

City Manager's Report

TO THE
BREA CITY COUNCIL



August 6, 2018

Family Films in the Park

Family Films in the Park were held on Friday evenings, June 22 through July 27, at the Arovista Park Amphitheatre. The attendance averaged 300 parents and children; however, *Disney's Coco* had a huge community outpouring and a record breaking 500 people in attendance. During the film *Coco*, we had the main character, Miguel, help get the kids in the spirit, along with a fun face painter. Families also enjoyed watching *Paddington 2*, *The Secret Life of Pets*, *The Sandlot* (celebrating 25th anniversary), *The Boss Baby*, and *Wonder*. Concessions were available for purchase from several local churches and each child received a free raffle ticket before the movie began to be entered into a drawing. During the film's intermission, prizes were awarded which were donated by the churches operating the concession stand each week.

A special thanks to Brea Baptist Church, North Hills Church, Southlands, and Celebration Worship Center for making this program a success, as well as Volunteers and City staff from the Community Services Department, Communications and Marketing, Print Shop, Public Works, and the Police Department.



Traffic Signal Modification for the Tracks at Brea

The Tracks at Brea traffic signal was installed under a Safe Route to School Grant to provide and encourage convenient and safe crossings for all users of the Tracks at Brea trail. The Tracks at Brea traffic signal has been in operation since December 2017.

Subsequent to the installation of the Tracks traffic signal crossing, the City received numerous complaints regarding unnecessary delays to vehicular traffic at the crossing. Vehicles had to wait for the full pedestrian crossing time, even though there was no one in the crosswalk.

The Public Works staff determined that in order to minimize the vehicular delays, and to maintain pedestrian safety at the crossing, the signal would be modified to operate as follows:

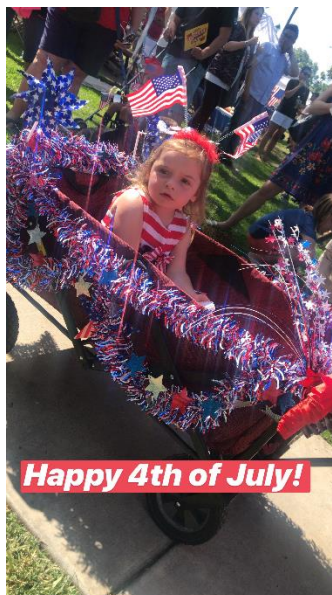
- If there are no pedestrians present at the crosswalk, the signal would be green for vehicular traffic on Brea Boulevard, and would stay green until a pedestrian pushed the button for crossing.
- During the pedestrian “walk” indication (12 seconds), the vehicular signal would indicate a solid red for traffic to stop; a typical signal operation.
- When the initial pedestrian indication changes from “walk” (after 12 seconds), to the counting down (flashing orange) phase, the signal indication for traffic would change to flashing red (20 seconds). The flashing red would allow the traffic to stop at the crosswalk and look for pedestrians and/or cyclists. If there is no conflict, then the traffic can cautiously move forward.



July 4th Country Fair

The weather was beautiful and attendance was high throughout the day, requiring several food booths to get more supplies to accommodate people enjoying the fair. The day began with the Kiwanis Club's pancake breakfast, followed by the Brea Ministerial Association's morning service. The opening of the fair and first portion of the event was emceed by Mayor Glenn Parker, while Country Fair Committee Chair, Andy Ronquillo, emceed the second portion. Continuous entertainment featured various bands including *The Darden Sisters*, *The Raining Horseshoes*, *The Wonderelles*, and a local high school band, *Fockstail*. Guests of all ages enjoyed food, games, bubble rollers, pony rides, a petting zoo, Kreepy Kreature's reptile display, a pie-eating contest, a hula-hoop contest, swimming in the Brea Plunge, and the Beautiful Baby Contest, which received 51 entries. The fair also had visits from Black Panther, Iron Man, Wonder Woman, Moana, and Supergirl. The event featured 58 vendors in the Market Place craft area, which is the most the Country Fair Steering Committee has ever had!

The fair is co-sponsored by the City of Brea and the Country Fair Steering Committee, which consists of 31 community volunteers. Special thanks to all of the committee members who worked hard to put the fair on, the non-profit groups that made the fair a success, and the City staff from our Community Services Department, Communications and Marketing, Print Shop, Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Police Department. We would also like to give a big thanks to all of our sponsors for this event.

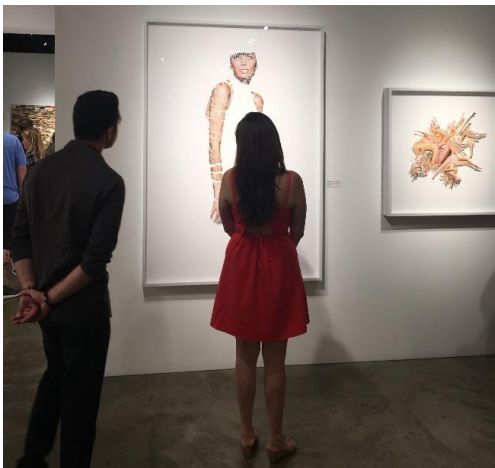


PaperWorks Refolded Exhibition

The *PaperWorks Refolded* exhibition is a second in-depth exploration of the potential of paper and the beauty of this underrated material. After the first exhibit took place in 2013, gallery visitors have asked for a return of the paper show. This second iteration of the show invited twenty new paper artists from across the United States to display their skill at folding, tearing, cutting, and crafting in order to fill the gallery with tactile, inspiring paper works. The show features origami, papercuts, collage, book arts, and everything in between, including interactive projects that allow visitors to make their very own works of art.

The opening reception on the evening of Saturday, July 14 featured live music by the *131ers* and light refreshments. Half of the exhibiting artists and nearly 300 visitors from Southern California came to see the exhibition and immensely enjoyed both the show and experience.

The response to the exhibition has been overwhelmingly positive. Artist Bhavna Meta from San Diego said, "My work has never looked better in a gallery or museum." Also, artist Jessie Laura, who flew in from New York, shared, "I have never seen a gallery show like this in New York." Lastly, one couple who came to see the show and participated in the Live Collage Event on Sunday, July 15 stated, "We have lived in Los Angeles, Paris, Serbia, and Austria and have never been so impressed with an exhibition."



Landscape Improvements at City Facilities

Public Works has been in the planning process to renovate the turf and planter areas at the Senior Center, phase two at the Sports Park, and provide the Civic & Cultural Center with updated irrigation systems and new low water use plants. Construction of the Senior Center is estimated to begin in August, the Sports Park in September, followed by the Civic & Cultural Center in October. Construction at these three sites must be completed before December 31 to take advantage of turf removal rebates from Metropolitan Water District of Orange County. Public Works will be providing a more detailed update to City Council at an upcoming Study Session City Council Meeting.