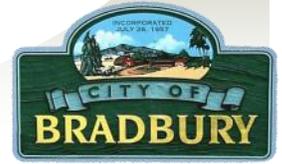


Bradbury News



January 2013

Bradbury City Council Fighting for City Independence & Making Tough Choices



Welcome to Bradbury

For the last several years the City Council has continued to keep the City afloat making tough and difficult choices. There have been painful cuts, employee furloughs, decreasing maintenance, delaying projects and other reductions to keep spending in-line with declining City revenues. The City has also had to use reserves to complete some necessary projects and manage the budget shortfall.

If the City doesn't get the needed revenue, the City Council will have to consider the option of disincorporation, making the City of Bradbury an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

Why? With the combined effects of the State borrowing money from the cities to pay for State deficits, increasing unfunded State mandates and the revenue losses due to the economic crisis, there is a great deal of pressure on the City's finances.

As such, the Bradbury City Council is again considering bring a Utility User Tax Measure to the voters of Bradbury this June. Last year, upon the failure of Measure A, the City Council appointed an independent Finance Committee to review the City's budget, expenditures, revenues, review the five year financial forecast and provide options to the City Council on how to proceed. The Committee met over the course of several months and determined it was in the City's best interest to take a revised UUT Measure back out to the residents. The new Measure would levy a 5.5% tax on gas, cable, electricity, trash and 2.75% on water in year one. The tax is estimated to bring in the \$360,000 needed to close the budget gap.

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City Hall Holiday Closures

In observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Bradbury City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2013.

City Hall will also be closed Friday, February 1, 2013 for a furlough day.

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

REMINDER

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



Bradbury's on Nextdoor are You?

The City of Bradbury is encouraging neighborhood interaction - - when we know people who live near us - - it makes for stronger neighborhoods, and oftentimes results in safer communities. However, the way we communicate with our family, friends, and neighbors has changed significantly in recent years with the increasing popularity of social media. And we've realized social media is not going away. One social network you may want to take a look at is Nextdoor.com. Nextdoor.com is a private network that fosters communication between neighbors. **Participation is free.** Discussion topics can range from information sharing to notices about local events and school activities, contractor recommendations, disaster preparedness, crime prevention, lost pets and...what would you like to talk about? Neighborhoods establish and manage their own Nextdoor website. The information shared on each Nextdoor site is visible only to the members who live in the neighborhood and have verified their address.



How does Nextdoor work? Nextdoor allows neighbors to create a private website for their neighborhood. On Nextdoor, members can find neighbors in the directory, view a neighborhood map, ask for advice, exchange local recommendations, and share neighborhood information with each other. Residents can choose to see and respond to updates via e-mail, or only on the website.

How much does Nextdoor cost? There is no charge for an Bradbury resident to participate in their neighborhood site.

How is Nextdoor different from a neighborhood mailing list? Nextdoor is designed for the specific communication needs of a neighborhood. For example, Nextdoor websites include a neighborhood map and directory, and a catalogued list of recommendations for local services. Members can choose to receive e-mails about each new post, see everything in a daily digest, or turn off e-mails and check the website for new posts from neighbors.

What is the City's involvement in Nextdoor? The City will have the ability to post information regarding Bradbury on the site. Information the City will share with neighborhoods – individually or collectively – might include that relate area street projects, event announcements, crime prevention and safety tips, and emergency bulletins.

How do I get started? Go to Nextdoor.com and put in your address to join the others that started the Bradbury neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the City's participation in Nextdoor, please call Kevin Kearney at City Hall 626.358.3218.





What to do if stopped by a Deputy Sherriff ?

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT Deputies are trained to be courteous and professional when they contact you. When it is safe or practical to do so, the deputy will provide you with his/her business card upon request. Deputies who are not in uniform will also present proper identification upon request. Within a reasonable amount of time, the deputy will explain why you were stopped. If you are disabled or ill, the deputy will assist you.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW Red lights and/or a siren mean pull over to the right where it is safe and where you will not block traffic. If it is dark, the deputy will use a bright spotlight or flashlight to illuminate you or your car. California law requires all drivers to show their license, registration, and insurance card to a peace officer upon request. The U.S. Supreme Court states it is reasonable and legal for a deputy to ask you and your passengers to exit the car. According to State law, if you refuse to sign a citation, you may be arrested.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Remain in your vehicle and follow the deputy's instructions.
- Keep your hands where the deputy can see them.
- Avoid any sudden movements, and do not reach for your license or other items until the deputy requests them.
- Ask any passengers in your car to remain calm and comply with the deputy's instructions.
- Sign the citation if you receive one (this does not mean you are guilty; it is just your promise to appear in court at a later time.)

TALK TO US

The watch commander at any Sheriff's Station or facility is available to answer your questions regarding procedures, citations, or traffic stops. You can contact LASD in person or by mail, and do not have to use a special form. The watch commander will complete a Service Comment Report to document your complaint or commendation. Watch commanders may discuss a deputy's conduct, but cannot adjudicate citations. Only a judge has that authority. If you choose to report your concerns by phone, you may contact the station watch commanders individually or you may dial 1-800-698-TALK.

Christmas Tree Recycling & Extra Holiday Trash

Burrtec Waste Services will collect your Christmas Tree at curbside 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.



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

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Building Department Hours

M, W, T 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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(626) 358-3218

Dates to Remember for January

- January 14 - 6:00 PM General Plan Meeting
- January 15 - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- January 17 - 7:00 PM Emergency Response Committee Meeting
- January 21 - City Hall Closed for MLK Day
- January 23 - 7:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting
- January 30 - 7:00 PM District 4 Meeting

Planning Commission

Chairperson Bill Novodor, District 2

Vice-Chair Darlene Kuba, District 3

Karen Dunst, District 5

Susan Collins-Esparza, District 4

Frank Hernandez, District 1

City Treasurer

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Claudia Saldana, City Clerk

Kevin Kearney, Management Analyst

Cary Reisman, City Attorney

David Meyer, City Planner

Dominic Milano, City Engineer

Stephen Fagan, Building Inspector

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 December 18:

- City Council reviewed Ordinance No. 327 Consideration of the adoption of a UUT Measure to the Voters of Bradbury and subsequent election resolutions. Items were reviewed. Determined June election item to be brought back at January meeting.
- Presentation - Regional Homelessness Accomplishments by Director of San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
- Reviewed the Draft Energy Action Plan and referred the item to the General Plan Steering Committee to incorporate in the General Plan update
- Reviewed long-term revenue and/or cost saving solutions
- Held a closed Session on existing litigation regarding the new MS4 permit

Tentative City Council Items for Tuesday,

January 15 at 7:00 PM

- Ordinance No. 327 Consideration of the adoption of a UUT Measure to the Voters of Bradbury and subsequent election resolutions and review of Councilmember Argument in favor of Measure BB
- Discussion of State Route 710 extension and consideration of taking a position
- Los Angeles River Bacteria TMDL—Agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments for a Coordinated Monitoring Plan
- Review requirements and items for action with the new MS4 /NPDES Permit

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