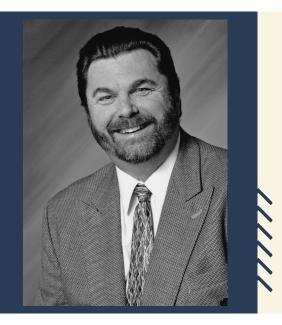
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LETTER FROM MAYOR
W. CLARKE CONWAY TO
THE CITY OF BRISBANE

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Happy New Year! I want to take this opportunity to again thank my re-election supporters and voters, and to pass along my wish that every resident of Brisbane has a great 2018!

I also want to thank my city council colleagues for the honor of electing me mayor. I am proud to serve as your mayor.

At the city council's December 14th meeting, my remarks as incoming mayor were about my hopes for what we can achieve together this year. But, I also noted that 2018 would be a challenging year for us because the time has come for a decision on the Baylands and it requires a lot of work. This letter is to tell you our work has already begun and explains what we are doing.

At the council's meeting on Tuesday, January 16th, we voted unanimously to direct staff to review the economics of mixed-use plans that could include a range of 1,000 to 2,200 residential units along with 2 to 6 million square feet of commercial space. The council's vote demonstrates our interest in making a fully informed decision; it does not decide the development question.

We acted to gather this information after spending the last few months focusing on our options in the face of strong state interest in seeing housing built on the Baylands. The state's push has been intensified as a result of misleading media reports suggesting that Brisbane is delaying a decision on the Baylands for selfish reasons. On December 28th, the San Francisco Chronicle published an editorial reflecting these types of claims, but left out important facts about the project

and the developer. Our City Manager, Clay Holstine, wrote a response to that editorial to correct the record on January 4th. The paper only printed a shortened version of his response as part of its "Letters to the Editor" on January 12th. Developing the Baylands is complicated and deserves thorough attention from the council, the state and the media. Following this letter, we've included the Chronicle's 12/28 editorial and Clay's full letter. I think it is clear that our City Manager's full letter is the only one that gave the Baylands the serious attention required to make a responsible decision about developing the land.

You also may recall that last summer the council deferred its initial vote on UPC's Baylands proposal to focus on a legislative package on housing that might impact our control over the Bayland's future. The city received some criticism for this by people claiming our decision was just a delaying tactic. But what was less widely reported were rumors that the legislative package might include a bill limiting city authority over the Baylands specifically. These rumors were dismissed by many, but the Council took them seriously and directed our Sacramento team to focus on protecting the city's local land use decision making over the Baylands. As the legislative

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Next Council Meeting to Discuss the Baylands

Thursday, March 1, 7:30pm

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session wound down, Senator Jerry Hill confirmed the existence of a proposal, made sure we received a copy of the rumored draft, and also assured the city it was conceptual and would not be a bill in 2017. The draft proposal is posted on the City's website, www.brisbaneca.org.

While the city has no assurance there won't be a bill in 2018, the new council is committed to seeking a responsible solution without legislative intervention. Senator Hill is working with us in championing this path. Absent a compromise, the threat of state action is real. The city can fight the legislature if we must and we are prepared to. But, I prefer a responsible compromise rather than an extended, expensive fight in the halls of the Capitol or in court.

A responsible compromise is a better outcome for Brisbane than a legislative fight. We can ensure the absolute safety of any development and can, once again, be a model to others for how to plan and advance a city over time without losing our greatest value - community.

Editorial: Brisbane - a case study in housing crisis

Chronicle Editorial Board | December 28, 2017

If Mountain View's recent approval of a plan for nearly 10,000 new residential units provided an extraordinary example of progress on California's housing crisis, a standstill at the other end of the Peninsula exemplifies the forces that keep homes from being built even at the core of the Bay Area employment boom.

In the year that the Legislature finally passed a raft of bills to boost housing, the lingering impasse over more than 4,000 proposed homes in Brisbane shows that Sacramento, as the would-be developer put it, "has a tremendous amount of work to do."

The Brisbane City Council was expected to make a decision this year about the Baylands, more than 600 acres of former landfill and rail yards near public transit on the edge of San Francisco. But 2018 will be the 13th year that local officials consider the proposal – or effectively decline to do so. City officials even cited then-pending legislation to expedite housing as their latest reason to delay development of housing or anything else.

Although one key new state housing law is designed to diminish the local obstructionism at the heart of the shortage by easing projects that answer unmet housing needs, it's not expected to affect the Baylands project. State guidelines require Brisbane to accommodate only a small fraction of the new housing proposed for the site, and the city's general plan prohibits housing on the Baylands site.

Universal Paragon Corp. first proposed developing the area more than a decade ago and added housing to its plan five years later. A final environmental impact report was completed in 2015, and last year, after much deliberation, the Brisbane Planning Commission recommended keeping the site housing-free. The City Council went on to hold more than 15 special meetings on the subject, the last one in August, without reaching a conclusion.

"This is a textbook example of a case in which the state needs to step in and do something about what's broken ... that allows communities to spend 12 years considering a proposal and put it off again and again," said Jonathan Scharfman, Universal Paragon's general manager.

The project raises several questions the state has yet to address, including how to assess and enforce housing needs more effectively, prevent environmental laws from being used to stop smart urban development and change incentives that favor commercial uses.

"It's a magnification of an issue that we have statewide," Scharfman said. "For 40, 50 years, we've done very well at adding jobs, but we're lagging in producing housing. The result is a disaster."

The City submitted a response to the Chronicle's Editorial Board on January 4, 2018. The Board published only portions of the response and over-simplified others in its "Letters to the Editor" on January 12, 2018. Below is the City Manager's full letter.

Special to the San Francisco Chronicle

The Chronicle's commentary criticizing the careful scrutiny that the City of Brisbane is giving to the most recent Baylands development proposal is ill informed. (Brisbane - a case study in housing crisis, December 28, 2017).

Regarding "The crux of the crisis" (Editorial, Dec. 28): The Chronicle's editorial criticism of the scrutiny that the City of Brisbane is giving to a 2015 Baylands development proposal is mistaken.

Building housing is a complex issue for any local government, and it is significantly more complicated when the proposed housing is to be built on a long contaminated former industrial site. It gets infinitely more difficult when the owner of the land has not committed to full clean up the site, as is the case with the Baylands.

Surprisingly, the Chronicle threw its editorial weight behind the argument that Brisbane is a "case study" for why we have a housing crisis, implying that Brisbane is delaying acting on housing for political reasons. In doing so, the Chronicle skirts the very real and complex environmental and environmental justice issues that must be addressed before building housing on currently contaminated land.

We are not surprised at this gross oversimplification of the project. We have been responding to it, generally as a result of "facts" attributed to the developers, for the past year. What alarms us is the Chronicle didn't bother to reach out to Brisbane's City Council or staff to understand our legitimate concerns regarding the Baylands before running its editorial.

Working through serious issues with a developer is not evidence of a "lingering impasse," as the Chronicle puts it. It is validation that the City is doing its job properly, recognizing that whatever development decision is made will irrevocably impact the health and welfare of future residents and neighboring cities.

The developer, UPC, has had approval for nearly 10 years for a housing project on Schlage Lock in San Francisco, which is adjacent to the Baylands, but is unable or unwilling to commence construction despite the high demand for housing. If the Baylands project is built, due to significant soils contamination, the State of California Department of Toxic and Substance Control (DTSC) will not allow schools, hospitals, first floor residences and daycare facilities to be placed on the property. Brisbane expects a full clean up from any developer of the Baylands.

UPC has owned another parcel of land in Brisbane for nearly 30 years that is zoned and planned for a hotel, and despite several favorable development markets, has never acted on their approvals. This pattern of seeking approval, but delaying development, is repeating itself on the Baylands, which UPC has owned since 1989.

To date, UPC has yet to fulfill any of the required steps that would make the site ready for development, such as site contamination cleanup, a sound plan for water resources or demonstrated how a project of this magnitude could be paid for, let alone their ability as a company to deliver. Instead, UPC re-envisions its proposal every few years. Housing was only added to UPC's plans in 2010, which required the environmental review process to start all over again. This is one of the reasons the final environmental impact report (EIR) was not published on behalf of the developer until June 2015, initiating a new review by the City's Planning Commission in 2016, and continued review and public meetings held by the City Council in 2017. Reports of years-long delays by the City are factually incorrect.

We encourage UPC to come forward and answer these basic development questions, and the City of Brisbane is willing and open to enter into a true collaborative working relationship that will address these complex and difficult issues.

We understand the desire of the Chronicle and state leaders to find a solution to California's housing crisis. The open space of the Baylands may look like an easy fix, but it isn't. Future residents on that site will, after all, be residents of Brisbane. Our council owes it to them and to current residents to carefully review the proposal to ensure safety on the site, the infrastructure required to support a completed development, and a financial model that protects the solvency for the City in providing services to that new part of our community.

Clay Holstine, City Manager, Brisbane

To view the draft legislation, please visit: http://brisbaneca.org/a-letter-from-mayor-clarke-conway.

Transit District Looks to the Community as a Partner for the Future

We are proud to be involved in the community-driven effort to Get San Mateo County Moving!

In an effort to understand San Mateo County residents' priorities about how best to reduce traffic congestion and improve transit and mobility options, the San Mateo County Transit District is partnering with the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to launch **Get Us Moving** San Mateo County.

On January 4, Cory Wolbach, Outreach Manager of Get Us Moving San Mateo County, talked to the Council about the County's transportation challenges and future solutions to help meet those challenges. He touched on a possible ballot measure to fund these solutions that would go to the voters in 2018 and which would need to pass by a 2/3 vote. "The primary goal right now is to understand what people's priorities are when it comes to transportation. If there's going to be



an expenditure plan that informs a ballot measure, we need to know what should go into that expenditure plan." He also stated that 10,000 pre-paid surveys have been mailed back already.

Your input is a critical component of this process. Please take their short survey by the end of this February and make your voice heard as a roadmap is developed for faster, better transportation in San Mateo County. Hard copy versions of the survey are also available at City Hall in English, Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog.

For more information, and to **take the survey**, please visit: <u>www.getusmovingsmc.com</u>.



The Strikers after their Section Tournament win. Pictured L to R: Coach Cris, David G., Kevin C., Sabastian S., Jack A., Reese S., Nolan I., Javier C., Cyrus M., Omar G., Mateo C., Coach Hugo.

Congratulations to the Brisbane Silver Strikers!

Congratulations to the 12U Brisbane Boys AYSO "Silver Strikers" soccer team on taking 1st place in the Area Tournament (Brisbane, San Bruno, Millbrae, Pacifica, and Daly City), and also winning their Section Tournament (Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, and Washington) against the Hillsborough "Red Storm". The Brisbane Strikers go on to play at the Western States Championship in March in Bakersfield!

Special thanks to all of the Brisbane coaches for putting in the extra time and energy to give the kids an opportunity to have a great experience. And thank you to Mark Sakaguchi for all of the years leading and supporting the local AYSO as the Regional Commissioner.

Want to help get the Brisbane Strikers to Bakersfield? A GoFundMe page has been set up for community members to do just that. Check out https://www.gofundme.com/west-states-championship-bakersfield and consider supporting the Brisbane Strikers on their travels to the big tournament! Or, if you would like to donate to AYSO, please contact Mark Sakaguchi at msakaguchi@live.com. Thank you for your support of our Brisbane youth and we wish them all the best as they go on to compete at the Western States Championship!



The Strikers after winning the Area Tournament in Brisbane.

This article has been reprinted to include additional information. The original article was printed in the January 2018 issue of the STAR.

What's the Law Concerning Recreational Marijuana?

2018 has brought about many changes, with one of the most important changes being the new laws concerning Recreational Marijuana. According to the new state laws, you are not allowed to smoke marijuana in public places, or any place that the public has reasonable access to. You are also prohibited from smoking marijuana or having an open container of marijuana inside a motor vehicle, both as a driver and/or passenger. Being under the influence of marijuana while driving a motor vehicle constitutes driving under the influence (DUI).

In addition to state law, there are also local ordinances regarding the usage of marijuana. According to our Municipal Code, recreational marijuana smoking is prohibited in all units/apartments, all unenclosed and enclosed common areas, and all other areas of a multi-unit residence. In other words, smoking recreational marijuana is only allowed inside a detached single family home. An exception is smoking medical marijuana per California Health and Safety Code

Sections 11362.7, and doing so is permitted in a multi-unit residence.

Marijuana smoke produced in violation of the previously mentioned ordinances and state laws is considered a nuisance. People found to be in violation of the ordinances and laws can be issued a citation starting at \$100.00 for the first offense.

For more information regarding Tobacco and Marijuana ordinances for the City of Brisbane, please refer to 8.46 of the Brisbane Municipal Code or contact the Brisbane Police Department at (415) 467-1212.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Brisbane's New EV Charging Station

Wednesday, Feb. 14th @ 10am

Join Mayor Clarke Conway for a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at the City's public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station, located in the Brisbane Village Shopping Center (100 Old County Rd., Brisbane). The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 10AM in the parking lot. Coffee and donuts will be provided. The public, notably EV owners and enthusiasts, are encouraged to join us and share their LOVE of clean vehicles!

The station features a ChargePoint DC Fast Charger which supplies 50kW of power through either a CHAdeMo or Combo connector and was partially funded by a grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the California Energy Commission (CEC). The City of Brisbane is providing free charging for sessions up to 45-minutes (after which a \$5/hour fee will apply) for the first six months. The station supports the City's Climate Action goals, and patrons of the station will be driving emissions-free thanks



to Peninsula Clean Energy's ECO100 product which provides 100% renewable energy and which the City has proudly opted up to. We look forward to seeing you there!

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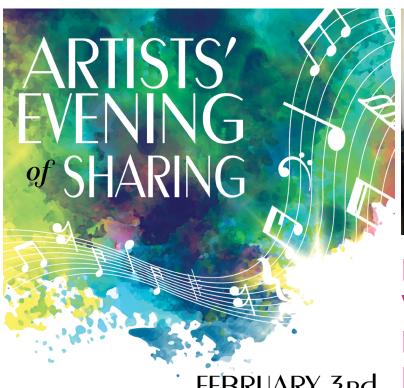
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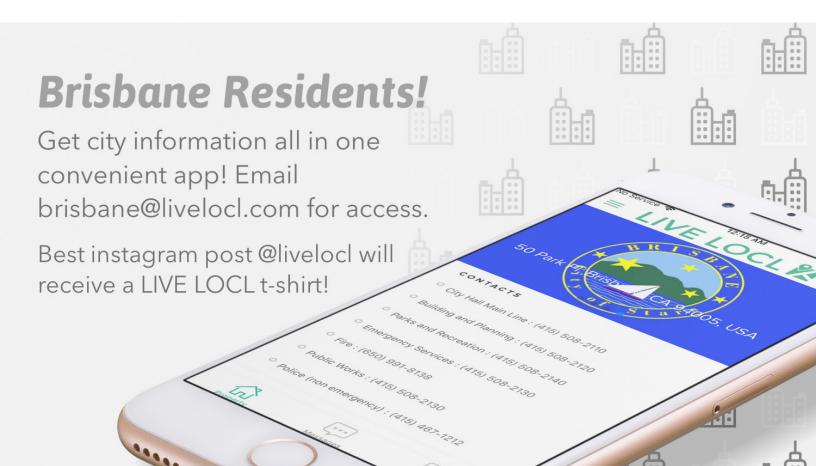
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February 2018 Library Calendar

Special Events

Friday, February 2, 10am - Talk Read Sing

Did you know that 80% of your child's brain is formed by age 3? Learn ways to give your child a head start on lifelong success by providing a language-rich environment. This free class begins with an orientation on October 27 and continues for the next 14 weeks. Childcare will be available during the class and all materials will be provided. Please contact Liliana Reyes (reyesl@smcl.org) for more information.

Tuesdays, February 6, February 13, February 20 & February 27, 10:30am - Baby Sign Language

Learn how to use ASL to communicate with your baby and jump-start your child's verbal skills. The workshop consists of activities and songs that can help you integrate simple signs into your daily life. Expectant parents welcome, too!

Wednesday, February 14 & February 28, 4pm - Geeky Gatherings

Calling all tween/teen geeks and nerds! Come gather at the library for snacks, games, anime showings, movies, comic book discussions, and other geeky activities. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 3pm - Giant Games at the Park

Come hang out with the library at the Community Park Farmer's Market! We'll have giant games, hula hoops, and more! If the weather permits, join us every third Thursday of the month from 3-4pm.

Saturday, February 17, 10am - Qi Gong Meditation Kick off your Saturday morning by learning the art of meditation!

Saturday, February 17, 2pm - Shakespeare on Tour: Romeo and Juliet

All are invited to attend an abridged performance of the San Francisco Shake-speare Festival's touring production of Romeo and Juliet, a classic tale of star-crossed lovers. In addition to the play's commentary about parent-child conflicts and examination of prejudices fueled by an ancient feud, the show features swash-buckling action scenes that will have you on the edge of your seat! There are even a couple of walk-on roles where audience volunteers get to be part of the show. At the end of this family-friendly performance, the cast will stay and take questions from the audience.

Tuesday, February 27, 4pm - African American Visionary Artists

Use your dreams, visions, and imagination, to create chalk pastel art with Peopleologie!

Tuesday, February 27, 6:30pm - African American Quilts with Peopleologie

We're headed to the South where generations of quilters continue to improvise and sew patterns passed down for generations from the times of slavery and the Underground Railroad. Along with a slide show and touchable artifacts, we'll make a no-sew cooperative quilt and wall-hanging, by re-purposing fabric scraps, glue, and cardboard. Then, the library will hang it in a public space for all to enjoy! Your fabric scraps and fabric scissors are welcome! Registration required: https://smcl.bibliocommons.com/events/5a4c2c8a22cc8634OOd3ca6c

Recurring Events for Children and Families

Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am

February 3 - Lego Building. Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

February 17 - Block Play. Playing with blocks develops your child's eye-hand coordination as well as math and science skills. Come play, build, and learn together at a block party - library style! Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.

Mondays, 10:30am - Preschool Early Learning

Centered around parent/caregiver-child interactions, this participatory experience engages everyone in creating developmentally appropriate fun and the early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing. *NOTE: There will be no storytime on Monday, February 19.

Mondays, 3:30pm - Masterpiece Mondays

Create a masterpiece every Monday using various art supplies. Participants in this unguided program will have a chance to get creative and unleash their inner artist! *NOTE: There will be no Masterpiece Mondays program on Monday, February 19.

Tuesdays, 11:30am - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time

Bring your bouncing baby to our weekly playtime, full of nursery rhymes and games you can play together to stimulate their development. Ideal for children from newborn up to 18 months old.

Wednesdays, 10:30am - Toddler Early Learning

February 2018 City Calendar

All Public Meetings take place at City Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Occasionally meetings are canceled or changed; please call 508-2113 to verify.

You can also check the City's online calendar for the latest:

www.brisbaneca.org/calendar.

Brisbane Farmer's Market: Thursdays, 3-7pm in the Community Park Residential Street Sweeping: 2nd Monday of Every Month Commercial Street Sweeping: Every Weds. AM (Visitacion Ave. enforced 3-6AM)

01, Thursday, 7:30pm City Council Meeting, B

03, Saturday, 10am – 1pm Volunteer Planting Day @ Costaños Canyon

03, Saturday, 7:30pm - 10:30pm Artists' Evening of Sharing @ Mission Blue Center

07, Wednesday, 7pm Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

13, Tuesday, 7:30pm Planning Commission Meeting, B

14, Wednesday, 10am Ribbon-Cutting for EV Charging Station @ Brisbane Village

14, Wednesday, 6:30pm Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

14, Wednesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm Office Hours with Councilmember Lentz

15, Thursday, 7:30pm City Council Meeting, B

17, Saturday, 7:30pm

Live at Mission Blue with Allegra Chapman (Piano) & Sara LeMesh (Soprano)

25, Sunday, 10am-2pm
Council Goal Setting Workshop, Location TBD

27, Tuesday, 7:30pm Planning Commission Meeting, B

B - Meeting broadcast on Ch. 27 and on <u>www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming</u>
City Hall Regular Hours of Operation: M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-8pm, F 8am-1pm.

For questions or comments about The STAR please call Caroline Cheung at (415) 508-2157 or creening@brisbaneca.org

Centered around parent/caregiver-child interactions, this participatory experience engages everyone in creating developmentally appropriate fun and the early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing.

Friday, February 2, 7pm - Mom & Me Book Club

Girls ages 9-12 and their mothers are invited to attend our Mother Daughter Book Club! We will be discussing <u>Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere</u> by Julie Lamana at our February meeting. Aunts, grandmothers or other adults are also welcome to attend with the girls. Please contact Stephanie Saba if you have any questions or need help ordering a copy of the book (<u>sabas@smcl.org</u>).

Recurring Events for Adults

Mondays, 11:30am & Tuesdays, 10:30am - Drop-in Computer Help Drop into this relaxed and welcoming tutoring session with all your technical questions for one on one help. *NOTE: There will be no Drop-in Computer Help on Monday, February 19.

Wednesday, February 7, 7pm - Adult Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing <u>Alex and Eliza</u> by Melissa de la Cruz at our February meeting.

Tuesday, February 13, 6pm - Craft Time & Coloring for Grown Ups Join us for this new and exciting drop-in program!

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00pm - Friends of the Brisbane Library Meeting Do you love your library? Would you like to have a say in its future? Come to a Friends of the Brisbane Library meeting. New people are always welcome.

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California Laws Require Proper Waste Sorting

> Assembly Bill 1826 requires businesses Cal Recycle **Cal** to implement an organics recycling program. Currently, it targets those generating 4 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week. On January 1, 2019, the law will apply to those generating 4 cubic yards or more of garbage per week.

Assembly Bill 341 requires businesses and multifamily dwellings to separate recyclable materials from their garbage and either allow the collection of recyclables by SSF Scavenger or self-haul to a recycling facility. The law applies to businesses that generate four or more cubic yards of garbage per week and to all multifamily dwellings with 5 or more living units.





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South San Francisco Scavenger Company provides services that facilitate compliance with California law. We offer no-charge recycling programs for properly sorted cardboard, paper, and mixed containers (aluminum/metal, glass and rigid plastic bottles, cans, jars, tubs & trays). Food scraps, food-soiled paper, wax-coated cardboard, and

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