

## Whimsical, Playful Art to Grace Public Places

Monkeys, interactive ground-level rain clouds and an abstract auger are planned for installation in Brentwood City parks in coming months, City Parks and Recreation officials have announced.

A whimsical monkey tree sculpture soon will grace Granville Greens park at the Granville Estates subdivision between Lone Tree Way and Neroly Road. The pieces will be installed as soon as the subdivision is completed, parks officials say.

The sculpture, designed by Scott Runion, will be a pair of metal trellises installed in the park dividing three rose trees. The life-sized monkeys are metal spirals that will be about eight feet above the ground. All the monkeys appear to be in motion.

Although the monkeys are too high to touch, there is one on a bench nearby. Park officials say they decided to put a

monkey on the bench as a visual lure to the project in the trees and to provide an opportunity for those who wanted to touch one of the sculptures.

Shortly after the monkeys go up, Cloud Park, designed by Lisa Cooperman of Stockton, will be installed as a play feature in Rainbow's End Park in the Rose Garden development off Lone Tree and Neroly.

This water play feature mimics the sky raining upside down in a 24-foot diameter circle made of rubberized playground material. It will be accessible to children and adults of all abilities because it is at grade level. Puffy white clouds with hidden spray nozzles emit streams of water when activated by the children. Cloud Park is expected to be installed during the spring.

Also planned in the Rose Garden development are mosaic benches. Results of a competition held this fall will be an-

nounced soon. Even more art is planned for the Rose Garden area in the form of seasonal banners at the primary entrance to the garden, says Rebekah Burr-Siegel, City Arts Manager.

The banners were inspired by Craftsman-style textiles created by designer Rene Macintosh with one for each season. As the season ends, the next one will be hung and the preceding one cleaned and stored until its next turn the following year.

The Brentwood Arts Commission recently approved a project in Garin Corners at Highway 4 and Balfour Road. It will be an abstract steel auger designed by Roger Berry of Clarksburg.

The Commission advises the City Council on all types of art projects and programs and is seeking new members. To apply call Burr-Siegel at (925) 516-5376 or go to [www.ci.brentwood.ca.us](http://www.ci.brentwood.ca.us).

## City Makes Guided Trips an Option for Families in 2006

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homes in Brentwood.

"The one thing they asked for was guided trips," says Recreation Supervisor Kerry Salisbury, who is in charge of the program. "They asked for family day trips, more one-day trips, overnights that families could go on."

So was born Environmental Recreation with its all inclusive adventures. The fees range from \$34 per person for an

overnight camp at Creekside Park to \$479 per person for a backpacking trip to the backcountry of Yosemite.

"You get everything," Salisbury says.

Participants do not have to worry about transportation, food or accommodations. For all who sign up, the Recreation Department will take care of the logistics and in most cases provide a recreation leader for every 10 people in a group.

"We'll even give you a snow hat for

cross country skiing," he says. The program has five types of adventures:

- Camping, locally or at Yosemite;
- Skiing, cross country or downhill;
- Canoeing, kayaking or river rafting;
- Hiking or snowshoeing; and
- Bicycling.

Each type of adventure has three levels of activities from beginners to advanced.

Environmental Recreation mixes outdoor fun with education. A naturalist usually will be among the recreation leaders guiding the group.

"Part of each trip is to learn about the environment," says Salisbury. "We talk about water resources, water pollution, even take test kits to test the water."

The first activity, a cross country ski trip to Royal Gorge at Donner Pass, is scheduled for February.

To sign up for any of the adventures, see detailed descriptions of each in the Parks and Recreation Department's Activities Guide section of this publication or call (925) 516-5444.

## A Reminder on Storage of RVs, Boats

Recreational vehicles such as motor homes, trailers and boats cannot be parked in driveways, Brentwood's Senior Code Enforcement Officer Berenice Arteaga reminds residents.

The vehicle can remain in the residential area if it is stored in a rear or side yard or behind a solid, six-foot fence.

Brentwood City ordinances require owners of recreational vehicles to limit their parking on residential streets to

no longer than 72 hours. To report a possible violation of a recreational vehicle parked on the street, call Brentwood Police at (925) 778-2441.

Inoperative vehicles must be stored inside an enclosed garage. The City of Brentwood offers a free towing service for vehicles that residents wish to relinquish. A pink slip is required.

To report a possible violation or for more information about RV parking, call (925) 516-5405.