

City Manager's Report



TO THE
BREA CITY COUNCIL

September 3, 2018

Western Extension Grant Application Submitted for The Tracks

On July 31, the City of La Habra, as lead agency, submitted a joint grant application to the State of California Department of Transportation under the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The grant application is requesting funds to purchase a Union Pacific Railroad easement and to provide funding for the design and construction of an extension of The Tracks from Brea Boulevard west through the City of La Habra. The total request was for \$40.180M with Brea's portion being \$8.735M. The City expects to hear back regarding the results of the grant application in early 2019.

The total amount in grant funding received to date for The Tracks at Brea is approximately \$17,515,000. These grants are covering the cost of trail design; soil remediation of the railroad rights-of-way; construction of the four-mile paved biking trail; a decomposed granite pedestrian path; and related amenities.

More information about The Tracks is available at www.cityofbrea.net under The Tracks at Brea Trail which is found under "Our Community." To subscribe to The Tracks newsletter, send an email to TheTracks@cityofbrea.net.





Brea Fest – Food, Drink, Music and Art Festival

The City of Brea's 32nd Annual Brea Fest occurred on Friday night August 17, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. throughout the Civic & Cultural Center, Randolph Street, and for the first time, on east bound Birch Street. The spotlight was on the arts as the Brea Art Gallery and Curtis Theatre showcased art projects, demonstrations and live performances for the community to enjoy. In addition to the 39 participating restaurants, market row was added offering new and different shopping opportunities, additional seating, and games, providing a unique festival ambience for the community to enjoy. We are grateful for the generosity of our local restaurants and for the numerous volunteers and City staff who made such an amazing event possible.



Homeless Encampment Cleared and Secured

A homeless encampment was found and removed in the storm drain/channel located on Berry Street, between Stonebridge Drive and Salveson Road. The Brea Police Department was able to assist in clearing the area and the North Hills Home Owners Association cut back the overgrown vegetation from around the storm drain area. Public Works crews, with the assistance of our restoration, cleaned, cleared, and secured the storm drain grate. The location will be monitored on a weekly basis to keep the area secure.



Senior Tour and Comedy Show at the New Brea Improv

On Sunday, August 12, participants from the Senior Center were invited to the new Brea Improv for a private tour and complimentary comedy show starring Ed Asner. The seniors were treated to front and center VIP seating, along with an impressive tour of the venue and upcoming Copper Blues restaurant.

The performance by Ed Asner was fantastic. It was very nostalgic for our participants to see the actor they are so familiar with from the Mary Tyler Moore Show. One of the seniors said, "He even blew me a kiss on his way off the stage after the show!" The staff at the Brea Improv couldn't have been more welcoming and accommodating of the seniors.



Pioneer Hall Lighting Project

Building Maintenance staff recently removed the outdated fluorescent chandeliers in Pioneer Hall and replaced them with new LED units. The 14-year-old lights were cumbersome to work on and staff was unable to get replacement parts. The new lighting is maintenance friendly, provides better illumination, and saves energy. Public Works continues to look for opportunities to enhance existing infrastructure with energy saving options as funding, grants, and rebates become available.

