

Community Development Department Is First

City Website Getting a Makeover

A makeover of many of the departmental web pages comprising the City of Brentwood's official website has begun with the Community Development Department.

The intent, says Webmaster Donna Grilli, is to make the web page of each department more user-friendly with links to various offices, topics and projects relevant to the department.

City numbers are in the phone book, but anyone with access to a computer will know more about the office they're calling if they go directly to the City website at www.ci.brentwood.ca.us and click on the department they want to contact.

At the updated Community Development Department's web page a brief statement, "About Us," explains the department's responsibilities and lists its director, Howard Sword, his staff and

telephone numbers. There are links to divisions within the department and even a link to the Planning Commission.

Each division's page has an "About Us" column and lists the division's specific tasks, staff and telephone numbers.

There is even a link to a page discussing how organizations may apply for grants funded by a portion of the City's annual business license fees.

Grilli began work on the Community Development Department's page in January and finished in mid-February.

The web pages for the Finance and the Parks and Recreation departments were next on Grilli's schedule for makeovers with other departments to follow.

Even when the makeovers are done, Grilli will continually update pages as new information flows from the City departments to the website for posting.

Shoppers, Diners to Get More Options

Vic Stewart's Restaurant, Trader Joe's, a major new shopping center that includes a multiplex movie theater — all these are about to open in Brentwood, officials say.

Trader Joe's is expected to start construction of a new store in Lone Tree Plaza and could be open before the year's end, says Linda Maurer, Brentwood's Economic Development Manager.

The store will have between 10,000 square feet and 12,000 square feet of floor space, Maurer says. Until now, the nearest Trader Joe's was in Concord, a long drive for Brentwood shoppers.

Also expanding from the Central County area to Brentwood is Vic Stewart's Restaurant, known for its steaks. The restaurant will be on Balfour Road in front of the John Muir-Brentwood Medical Center.

Owner John Herrington, former Secretary of Energy under President Ronald Reagan, said in a press release that he

believed the Brentwood marketplace is ready for a restaurant of its caliber. "We are excited about the prospect of opening our second location here," Herrington said in the release.

Maurer says the opening of the restaurant shows that Brentwood can support fine dining establishments. The restaurant likely will open in late 2006 or early 2007.

Under review and likely to open in 2007, is the 515,000-square-foot lifestyle center, The Streets of Brentwood. This will comprise retail stores, a multiplex movie theater, bookstore, grocery store and restaurants.

Planned by Continental Retail Development of Columbus, Ohio, the open-air mall will be located at the northeast corner of the Highway 4 Bypass and Sand Creek Road. The retail developer has constructed more than \$2 billion worth of mixed-use retail and multi-family projects throughout the United States over the last 15 years.

CITY NUMBERS, MEETINGS

General Information

Phone 516-5400

City Manager & City Council

Phone 516-5440

Fax 516-5441

Community Development

Planning Division 516-5405

Housing Division 516-5405

Economic Development 516-5405

Redevelopment 516-5405

Building Division 516-5406

Automated Inspection Line 516-5410

Code Enforcement 516-5405

Fax 516-5407

Engineering

Phone 516-5420

Fax 516-5421

Finance

Phone 516-5460

Fax 516-5401

Business Licenses 516-5480

Parks & Recreation

Phone 516-5444

Fax 516-5445

Police

Emergencies 911

Dispatch (non-emergencies) 778-2441

General 634-6911

Parking Enforcement 634-6911

Reports 634-6911

Public Works

Phone 516-6000

Fax 516-6001

Solid Waste & Recycling

Phone 516-6090

Fax 516-6091

Utility Billing

Phone 516-5415

Fax 516-5401

City Meetings

The City Council encourages citizens to participate in local meetings.

- **City Council:** meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 734 Third St.

- **Planning Commission:** meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 734 Third St.

- **Park & Recreation Commission:** meets 4th Thursday each month, 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 734 Third St.

- **Arts Commission:** meets 4th Wednesday each month, 7 p.m. at the Technology Center, 101 Sand Creek Rd., B.

- **Youth Commission:** meets 1st Wednesday each month, 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 734 Third St.

- **Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee:** meets 4th Wednesday each month, 6 p.m. in the Engineering Lobby Conference Room at 120 Oak St.