

Bradbury News



September 2012

Plan for Bradbury's Future!

Vision 2030 Bradbury

Community Workshop on the Bradbury General Plan Update



Help identify important issues and share what you love about Bradbury. What do you think Bradbury of the future should look like? Everyone is invited to attend the community workshop on the General Plan update, which guides future development in the community.

Welcome to Bradbury September 10, 2012

Bradbury Civic Center

6:00 – 7:30 pm

To learn more about this workshop on the General Plan Update, to be added to the a contact list to receive future notifications of future meetings or updates or if you can't make the meeting but still want to offer ideas please call or email Kevin Kearney 626-358-3218 or kkearney@cityofbradbury.org.

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Bradbury City Council Proclaims August 1st as Kathleen Mead Day!



On August 1, 2012, Kathleen Mead turned 100 years of age right here in Bradbury!

Born on August 1, 1912 in North Carolina, Mrs. Mead was one of the first families to settle in Rancho Azusa de Duarte prior to the 1957 incorporation of the City of Bradbury. Over the last 70 years Mrs. Mead raised five generations in her family home in Bradbury. Today she is the mother of four, grandmother of twelve, great-grandmother of twenty-one and the great-great grandmother to four-year old Dylan. She spends most of her leisure time with her loving family.

Over the years however, Mrs. Mead has endured her share of wildfires and terrible floods, but still enjoys the open space and rural nature of Bradbury. While the majority of her life has been spent here in the community, the Bradbury City Council proclaimed August 2, 2012 as Kathleen Mead Day in the City of Bradbury in her honor as a small token of appreciation of her contributions to this great community.

REMINDER

To enhance service to residents agendas, minutes, newsletters and more are all on-line at www.cityofbradbury.org



City Council

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Green Waste Barrel Disposal Pricing Changes



Community Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Bradbury Civic Center
600 Winston Avenue
6:00 pm



Limited green waste processing and disposal options have impacted green waste costs.

Excess Green Waste barrel cost changes: Barrel serviced customers that set out more than 6 barrel equivalents* of green waste on a weekly basis will be subject to an excess green waste charge effective October 1, 2012.

0-5 barrels	No Additional Charge
6-11 barrels	\$15/monthly
12-20 barrels	\$42/monthly
Over 20	Bin service

*barrel equivalents– two (2) bundles equal one (1) barrel; bundles cannot exceed 48 inches in length, 2 feet in diameter and more than 50 lbs.

For more information on the excess green waste barrel program, please come to the community meeting.

Light Refreshments Provided

For questions, please call Burrtec 626-932-1558

Green Waste Recycling Tips - Burrtec offers collection for green waste bundles that do not fit into your barrel. The materials must be placed at curbside in customer owned barrels or tied in bundles (not exceeding 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter & weighing less than 65 lbs.)

Acceptable Green Waste Materials (put in your green waste barrel)

- Grass clippings
- Tree trimmings
- Prunings
- Cactus
- Weeds
- Leaves
- Brush
- Shrub trimmings
- Twigs & small branches

Non-Acceptable Materials (put in your black trash barrel)

- Birds of Paradise
- Food waste
- Palm fronds
- Pet waste

Horse and Livestock Waste - Burrtec provides those residents with horses or livestock, a bin for horse and livestock waste. These bins are available at an additional fee and help the City with its State mandated waste diversion requirements. Please contact Burrtec's Customer Service Department for more details.





September is National Preparedness Month - Check your info on Alert LA

Disasters and emergencies are often geographically based. Just this past month, the county will have seen Hurricanes, Earthquake swarms and Wildland fires. When a disaster occurs, alerts from Los Angeles County will only be sent to residents, businesses and schools of a registered street address impacted by the emergency.

Registration is simple. All that is required is an email address, name, address, wireless phone number and VoIP. When a disaster strikes, alerts will be sent when they occur, no matter where the subscriber may be at the time.

The Los Angeles County emergency operation system is asking for your help to fill a void in getting information into their Alert LA County mass notification system. While alert.lacounty.gov is populated with listed and unlisted landline phone numbers, it does not contain cell phone, VoIP or email addresses. Residents and businesses who want to receive alerts by text message, email, or voice message on their cell phones or VoIP numbers must register that information at alert.lacounty.gov. The system is also TTY/TDD compatible. The use of mass notification systems has become increasingly important for cities across the nation and a vital tool in improving public safety and communication with residents and business owners. The City of Bradbury uses Connect CTY for local emergency information. To be registered for the LA County ALERT LA system please register at: <http://alert.lacounty.gov>.



Bradbury's Fiscal Challenges the story continues ...

As past newsletters have indicated the City of Bradbury's goal, especially in the current economic environment, is to keep residents informed about the City's financial position and its relationship to City services.

The City's Budget is one of the most important tasks the City Council must accomplish; taking into account the complex funding sources, services to residents and meeting minimum standards for a local government agency. What makes this even more challenging is the City's General Operating Fund revenues are subject to changes by variables in economic conditions and can (as they have been) fluctuate significantly. The dramatic downturn of this current recession has impacted City revenues considerably and created increased uncertainty.

With the State Budget in constant crisis, the pace of recovery in California is still very unclear. Most economists believe it will be a long slow recovery. These challenges are reflected locally in Bradbury's revenue and financial projections. It is partially due to this crisis the City sees a continuing decline in revenue, coupled with the ever increasing costs of State unfunded mandates, and the increased cost of simply doing business in today's world.



The City Council has appointed residents to a Finance Committee to review these issues. The Committee held its first meeting in August and will be meeting again on September 11 at 6 pm at the Bradbury Civic Center. All residents are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and ideas. If you can not make the meeting please submit your comments to the City Manager @ mkeith@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				



Preserving Rural Tranquility

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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

(626) 358-3218

Dates to Remember for September

- September 3 - City Hall Closed in observance of Labor Day
- September 7 - City Hall Closed for Furlough Day
- September 10 - 6:00 PM General Plan Community Workshop
- September 12 - 6:00 PM Burrtec Community Meeting Green Waste
- September 18 - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- September 26 - 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 August 21:

- Proclaimed August 1, 2012 as Kathleen Mead Day
- Reappointed Laurie Stiver as City Treasurer
- Discussed the concept of a Community-wide Yard Sale
- Approved a Rate Adjustment for Green Waste Recycling and Collection
- Long term Revenue Solutions and/or Cost Savings
- Closed Session - Review of Planning Services
- Adoption of Ordinance No. 325 - Amending Chapter 8 - Public Projects Contracts increasing the monetary limit for public works projects
- Approval of Amendment No. 1 - Extending the Coordinated Monitoring Program for the Metals TMDL with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Tentative City Council Items for Tuesday,

September 18 at 7:00 PM

- Re-appointment of Planning Commissioners for District 2 and 4
- Ordinance Updating the City Treasurer responsibilities
- Review of Options towards Fiscal Sustainability
- Long term Revenue Solutions and/or Cost Savings
- Proclamation - September National Preparedness Month
- Closed Session - Review of Planning Services

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