

# City Manager's Report

TO THE  
BREA CITY COUNCIL



November 8, 2019

## A Job Well Done!

Brea Firefighters are home after two weeks of battling the Kincade Fire in Sonoma County. They worked for hours on end protecting the lives and property of those impacted by the fire. A resident from Healdsburg contacted Brea Fire and thanked the firefighters who helped save her home. She said, "The service and dedication you all provide is amazing and will forever be remembered." Brea is happy to welcome their firefighters home.



## Brea War Memorial Inlay Project

Building Maintenance staff recently had the brass inlay replaced at the War Memorial at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center. The original inlay was brass coated with a clear protective finish. Over the years issues with the metal expanding and contracting, as well as the coating failing, caused the brass to become discolored. Building Maintenance staff worked closely with the artist that designed the memorial, Susan Narduli, and Community Services Department staff to select and install a suitable material to replace the metal. This project was completed last week, in time and under budget. Everyone is excited and ready for a great event on Veterans Day at the Memorial!





## Brea's CERT Community Proudly Grows

Congratulations to the newest graduates of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class! The training consists of a 20-hour national curriculum covering disaster preparedness, disaster medical operations, disaster psychology, rescue and fire suppression, light search, and terrorism awareness. It is very impressive that these dedicated members of the community donated their time to get better prepared for disasters.



## The War of the Worlds

The Curtis Theatre presented *The War of the Worlds* from October 24-27. The play is a direct transcript of the infamous drama presented on October 30, 1938 that sent its listeners into a panic. Based on the novel by H.G. Wells and adapted by Howard Koch, this production, directed by Katie Chidester, aimed to bring the same feeling of consternation and disbelief to the audience that listeners felt the first time they heard it. Through the use of intimate staging and special effects, theatre-goers were left wondering if aliens from Mars were right outside the door! Live sound effects helped heighten the experience of this spooky affair that arrived just in time for Halloween.



## Brea Business Block Party

On Saturday, November 2, more than 30 Brea businesses joined the Brea Business Block Party to introduce or reintroduce themselves to the Brea Community. The purpose of the event was to provide a venue to highlight local businesses and remind the community of the variety of services, restaurants and shopping available in town. This event was free for participants and attendees. The event also offered an opportunity for participating businesses to meet one another, share resources and build a strong Brea network. Many of the City's services also participated in this fun day sharing information on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Business Watch, fitness and the arts. The family-friendly atmosphere was enhanced with food, kids' crafts, games, prizes, Italian ice from Rita's and a special ice cream truck provided by Kinecta Credit Union. As a special thank you, the City will promote these local businesses on the website at [www.bebrea.com](http://www.bebrea.com), and the Brea Business Block Party 2019 video will be another way to keep these businesses on the community's mind throughout the shop local campaign later this month. Many participants and attendees are already excited for next year's event. A special thank you to the following businesses for partnering with us at this event:

Academy 831  
Advantage Care Chiropractic  
America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses  
Blaisdell Bonding & Insurance Services, Inc.  
Brea Arts  
Brea Chamber of Commerce  
Brea Fitness  
Brea Nail Garden  
Brea Business Watch (PD)  
Byrne Team - Keller Williams  
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
Chop Stop  
Custom Comfort Mattress  
Haven Education Group  
Kinecta Credit Union

Kriser's Natural Pet  
Judy's Pet Grooming  
La Petite Florist  
Mehta Dental  
Moonlight Music Academy  
New York Life Insurance Company  
North Hills Preschool  
OC Vector Control  
Pet Wants OC  
Point Target Fitness  
Pure Barre  
Rita's Italian Ice and Custard  
Scane Custom Cabinets  
Winkz Lash Bar  
XL Learning Center



## Brea Gallery Named Best Art Gallery in Orange County



Every year, *OC Weekly* compiles an extensive “Best Of” edition of the magazine, featuring the most notable attractions and businesses in Orange County. In September, the Brea Gallery was nominated as a candidate for Best Art Gallery in Orange County. After weeks of voting, in the October 24 issue of the magazine, it was announced that the Brea Gallery won Readers’ Choice for Best Art Gallery. Not only that, but it was also selected as Editor’s Choice for Best Art Gallery for 2019. These prestigious honors are a great accomplishment for the gallery and for Brea itself, further elevating the Brea Gallery as a destination for art lovers all over Southern California. Gallery staff is proud to be recognized in such a capacity and to be voted as “the best” by gallery visitors and readers of *OC Weekly*.

### BEST ART GALLERY

#### *BREA GALLERY*

Curator/gallery director Heather Bowling’s work here is consistently bright, thoughtful and bold. Never crowded, but still bursting with art, Brea Gallery offers artists in full command of their medium (with the work of women featured more prominently than in any other city gallery we can think of). Bowling’s interactive education areas, hidden in the corners of each exhibition, offer space for patron art as inspiring as that hanging on the walls.

## Carpet Project Brea Civic & Cultural Center

The Building Maintenance Division staff recently completed flooring projects at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center. The old carpet was removed from the hallways and elevator lobby on Level P-2 and the hallway on the Plaza Level outside the public restrooms. New glue-down commercial carpet tiles were installed along with new cove base. The two electric elevators had the carpet removed and a resilient wood plank flooring system installed. The majority of flooring replaced was originally installed in the 1980s and long past its useful life. Public Works Department staff worked closely with the City staff during the selection process.





## The Great Shakeout, "Drop, Cover and Hold ON!"

"Drop, Cover, and Hold ON!" was the theme as the City of Brea participated in the Great Shakeout along with a full evacuation of the Brea Civic & Cultural Center. The Great Shakeout is the largest earthquake drill in the world. The new phone and paging system made the evacuation drill much smoother than in years past. The training was not only informative, but it was also a fun learning lesson.

