

# City Manager's Report

TO THE  
BREA CITY COUNCIL



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## Chamber of Commerce Donation to the Resource Center

The Brea Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2018 Installation and Awards Luncheon in December and donated a portion of the raised proceeds to the Resource Center. In total, \$1,000 was donated and the funds will be used to help individuals and families in crisis who are seeking assistance through the Resource Center. A big thank you to the Chamber for their generous donation.



## **The Tracks at Brea Receives Its Third Award**

The Tracks at Brea trail received its third award to date. On December 12, 2018, the American Public Works Association (APWA) of Southern California awarded Brea's trail in the category of "Best Recreation and Athletic Facilities". Previous awards for the trail were from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) of Orange County and the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) of Southern California.

Accepting the award were Sean Matlock of Community Services and Roslyn Lau, Tony Olmos, Raymond Contreras and Michael Ho (not pictured) from Public Works.



## **2018 Wish Tree Program**

The Resource Center wrapped up another successful holiday program season. After placing "wish" trees at the Community Center, Civic Center and the Community Center's Learning Center, a total of \$2,475 in gift cards was collected to help Brea individuals and families facing crisis. Often times, a family has to choose between putting gas in their car and getting groceries; thanks to these gift cards, the Resource Center can help provide some relief to those families.

## **Brea Rotary Donation to the Resource Center**

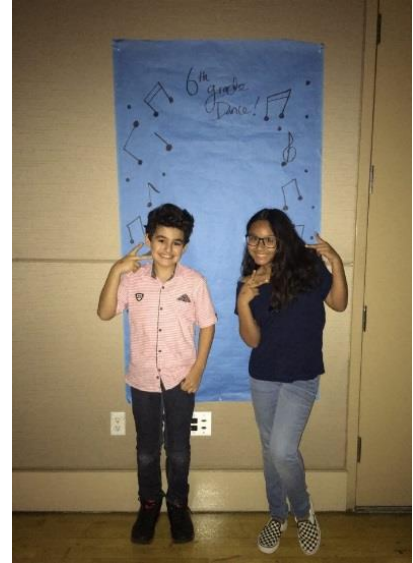
The Brea Rotary Club recently donated \$500 to the Resource Center to help out with homeless services. The Resource Center partners with the Brea Police Department to assist homeless individuals seeking sustainable change.

In addition, Rotary partnered with the Resource Center to sponsor a family through the Resource Center's Adopt-A-Family Program. Thank you Brea Rotary for the ongoing support of the Resource Center and the families and individuals they serve.



## Sneak Peak Activity Night

The Teen Zone held a Sneak Peak Activity Night (SPAN) on Friday, December 14, for 212 sixth grade Brea students at the Brea Community Center. SPAN events provide the students with an opportunity to participate in a fun night of activities and meet students from across Brea schools before entering Brea Junior High next year. The theme for this SPAN was Boys vs. Girls (boys wore pink, girls wore blue). Not only was there dancing, food and hanging out in the Teen Zone, there were numerous boys vs. girls competitive activities, with the night ending in a dance off.



## Purchase of Reserve Ladder Truck

The Brea Fire Department is excited to highlight the recent purchase of a pre-owned ladder truck. Last June, the Fire Department and Public Works Department responded to a rare opportunity offered by the City of Vernon who was looking to sell their reserve ladder truck for \$49,999. The custom ladder truck is a 1998 American LaFrance custom, with only 36,000 miles. The truck was so rarely used, that it still had the original tires on it. Considering these new types of trucks sell for \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000, Fire and Public Works staff acted quickly to inspect and test the apparatus in order to recommend the purchase to City Council and then finalize the purchase. City Council support, along with seamless collaboration between Public Works and the Fire Department, made this truck Brea's newest addition to the very proud Fire Department fleet. Upon receipt of the truck, Public Works staff replaced all of the tires, smog tested the truck, tuned-up the A/C system and adjusted the front suspension. The Fire Department had decals, emergency lights and radios installed. The reserve ladder truck was placed into service at the end of November.

Special thanks to the Purchasing Division for working tirelessly with the City of Vernon to see the complicated transaction through fruition.



## Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Brea Community Center due to inclement weather. This was the first time the event was held at the Community Center and the community enjoyed the special evening and were able to stay warm and dry by being indoors. Pastor Rick Darden, President of the Brea Ministerial Association, gave the invocation. Brea Mayor, Glenn Parker, and Mayor Pro Tem, Christine Marick, emceed the event together and got everyone in the holiday mood by lighting the holiday tree. Over 600 people enjoyed Brea's Christ Lutheran Choir; Christ Lutheran's Jubilee Bells Group; the Laurel Elementary Magnet choir, who sang a few lively holiday songs; Brea's own Jr. High School; as well as former City Employee and talented singer, Lisa-Marie Stramaglia, who ended the night with 'O Holy Night. Of course, the highlight of the evening was Santa arriving with two of his reindeer, Dasher and Donner, and Santa came courtesy of the Brea Lions Club who were also in attendance.

The second annual Christmas Tree Ornament was also sold this year and people were happy to be able to add this keepsake to their ornament collection. *Artistryfoto* made it possible for the children to have their picture taken with Santa. Members from Brea Olinda High School Girl's League dressed as elves and helped during the evening. Guests enjoyed hot chocolate, coffee and cookies, provided by Corner Bakery; and North Hills Church provided candy and bells for community members to wear.

The Community Services Department, would like to thank the Fire Department, Police Department, the Print Shop and Communications & Marketing Division for their assistance with the Tree Lighting event and a very special thanks to the City's Public Works staff for all their hard work in setting-up.



## PaperWorks Refolded Exhibition Named One of the Top Ten Exhibits in 2018

The Brea Art Gallery was honored by prominent Orange County Arts Writer, Dave Barton, of the OC Weekly, as he named the *PaperWorks Refolded* exhibition one of the “Top Ten Exhibitions of 2018”. Last August, a truly complimentary article about the exhibit was written for the OC Weekly. In January’s issue, Barton reviewed all of the exhibitions on display in 2018, naming just ten of the ‘Best ofs’ and citing *PaperWorks Refolded* as “A case study in the art of thoughtful curation. Perfect in every way. Curated by Heather Bowling at the Brea Gallery.”

The original article, written in summer 2018, touched on several of the incredibly talented artists from all over the United States that were featured in the exhibition, including Margaret Griffith, Nikki Rosato, and Kiel Johnson. Barton mused that the exhibition, was “a fine testament to what imagination and vision – as well as what a good pair of scissors – can do,” labelling the exhibition “some of the very best art I’ve seen this year.” And true to his original impression, the show was ultimately named one of the top ten exhibitions of 2018, along with some other very strong exhibits. The Brea Gallery’s upcoming exhibition *Immersion*, opening February 9, hopes to gain similar acclaim from Barton and other area press.

