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FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION BEGINS IN BRISBANE

Food Scraps ONLY

SOLO restos de comida · 只限食餘

✓ Food Trimmings, Leftovers & Plate Scrapings ✓ Food-Soiled Paper

✓ Cáscaras, pieles, etc; Restos de comida y en los platos
✓ 食物渣滓、剩菜和盤中殘渣

✓ Papel sucio de comida
✓ 沾染食物的紙張



⊗ No: Plastic, Glass or Metal ⊗ No: plástico, vidrio o metal ⊗ 不可: 塑膠、玻璃或金屬



boxes. These materials will now be converted to compost and fuel at SSF Scavenger Company's new anaerobic digestion facility. **No kitty litter, animal waste and plastic (including compostable, plastic Bio-Bags) can be put in the green waste.** Plastic, glass and metal can continue to be sorted in your usual blue recycling bin and should not be thrown in the green waste. Please see the list below for more details on what can be composted.

For those Brisbane residents participating in the program, a 2-gallon pail should have been delivered to your home in January. This pail can be used to help store food scraps until items can be transported to your green waste bin. *Please note that the 2-gallon pail will not be collected.* You will need to empty the pail into your green waste bin, which will now be collected weekly. It is recommended that you line your pail with newspaper or other water-absorbing paper products and empty the contents regularly into your green waste bin.

Later this month the program will expand to include commercial businesses that generate food scraps, such as restaurants, delis, and produce markets. Multi-family and condo properties will receive more details regarding collection in Spring 2015.

For more information or to find out how to participate in the program please contact SSF Scavenger Company at 650-589-4020.

CAN BE Recycled in your Green Waste Bin:

Yard waste/trimmings - such as weeds, plants, branches, etc
Food Scraps – such as fruit/vegetable trimmings, seeds, cores, etc
Leftovers – leftover cooked food items, plate scrapings, meat, bones, etc
Food-soiled paper packaging – pizza boxes, paper milk cartons, take-out boxes, paper coffee filters, etc

CANNOT be Recycled in the Green Waste Bin

NO Plastic – including plastic composting/biodegradable bags (or Bio-Bags)
NO Glass
NO Metal
NO Animal waste (including kitty litter)
NO Shelf-stable boxes (commonly used for liquids), such as juice boxes, broth boxes, boxed wine, or other “aseptic” boxes

Artist Evening of Sharing

February 7th, 2015
See back page for more information.

Live at Mission Blue - Masters of the Baroque with Brisbane's JungHae Kim

February 14th, 2015
See back page for more information.

SKATEPARK UPDATE

Last month, skatepark design consultant Spohn Ranch held a Community Workshop to obtain feedback on design options they prepared for the proposed new Brisbane skatepark. The majority of attendees preferred the layout that retained the existing skatepark footprint at Old County Road and Park Lane and added a few features at a “skate spot” in the small unused space west of the existing basketball courts. Per the Council approved process, the Joint Council Facilities and Parks and Recreation Teen Services Subcommittee will recommend one option and a financing plan to the City Council. If approved, the Council will next authorize the development of plans and specifications for bidding by contractors. Staff will ensure that the community gets an opportunity to weigh in on the actual design when it comes to fruition. Look for the skatepark design to be on an upcoming Council meeting agenda.

POOL CONSTRUCTION

Construction at the pool is going great! The Community Pool is getting some much needed TLC with re-plastering of the bottom of the pool, new tiles in and around the pool, and additional work being done in the Men’s locker room. Additionally we hope to get the small pool up and running again to be utilized by pool patrons during Recreation Swim.

Please check back at the City’s website, brisbaneca.org/community-pool, to see when the pool will officially be opening up again for regularly scheduled programs.

We hope to see you back in Spring whether you’re a regular of the pool or for your first visit!

CAPITAL PROJECTS CHARGE APPROVED

On November 20, 2014 the City Council approved placing a capital projects charge on the water and sewer bill. This charge will pay for four projects which have been on our Master Plan since 2002.

These projects will improve the water pressure for fire protection in the Annis Road area, upgrade the Glen Park pump station, underground the sewer line on Bayshore Blvd., and replace our supervisory control and data acquisition system. The cost of these projects totals \$5,000,000. The rate increase will pay the annual debt service of a 20 year bond.

The City Council set the rate based on the amount of water used during the spring season. The rate will appear on the bill mailed out at the end of February and due on April 5th. The rate is graduated based on the amount of water used. This ensures lower users will pay less than higher users. Also, this is a fixed fee for the next twenty years and will not increase with inflation and will only be increased if and when new capital projects need to be approved. If this happens the City Council will send letters to all users and property owners.

LOCAL INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES



Pictured above: Licorice plant (invasive)

The Licorice Plant (*Helichrysum petiolare*) is a common garden plant introduced in the 1960s and still sold by nurseries and major distributors. The Licorice plant has escaped into native habitat and become invasive, crowding out even dense and healthy stands of native plants. It grows about 2’ tall and spreads wide with woolly grey-green evergreen leaves and yellow/white button like flowers in summer. It produces a large amount of seeds and can root from the stem, spreading in clumps. The leaves have a slight licorice odor but it should not be confused with the true licorice plant (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*).

The Licorice plant is perennial, small plants can be pulled by hand. Herbicides are not recommended. Licorice plants resemble native cudweed when flowering but is much larger.

Native Alternatives to plant: Coast purple sage (*Salvia leucophylla*) or Bush germander (*Teucrium fruticans*).

To learn more about local invasive species you can come by City Hall and pick up a copy of **Protecting San Bruno Mountain**, a guide to conserving local flora and fauna.

This pamphlet is produced by the Open Space and Ecology Committee of the City of Brisbane and San Bruno Mountain Watch, and is free thanks to the Arthur and Elena Court Nature Watch Conservancy.



Alternative plants
Bush germander (above)
Coast Purple Sage (right)

LIBRARY CALENDAR 2015

SPECIAL FEBRUARY EVENTS

Wednesday, February 4, 7pm - Adult Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing *Murder in the Marais* by Cara Black at our February meeting.

Thursday, February 5, 3pm - Harry Potter Book Day

Join us for an afternoon of Harry Potter-themed activities!

Saturday, February 7, 2pm - Creative Writing Club for Kids

Write up a storm with the Brisbane Library Creative Writing Club. We'll write stories, poems, riddles, and more! Perfect for grades 2-4.

Friday, February 13, 4pm - Kids Book Club

Join us each month for a book discussion and fun activities! We will be discussing *Nate the Great* and *the Mushy Valentine* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat [DRA: 18] at our February Meeting.

RECURRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Saturday Family Fun, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

February 7 - Lego Building. Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

February 14 - Little Musicians Jam Sessions. Bring your own instrument or play with ours. Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.

February 21 - 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 at 10:30 am - Preschool University Preschool University is a weekly opportunity for preschoolers to engage in fun and learning in a storytime setting. Together we explore various topics to encourage young children's natural curiosity about their world. **NOTE: There will be no Preschool University on Monday, February 16.**

Mondays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm - Afterschool Crafts Join us every Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years. **NOTE: There will be no Craft Program on Monday, February 16.**

Tuesdays, 11:30 am - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time This weekly playtime is 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, 10:30 am - Toddler Stories and Playtime Join us for a fun, music-filled storytime designed for your toddler's development. The first Wednesday of every month, we welcome an officer for our special Police Storytime! Ideal for children between the ages of 18 and 36 months.

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm - Game Day! Our popular afternoon game day is full of fun, casual play and occasional mayhem! For ages 8+.

RECURRING EVENTS FOR TEENS

Mondays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm - Afterschool Crafts Join us every Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years. **NOTE: There will be no Craft Program on Monday, February 16.**

Monday, February 2, 4:00 pm - The Lab The Lab is a bi-weekly experiment in science and technology. Build robots, grow bacteria, solder and program electronic gadgets, and blow stuff up. For ages 13-18. **NOTE: There will be no LAB Program on Monday, February 16.**

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RECURRING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - Computer Classes:

February 3 - Borrow Free Ebooks Bring your e-device and learn how to download e-books from the library.

February 10 -Free Digital Magazines (Zinio) Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines.

February 17 - Free Music Downloads (Freemusic) Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Occasionally meetings are canceled or changed. Call 508-2113 to verify.

4 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall T

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Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall

5 Thursday, 7:30 pm

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

9 MONDAY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING

2nd Monday of Every Month

11 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

11 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitacion & San Bruno

12 Thursday

City Hall Closed in Observance of Holiday

16 Monday

City Hall Closed in Observance of Holiday

19 Thursday, 7:30 pm

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

25 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitacion & San Bruno

26 Thursday, 7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

T - Meeting televised on Channel 27

City Hall - Regular Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 12: City Hall Closed

Monday, February 16: City Hall Closed

For questions or comments about CITYNEWS please call the City Manager's Office at 508-2110.

February 24 - Google Docs Learn all about this free, web-based office suite that includes online data storage and real-time collaboration. Create, edit, and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, forms, and drawings.

Tuesdays, February 10 and 24, 6:00 pm - Knit With Us On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, join knitters of all skill levels and share knitting tips or swap patterns with others. Limited supplies will be available. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm - 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.

Thursdays, 1:00 pm - Computer or Device Coach Have a few questions about how to use Facetime or attach a picture to an email message or other tech issues? Drop-in and we can help.

The Brisbane Library will be closed on Monday, February 16th, 2015 in observance of the holiday.



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2015 Artists' Evening of Sharing

February 7, 2015, 7:30 pm

Mission Blue Center, 475 Mission Blue Drive

The 15th Annual Brisbane Artists' Evening of Sharing will be held on **Saturday, February 7th, 2015**. 15 Brisbane artists of all disciplines will have an opportunity to share their talents with the Brisbane community during an evening of inspiration and enchantment. Each artist will give a five minute performance or presentation. A wide variety of talent will be displayed this year, including music, dance, writing and spoken word, photography, and much more.



Photo by Dimitri Moore

There will be a reception during intermission in celebration of the Arts in Brisbane.

Live at Mission Blue Masters of the Baroque

On February 14, 2015 the Live at Mission Blue Concert Series will hold its second concert this season - Masters of the Baroque. The concert will feature performances by Baroque Violinist Elizabeth

Kevin Fryer Photography Show

February through March

Artist's Reception, February 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Brisbane City Hall, 50 Park Place

A View of Brisbane

Brisbane photographer, Kevin Fryer, spent the last year photographing Brisbane and its surrounds from numerous vantage points on San Bruno Mountain. The upcoming show at Brisbane City Hall will display 14 selected images from this collection of photographs. Printed on Hahnemühle fine art paper, matted and mounted in frames made by the Artist, they will be available for purchase.



"Fog in the Quarry" 13"x19"



Blumenstock, John Dornenburg on the Viola da Gamba and Brisbane's own JungHae Kim on Harpsichord!

Tickets are available online at www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com or in the City Manager's Office at City Hall. The Friends of the Brisbane Library are pleased to offer the following remaining programs this year:

Masters of the Baroque **Saturday, February 14, 2015**
Kitka **Saturday, March 7, 2015**
The Lee Trio **Saturday, April 4, 2015**

Ticket Prices are \$20 for Adults and \$15 for Students and Seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door (cash and check only).

All concerts are held at Mission Blue Center, 475 Mission Blue Drive, Brisbane with a pre-concert talk at 7:30 pm and the concert at 8:00 pm.