

Bradbury News



Join Bradbury's Neighborhood on Nextdoor.com

December 2012



Welcome to Bradbury

The Bradbury City Council recently approved launching Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the first private social network for neighborhoods, to foster neighbor-to-neighbor and citywide communication. Bradbury residents will be able to use Nextdoor to create private websites for their neighborhoods where they can get to know their neighbors, ask questions, obtain timely City updates and exchange local advice and recommendations.

Topics of discussion on Nextdoor are as varied as local events, school activities, plumber and babysitter recommendations, disaster preparedness, recent crime activity, upcoming garage sales or even lost pets.



Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another to help build stronger communities and building stronger communities is a huge priority for our City. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on Google or other search engines. In addition, Nextdoor never shares personal information with any third parties. Unlike an email listserv or other online group, neighbor posts are organized and archived for future reference.

Help build Bradbury community and join your neighborhood online at www.nextdoor.com. For additional information on Nextdoor visit www.nextdoor.com or contact the contact Kevin Kearney, Management Analyst, at (626) 358-3218.

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REMINDER

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

www.cityofbradbury.org



City Hall Holiday Closures

Due to the furloughs & holidays, City Hall will be closed on the following days during the holiday season:

December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

City Hall will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

During these closure periods, resources can be found on the City's website: www.cityofbradbury.org including contact phone numbers.

Protect Bradbury! If You See Something, Say Something

For the most part, crime within the City of Bradbury has remained continually low, and with a few extra precautions, we can keep it that way!

Remember: Don't leave purses or other valuables in your car, don't leave property in plain view, and always lock your vehicle. Should a crime occur, call the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department immediately. Don't wait to report a crime. Notifying law enforcement authorities in a prompt manor may increase the chances of catching the suspect.

For contacting the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, dial (626) 448-9861. In emergency situations, please continue to use 911. You can also report problems in your neighborhood to bradburycrimetips@lasd.org.

BRADBURY PART I CRIMES YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON JANUARY THRU NOVEMBER



Crimes	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	Difference	% Change
Homicide	0	0	0	--
Rape	0	0	0	--
Robbery	0	0	0	--
Assault	0	0	0	--
Burglary	6	6	0	0.00%
Larceny	2	4	2	100.00%
Grand Theft Auto	1	0	-1	--
Arson	0	0	0	--
Total	9	10	1	11.11%

Christmas Tree Recycling & Extra Holiday Trash

Burrtec Waste Services will collect your Christmas Tree at curbside during after the holiday from December 26th through January 14th. Simply put your tree out next to your trash containers on your regular collection day. Trees over 6-feet will need to be cut in half. Please remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and metal stands off of the tree. Flocked or fire retardant trees will not be accepted this year.



Approximately 80% of holiday trash is recyclable. All gift boxes, wrapping paper, greeting cards and cardboard packaging are items that may be placed in the recycling barrel. Burrtec will collect excess holiday trash and recyclables beginning December 26th through January 4th. Residents may place excess holiday trash/recyclables in bags alongside their containers on collection day.



Holiday Safety Tips: Package Delivery and Store Shopping

Online Shopping Tips - Shopping online is a convenient way to shop but it also has some risks. Here are some good tips:

- Shop at secure websites. When paying, make sure the website address begins with https (the "s" at the end means it's supposed to be more "secure"). It also means the website encrypts the information it sends.
- Packages that sit on a porch or door step are more likely to be stolen. There have been cases where thieves will drive behind a delivery truck and wait for the driver to leave the package on the porch or doorstep and then steal the package.
- If possible, send the package to a relative or neighbor that is home during the day and is expecting the package.
- Always try to request signature confirmation on deliveries. This will ensure that the delivery person won't leave the package unattended.
- Send packages to your work rather than your home. This will ensure that you receive the package or someone will sign for it if you are not available.

Shopping in a Store Tips - Remove it... Lock it... or Lose it. If you prefer to shop in the store, remember the holidays are a busy time of year and everyone has a lot on their mind. Criminals are looking to take advantage of you while you are at your busiest. Remember these tips when you're out shopping for your holiday gifts:

- Hold your purse close to your body with the opening facing toward you. When walking with another person, the purse should be held between the two of you.
- Stow your purchases in the trunk of your vehicle. You may be tempted to throw your purchases in the back seat of your vehicle and return to continue shopping. If your purchases are in plain view, you may return to find your car windows smashed and your presents stolen. They don't have to be worth much, they just have to look like they are worth something.
- Save your most expensive purchases for last, so you can head straight home.

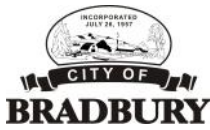
Tree Safety this Holiday Season

This is a very busy time of year, however, it can also be a dangerous time of year due to Christmas tree fires. Stay safe this holiday season and follow these important tips:



- Buy fresh cut trees that are green. Ensure that the trunk is sticky, this shows that the tree was recently cut.
- Keep your tree away from heat sources, such as heater vents.
- Ensure that your tree always has water in the stand. Dry trees catch fire easily.
- Do not leave the lights on your tree turned on when away from home or sleeping.
- Check all light strands before putting them on a tree. If a strand has cracks in the plastic covering the wiring, do not use it.
- Get rid of dry trees as soon as possible after the holidays.

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				



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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.

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(626) 358-3218

Dates to Remember for December

- December 18 - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- December 24, 2012 - January 1, 2013 - City Hall Closed for Holidays and Furlough Days
- There are no ERC or Planning Commission Meetings this month

Planning Commission

Chairperson Bill Novodor, District 2

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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 November 20:

- City Council reviewed Ordinance No. 327 Consideration of the adoption of a UUT Measure to the Voters of Bradbury and subsequent election resolutions. Requested staff make a few changes and bring back at December meeting.
- The City Council asked the Planning Commission to draft a Mills Act Ordinance - providing options for historic properties
- The City Council approved a letter opposing the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill
- The City Council authorized the selling of Prop A funds to the City of Torrance
- Presentation of Public Safety crime stats in Bradbury
- Authorized the launching of Nextdoor in Bradbury

Tentative City Council Items for Tuesday,

December 18 at 7:00 PM

- Ordinance No. 327 Consideration of the adoption of a UUT Measure to the Voters of Bradbury and subsequent election resolutions
- Presentation - Regional Homelessness Accomplishments by Director of San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
- Second reading of Ordinance No. 326
- Long-term Revenue Solutions and/or cost savings

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