

City Manager's Report

TO THE
BREA CITY COUNCIL



September 25, 2020

Brea War Memorial Lighting Upgrade

The Public Works Building Maintenance Division recently upgraded the LED lighting panels on the Armed Forces monuments at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center's War Memorial. The originally-designed LED panels were failing, had parts that were no longer available, and required a crane to remove them. New, custom-made, lightweight aluminum frames were installed, along with LED strip-lighting, that can be easily maintained. Building Maintenance staff worked closely with the Community Services Department to select and install a suitable option to replace the heavy lighting panels. This project was completed on time and under budget.



Brea Senior Center Provides Relief During High Temperatures

The Brea Senior Center provided a cooling center for those in need during the 100+ degree temperatures over the Labor Day weekend. The cooling center was open to the public from September 5 through September 7 from 12 – 6:00 p.m. and offered bingo, movies, bottled water, and snacks. Due to COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines, the dining room was able to safely accommodate up to 55 people. Staff was onsite to take temperatures, oversee the use of face coverings, sanitize the facility, and supervise other health and safety guidelines. Positive feedback and appreciation were received in person and via social media. This event could not have been possible without the Community Services and Public Works Department's staff coordinating all the details.



Brea's New City Planner

The Community Development Department is pleased to announce that Jason Killebrew has joined the Brea team, stepping into the role of City Planner. He began his new post on Friday, September 11 after being selected from a competitive group of applicants. Jason was born and raised in Pasadena, the San Gabriel Valley area, and attended Cal State Fullerton. A fun fact about Jason is that he worked at the Brea Mall while attending college. Jason has over a decade of public-sector experience, having worked for the communities of Santa Clarita, Pasadena, Riverside County, and, most recently, as the Planning Manager for the City of Eastvale. Jason and his wife Hilda have two young daughters, Hayden (3 years) and Harper (9 months) and two Boxer dogs, Rufio and Hook. If you see Jason, please welcome him to the City.



Community Reader Board Replacement Project

On August 27, the electronic reader board located at the Civic & Cultural Center at the southeast corner of Birch Street and Randolph Avenue was replaced. The new electronic reader board has updated technology that provides design flexibility and a higher resolution, allowing versatility on how messages are displayed for the community. Additionally, the new electronic reader board has improved serviceability to minimize any down time when the sign is being maintained. The new 10mm modular LED display is manufactured by Optec Displays. The board is fully functional and now in use.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Gallardo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Gallardo
City Manager
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