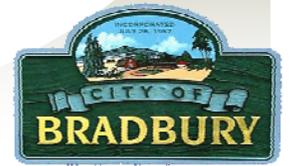


# Bradbury News



September 2011

## City Council Moves Forward with Sending a UUT Measure to Bradbury Voters



Welcome to Bradbury

At the September 20, 2011 meeting the City Council will consider an Ordinance to send a Utility Users Tax (UUT) measure to the voters of Bradbury at the April 2012 election.

To maintain essential City services and meet the obligations of State and Federal mandates the City must increase revenues by \$359,000 annually. This is after the City has already cut approximately \$120,000, more cuts would drastically reduce city services. Following

months of discussions on this issue to “close the fiscal gap,” at the August meeting the City Council directed the City Attorney and staff to prepare an Ordinance to send the UUT measure to the voters.

A UUT is a percentage tax on certain utility bills. The City is considering applying the tax on electricity, communication, gas, cable and trash. The City Council has discussed and determined not to apply it to water. The proposed Ordinance includes a 5-year sunset provision, eliminating the tax in five years without a vote of the people to extend it. The tax rate is being proposed at a range of 1% to 8.75 % with the first year’s rate set at 8.4%. The City Council is considering provisions for exemptions for extremely-low and low income families as set by the Los Angeles County CDBG program.

For more information on this item please call City Hall or visit the city’s website [www.cityofbradbury.org](http://www.cityofbradbury.org) and view the FAQ (frequently asked questions).

### L.A. County Fair Discount Tickets

The L.A. County Fair and City of Hope are teaming up this fall to help raise awareness and funds for cancer research, treatment and education.

Purchase L.A. County Fair tickets online through October 2, 2011, and save up to 50% off admission by [clicking here](#).

When purchasing tickets online, use the special promo Code **COH4125** and City of Hope will receive \$1 from every ticket sold through October 2, 2011, so be sure to pass this along to your family and friends!

Another great way for people to support the City of Hope's life-saving mission and receive a great deal doing it.



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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 27th, 28th, and 29th**

**8:00 AM— 2:00 PM**

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



Burrtec Waste Services will be having their Community Cleanup in Bradbury on Thursday October 27, Friday October 28 and Saturday October 29. Three convenient drop-off locations will be located at:

- ◆ City Hall 600 Winston Ave (at the temporary location)
- ◆ 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 can be disposed of on Saturday, October 15th at the City of Hope's Parking Lot - 2144 Buena Vista, Duarte from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. 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, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze and fluorescent light bulbs. For a complete list of what you can or cannot bring visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com)





## Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

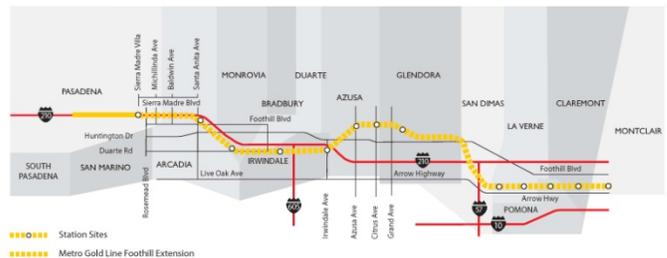
### Pasadena to Azusa: Construction and Contract Award Updates

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Construction Authority awarded a \$486 million “Alignment” design-build contract to **Foothill Transit Constructors - a Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture**, following an extensive procurement process. The Kiewit Parsons team was selected after being ranked highest on all technical evaluation categories, as well as providing the lowest bid.

Once all details are completed between the Construction Authority and the design-build team, the team will take approximately 10 months to complete the final design for the 11.5-mile extension (including stations, bridges, crossings, the maintenance facility, and much more) before major construction will begin. The project is on schedule to be completed in 2015.

**I-210 Bridge Construction Update:** Construction is underway to complete the first major component of the light rail extension – the rail bridge being built across the eastbound lanes of the I-210 Freeway between Baldwin and Santa Anita Avenues to allow connection between the Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena and the future Arcadia Station. The focus during August and September 2011 is on construction of the bridge’s deep foundations. Drilling, versus pile driving, has been selected as the construction method for the foundation work to reduce noise and vibration impacts on the surrounding neighbors.

If you have any questions about the Foothill Extension, please contact Sylvia Beltran, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (626) 305-7012 or visit [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org).



## Energy Upgrade CA Kick-off Events!

The San Gabriel Valley COG, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and participating cities, has scheduled a series of Homeowner Kickoff events. This workshop, which provide an overview of the Energy Upgrade California Program and gives participants an opportunity to interact with certified contractors. Learn how to save money, increase energy and water efficiency and earn up to \$6,000 in rebates and incentives from Energy Upgrade California!

**Wednesday, September 28**

**6 - 8:30 p.m.**



**Duarte Community Center - 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte 91010**

Open to all residents throughout the County. Please register by calling (626) 457-1800 or visiting: [www.sgvcoq.org/energyupgrade](http://www.sgvcoq.org/energyupgrade).

**Improve your home. Get rebates. Save money.**



## Did You Know...?

### West Nile Virus Continues to Circulate in Valley

The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District's West Nile virus (WNV) surveillance team continues to find evidence of WNV transmission in the San Gabriel Valley. To date:

Seventeen (17) birds have tested positive for WNV this year from the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, La Puente, and West Covina.

Five (5) mosquito samples collected from the cities of Covina, Irwindale, La Puente, and West Covina have tested positive indicating increased risk in these communities.

The County's first equine case was reported from the San Gabriel Valley on August 11<sup>th</sup> by Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health Department.

Dead birds reported by the public to the WNV Hotline (877.WNV.BIRD) have helped vector control districts zero in on WNV "hot spots" to suppress virus activity. Mosquitoes that feed on sick birds can spread the virus further. Reducing mosquito populations in these hot spots is essential to break the transmission cycle. "We can't thank the public enough for their assistance this year" notes Steve West, the District's General Manager, "Even if we can't pick up the birds, knowing where they are dying helps tremendously."

As we enter the peak transmission season, three (3) of the State's twelve confirmed human cases are from Los Angeles County. The number of cases is still low, but experts expect that number to rise. "Virus levels in Los Angeles County mosquitoes and wild birds indicate a high risk this year" cautions Kenn Fujioka, the District's Assistant Manager.

The County's first epidemic in 2004 resulted in 331 cases and 14 deaths. In 2008, a resurgence of the virus caused 156 cases and 6 deaths. West Nile virus causes illness and death every year. Unfortunately, many likely cases are never tested and confirmed by physicians.

If bitten by an infected mosquito, illness can range from the milder West Nile Fever (WNF) to the more severe West Nile Neurologic Disease (WNND). Symptoms of WNF include headaches, muscle aches, rash, and extreme fatigue requiring weeks to months to recover. WNND results when the virus attacks the brain and/or central nervous system resulting in serious, life threatening complications. People over 50 and those with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for the more severe disease.

Fujioka warns, "There are a lot of infective mosquitoes out there. If people do not take the necessary precautions this summer, their risks are definitely higher."

Protective measures include:

**DRAIN:** Check properties weekly and remove all sources of standing water. Report 'green' inoperable pools or other sources of standing water to the District

**DUSK TO DAWN:** Wear effective repellents if outdoors when mosquitoes are present (between dusk and dawn)

**DEFEND:** Ensure doors and windows are properly screened to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

The District encourages the public to help identify WNV "hot spots" by reporting dead birds to the WNV Hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov). We also urge our residents to call the District to report any mosquito activity. The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District is a public health agency dedicated to the control of mosquito and other vector-borne diseases. The District can be reached at 626-814-9466 or on the web at [www.sgvmosquito.org](http://www.sgvmosquito.org)

#### 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 Waste Services  
800-325-9417

Mosquito & Vector Control  
814-9466

Time Warner Cable  
888-twcable

Dept. Fish & Game  
909-484-0167

### Congressman Dreier

#### Field Office Visit

**Tuesday, September  
20th**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

#### Bradbury City Hall

In an effort to bring constituent services closer to you, Congressman Dreier's staff will visit City Hall to meet with you.

Constituents are encouraged to bring along all letters and records pertinent to the matter they would like to discuss.

No appointment necessary



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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**

### Planning Commission

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David Meyer, City Planner

Dominic Milano, City Engineer

Stephen Fagan, Building Inspector

### **Dates to Remember for August**

- September 2, City Hall Closed for Furlough day
- September 5, City Hall Closed for Labor Day
- September 20, 7:00 PM City Council Meeting

## **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 16th:

- City Council directed staff to prepare documents to place a Utility Users Tax on the April 2012 ballot
- Approved a design for a wrought-iron fence at the Civic Center and directed staff to solicit bids
- Conducted a Public Hearing and approved the 2011 Redistricting Map for City of Bradbury and directed staff to prepare the Ordinance for the next meeting
- Long-term Revenue Solutions to Reduce Taxes in Bradbury for sustainable viability
- Reviewed Planning Policies for Variances Pertaining to Grading, Height and Set-Backs no action was taken
- Closed Session - Evaluation of the City Manager

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

#### **September 20th at 7:00 PM**

- Presentation by ALADS (Association of LA Deputy Sheriffs)
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 322 for a Utility Users Tax Measure for the April 2012 ballot
- Review bids and discuss funding for the Civic Center Fencing
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 321 regarding the 2011 Redistricting Map for City of Bradbury
- Long-term Revenue Solutions 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)*