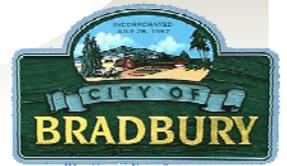


# Bradbury News



January 2012

## Start the New Year Off by Being Prepared



Welcome to Bradbury

The recent windstorm and subsequent clean-up showed us once again how important it is to be prepared. One way Bradbury residents can help themselves is to provide and/or update their contact information to the City's mass communication system, CTY. Although power was out in many areas, CTY allows the City to send emergency notifications to cell phones as well as e-mails and text messages.

As one of many communication tools, this system disseminated regular updates on disaster and recovery efforts. To provide or update information to this service, visit [www.cityofbradbury.org](http://www.cityofbradbury.org) and click on "Connect-CTY." Residents without internet access can provide their information to Kevin Kearney at 358-3218.

### City Hall Holiday Closures

In observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Bradbury City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2012.

City Hall will also be closed Friday, February 3, 2012 for a furlough day.

### City-wide General Municipal Election on April 10, 2012 Filing Period



The City of Bradbury will be holding an election for the City Council seats in Districts 1, 2 and 4. This occurs every four years.

Candidates desiring to run may file nomination papers at City Hall with the City Clerk from December 19, 2011 to January 13, 2012; extended to January 18, 2012 for non-incumbents if an incumbent does not file in a District. Only registered voters residing in District 1, 2 and 4 are eligible to run for office in their given District.

And don't forget, if you are a new voter or have moved recently, the last day to register to vote for the April election is March 26th. Registration forms are available at City Hall and must be submitted to the LA County Registrar-Recorder before the deadline.

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#### City Council

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Councilmember Hale, District 1

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Councilmember Pycz, District 5

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## Bradbury's General Plan - The Update Begins

The General Plan is a long-range planning document. It conveys the future vision of the City through policies and guidelines for land-use development, transportation, energy conservation, parks and public services; and shapes future budget decisions and allocations of resources for City services. The current City of Bradbury General Plan was adopted in 1994 with a review in 2007.

At the direction of the City Council, the City is embarking on a General Plan update to comply with new State law. A General Plan should be updated periodically so that it remains a true reflection of the community's values and goals. The update process allows the City to reflect on challenges of the past, and use these experiences to shape new policy. The process will take approximately one year. Please watch the City's website and newsletters for announcements of upcoming community workshops and availability of draft documents for public review and comment.

There will be opportunities for you to share your vision for your community. You will have an opportunity to express your ideas regarding changes in the City's development policies that you deem important. The General Plan is a guide for the City's future physical development. It is a long range plan that will cover the years of 2012 through to 2030. Residents are encouraged to provide written or oral comments at the up-coming community workshops.



### WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?

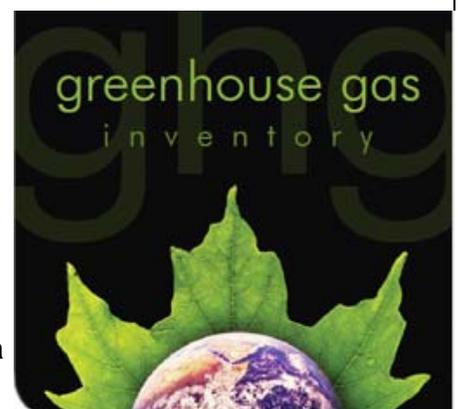
The General Plan is a strategic policy document including a collection of polices and maps that define what a City will look like, how it will be economically managed and developed over a long period of time. The General Plan guides the policy-making of city government. Among other things, the General Plan establishes land use patterns and development densities. It also identifies the system of streets, bikeways and trails needed to support the selected land uses. The General Plan addresses a wide variety of subject areas, including housing, traffic, natural and cultural resources, land uses, community character, noise, public safety and emergency services. It is used to preserve and protect natural resources.

Every City and County in the State of California is required to prepare and maintain a General Plan. The State

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## Help the City Be Green - Take a Quick 5 minute Survey

The City of Bradbury has been working diligently to improve our environment and create a more eco-friendly City. For the past year, the City of Bradbury has been working with Southern California Edison and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to inventory greenhouse gas emissions within the City as part of a countywide effort to reduce greenhouse gasses. The City has been working with these organizations to audit energy efficiency, develop a Climate Action Plan and forecast the community's energy use and activities. A part of determining the City's energy reduction goals, the SGVCOG is requesting residents to complete a 5-minute survey found here: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGVCOG\\_EnergySurvey\\_1](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGVCOG_EnergySurvey_1)



Completing this survey is an important tool to the City completing its work. This document will also help the City with the upcoming General Plan. Please take 5 minutes and complete the survey. Questions, please call Kevin at City Hall 358-3218.



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provides guidelines for the preparation of General Plans; the plans must include the background and the policies of seven elements: 1) Circulation 2) Conservation 3) Housing 4) Land Use 5) Noise 6) Open Space, and 7) Safety and Seismic Safety. A General Plan may also include other topics of local interest.

Ultimately, a General Plan is the community's vision for Bradbury TODAY, TOMMORROW and the FUTURE.

### **WHAT IS THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION PROCESS?**

Over the next several months, there will be community meetings devoted to collecting information and direction from residents. The purpose of these meetings is to obtain input from the residents as to the desired physical vision for the City. During these workshops, General Plan goals and policies will be formulated. This information will be used to prepare the General Plan update. Ultimately, the new draft General Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. When the Planning Commission has concluded its review the new draft General Plan will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

City staff and consultants are preparing a Background Report that will provide a brief glimpse of the City as it currently exists. The background report will be used as the foundation for environmental review of the draft General Plan and it will provide baseline data.

The community goals and objectives will serve as the guidelines for preparing the new General Plan Elements. The General Plan Elements will address Land Use, Circulation Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise and Safety. In addition, the state now requires the General Plans consider Climate Change and the City's role in Global Warming.

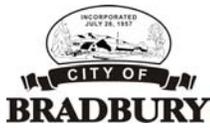


## Christmas Trees Recycling

Burrtec Waste Services will collect your Christmas Tree at Curbside during the two weeks after the holiday December 26, 2011 through January 14, 2012. Simply put your tree out next to your trash containers on your regular collection day. Trees over 6 feet should be cut in half. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel and metal stands off of the tree. Flocked or fire retardant trees will be accepted this year. Questions? Please call (626) 932-1558. (This program is brought to you by the County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County)

### Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911	LA County Sheriff	448-9861	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 January**

- January 2 - City Hall Closed for New Year's Day
- January 16 - City Hall Closed for Martine Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 17 - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- January 25 - 7:00 PM Planning Commission
- January 26 - District 4 meeting 7:00 PM Civic Center

### Planning Commission

Chairperson Karen Dunst, District 5

Vice-Chair Bill Novodor, District 2

vacant, District 4

Darlene Kuba, District 3

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 December 20th:

- Made a presentation and tree dedication for the family of Joe Gifford for his years service 1985—2011
- Approved the recruitment/request for qualifications for a part-time/contract Finance Director for the City
- Approved the temporary closure of various streets in Bradbury for the Hayden 5K
- Read Ordinance No. 323 for the first time which amends various provisions of the Bradbury Municipal Code to update misdemeanor fine amounts and provide for treatment of some misdemeanors as infractions
- Held a Public Hearing for CDBG FY 12-13 approved sell of funds
- Approved the Citywide Audit for FY 10-11

- Selected Council member Barakat as the liaison to the Temple Station Boosters
- Long-term Revenue Solutions to Reduce Taxes in Bradbury for sustainable viability— reviewed various ideas

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

**January 17th at 7:00 PM**

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 323
- Review of bids and concepts for the Civic Center fence
- Long-term Revenue Solutions or Cost-saving ideas to Reduce Taxes in Bradbury for sustainable viability

**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)*