



October 15, 2018

### **Lagos de Moreno Park is Open for Fun**

On September 28, the Brea City Council, the BOUSD School Board, and the Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission celebrated the long awaited rededication of Lagos de Moreno Park at Laurel Elementary Magnet School. Mayor Parker emceed the ceremony, and Mayor Pro Tem Marick touched on aspects of Brea's longtime partnership with the school district, and the history of Brea's sister city relationship with Lagos de Moreno, Mexico. Many dedicated community members who helped spearhead this project from the beginning were celebrated. A highlight of the day was when Laurel first and second graders paraded down from their classrooms to join the ribbon cutting before being let loose to enjoy their new, state of the art play area. The new playground now features the tallest play structure in the City, a new restroom facility, 23,000 sq. ft. of new grass and is now fully ADA compliant. A big thank you to the Public Works team who worked diligently to ensure that the dream of our community would become a reality, and to Communications & Marketing and Community Services staff for coordinating a fun day of celebration. Many people in the community are excited to watch the children and families of Brea enjoy this park and playground for years to come.



## Brea's 16th Annual Inner-Coastal & Watershed Cleanup Day

With the continued support from the Trails4All Organization, the City of Brea held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Inner-Coastal & Watershed Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 15. Brea had another successful event with all the volunteers who assisted by removing approximately 600 pounds of debris from the Brea Creek Channel west of the Downtown area. Among the volunteers, the City had numerous groups participate including: the American Society of Engineers Cal State Fullerton, Hermosa Drive Fullerton Elementary School, and Brea Congregational Church, to name a few. Thanks for the continued support and making this a successful event.



## **The Tracks at Brea Receives a Second Award**

In addition to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) naming The Tracks at Brea Trail the "Outstanding Bikeways & Trails Project for Orange County" earlier this year, Brea's trail received an award on October 4 from the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA). Of the 105 award entries, only 12 projects received an Honor Award, which is the first place award. The Tracks at Brea project received the Honor Award in the transportation category. Criteria included quality of design, functionalism, promoting quality of life, environmental responsibility and sustainability. The ASLA Southern California Branch Award Dinner was held at the Omni Hotel in Los Angeles.



Roslyn Lau from the Engineering Division and Kim Rhodes from David Evans & Associates accepted the 2018 ASLA award.

## **Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant**

For many years, the Police Department has sought and received a federal assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program is designed to provide financial assistance to law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests for its officers and some civilian personnel. BVP reimburses the City for half the cost of every vest purchased during the grant period. Vests typically cost around \$750 and the department purchases several throughout each year, both for new employees and any current employee whose vest has reached five years of use, which is the manufacturer warranty shelf life of a vest. The department has a 'mandatory wear' policy on bulletproof vests for any person in uniform, which is a requirement for the BVP grant.

## **Landscape Improvement Projects Update**

The makeover of the landscaping in front of the Senior Center is complete and the Sports Park makeover has started. Public Works has been in the planning process to renovate the turf and planter areas at both sites for the past year. A landscape designer was hired to design the projects in which the turf and planter areas were changed to low water use plants. Both sites will have a combination of irrigation improvements including a drip system. In addition to the irrigation upgrades, mulch has been installed. Once completed, each project area has a 45-day maintenance period from the installing contractor and a punch list for final corrections will be done at the end of the period before being turned over to Public Works for maintenance. At that time, a post-installation inspection by the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County will be conducted to check the project(s) prior to issuing the rebate(s) for the turf removal. The turf removal and low water use plants reduce both water and maintenance costs while providing an interesting color palette and keeping the sites looking modern and appealing.



Landscape improvements at the Civic & Cultural Center will be the next area to start construction. The turf area around the flags and on the south side of the building was sprayed on Friday, October 5, in order to kill the turf before the contractor comes in to start the main construction. We anticipate them starting mid to late October and completing the work prior to the end of the calendar year. In addition to the landscape improvements, pavers will be installed off the Plaza and around the flags providing better access.

## **Brea Place Off-Site Construction**

Brea Place (Hines Development) located at the northwest corner of State College Boulevard and Birch Street has started the off-site construction on State College Boulevard to add a right-turn lane on the southbound direction at Birch Street. This work includes relocation of the curb, gutter, sidewalk, catch basins, street lights and a traffic signal pole.

While the traffic lanes on State College Boulevard and Birch Street are impacted intermittently between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be any lane closures during the holiday shopping season. The changeable message signs have been placed in advance to notify the public of the road work.

The remainder of the off-site construction work, which consists of the installation of a 60-inch storm drain main on State College Boulevard and installation of a traffic signal on Birch Street, will commence in the beginning of next year after the holiday season.