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## Great Ideas for Summertime Events and Activities

### Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex

Did you know that the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex, located at 195 Griffith Lane, is offering a 25% discount for the Family Season Pass (for up to five members)? Must purchase prior to June 1st. Other great deals like \$2 swims and extended weekend hours are being offered.



**For more information call (925) 516-5444**

### Summer Camps

Consider Summer Camp for your children! Five consecutive days of age-appropriate, educational fun. Camps scheduled for June and July are: Movin' & Groovin' Animation, Stop Motion Animation, Gymnastics, Pre-Engineering, Engineering FUNDamentals, Paint Camp, British Multi-Sports, Inventors Academy, Flight Academy, Secret Agent, and Mad Machines & Robots.

**For age limits, fees, registration, and other information, visit [www.ci.brentwood.ca.us/eMotion](http://www.ci.brentwood.ca.us/eMotion), or call Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444**

### Special Event Venue

The Brentwood Senior Activity Center on Balfour Road is ideal for all receptions and gatherings, birthday celebrations and more.

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



## Civic Center Progress Update

**C**onstruction of the Civic Center is progressing on budget and on schedule. The exterior finishes are currently being applied to the City Hall and Community Center buildings, as well as the Parking Structure.



Due to the favorable bidding climate, two additional features have been added to the City Park renovation: a children's water play feature next to the play equipment, and an outdoor stage for performances with sound, lighting, and shade.

The number of local residents working on the



project continues to grow. Seventy-three local residents have worked, or are working on, the project. Of the approximately 90 workers on the job in January, 25% were local residents.

**For more information on the Civic Center project, please visit [www.ci.brentwood.ca.us/brentwoodciviccenter](http://www.ci.brentwood.ca.us/brentwoodciviccenter)**

## Brentwood Supports Entrepreneurs & Small Businesses

The City of Brentwood held its fourth annual Entrepreneur Business Training Program, provided by Jeffrey G. Hall. This intensive business management program focused on the benefits of a business education and developing a business plan. This year's graduates include Kim Marchese,



Certified Canine Massage Therapist; Ralph and Carole Cruz, contractors with a major Fortune 500 freight company; and owners of the following businesses: Johnson Heating and Air Conditioning, Pristine Fine Carpet Cleaning and Restoration, Document Services, Taste Buds Catering, eSocial Grace, R. J. Sweeney's Custom Paint, Skin Liaison Acne Clinic and Skincare Boutique, and DREW Home Administrative Services.

**For more information:**  
**Hazel Wetherford (925) 516-5106**

## Landscape Irrigation

The most efficient way to water lawns and landscape is to apply water deeply and infrequently, adjusting the schedule to reflect seasonal changes. This will improve landscape, reduce water waste, and possibly lower your water bill. For additional irrigation tips and conservation programs please visit the City's website. The City is also offering a free Water-Wise Gardening CD.



**For more information:**  
**Diana Williford (925) 516-6000**

## Annual Neighborhood Clean-up Events – Coming Soon

Residents of Brentwood who have an active garbage account are invited to participate in the City's Annual Neighborhood Clean-up Events. Residents can bring unwanted household items including yard waste, appliances, e-waste (TVs, computers, etc.), furniture, and garbage, all free-of-charge to the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station.

The clean-ups will be held Saturdays during April and May. **Drop-off days and times are determined by address.**

For more details and information, look for the invitation in the mail, or visit the City's website.

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

## Down Payment Assistance Program (DAP) – Assisting the First Time Homebuyer

The housing market has slowed dramatically, not only in Brentwood but throughout California. Many communities are experiencing an over-abundance of market rate homes for sale.

This is good news for credit-worthy, first-time homebuyers who can take advantage of lower home prices by purchasing their first home in our beautiful community with the City's Down Payment Assistance Program (DAP).

The DAP loan assists an eligible first-time homebuyer in their purchase of a market rate home within the City of Brentwood. The DAP can provide a loan of up to \$50,000. This down payment assistance loan may only be used with conventional, fixed rate loans in first position. Funds are limited. Applicants must qualify through a City-approved lender and be able to contribute at least 3% of the purchase price of the home with their own personal funds to be eligible for the program. Income limits and other restrictions may apply.

**For more information: Sylvia Elias (925) 516-5405**

## Brentwood Retail Update

### Now Open:

1. PoolCarlos – Vic Stewart Plaza – 70 Eagle Rock, Suite C
2. Barbeques Galore – Lone Tree Plaza – 5421 Lone Tree Way, Suite 100
3. Mel's Diner – Streets of Brentwood – 2523 Sand Creek Rd., #100

### Coming Soon:

1. Fresh and Easy Neighborhood Market – The Shops at Fairview – 3101 Balfour Rd.
2. Big Wave Dave's Mongolian BBQ – Food Maxx Center – 4441 Balfour Rd.
3. Asa Bella Market and Deli – 2415 Empire Ave. Suite 207
4. Healthy Babies – 7351E Brentwood Blvd, Suite F
5. Señor Fuego Tamale Co. – Garin Ranch – 8610 Brentwood Blvd., Suite F
6. Café Asia – Sand Creek Shopping Center – 2300 Sand Creek Rd.

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

## Free Water Awareness Program

**C**ity of Brentwood water utility customers can obtain a low flow (1.5 gpm) showerhead by participating in a Free Home Water Use Survey. The survey consists of a utility fixture inspection, water leak inspection, and an irrigation evaluation. To request a free Home Water Use Survey, complete the online request form located on the City's website.



**For more information:**  
**Diana Williford (925) 516-6000**

## New Street Trees for Downtown

**B**lossoming pear trees produce berries, which drop on the sidewalk in the fall and stick to shoes, stain the concrete, and get tracked into stores. The community described preferred characteristics for new street trees during the 2008 Downtown workshops: upright and strong growth pattern, summer shade, deciduous nature, strong fall color, minimal debris, heat tolerant and roots that don't lift sidewalks. 36" box Allee Elms and Autumn Purple Ashes were selected last spring and



continue to grow at the nursery. The trees should be between 10'-to-15' tall with a 4'-to-5' wide

canopy when planted this year. All trees will again be wrapped in string lights to add that extra sparkle at night.

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

## Boat, Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Storage

The Brentwood Municipal Code requires that they be stored either:

- In a rear or side yard behind a properly located solid 6-foot fence
- In the garage; or
- At an off-site facility



Before building a fence, please call (925) 516-5405 and check with the Planning Division to make sure the fence is erected in compliance with the Brentwood Municipal Code requirements regarding height and location on the property.

**For more information: Code Enforcement (925) 516-5405**

## 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 of Brentwood will celebrate NPWW by hosting a public Open House, Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be equipment demonstrations as well as information on water conservation, recycling, and even a backhoe competition! The Public Works Corporation Yard is located at 2201 Elkins Way, just off Sunset Road.

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

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events

Free hazardous waste only (*oil, batteries, paints, etc.*) drop-off events are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., May 7 in Oakley (DuPont Parking Lot, 6000 Bridgehead Road), June 18 in Discovery Bay (Discovery Bay Elementary School, 1700 Willow Lake Road), October 1 in Brentwood (Solid Waste Transfer Station, 2300 Elkins Way).

These events are open to all East County residents with proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.



**For more information:**  
**Solid Waste (925) 516-6090**  
**or [www.ddsd.org](http://www.ddsd.org)**



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## Postal Customer

### Utility Billing Online Services – the Wait is Over!

Utility customers will now be able to utilize the Internet to access their utility account information, make payments online, establish a new account, and submit requests for other utility services such as receiving their bill via email.

Also, utility customers paying their bill with a credit card will now be able to use Discover Card as well as Visa and MasterCard.



Customers have the option of having their utility bill paid from a checking account or a credit/debit card account. Once a completed application is

submitted, the payment will be automatically processed prior to the bill due date.

Additional information regarding Utility Billing Services, including the Balanced Billing Program, can be found on our website.

**For more information:  
Utility Billing (925) 516-5415**

### Arbor Day/Earth Day Event

In conjunction with the Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed (FOMCW), the City of Brentwood will host an Arbor Day/Earth Day event, **Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9 a.m.–12 noon** to plant native trees and shrubs on City property along the Marsh Creek Trail between the Sand Creek Road and



O'Hara Avenue underpasses. There will be a booth displaying the benefits of shade trees along with displays of

native plants showing their use in home gardens. City staff and FOMCW volunteers will direct volunteers in proper spacing, planting, and watering of the shrubs and trees.

**For more information:  
Barry Margesson (925) 516-5444**

#### City Council, City Staff

##### City Council:

- Robert Taylor, *Mayor*
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- Joel R. Bryant, *Council Member*
- Erick Stonebarger, *Council Member*

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- City Manager – Donna Landeros
- Assistant City Manager – Karen Chew
- Assistant City Manager – Paul Eldredge
- City Attorney – Damien Brower
- City Clerk – Margaret Wimberly

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- Parks & Recreation**
- Craig Bronzan, *Director*
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- Mark Evenson, *Chief of Police*
- Public Works**
- Bailey Grewal, *Director/City Engineer*

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