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## The Streets of Brentwood Now Open!

The long wait is over! The Streets of Brentwood, the upscale shopping center offering Brentwood-area residents a great mix of shopping, entertainment and dining options, is now open at Sand Creek Road and the new Highway 4 Bypass. The center opened October 24 and was celebrated with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Taylor and city staff, alongside the developers of the project, Continental Real Estate. More than 60 stores are included in the first phase of the project with the second phase expected to begin construction in 2009.



**For further information: Community Development (925) 516-5405**

## Playful City USA

To ensure that their children are active and healthy, Brentwood is one of 67 communities across the country that has taken innovative approaches to make play a priority. KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing play back into children's lives, named the City of Brentwood a "Playful City USA" community on September 6, 2008. Playful City USA is a national

recognition program, honoring cities and towns across the nation who put their children's well-being first by recognizing and harnessing the power of play. Only two other Bay Area cities, San Francisco and San Jose, received this honor.



**For further information: Barbie Gary (925) 516-5444**

### DECEMBER '08 – JANUARY '09

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Recycling Collection
 Yard Waste Collection
 Holiday No Collection

## Garbage Service Affected by Holidays

*Customers with a garbage collection day of Thursday or Friday will be affected by both the Christmas and New Year's holidays.*

The City's Solid Waste collection crews will be working a regular schedule on both Wednesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 31. There will be NO collection service on BOTH Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, January 1.

**For further information: Public Works (925) 516-6090**

The holiday collection schedule is as follows:

- Services normally provided on THURSDAY (Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) will be collected on FRIDAY (Dec. 26 and Jan 2).
- Services normally provided on FRIDAY (Dec. 26 and Jan. 2) will be collected on SATURDAY (Dec. 27 and Jan. 3)



## Breakfast with Santa



The Parks and Recreation Department will be offering the annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 13, 2008.

Bring the family for a fun-filled holiday breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee, make-and-take-home Christmas crafts, and a visit with Santa. Five different seatings are available, and pre-registration is required.

**For further information:**  
**Sue Barry (925) 516-5444**

## Brentwood Senior Activity Center

The Brentwood Senior Activity Center, located at 193 Griffith Lane, is a single-story building totaling 8,375 square feet on 1.22 acres, completing the approximately 20-acre parcel that includes the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex, Brentwood Skate Park, and Veteran's Park. The building has been designed to accommodate a variety of users, with a warm inviting lobby area, large main hall, commercial kitchen, dedicated pool/game room, and two large classrooms. All of the current programs at the Brentwood Community Center will be offered at the new center including CC Cafe Senior Nutrition, Premiers Exercise Program, and Oldies But Goodies just to name a few.



**For further information: Poldina Scherff (925) 516-5444**

## Brentwood Retail Update

### Coming Soon:

1. Aldo's Shoe Repair & Store  
– 6271 Lone Tree Way #J
2. Firestone Tire – 6836 Lone Tree Way
3. Gill's Music – 3860 Balfour Road
4. Taste Tea Gelato – 6560 Lone Tree Way #B
5. The Carvery – Harry's Hofbrau  
– 6051 Lone Tree Way
6. Smart & Final – 5491 Lone Tree Plaza
7. Scoops! PlayN Cafe – 6740 Lone Tree Way

### Now Open:

1. John's Ice Cream – 6660 Lone Tree Way
2. Brentwood Yoga Center  
– 8650 Brentwood Blvd.
3. The Streets of Brentwood  
– 2500 Sand Creek Rd.

### Now Open in Downtown:

1. The "Catwalk" – 817 First Street by Maple
2. Prevot's Restaurant – 613 First Street
3. Scrumdillyumptious (Yogurt Shop)  
– 647 First Street

*This is a sample of new projects coming to Brentwood.*

**For further information:**  
**Community Development**  
**(925) 516-5405**

## Help Keep the City Storm Drains Clean

By collecting leaves and participating in the City of Brentwood Leaf Bag Program, residents can help reduce the amount of leaves and other organic matter that accumulates in the storm drain system that drains to the creeks and Bay. The leaf bags are free of charge while supplies last and can be picked up at City Hall from October 1 – January 31. If you would like to learn how to compost your yard waste, please visit the City's Web site.



Polluted storm drain discharges are one of the nation's greatest threats to clean water. Storm drain runoff, (which eventually flows into the Delta) does not go through a treatment process prior to being discharged to creeks and waterways. For more information on storm water and/or protecting our local waterways, visit the City's Web site.

**For further information:**  
**Public Works (925) 516-6000**

## New Water Treatment Plant Operational

The City of Brentwood Water Treatment Plant, a joint venture between the City of Brentwood and the Contra Costa Water District, started treating potable water for delivery to Brentwood. This new facility, located adjacent to the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant, will have an initial treatment capacity of 12-15 million gallons per day. The completion of this project is a key component of the City's water treatment and distribution system.

**For further information: Public Works (925) 516-6000**

## City Budget Reductions

**T**he City continues to adjust the budget and operations based on the continuing changes in the economy. The City's workforce was reduced by approximately 10% over the last year, primarily in development services. The budget for 2008/09 is balanced without borrowing from reserves.

The State recently adopted their 2008/09 budget which included \$175,000 in takeaways from the City's General Fund and \$543,014 in takeaways from the Redevelopment Agency. These reductions were expected and are included in the City's existing budget.

**For further information:**  
**Kerry Breen (925) 516-5460**

## Under Construction

### Capital Improvement Projects:

- Brentwood Business Park – Phase I infrastructure is being installed for a future 42-acre business park, which will be located between Sellers Ave. and Guthrie Lane, south of Balfour Rd. Estimated completion: Late Spring 2009

### Developer Projects:

- Adams Lane between Grant Street and Lone Tree Way is under construction. Estimated completion: Early 2009
- Sunset Rd. widening adjacent to Sunset Park Athletic Complex to the eastern City limit is expected to begin in early 2009. Estimated completion: Summer 2009
- Central Blvd. widening between Griffith Lane and Dainty Ave. is expected to begin in Spring 2009. Estimated completion: End of 2009

### State Route 4 Bypass:

- Segment 3 from Balfour Rd. to Vasco Rd. is completed and now open to traffic.

**For further information:**  
**Public Works (925) 516-5420**

## Brentwood Boulevard Specific Plan

**E**arlier this year the Brentwood Boulevard Specific Plan was drafted and made available for public review and comment. City staff is now revising the Plan, focusing on strengthening its visionary and conceptual components, while at the same time providing more flexibility to accommodate future development. The revisions are being made in large part to address public comments that were received regarding the Specific Plan draft.

**For further information: Erik Nolthenius (925) 516-5137**

### Street Sweeping Program

Customers can obtain the street sweeping schedule by visiting the City's Web site and entering their street name.



**For further information: Public Works (925) 516-6000**

## Water Wisely & Save

**W**ater is one of our most precious resources. The City encourages all of its customers to practice water conservation at all times. One way the City promotes the importance of water conservation is through its own irrigation water usage. The City has converted a majority of its landscape areas to non-potable water and works cooperatively with the golf courses in the City to utilize non-potable water for irrigation as well. The City also promotes and supports water conservation through various public outreach, education, information, and rebate programs.

**For further information: Public Works (925) 516-6000**



### Christmas Tree Disposal

*The City of Brentwood recommends disposing of Christmas trees in one of the following ways:*

1. Local organizations will be collecting Christmas trees for recycling. For more information regarding Christmas tree disposal, call (925) 634-7933.
2. Unflocked trees may also be recycled by trimming them to three (3) feet sections or less in length, removing all decorations, and placing the cuttings in the yard waste cart for collection.
3. The City of Brentwood will pick up flocked or uncut trees. The cost is based on the tree size and will be reflected on your utility bill.

**For further information: Public Works (925) 516-6090**





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## Downtown Holiday Happenings

**D**owntown will be active this holiday season a special “12 Days of Christmas holiday celebration” along with the following festivities:

Date	Event/Times
♦ November 13 & 20	Downtown Thursdays, 5 p.m.
♦ November 22	Holiday Parade, 4 p.m.
♦ December 4, 11 & 18	Downtown Thursdays with the Strolling Troubadour, 5 p.m.
♦ December 5	Tree Lighting Ceremony by Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee
♦ December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20	Liberty High School Carolers
♦ December 13	Breakfast with Santa, 7:30 a.m./8:30 a.m./9:30 a.m./10:30 a.m./11:30 a.m.



**For further information: Redevelopment (925) 516-5405**

## Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event

**S**tart the holiday season with the official holiday tree lighting ceremony scheduled for **Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in City Park at the corner of 2nd and Oak streets.** The tree will be decorated by members of the Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee (B.A.N.C.), with assistance from City of Brentwood staff. **Festivities for the evening will include carolers, music, and hot beverages beginning at 6 p.m.** This event is free and is hosted by B.A.N.C.

**For further information: Barbie Gary (925) 516-5444**

### City Council, City Staff

**City Council:**

- Robert Taylor, *Mayor*
- Robert A. Brockman, *Vice Mayor*
- Chris Becnel, *Council Member*
- Brandon Richey, *Council Member*
- Erick Stonebarger, *Council Member*

**City Administration:**

- City Manager – Donna Landeros
- Assistant City Manager – Karen Chew
- City Attorney – Damien Brower
- City Clerk – Margaret Wimberly
- Community Development**  
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**Finance & Information Systems**

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Mark Evenson, Chief of Police

**Public Works Department**

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