

BRADBURY NEWS

Water Rates Are Going UP, ACT NOW !



By now you may have received the notices in the mail sent by California American Water Company (Cal-Am) informing you that water rates could go up by as much as 60% over the next two years. Cal-Am Water Company, the Water Company providing service to all Bradbury residents, has applied to the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for rate increases for its Los Angeles area customers. The increases are supposedly primarily for infrastructure improvements to its system. The increased revenue Cal-Am seeks for the Los Angeles system is 41% for 2010 and an additional 4% for 2011. However, for Bradbury, Cal-Am seeks rate increases of 56% for 2010 and the additional 4% for 2011. And for those Bradbury customers on agricultural water lines, the requested increases are nearly 90%! If you don't agree with the proposed increases you need to let the PUC know. The increases have not yet been approved.

*Don't feel helpless; take action in one or **BOTH** of the following two ways:*

1. Write a letter to the PUC expressing your outrage over rate increases of 60% for residential usage and up to 90% for agricultural usage. A sample letter has been prepared for you and is available to print out and sign on the City's website at www.cityofbradbury.org The mailing address of the PUC is:

CPUC
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please Reference in your letter: Cal-Am Water, Case No. A.09-01-013

2. Attend a Hearing and Voice your feeling about the rate increase directly to the PUC. The hearings will take place in Monrovia at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel 700 W. Huntington Drive, Monterey Room, on Monday, June 8th from 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. It is important that everyone who is able to attend does so and express their opinion regarding Cal-Am's request.

For more information, contact the City Manager, Michelle Keith at (626) 358-3218. For assistance with submitting public comment you may contact the Public Advisor's Office at: Toll Free 1-866-849-8390 or 1-415-703-5282 or by Email at public.advisor@cpuca.gov

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Need A Lift?? Dial-A-Ride Comes to Bradbury



Through a great partnership with the City of Monrovia, the City of Bradbury has arranged to provide Monrovia Transit, a great community service, with low-cost, curb-to-curb transportation for residents and visitors. The Monrovia Transit vans will take anyone anywhere within the City's service area, which includes the entire City of Monrovia, un-incorporated areas, medical facilities at 620 Duarte Road, Arcadia Methodist Hospital and Arcadia Social Security office. Other locations include Target and Wal-Mart. All it takes is a call to the dispatch operator at (626) 358-3538.

FARES

Seventy-five cents (\$.75) for seniors and persons with disabilities. One dollar (\$1) for all others

HOURS

Starting July 1st Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CHILDREN

Children under 2 ride free. Children 2 and over will pay the regular fare of \$1 each. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. During the school year, school-age youths are not permitted to use the Transit service weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

All Monrovia Transit vans are lift equipped. If regional transportation is desired, Access Services provides transportation throughout the San Gabriel Valley for persons with disabilities. For more information, call toll free 1-800-827-0829 (TDD 1-800-827-1359).

BEFORE YOU RIDE

Monrovia Transit is a shared ride service, so for your convenience remember to:

- Have exact fare ready as drivers will not make change.
- Be prepared to board when the bus arrives. Drivers cannot wait more than one minute.
- Allow 20 to 30 minutes for response to a regular request.
- Plan for a slightly longer travel time than by private automobile. Buses may make additional stops.

CALL (626) 358-3538 to arrange a ride. Requests for rides may be made up to half-an-hour before the start of service in the morning, and no later than a half-an-hour before the end of service in the evening.



What Time Should the City Council Meetings Start???

We want to hear from you!!!

The City Council is considering changing their meeting time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM and would like to hear from residents to find out if they are in support of the change or against the change. You may voice your opinion by calling City Hall (626) 358-3218 or by email Cityhall@cityofbradbury.org.

City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

The City Council met on May 26th and took the following actions:

- Proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Awarded the City's new banking services to Well Fargo Bank
- The City Council authorized staff to enroll the City with the CJPIA workers' compensation program in lieu of State Fund's program
- The City Council decided to rejoin the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- The City Council discussed and read for the first time Ordinance No. 307 to change of the City Council meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- The City Council authorized staff to proceed with Segment Two of the Mount Olive Drive Pathway in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- The City Council approved the increase in rates to residents by Burrtec for refuse and recycling collection
- The City Council approved a project to hook City Hall up to the public sewer on Braewood Drive through an easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.
- First reading of new Master Fee Schedule for the City effective July 1, 2009
- The City Council discussed measures for enhanced traffic enforcement throughout the City.
- The City Council discussed a strategy for dealing with California-American Water Rate increases and decided to encourage residents to attend the upcoming hearing and write letters of opposition to the PUC (see front page article).

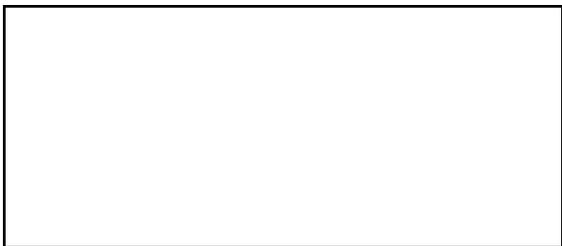
TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 7:30

- Review of Congestion Management Plan
- Adoption of City Budget for FY 2009-2010
- Select liaison and alternate to San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- Second reading of Ordinance 307 change of the City Council meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- Second reading of the new Master Fee Schedule
- Sherriff's Contract Renewal for FY 2009-2010
- Discussion of selection and rotation of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem
- Review of the Mayday Emergency Expo Event
- Discussion on forming Census 2010 Committee

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

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Dates to Remember For June 2009

- ◆ Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 PM
- ◆ Planning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, June 24, at 7:30 PM
- ◆ Emergency Response Committee Meeting June 25, at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Irwindale HHW/E-Waste Collection Event Date: **6/13/2009** Location: L.A. County Department of Public Works, Flood Control Maintenance Yard, 160 East Longden Ave, Irwindale 91706

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

The Bears are Back!

Spring is in the Air, flowers are blooming and the bears have returned to Bradbury; awakened with the hunger pains of hibernation. The City has received a number of calls regarding bear sightings and close encounters over the past couple of weeks. Please review the following prevention tips provided by the Department of fish and game:



- ◆ Deodorize garbage cans with bleach or ammonia
- ◆ Double-bag garbage to help eliminate odors
- ◆ Separate “Wet Garbage” and keep it in an air- and odor-tight container
- ◆ Use a garbage disposal whenever possible. Freeze meat bones or other smelly items until pick-up day
- ◆ Be sure to keep barbecue grills clean
- ◆ Pick up fallen tree fruit and put away pet food and bird feeders at night
- ◆ Close windows at night on accessible ground floors and decks (including doggie doors)
- ◆ Don't leave food in or near a window sill or on a counter near an open window (or in your car)