

BRADBURY NEWS

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2010 CENSUS: **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**



In 2010, the U.S. Census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every 10 years, the census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. The City of Bradbury is cooperating with the census effort as it is in the best interest of our community. Some reasons for citizens to participate in the census include:

- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Census information helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, and more.
- The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the boundaries of legislative districts.
- Helps guide decisions about what community services to provide to the community
- Determines how to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

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CONNECT-CTY - Community-Wide Emergency Telephone Notification System

Getting the word out to the residents Bradbury of a critical situation or an emergency in a timely and efficient manner is of utmost importance to the City.

With today's technology, we can do this within minutes. Recently the City Council unanimously approved a contract agreement with the NTI Group to utilize their CONNECT-CTY Community Notification System. This system is capable of placing thousands of telephone calls within a matter of minutes. The confidential database of telephone numbers is provided and maintained by the NTI Group and updated monthly. There are no equipment purchases required by the City and the beauty of this system is the cost to the City is a little over \$2 per year per household.

Like any system, it is only as good as the information in the database. We need your help!

If you have an unlisted or unpublished telephone number, there is a very good chance you are not in the database. **We need and want you included!** Please be assured your information will not be released to anyone. (Continued On page 4)

Field Office Visit
from Congressman
Dreier's Office

Wednesday, July 22,
9 AM– 12 PM

Bradbury City Hall
600 Winston Ave.

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



Water Conservation Tips for Larger Properties



Check your irrigation system's efficiency each month or quarter. You or your gardener can check the irrigation system by running each station to identify and fix some of the most common inefficiencies including:

- Overspraying and Underspraying - Clogged or broken heads
- Wrong size head or rotor in place - Incorrect type of spray head or rotor being used
- Dry spots (caused by inconsistent watering coverage of sprinklers) and/or wet spots (usually from excessive watering and/or too long of watering intervals)

Use the Irrigation System Tune Up Checklist for a quick and easy way to check your irrigation system and help improve the system's efficiency.

As plants grow and become established the type of irrigation equipment (spray head, rotor, etc.) may need to be updated to ensure continued efficient watering. Some common updates include:

- Adding risers for the water spray to reach above the vegetation and to all of the plants within that spray head's radius.
- Replace spray heads with low flow bubbler or drip heads to water dense foliage and where the soil has become compact and absorbs water at a slower rate.
- Adjust spray angles and radius distance to meet changes in landscape.

Upgrade standard fixed sprayer sprinkler to high performance rotors that use less water and deliver a more consistent and efficient spray through the watered area. These upgrades can be made as sprinklers break or all at once for immediate efficiency improvement.

Replace traditional spray heads along thin strips of shrubs and groundcover with drip lines that are less likely to get broken and that help deliver water directly to the soil and down to the plant's roots.

Upgrade to multi-stream rotators that use an average of up to 30% less water than traditional spray heads as they apply water more slowly and evenly.

For more tips visit Green and Beautiful Bradbury on the City's website at www.cityofbradbury.org



MONROVIA TRANSIT AVAILABLE TO BRADBURY JULY 1

Requests for Rides should be made at least 24 hours in advance, but you can schedule up to a week in advance.

Monday—Friday 7 AM to 10 AM Saturday and Sunday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

75 cents for seniors/disabled

\$1.00 for all other

kids under 2 FREE

CALL (626) 358-3538

City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

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

The City Council met on June 16th and took the following actions:

- Adopted City Budget for FY 2009-2010
- Selected Mayor Barakat and Councilmember Lathrop as liaisons to San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- Adopted Ordinance 307 changing the City Council meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 pm effective by the July meeting
- Adoption of Ordinance 308 approving the City's new City Master Fee Schedule (available for view on the City's website)
- There was a discussion of selection and rotation of Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem which was continued to the July meeting
- Review of the Mayday Emergency Expo Event
- The City Council has asked the Emergency Response committee to also serve as the City's Complete Count Census 2010 Committee
- The City Council has elected to intervene with the California -American Water Rate Increase Case to the Public Utility Commission



TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21ST AT 7:00

- Discussion and approval of the plans for the Mount Olive Traffic Calming Measures
- Discussion and approval on the plans for city-wide street paving
- Discussion and approval on the plan for the Mount Olive Pedestrian
- Discussion and approval on plans and specifications for the New Civic Center Continued discussion of 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.

REMINDER: All Agendas are posted on the City's website for viewing the Friday before the meeting. Visit at www.cityofbradbury.org

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Dates to Remember For July 2009

- ◆ Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 21, at 7:00 PM
- ◆ Planning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, July 22, at 7:30 PM
- ◆ Emergency Response Committee Meeting July 23, at 6:00 PM
- ◆ HHW/E-Waste Collection Event Date: July 18 Citrus College Glendora and July 25 La Puente Park La Puente

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.

Email: cityhall@cityofbradbury.org

Let's help get the Duarte School Kids Off to Good Start....

The Back to School Project Promise is collecting both monetary donations and supplies (paper, pens crayons etc.) to give the local students for a good start in the new school year. If you would like to help, please drop off your supplies or donations at City Hall 600 Winston Ave M-F from 8:30- 5 PM.

CONNECT-CTY continued ...

Here's how the CONNECT-CTY system works. In the event of a notification, the system will dial the primary telephone number for the residence and relay a recorded message advising of the emergency or exigent circumstance. If the telephone line is busy or there is no answer, the system will automatically make two (2) re-try attempts. If the line is still busy or there is still no answer after the third try, the system will disregard any further calls. If the telephone is answered by an answering machine, a recorded message will be left. The system is also capable of calling two secondary telephone numbers, and sending a message to up to two E-mail addresses. **It is also important to have a CELL PHONE NUMBER in the system in the event of a Power failure in the area. Most phones today are digital and plug into your household power, so in the event of a power failure, your phone won't work. Cell phones will still be able to receive notification regardless of a power failure.**

To assist those of you whose numbers are unlisted or who would like to add a secondary number or E-mail address, click on the "Sign Up Now" button on the City's home page of the website at www.cityofbradbury.org. Follow the instructions on the screens to enter your information. We will then update the database with your personal information.

We hope that everyone takes advantage to this community safety program. It is an excellent way to be directly in touch with Bradbury. Test calls will be going out in the next couple of months, so please be sure watch for them. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please contact City Hall at (626)358-3218.