

# BRADBURY NEWS

## Get Ready, Set, Go!

On August 26, 2009, an arsonist ignited the Station Fire in the Angeles National Forest bordering Los Angeles County, and it became the largest wildfire in recorded history. It burned 160,577 acres (roughly the size of the City of Chicago). The Station Fire killed two LACoFD firefighters and burned until mid-October. Fire is, and always has been, a natural part of Southern California's landscape. These wildfires are often fueled by dry vegetation and driven by hot, dry "Santa Ana" winds, making them extremely dangerous and impossible to control. Fire season is now year-round and requires everyone to be on heightened alert, especially those living in the wildland area communities. Following these simple steps from the Los Angeles County Fire Department's *Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan* may save you life, your family, and protect your home from a devastating wild fire.

**Step #1 Get READY,** Create defensible space around your home. Defensible space is the area around your home that is free of flammable plants and objects. This space is wide enough to prevent the flames and heat from a wildfire to reach your home. Learn how to "harden" your home. Embers from a wildfire will find the weak link in your home's construction and the quality of the "defensible space" surrounding it. You can safeguard your home by assessing it and taking steps to protect it from the threat of wildfire.

**Step #2 Get SET,** Prepare your family. Your action plan should be prepared with all members of your household well in advance of a fire. Once you finish your plan, rehearse it regularly with your family and keep it in a safe, accessible place.

**Step #3 GO early,** and don't wait until the fire comes to your neighborhood. By leaving early, you will give your family the best chance of survival. You will also help County firefighters by keeping the roads clear of congestion, which will help them move more freely and do their job to save your home.

For more information on creating your own plan and tips on defensible space, learning how to "harden" your home and preparing your family, please visit the Los Angeles County Fire Department webpage at [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov)

## Temporary Location of Bradbury City Hall

City Hall has moved to a temporary location in the back parking lot behind the old City Hall. Access to the temporary facility is through the westerly gate of Royal Oaks Manor off of Royal Oaks Drive North. Temporary City Hall will continue with regular business hours and will be open on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Building Department hours Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Residents may continue to call City Hall at the general number at (626) 358-3218.

The existing City Hall will be expanded and remodeled over the next year. During construction, the City of Bradbury will serve the public from the Temporary City Hall location. City Council and Planning Commission meetings will be held in at Royal Oaks Elementary School, 2499 Royal Oaks Drive, Bradbury.

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## REMINDER

To enhance service to residents agendas, minutes, newsletters and more are all on-line at [www.cityofbradbury.org](http://www.cityofbradbury.org)





## Smart Gardening Workshops Give "Green Thumbs" a New Meaning



Up to 75% of a typical household's water usage occurs outside, with much water wasted. For that reason, the Upper District conducts a series of "Smart Gardening" workshops for residents to learn more about techniques that can keep their gardens healthy and beautiful and be more water efficient. Smart Gardening is a FREE series of workshops that offers information for creating and maintaining a water efficient garden and landscape. Participants will receive free class materials. Complimentary refreshments offered.

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, 11310 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91731

SEATING IS LIMITED! Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call (626) 443-2298 now to reserve your seat!

Thursday, October 7, 2010 ~ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Landscape Basic Design. How to develop a landscape plan. Hardscapes, patios, etc. Plant selection

Thursday, October 21, 2010 ~ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Efficient Irrigation Systems. Sprinkler system maintenance. The right sprinkler for the right job. Drip irrigation.

Thursday, October 14, 2010 ~ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm California Friendly Plants. Benefits of using native plants. Plant selection tips and guidelines. Caring of shrubs, groundcover, trees and multi-category plants.

Thursday, October 28, 2010 ~ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Soil, Fertilizer and Watering. Sprinkler timetable. Plant growth and watering. Irrigation control programming. Fertilizers.



### The Duarte Education Foundation Presents: ***"It Takes a Village ..."***

Annual Recognition and Fundraising Dinner and Auction to benefit Duarte Unified Schools. Sunday, October 17, 2010 - 5:00 p.m. at the Village Mediterranean Restaurant, 1525 E. Huntington Drive, Duarte. Tickets are \$75 per person all proceeds benefit DUSD academic programs. Tickets are available at the DUSD office or Duarte Chamber of Commerce. For questions please call Karen Wilson 256-6313. DEF is a non-profit 501c3 organization.

Honorees include: Elizabeth Bagwell - City of Hope, Elizabeth Bruny - DUSD, Vincent Castro - Maryvale, Rev. Doug Edwards - So. CA Presbyterian Homes, and Christian Ramirez - Citrus College.



## City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

### MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

The City Council met on September 21st and took the following actions:

- Re-Appointed Joe Gifford (District 4) and Bill Novodor (District 2) to the Planning Commission
- Discussion Joining LARA (Los Angeles Area Regional Agency)
- Renewed the City's Pest Control Agreement with LA County
- Allocated \$60,000 in COPS funds for additional traffic enforcement throughout the community
- Awarded a Professional Services Contract to RKA for Engineering Services for the Mount Olive Drive Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Pathway Project
- Approved the replacement of a Yield Sign with a Stop Sign at Spring Point Drive
- Extended Ordinance No. 311 by Ordinance No. 317 Extending a Temporary Moratorium of the Establishment and Operation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
- Approved a Special Study of Metals TMDLs in the Los Angeles River.



### TENTATIVE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 7:00 PM

- Proclamation declaring October Fire Prevention Month
- Public Hearing regarding No Parking on Mount Olive Drive
- Approval of the Bid and Specifications for the Mount Olive Drive Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Pathway Project

**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 on the Friday before the meeting.*

**Don't Forget 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 14th, 15th, and 16th 8:00 AM— 2:00 PM**

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

**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)*

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### Dates to Remember for October

- ◆ October 1 & 11 City Hall Closed for Furlough Days
- ◆ October 19, 7:00 PM City Council Meeting - Royal Oaks Elementary School
- ◆ October 27, 7:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting - Royal Oaks Elementary School
- ◆ October 28 7:00 P< - Emergency Response Committee Meeting

### 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**

8th Annual Festival of Authors Presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library

Saturday, October 2nd 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Westminster Gardens 1420 Santo Domingo Avenue, Duarte

[www.FriendsoftheDuarteLibrary.com](http://www.FriendsoftheDuarteLibrary.com)



### Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
LA County Sheriff	448-9861
Fire Station 44	358-3118
Bradbury City Hall	358-3218
Animal Control	962-3577
SC 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



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### Planning Commission

Chairman Frank Hernandez, District 1

Vice-Chair Karen Dunst, District 5

Bill Novodor, District 2

Joe Gifford, District 4

Darlene Kuba, District 3

### City Treasurer

Laurie Stiver

Michelle Keith, City Manager

Claudia Saldana, City Clerk

Jeremiah Petsas, Management Analyst

Cary Reisman, City Attorney

David Meyer, City Planner

Dominic Milano, City Engineer

Stephen Fagan, Building Inspector