draft General Plan and corresponding Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be available for an extended formal public review period, beginning at the end of March and ending in the middle of May. Comments on the Draft General Plan and DEIR are welcome and encouraged. Public hearings for the adoption of the General Plan Update are tentatively scheduled for June and July.

For more information: Community Development (925) 516-5405 or visit www.brentwood.generalplan.org

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Public Art and Design Academy Mosaic Mural Project

Late last year the City Council approved funding for the Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy to create a mosaic mural to be placed on a City sound wall. A 7-foot tall by 140-foot long mosaic mural titled "Sunflowers" will be located at the corner of Brentwood Boulevard and 2nd Street. This is the third project that the senior art students have provided for the City. Other projects include the mural located in the tunnel under Sand Creek Road adjacent to King Park and



five utility boxes located in the downtown area. These projects

are made possible by a multi-year grant that Liberty High School received from the California Department of Education California Partnership Academy and contributions from Brentwood's public art fund. This project is currently scheduled for completion by June 2014.

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



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Water Conservation

Governor Brown has declared a statewide drought emergency, and is asking all Californians to reduce their water use by 20%. (See the entire proclamation at: <http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18368>.)

Although no water shortage or mandatory water usage reduction in Brentwood are anticipated at this time, the City highly recommends and encourages its customers to practice water conservation at all times. For example, did you know that the typical Californian uses much more water outdoors than indoors? Watering the lawn, washing cars, and cleaning off the driveway and patio use much more water than one might think. Simple changes such as those listed below can add up to big water savings:

- Find and fix leaks.
- Water lawns only during the cool parts of the day and never let water runoff to the gutter.
- Use a swimming pool cover to reduce evaporation.
- Utilize a car wash that recirculates water.
- Use a broom on the sidewalks, driveways, or patios instead of hosing down with water.
- Wash only full loads of dishes or clothing.
- Replace landscaping requiring high water usage with drought tolerant landscaping.

One way the City promotes the importance of water conservation is through its own use of recycled water for public parks and roadway landscaping. Many areas in the City are irrigated with recycled water including the EBMUD trail, Portofino Park, Big Basin Park, schools, and business landscapes. The City also promotes, supports and conducts various public outreach, educational and informational programs including:

- Free Water Use Surveys
- Water Wise Gardening CDs
- Leak Checks
- High Use Notifications
- Low Flow Shower Heads

For more information, to schedule a free water use survey, or to request a low flow shower head: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000

For more information about the State's "Save Our Water" public education program, visit www.saveourH2O.org or join the effort on Facebook and Twitter.

Water Quality

The City of Brentwood has a City Council goal of providing the best quality service at the lowest possible price. Historically, the City has utilized groundwater (wells) for its water supply. Groundwater in Brentwood contains minerals that contribute to water hardness (calcium and magnesium). Water that comes from the Delta (surface water) has lower levels of minerals resulting in reduced levels of hardness.

The City's new Surface Water Treatment Plant came online in July 2008, and since then, the City has seen an increase in water quality. Water hardness has decreased on average 8-10% every year (cumulative decrease of 40% from 2008-2013). This directly corresponds with the increased supply of surface water of 8% over this same period.

For more information, visit the City's website at: <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pw/operations/water/pdf/HardWaterFactSheet.pdf>

Community Center Ambassador Volunteer Opportunity

The Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for a volunteer opportunity at the Brentwood Community Center. Applicants should possess basic clerical skills, proper phone etiquette, and the ability to greet visitors, answer questions, and provide directions.

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

Grant Funded Recycling Containers in City Parks, Facilities and Trails

The City has added 213 recycling containers in city parks, facilities, and trails thanks to a Beverage Container Recycling Grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Program (CalRecycle).

Brentwood is home to many sporting events and activities that take place at the parks, facilities and trails. Previously, visitors to these sites were disposing of thousands of plastic water bottles and recyclables in the trash. Now these recyclables are being recycled and kept out of landfills.

One of the main barriers to recycling is the lack of convenience, and the City has addressed this by installing trash containers and recycling containers side by side. The next time you visit one of the City's parks, facilities or trails, please remember to recycle. Recycling reduces the need to build landfills, saves natural resources, reduces pollution, and protects wildlife for future generations to enjoy.

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

Balfour Road Public Art Project

The City Council approved the Balfour Road Public Art project to artist Brian Keith. The project entitled “Playful Winds” consists of two bronze sculptures. The first is “First Flight” and the second “A Princess Journey.” The public art will be located in the open perimeter area east bound on Balfour Road between Mountain View Drive and Foothill Drive. The project completion is scheduled for late fall 2014.



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

Public Works Open House

National Public Works Week (NPWW) celebrates the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as “public works.” The City’s Public Works Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the City’s domestic water system (supply, treatment, and distribution) and wastewater system (collection and treatment); maintains the streets, storm drainage system, creeks,

fleet and facilities; and provides garbage collection and recycling services. The City will celebrate NPWW by hosting a public Open House on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There will be equipment demonstrations as well as information on water conservation, recycling and a backhoe competition. The Public Works Corporation Yard is located at 2201 Elkins Way, just off Sunset Road.

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

Neighborhood Clean-up Events

Residents of Brentwood with an active garbage collection account are invited to participate in the City’s Neighborhood Clean-up Events. Residents can bring 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 newly opened Solid Waste Transfer Station. The events will be held in April/ May and September/ October with drop-off days and times determined by address. Invitations will be mailed to residents 3-4 weeks in advance of the event. Residents can also visit the City’s website and submit their street name to find their event date.

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

Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Solid Waste Transfer Station and Operations Building at the City Corporation Yard: Completed. Construction has commenced to convert the old transfer station site into an overflow parking lot for Sunset Park. Estimated completion: summer 2014
- Contra Costa Water District Los Vaqueros Waterline Valve Relocation: Currently under construction. Estimated completion: summer 2014
- Brentwood Boulevard Median Landscaping Improvements Project will construct a new median, landscaped with a variety of shrubs and trees between Homecoming Way and Lone Tree Way. Estimated construction start: summer 2014

Developer Projects:

- The Developer of Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St. and west of Brentwood Blvd.) is currently building homes and has recently installed underground utilities and paved streets for Unit 6. Estimated completion: spring 2015
- The Developer of Amber Park (east of Empire Ave. and north of Grant St.) is currently building homes and has recently installed underground utilities and paved streets for Phase III. Estimated completion: winter 2014
- The Developer of Mission Grove (south of Balfour Rd. west of Union Pacific Railroad) is expected to begin construction this spring. Estimated completion: fall 2015
- The Developer of Barrington (along Garin Parkway south of Sunset Rd.) is currently installing underground utilities and is expected to pave roads this summer. Estimated completion: spring 2015
- The Developer of Steeplechase (west of O’Hara Ave. and north of Lone Tree Way) is currently building homes. Estimated completion: spring 2015
- The Developer of Magnolia (west of Brentwood Blvd. and south of Marsh Creek) is expected to begin construction this summer. Estimated completion: summer 2015
- The Developer of Vineyards at Marsh Creek (west of SR4 and Marsh Creek Road) is currently installing underground utilities and will be paving roads in Unit 4 this summer. Estimated completion: summer 2015

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 open and a second bridge at this interchange is under construction. Estimated completion: winter 2014

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



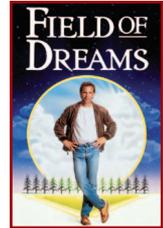
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Movie in the Park



The first Movie in the Park this year will be “Field of Dreams” on Friday, April 18, at 8:15 p.m. in City Park. Bring your lawn chair, a blanket, and picnic dinner, and enjoy this free event. Also, mark your calendar for the next Movie in the Park on October 24.

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

2014 Starry Nights in Brentwood Summer Concert Series

The summer concert series returns to City Park this summer. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner. Watch for additional information, including the performer line-up, to be advertised soon online and in the 2014 Summer Activities Guide.

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

Help Reduce Chloride in Brentwood’s Wastewater

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City’s wastewater treatment facility are currently above the levels set by the state. These levels are exceeded due to the City’s wastewater customers adding chloride to the sewage system through normal, everyday activities such as the use of soaps, detergents and food preparation as well as self-regenerating water softeners. Chlorides or salt are not cost-effective to remove at the wastewater treatment facility; therefore, with our customers

assistance we plan on focusing on reducing the amount of chlorides coming into the treatment facility. On average, 33% of the chloride found in Brentwood’s wastewater is due to natural background levels in the drinking water and the everyday activities, while it is currently estimated that approximately 66% of the chloride is attributed to the use of self-regenerating water softeners. The City offers free water hardness testing and guidance on where to set your softener.

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

Seasonal Hiring

The Parks and Recreation Department is now hiring seasonal lifeguards for the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex.

Call Parks and Recreation (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.

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