

# City Manager's Report

TO THE  
BREA CITY COUNCIL



May 22, 2020

## Development Projects Update

The Planning Division continues to process development applications for the Planning Commission's consideration. The latest update includes the approval of a new 126,546 square foot self-storage facility located at 2700 East Imperial Highway. The facility will include primarily walk-up storage units as well as six drive up units. The plan check process is anticipated to begin in August 2020. Another project includes a new 108,125 industrial warehouse building on the former Ameron Protective Lining Products distribution site at 201 North Berry Street. The project is currently in the plan check process.

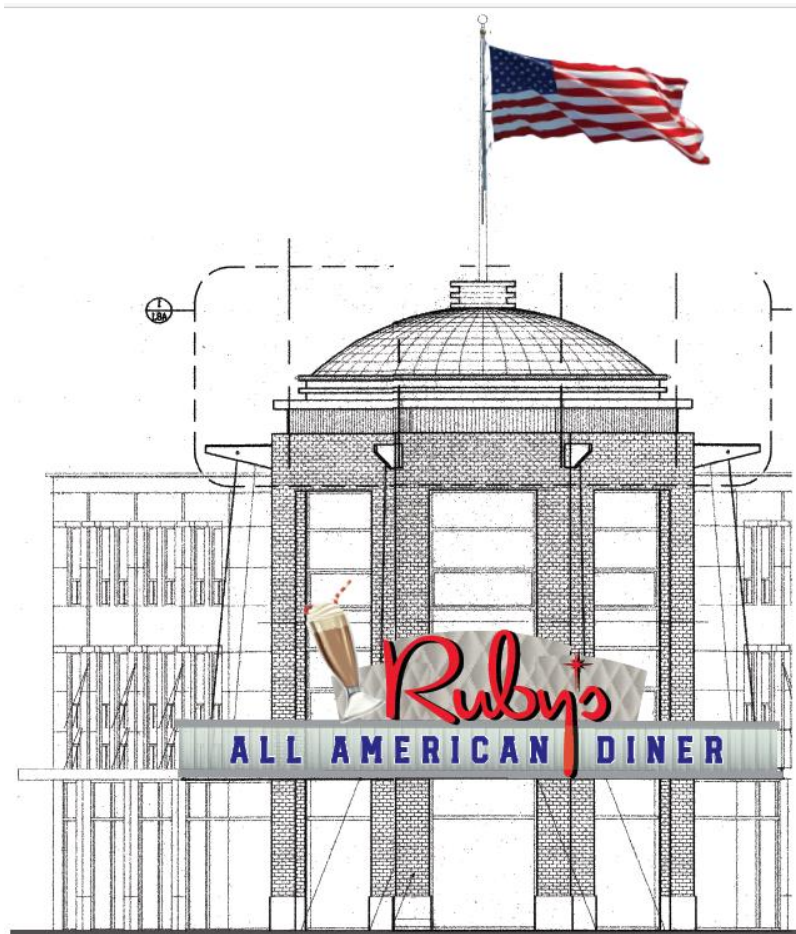
Several applications have been approved for businesses to begin business procedures or relocate to new spaces within the City including No Limits Learning Center and PlayLive Nation at the Brea Mall. At the beginning of this month, Ruby's Diner began construction improvements to locate in the former Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour space in Downtown Brea. The Planning Commission approved their proposed exterior signage in keeping with vision, design and quality of the vibrant entertainment district in Downtown Brea.



New Self-Storage Building at 2700 East Imperial Highway



New Industrial Warehouse at 201 North Berry Street



New Ruby's Diner Location in Downtown Brea

## Southern California Edison (SCE) to Install LED Street Lights

On June 1, 2020 Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing over 200 existing street light lamps with new high efficient lights in the neighborhood tracts, boundary areas and other various locations listed below. The construction project consists of SCE installing energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights in place of the current High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights. In 2011, the City of Brea replaced or retrofitted all City-owned street lights as part of the Brea Energy Efficiency and Solar Project. The remaining street lights being converted as part of this project are owned by SCE and were not part of the City's project. By completing this installation project, all street lights in the City of Brea will be LED and energy efficient. The construction is anticipated to last two days and the impacts will be minimal. SCE trucks and crews will be working on the street lights at project sites. Neighborhood streets will not be blocked and there are no anticipated noise impacts. John King, SCE Manager of Street Light Projects, (626) 201-7726 will be the primary contact for any questions.

Neighborhood Tracts and Boundary Areas:

Midbury

Pleasant Hills

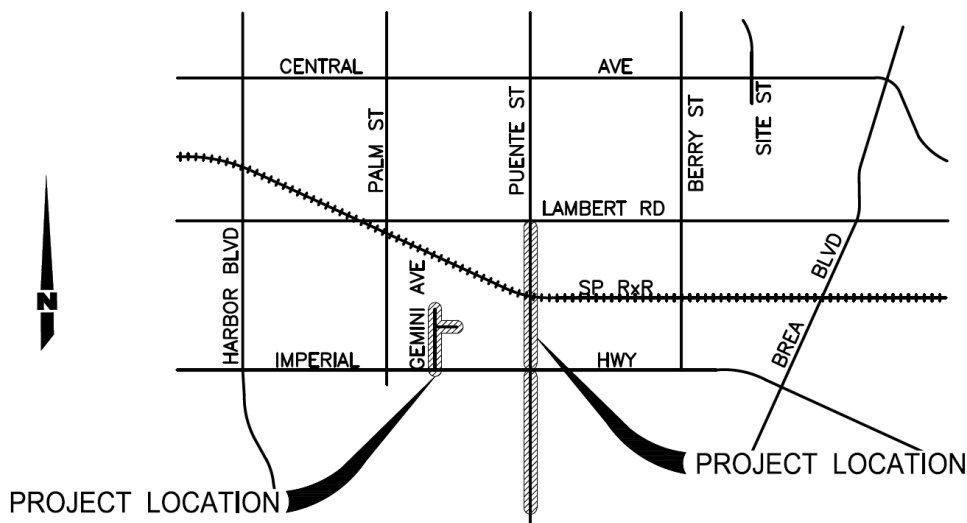
Puente Street, Oleander Street and Briarwood Drive

Fir Street, Larchwood Drive and Juniper Street

Elm Street from State College to Sievers Avenue

## Water Main Replacement Project

On June 1 the Puente Street, Gemini Avenue and Titan Way Water Main Replacement Project will commence. The project limits are located on Puente Street between Lambert Avenue to Briarwood Drive and on Gemini Avenue and Titan Way north of Imperial Highway. The project will only have lane closures at various times, however, will allow all access during the entire time of the project. Several information boards will be posted later this week near the project entry points to inform the public of the upcoming work. Notices will be going to the affected businesses and residents later next week. There will be a City inspector onsite at all times. The project is estimated to be completed by Spring 2021, weather permitting.





### **Celebrate Resiliency, Sustainability During Week Three of Building Safety Month**

Week three in the recognition of Building Safety Month highlights the industry's dedication to cutting-edge technology, building science and innovation. From green construction and resiliency to product evaluation, certification and codification, the International Code Council implement solutions and technology that transforms buildings to safer, healthier and more resilient structures.

Creating resilient buildings that withstand natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods or hurricanes requires diligent planning and innovative thinking. Thankfully, effectively utilizing current codes along with local amendments increases the efficiency of new building technologies and offers a cost-effective path toward community stability and safety during times of disaster. Resilience starts with strong, regularly updated, and properly implemented building codes.

Green building and sustainable construction strategies reinforce the societal health, life and safety benefits that building codes offer. The tools offered by the codes can also aid occupant comfort and health, save money and preserve resources during the design, construction and operation of buildings. Many homeowners, businesses and building professionals have voluntarily sought to incorporate green and sustainable building strategies into their projects, and a number of systems have been developed to guide green building practices such as installation of photovoltaic systems. These practices make buildings energy efficient, reduce toxins by eliminating asbestos, lead paints, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and provide a safe environment for occupants.

When considering renovating, remodeling or building from the ground up, the project should be based on the codes and standards that incorporate resilience, sustainability and the latest innovations in science and technology, to ensure that safety and efficiency are the result.

## Republic Services is Committed to Serve

Beginning the week of March 23, the City's solid waste hauler, Republic Services, initiated a program demonstrating their commitment to serve the Brea community during the COVID-19 pandemic. As most are aware, local businesses, a large percentage of which are restaurants in Brea, have been particularly hard hit with the state and county restrictions by having to remain closed or modifying their operations to curbside pick-up/takeout only. Republic Services began providing meals to their employees two days per week as a way to show gratitude to their employees while supporting these struggling local businesses. The weekly meal expenditure by Republic has been in the range of \$17,000. The financial impact is quite significant. City staff and City Council Members connected Republic with the Brea Chamber of Commerce to help identify Brea restaurants for the catering mission. In April, Olive Pit in the Brea Downtown was selected to prepare over 300 wraps for Republic Services staff; and in May, El Durango Grill delivered 325 breakfast burritos. Such actions helped boost sales for Brea business owners during what would likely have been an otherwise slow month for them.

In mid-April, Republic expanded their giving to include a \$100.00 gift card for each employee which was distributed four times over a period of eight weeks, equaling a total of \$400 for each staff member. Employees were encouraged to spend the money in all the cities, including Brea, in which Republic Services provides solid waste services. In total, Republic employees purchased approximately \$240,000 in goods and services in the local community over the 8-week duration of the program. Going forward, Republic plans to continue working with local Brea restaurants for meal donations, but will be changing the purpose slightly to incentivize and reward their employee workforce for a continued positive safety record and performance. The partnership between the City, Republic Services, the Chamber of Commerce, and Brea restaurants demonstrates the words of our City Council and City staff when they remind the Brea community that "We're in this together!"

Respectfully submitted,



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