

City Manager's Report

TO THE
BREA CITY COUNCIL



April 30, 2019

Second Annual Pet Expo

Community Services held the Second Annual Pet Expo on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Brea Community Center. There were over 1,500 community members who participated in this fun event. The Pet Expo featured over 80 vendors, highlighting pet products, learning opportunities and pet adoptions. Adoptions resulted in 36 animals finding new homes, as compared to 17 last year, which was quite an exciting improvement this year.

Two Brea Police Department K-9 demonstrations were held with Police K-9s, Jarvis and Chief. The community loved seeing them in action. Officer Morouse, Officer Mendez, Officer Hunziker and Officer Cooper walked the community through a variety of K-9 techniques, including a drug sniffing drill, dog obedience and a simulation bite.

The event was a success due to the teamwork of Community Services, Reprographics, the Police Department and Public Works.



Safe Routes to School Walk Audit and Upcoming Connecting the Core Kickoff Workshop



As part of the Connecting the Core Active Transportation effort, the City partnered with the Brea Olinda Unified School District and the Orange County Health Care Agency's health educators to promote the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program and conduct walk audits with students from Laurel Elementary Magnet School and Brea Junior High School. The SRTS Program promotes infrastructure

improvements, safety education, and incentives that encourage walking and bicycling to school. The purpose of the walk audit is to better understand from a student's perspective how walkable and safe a route is. City staff participated in the walk audits for Brea Junior High School on April 8 and Laurel Elementary School on April 9. The first portion of the program was to educate the children on what a safe and unsafe walking environment could include. City staff, health educators, school staff, and students helped evaluate the walkability on Lambert Rd., Birch St., Imperial Hwy. and Brea Blvd. The students identified potential hazards such as narrow sidewalks, wide intersections with no pedestrian crossing, a lack of pedestrian crossing signals, and other items. The students will work with health educators and present the findings of the walk audits at a later date. A Safe Routes to School booth will be at the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Kickoff Workshop on May 4. Everyone is invited to attend and share their input on walking and biking within the City. There will be interactive activities, food, information on bike and pedestrian safety, and kids' crafts. The event will take place on May 4 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center turnaround.

Arovista Park Slope Erosion Repair

The Department of Public Works has finalized the remaining contract documents for the erosion repair on the slope in Arovista Park. Staff held a neighborhood meeting with the residents last December to review the project parameters and timing. Since that meeting, prep work has been done to prepare a survey of the area and identify trees to be removed. The project will repair specific areas of the slope from Jasmine Drive around to the golf course that has experienced erosion over the years by removing soil and then re-compacting it when replaced. A pipe and board system will be installed to help hold the soil in place to avoid future erosion. Once all of the soil work is completed, new irrigation and low-water plant material will be installed in the disturbed areas. The project is scheduled to start the week of May 6 and will be completed by the end of June.

Wildlife Watch at the Brea Pet Expo

At the Brea Pet Expo, Management Services' staff informed the community about Brea's new Wildlife Watch Program. While using a strategic approach designed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Wildlife Watch Program aims to inform and train citizens on how to proactively address, prevent, and manage unwanted wildlife in their neighborhoods. Attendees were provided with information and an opportunity to sign-up for the upcoming Wildlife Watch Program. Educational handouts included tips for protecting pets from coyotes; ways to mitigate coyote conflicts; how to report coyotes; a yard audit checklist to eliminate attractants; and a pet safety word search with crayons to engage children. Staff also referenced Brea's Coyote Management Plan and Anti-Feeding Ordinance to communicate the City's recently-adopted guidelines.

Wildlife Watch training is scheduled for June 10 and 12 at 6:30 pm and June 15 at 11 am. For more information or to join the interest list, please visit cityofbrea.net/coyotes.

