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Dinner to Raise Funds for Land Trust

The Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust will host a second annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, May 20, from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Tamayo Family Vineyards and Ca’na Winery.

Last year, BALT held its first dinner, serving 220 people under the stars. The meal, accompanied by wines from local wineries, was prepared by well-known Bay Area chefs with produce entirely from East Contra Costa.

During the past year, BALT has used the funds raised by the dinner to promote local agriculture and create connections between urban residents and local farmers. BALT is working with local farmers and vintners to begin a regional agricultural marketing project and a farm-to-school program and to reform the county permit process so farmers can make and sell jams, jellies, wines and olive oil from their crops, says Kathryn Lyddan, BALT Executive Director.

BALT’s second annual dinner will feature chefs Eric Tucker from Millen-

nium, Sean Baker from Google, Annie Somerville of Greens and many more. Area growers will again donate their finest “picked-that-day” fruits and vegetables.

Approximately 300 people will have the chance to enjoy dishes prepared from this harvest as well as wines from local vintners.

Tamayo Family Vineyards and its Ca’na Winery sit on 30 acres and are located at 11670 Byron Highway on the “morning side of Mt. Diablo.”

“The rich soil in Brentwood has long been known for producing top-quality fruit, and the vineyard will be a beautiful venue for this year’s dinner with a spectacular view of Mt. Diablo over the vines,” says Lyddan.

Tickets are \$150 per person, with seating limited to 300 persons. For more information, please contact Barbara Hussein at (925) 634-6738 or visit www.brentwoodaglandtrust.org and click on the BALT Second Annual Fundraising Dinner icon displayed on the website.

Cherry Harvest to Kick off Farmers’ Mart

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Open 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, from May 25 through Sept. 28, the Brentwood Farmers’ Market gives local growers the chance to expand the market for their produce and is operating in Brentwood for the third consecutive year.

The market is a partnership between the Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association and the Brentwood Chamber

of Commerce. In addition to providing locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, the market offers live music, freshly cut flowers, baked breads, barbecue kettle corn and prepared foods.

Brentwood’s is a certified farmers’ market. Only California-grown products are sold. For more information about who is participating and what products are being sold, go to www.harvest4you.com.

Walnut Boulevard Scheduled for Widening

Work was to start this April on the first phase of the \$4.5 million Walnut Boulevard road widening project, a City engineering official says.

Phase Two, the actual road widening work, is to start this summer, says Senior Associate Engineer Brian Bornstein. The full project should be completed by year’s end, pending Caltrans approval.

Being widened is a strip of Walnut Boulevard slightly less than a half-mile in length from Balfour Road to Oak Street. When finished, the 2,300-foot strip will be four lanes wide.

Adding the extra lane in each direction will cut congestion and allow traffic to move through the area and in and out of downtown more easily, Bornstein says.

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