

# Bradbury News



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## Bradbury's Fiscal Challenges ... the story continues ..



Welcome to Bradbury

**Why is the City of Bradbury in need of more money, you ask. There are several reasons for this situation.**

**Answer:** Since 2009 Bradbury's income has not generated enough revenue to cover necessary expenses. The City has used reserve funds to cover operational expenses. The City is facing an on-going structural deficit, meaning on-going operational expenses exceed the revenue collected to operate basic City services.

The City Council has tried to balance the budget. They have acted to reduce expenses and explored and implemented other revenue sources like grants and donations to get things done. However, operation and maintenance costs continue to rise with no new income to the City. Since the April 2012 revenue measure failed, Bradbury's situation for fiscal sustainability remains a top priority for the City Council.

Bradbury has a very limited funding stream. The City receives monies to operate from property taxes, franchise fees and fees for service. There are also restricted funds and grant monies to help with one-time projects such as the 2009 Fire Reduction Program.

Per State law, the City only receives 6 cents of each dollar paid in property taxes. That's \$600 for every \$1 million assessed value. As an entirely residential community the City receives no other revenue from other taxes.

In order to remain a City that provides service to its residents and retain local control over services, standards, development activity and your taxes the City needs your support.

### REMINDER

To enhance service to residents agendas, minutes, newsletters and more are all on-line at [www.cityofbradbury.org](http://www.cityofbradbury.org)



**What will happen if the City doesn't get additional revenue?**

**Answer:** The City will be forced into a position of using all of its reserves (savings) until they are depleted. The City will not be in a position to help residents in the event of a disaster, emergency, defend itself against lawsuits, and eventually will have to consider dis-incorporation.

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### City Council

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## Beautifying Bradbury - Clean-up days are Coming ...

Raise your dustpans in celebration of the City's very own Beautifying Bradbury Days. For three days the community is invited and encouraged to take advantage of bins placed at three locations throughout the City to dump their bulky items for FREE. Yes, that's right, for FREE. This year the City has decided to add to the good clean fun with an E-Waste collection event that will be held at City Hall on the same days.



**October 18th, 19th, and 20th**

**8:00 AM— 2:00 PM**

**9 AM— 5 PM E-Waste\* Round-Up at City Hall**

Three convenient drop-off locations will be located at:

- ◆ City Hall 600 Winston Ave
- ◆ Corner of Mount Olive Drive and Gardi Street
- ◆ Corner of Deodar and Bliss Canyon Road



Burrtec will supervise the disposal site on Saturday. Please be prepared to provide proof of residency; your Burrtec bill will work. The Burrtec sites will be accepting all residential non-hazardous waste and non-electrical waste. Only the City Hall Location will be collecting E-Waste. If you would like more information about items that will be accepted, please contact Burrtec at (626) 932-1558.\*E-waste items include consumer electronic equipment that has reached its "end-of-life", "end of usage", whether in full or non-working condition. Most electronic equipment with a cord or circuit board such as: Computer Monitors, Printers, PC System, Laptops, Power Supplies, Mother Boards, Networking Equipment, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, VCR/ DVD Players, Cell Phones, and Car Batteries. Refrigerators, Microwave Ovens, and Washing/Drying Machines Will Not Be Accepted.

### ***Too Toxic to Trash***



Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste can be disposed of on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the City of Hope, Buena Vista Parking Lot on 2144 Buena Vista Street in the City of Duarte. The event will start at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm. Examples of Household Hazard Waste include brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, filters, and expired pharmaceuticals. E-Waste includes computer monitors, televisions, CPU's, printers, etc. For more information, please visit [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com)





## Flex Your Path – Save Money

The Los Angeles County is pleased to introduce Flex Path! This program offers a \$1,500 incentive to homeowners. By completing qualifying retrofits, you can increase your home’s energy efficiency, improve comfort, and lower your utility bills. Qualifying measures for this incentive include all of the following: air sealing, attic insulation, duct sealing, hot water pipe insulation, thermostat shut-off valve, and installation of carbon monoxide monitors. By completing these six measure, you can qualify for the incentive rebate and possibly reduce your energy consumption by an average of 10%! If you are performing home-upgrades, make sure you take full advantage of this and other incentive offers. For further information on this rebate, please go to [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LAFlex](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LAFlex)

## City Wide Disaster Data Update



Imagine for moment that a huge catastrophe strikes Los Angeles County. This situation is so wide-spread and devastating that emergency personnel need to focus all their attention on hospitals and other critical places. Phone lines are down and it’s extremely difficult to communicate with the outside world. If this event were to occur, neighbors will need to care for one another and special skills, such as health care, may be in high demand. Now, imagine that our local Bradbury Emergency Response Committee has access to information on doctors within the community, generators to assist with powering life-saving medical equipment, critical specifications on special-needs individuals and information on the number of residents living within a house that collapsed during the disaster.

Bradbury City Hall, in conjunction with the Bradbury Emergency Response Committee (ERC), will be updating its Disaster Data to help alleviate the chaos in case a wide-spread disaster occurs. The last time this City wide update took place was back in 1997. In late October/early November, each household in the City will be receiving a Disaster Data Update sheet, a Connect CTY form, and a return envelope. The Disaster Data Update sheet will contain questions for you to fill out regarding special needs information, skills/services residents can offer in case of emergency, emergency equipment and/or supplies, animals/pets in the house and utility shut-off locations. A return envelope will be included in the packet that you receive to ensure this process is as easy as possible! Although providing this information to the City is completely voluntary, completing this form may just save the life of both you and your family should a disaster occur.

If you have any questions regarding the Disaster Data process, the Disaster Data form or the confidentiality of this form, please feel free to contact Kevin Kearney, Bradbury Management Analyst, at 358-3218 or [KKearney@cityofbradbury.org](mailto:KKearney@cityofbradbury.org).

### Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911	LA County Sheriff	285-7171	Fire Station 44	358-3118
Animal Control	962-3577	Southern CA Edison	800-655-4555	So Cal Gas	800-551-8463
Burrtec	800-325-9417	Mosquito & Vector Control	814-9466	Time Warner Cable	888-twcable
Dept. Fish & Game	909-484-0167				



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### City Hall Hours

**Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### Building Department Hours

**M, W, T 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Email: [cityhall@cityofbradbury.org](mailto:cityhall@cityofbradbury.org)**

**(626) 358-3218**

### **Dates to Remember for September**

- October 8 - City Hall Closed for Furlough Day
- October 16 - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- October 18 - 7:00 PM Emergency Response Committee Meeting
- October 18, 19, 20—Clean-up Bradbury Days
- October 24 - 7:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting

### Planning Commission

Chairperson Bill Novodor, District 2

Vice-Chair Darlene Kuba, District 3

Karen Dunst, District 5

Susan Collins-Esparza, District 4

Frank Hernandez, District 1

### City Treasurer

Laurie Stiver

### Staff

Michelle Keith, City Manager

Claudia Saldana, City Clerk

Kevin Kearney, Management Analyst

Cary Reisman, City Attorney

David Meyer, City Planner

Dominic Milano, City Engineer

Stephen Fagan, Building Inspector

## **City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come**

**Please call City Hall at 358-3218 if you have any questions.** *The following agenda items are tentative and subject to change until posted at the City Hall entrance gate on the Friday before the meeting.*

The City Council took the following actions on September 18:

- Reappointed Bill Novodor (2) and Susan Esparza (4)
- Reviewed items to be included in the Ordinance Updating the City Treasurer responsibilities
- Reviewed Options towards Fiscal Sustainability and continued the item to next meeting
- Proclaimed September National Preparedness Month
- Long term Revenue Solutions and/or Cost Savings
- Closed Session - Review of Planning Services

### **Tentative City Council Items for Tuesday,**

**October 16 at 7:00 PM**

- Ordinance Updating the City Treasurer responsibilities
- Review of Options towards Fiscal Sustainability - Report from the Finance Committee
- Long term Revenue Solutions and/or Cost Savings
- Public Hearing - COPS funding allocation to assist the City of Duarte with a Special Assignment Deputy
- Information Measure J - the Update of Measure R
- Closed Session - Review of Planning Services

**REMINDER:** *All Agendas are posted on the City's website for viewing the Friday before the meeting. Visit at [www.cityofbradbury.org](http://www.cityofbradbury.org)*