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News and Updates on the City of Brentwood

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Artist's concept of downtown: civic and entertainment center with shop-lined streets

A Plan to Bolster City's Downtown

Downtown Brentwood is at a crossroads. Rapid residential and retail growth elsewhere in Brentwood is challenging the City to find a way to keep what for generations has been, economically and socially, the heart of the community.

City planners and a 65-member citizens' task force have come up with a blueprint to keep Downtown Brentwood a vital, indispensable part of the City, says Gina Rozenski, the City's Redevelopment Manager.

The Downtown Specific Plan is in the public review stage.

The Plan is expected to go before
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Emergency Center Open, Ready to Act

If a natural disaster or some other major emergency strikes Brentwood, its new Emergency Operations Center would become the site for recovery, rescue and other operations.

The Center, which opened Aug. 1, will operate under the direction of City Manager Donna Landeros and will be housed in the City's new police department.
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Free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

Brentwood and other East Contra Costa residents may bring such hazardous wastes as paints, solvents, paint thinner, pesticides, used household batteries and other products to the annual household hazardous waste

collection in Brentwood.

The free collection will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Brentwood Transfer Station, 2300 Elkins Way. The site can be
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Land Trust Launches Ag Marketing Campaign

Like fine wines from specific grape-growing regions, Brentwood agricultural products soon may be touted throughout the Bay Area to boost local farmers' income and prevent the further loss of agricultural land.

The Brentwood Area Land Trust recently received a \$35,000 grant from

the Columbia Foundation to undertake such a campaign, says BALT Director Kathryn Lyddan. With the grant from Columbia Foundation and funds raised through BALT's first annual fundraising dinner, the Land Trust's board of directors has contracted with Gail

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