

BRADBURY NEWS

Recognizing District 3 Volunteers

Webster Dictionary defines a volunteer as a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Unbeknownst to most of the residents of Bradbury, there are a number of volunteers who serve our City and help make it a place everyone can feel proud to reside in. Over the course of the next few months, the newsletter will recognize by District those in our community who step up and volunteer their time and services to Bradbury.

The streets that make up District 3 are Royal Oaks Drive North, Winston Avenue, Braewood Drive, Gardi Street (west of Spring Point Drive), and Fairlee Avenue.

District 3's Planning Commissioner is Ms. Darlene Kuba, who has served the district since 2007. The Planning Commission conducts public hearings and makes decisions and/or recommendations on a variety of land use applications, including use permits, variances, General Plan amendments, zone changes and subdivision maps. The Planning Commission is responsible for the City's long-range planning, and reviews and studies other such land use and planning issues as assigned by the City Council.

The Emergency Response Committee (ERC) District 3 representatives are Ms. Diane Kester and Mr. Brian Hamill. The ERC meets once a month to discuss, plan and prepare for the next emergency event that may affect Bradbury. Some of their recent accomplishments include implementation of the City's community notification system, Connect CTY, establishing a Red Flag warning system where signs are placed at all City entrances reminding the public of the heightened fire danger periods, and hosting of the City's first Emergency Preparedness Expo held last May. The most important duty of the ERC volunteers will occur during an actual emergency event, when they will be called upon to respond to City Hall and activate the City's Emergency Operations Center. Their training and preparedness will play a huge role in helping to preserve life and property in our Community.

The City Treasurer Ms. Laurie Stiver has been serving the City for the past 11 years. As City Treasurer Ms. Stiver reviews bank reconciliations, reviews monthly investment reports and participates in the review of the City Budget.

Volunteering for the Civic Center Committee from District 3 was Ms. Ann Armstrong. The Committee's hard work over the past few years will result in the much needed improvements to City Hall and the addition of a Council Chambers. Construction is slated to begin in the Fall of 2009.

District 3 is still looking for a representative for the City's newest volunteer committee, the Beautification Committee. The Beautification Committee promotes and encourages community pride through the recognition of excellence in landscape design, maintenance and effort to beautify properties making a positive contribution to the City. If you would like to participate in this committee or would like to know how you can be more civically involved please contact your District representative by email or call City Hall at **(626) 358-3218**.

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To Plant or Not to Plant?



Invasive Plants: Most plants don't escape our yards and gardens but the handful that do can cause serious problems. Animals, wind, and water move plants and seeds far from where they were planted. Once established in natural areas, these plants displace native vegetation and greatly reduce wildlife diversity. Scientists call these plants "wildland weeds" or "invasive plants". Invasive plants also fuel wildfires, degrade grazing land, contribute to soil erosion, clog streams and rivers, and increase the risk of flooding. The following is a list of invasive plants and a list of alternative plants to use instead.

<u>Don't Plant These!</u>	<u>Plant These Instead!</u>	<u>Don't Plant These!</u>	<u>Plant These Instead!</u>
<p>Groundcovers and Vines</p> <p>Blue Passion Vine</p> <p>Bridal Creeper</p> <p>Cape-Ivy/German Ivy</p> <p>Cape Marigold/African Daisy</p> <p>Capewood</p> <p>Ice Plant</p> <p>Ivy</p> <p>Nastutium</p> <p>Grasses</p> <p>Arundo/Giant Reed</p> <p>Kikuyugrass</p> <p>Fountaingrass</p> <p>Mexican Feathergrass</p> <p>Pampasgrass, Jubata-</p>	<p>Groundcovers and Vines</p> <p>Beach Strawberry</p> <p>Ceanothus</p> <p>Coyote Bush</p> <p>Germander</p> <p>Kleinia</p> <p>Manzanita</p> <p>Sage</p> <p>San Diego Marsh Elder</p> <p>Star Jasmine</p> <p>Grasses</p> <p>Blue Grama Grass</p> <p>Blue Oat Grass</p> <p>Deergrass</p>	<p>Perennials and Shrubs</p> <p>Acacia/Coastal Wattle</p> <p>Artichoke Thistle</p> <p>Broom</p> <p>Castorbean</p> <p>Fennel</p> <p>Myoporum</p> <p>Yellowflag Iris</p> <p>Trees and Palms</p> <p>Black Locust</p> <p>Eucalyptus</p> <p>Mexican Fan Palm</p> <p>Peppertree</p> <p>Tamarisk, Saltcedar</p> <p>Tree-of-Heaven</p>	<p>Perennials and Shrubs</p> <p>Ceanothus</p> <p>Coast Rosemary</p> <p>Douglas Iris</p> <p>Lavender</p> <p>Manzanita</p> <p>Western Redbud</p> <p>Toyon</p> <p>Trees and Palms</p> <p>Australian Willow</p> <p>California Sycamore</p> <p>Coast Live Oak</p> <p>Engelmann Oak</p> <p>Fan Palm</p> <p>Fern Pine</p> <p>Saratoga Laurel</p>



Traffic Enforcement In Affect

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would like to remind residents to obey all traffic laws while driving in the City of Bradbury. Be sure and come to a complete stop at all stop signs and maintain posted speed limits. Traffic laws are enforceable on the public streets as well as on private streets.

City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

NEW CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME - MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

The City Council met on July 21st and took the following actions:

Approved Plans to Bid for the Mount Olive Traffic Calming Measures and Pedestrian Pathway

Discussed and continued the item regarding the plans and specifications for city-wide street paving. City Council requested adding all of Lemon Avenue to the program and requested staff contact the City of Monrovia.

Approved timeline and schedule for the New Civic Center

Approved criteria for selection and rotation of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem and asked for the item to be brought back as an Ordinance

Approved a Pedestrian/Equestrian and Utility Easement for 1433 Royal Oaks North

Approved an Electronic Data Policy

Approved an Alternate Temporary Seat of Government During an Emergency

Awarded a Contract to construct a sign monument and replacement of a retaining wall for the Lemon Avenue and Royal Oaks Drive North Equestrian/Pedestrian Trail

Discussed the Northern 4,000 Linear Feet Sewer Extension on Mount Olive Drive and determined further study was needed including working with neighboring City of Duarte

Provided direction on the 500 linear foot Sewer Extension on Mount Olive Drive

TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH AT 7:00

Discussion regarding the traffic alternatives and gates at Royal Oaks Elementary School

Trash and Recycling Issues within the Gated Areas of Bradbury

First Reading of an Ordinance pertaining to the criteria regarding the selection and rotation of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

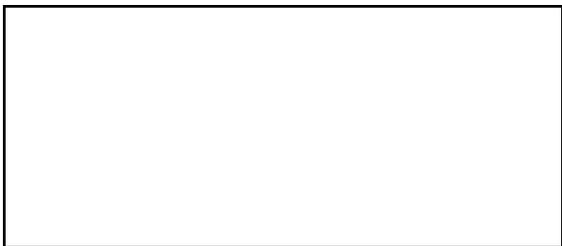
Please call City Hall at 358-3218 if you have any questions.

The above agenda items are tentative and subject to change until posted at the City Hall entrance gate the Friday before the meeting.



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Dates to Remember For August 2009

- ◆ Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 PM
- ◆ Planning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, August 26, at 7:30 PM
- ◆ Emergency Response Committee Meeting August 27, at 7:00 PM
- ◆ Sierra Madre HHW/E-Waste Collection Event

Date: 8/15/2009 **Time:** 9:00 AM -- 2:00 PM

Location: Mariposa Parking Lot, Mariposa Ave. just west of Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, 91024

City Hall Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Building Department Hours

Monday, Wednesday and

Thursday

8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

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Work on Mount Olive Drive Improvements Moves Forward

At the July City Council meeting, the City Council moved forward with plans for the installation of a 10,105 square foot pathway along with 3,000 linear feet of fencing. The pathway will be installed on the west side of Mount Olive Drive from the intersection of Mount Olive Lane to the intersection of Mount Olive Drive and Woodlyn Lane. This improvement will allow equestrian and pedestrian traffic a safe passage along the most dangerous section of Mount Olive Drive. The City Council accepted the proposed plans and instructed staff to proceed with bid preparations for the project.

Additionally, the City Council approved plans and gave authorization to receive formal bids on the Mount Olive Drive Traffic Calming measures. Over the years, the City has received numerous complaints about the excessive vehicular speed experienced along Mount Olive Drive. While there have been attempts to curb the driving habits of the public through additional enforcement and the installation of speed radar feedback signs, the results have been temporary at best, leaving the unsafe driving habits to return. After working with the contract City Engineer for the City on an alternative more permanent solution, the proposal includes the installation of two choker/ bulb outs to be installed on the upper section of Mount Olive Drive from the City boarder to Mount Olive Drive. These street medians will force drivers to mind their speed while driving on Mount Olive Drive. For more information on either one of these projects, please contact City Hall at (626) 358-3218.