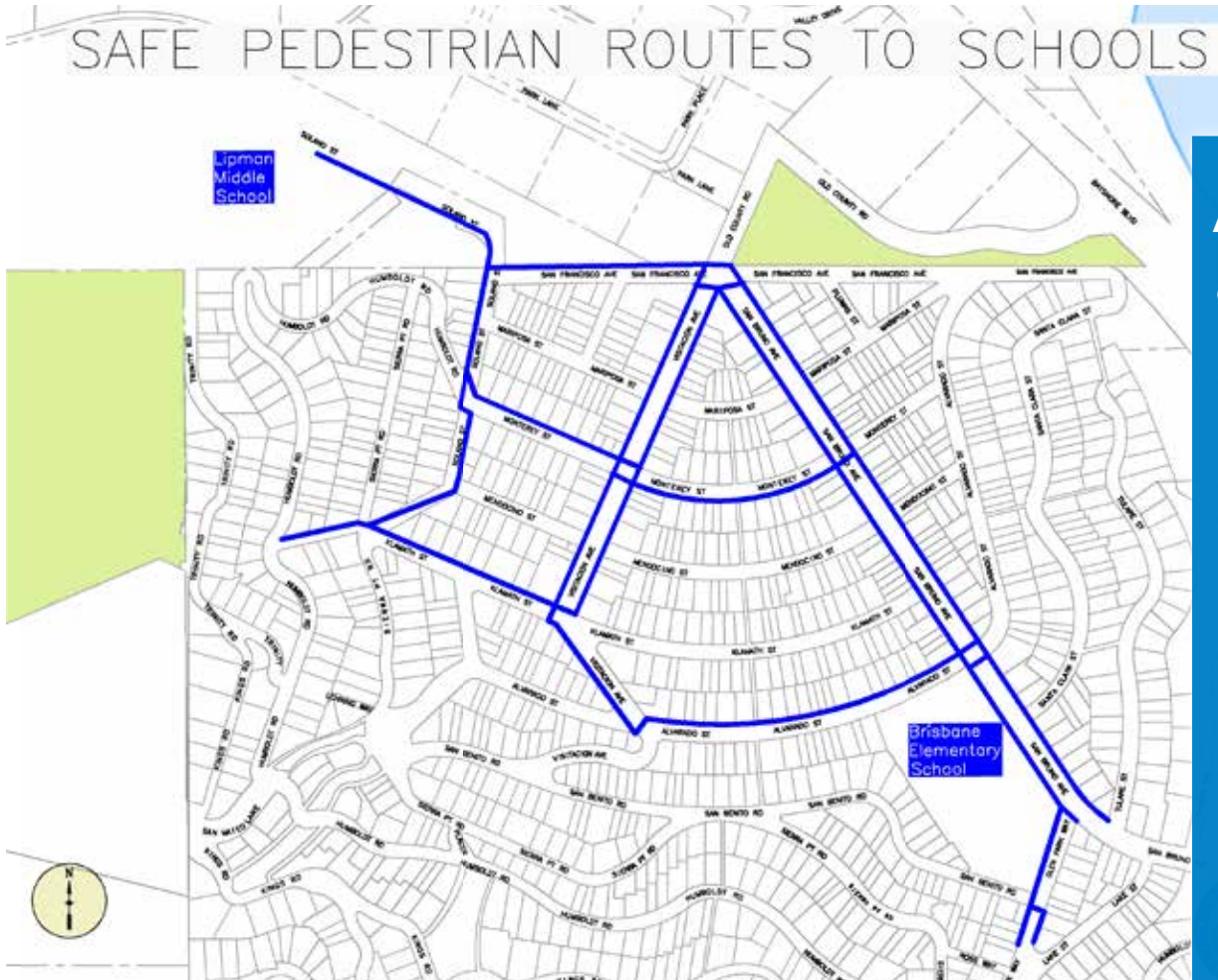


# Brisbane Citynews

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*The above picture indicates the streets in Brisbane which were identified as Brisbane's "Safe Pedestrian Routes to Schools." While these streets will be subject to increased parking enforcement to practice and promote safe pedestrian routes, parking enforcement will not be limited to the above streets.*

## BRISBANE PARKING ENFORCEMENT INCREASES

Recently the Complete Streets Safety Committee rolled out the "Safe Pedestrian Routes to Schools". This was the result of a yearlong project to study and identify routes and improvements that would provide for the safest and most direct routes to and from the schools and central Brisbane.

A primary component to the success in establishing these routes is to ensure the unobstructed use of the sidewalks. The committee noticed that, due to Brisbane's narrow streets, residents often parallel park their vehicles on a portion of the sidewalk. In addition, many driveways in Brisbane are too small for vehicles and as a result large portions of the vehicle block the sidewalk. These conditions are potentially unsafe as they cause pedestrians to have to walk around the vehicles and into the street.

Blocking any portion of the sidewalk is a violation of California Vehicle Code 22500(f). The Brisbane Police Department is committed to traffic safety and will be taking enforcement action for vehicles blocking the sidewalk.

Please assist us in our efforts by keeping the sidewalks clear.

Thank you  
Sergeant Thomas Lynn  
Brisbane Police Department



# SURVEY ON CITY COMMUNICATIONS

It's been a while since we've asked how we're doing in regards to getting information out to the community and how we can improve. So, here's your chance to let us know!

We are also interested in your thoughts on the CityNews (published monthly 9x/year) and the STAR (published 3x/year, which includes the CityNews and the Parks & Recreation Activity Guide).

Additional copies of this survey are available at City Hall and the Library. **Please return completed surveys to Caroline Cheung at City Hall (50 Park Place, Brisbane, 94005) or deposit in the drop boxes at City Hall or at Visitation and Mendocino.**

**1. What do you think about the current frequency of monthly publications?**

- Too much     Too little     Just right

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**2a. Is the Citynews/STAR your primary communications medium to receive news about City Hall and City services, programs, and initiatives?**

- Yes     No

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**2b. If you answered "No" in 2a, please indicate the top three (3) ways you find out about City news and events:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City website                  | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail/Facebook Groups You Belong To       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Website Updates E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> The Chamber's monthly Luminary publication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Hall Facebook Page       | <input type="checkbox"/> City Signboards                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Twitter Account          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ch. 27 Slides                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nextdoor                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth                              |

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How often do you read the Citynews/STAR?**

- Every month  
 Most of the time  
 Some of the time  
 Never

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What do you think of the current Citynews/STAR articles?**

- Too long, I don't read them in entirety  
 Too Short, they could use more information  
 They're fine the way they are

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What do you think of the current use of photos and printing in full-color?**

- They're beautiful, don't change a thing!  
 They're nice to have, but I'd rather have the information and save the ink

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. How long have you lived in town?**

- 0-4 years     5-9 years     10-19 years     20 or more years

**7. What age bracket do you fall into?**

- Over 70     51 - 70     33 - 50     18 - 32     Under 18

**8. Do you have any other comments regarding City communications that were not addressed in the previous questions? If so, please let us know:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your time in filling out this survey!  
Your responses will help us as we consider ways City communications can be improved in the near future.**

# APPLY TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**Applications Due by Wednesday, April 15 at 5:00 pm**

Due to a vacancy on the Planning Commission, applications are being accepted to fill a term through January 2018.

The Planning Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on re-zonings and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the City's General Plan. The Commission typically reviews and acts upon applications for Use Permits, Design Permits, Variances and Sign Permits.



### How to Apply

Applications are available on the City Website at [www.brisbaneca.org](http://www.brisbaneca.org) or by calling Sheri Spediacci at 415-508-2113. **Applications must be received by April 15th at 5:00 p.m.**



## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR FIRE SEASON

Fire season is upon us and it is time this year to create a defensible space around your property. Each year the hot summer weather and our high winds pose a fire hazard throughout the Brisbane hills and neighborhoods.

To minimize such fire hazards, specifically dangerous vegetation within the community, the City of Brisbane conducts an annual vegetation management and weed abatement program. Multiple properties are identified that meet the criteria due to the accumulation of combustible or flammable grass, weeds or other growth and/or debris on the property. It is our goal to educate our property owners on the existence of the program while requiring them to clear their dry combustible weeds early in the season, thus avoiding weed abatement notices and penalties from the Fire Department.

Creating a defensible space around your property will greatly improve the chances of your home or business being safely protected by a fire crew in the event of a wildfire. Defensible space is not defined as a dirt, gravel, or cement ring around your home, but rather a 30-foot clearance of dead and dry debris, and the inclusion of fire resistive plants in your landscaping. A Fire Safe yard can be just as appealing to the eye and much safer for both occupants and firefighters alike.

*Visit the North County Fire Authority website at [northcountyfire.org](http://northcountyfire.org) for additional information.*

## Brisbane Dance and Theater Workshop Presents



# HOW NIGHT CAME FROM THE SEA

based on a Brazilian Folk Tale

**May 16th**  
**3 PM and 7 PM**

**May 17th**  
**1 PM and 3 PM**

General Public Ticket sales begin on Tuesday April 14.  
Box office: 415-467-8751

### Tickets

**May 16th at 3 PM and May 17 at 1 PM & 3 PM**

\$10.00 General Admission / Adults and Children 13 and up

\$20.00 Special Reserve - assigned seat first two rows

\$7.00 General Admission / Seniors and Children 12 and younger

**May 16th 7 PM Gala**

\$20.00 General Admission and Gala Social



# AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSES



This course, based on the American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program, will certify students in Lifeguarding, CPR and AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. Students must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of class and pass a prerequisite test (swim 300 yards continuously, tread water for 2 minutes with no hands, retrieve a 10 pound brick from 8 feet and return it to designated spot).

**ATTENDANCE AT EVERY CLASS IS REQUIRED.**  
All Classes are \$185.

Session 1:  
Day(s): Saturday/Sunday  
Dates: April 4, 5, 11, 12  
Time(s): Saturdays 9am-5pm  
Sundays 10am-5pm

Session 2:  
Day(s): Monday -Friday  
Dates: April 6 – April 10  
Times: 10am-3:30pm

You can register online at <http://brisbaneca.org/community-pool> or come to the pool office (2 Solano Street) and pay in cash/check.

For more information contact Ben at (415) 657-4320.

## LIVE AT MISSION BLUE PRESENTS: THE LEE TRIO

**Saturday, April 4, 2015; 7:30 pm Pre-Concert Talk; 8:00 pm Concert Begins**

**Mission Blue Center, 475 Mission Blue Dr, Brisbane**

The final concert of Live at Mission Blue's 11th Season will feature **The Lee Trio on Saturday, April 4, 2015**. Tickets are available online at [www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com](http://www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com) or in the City Manager's Office at City Hall.

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

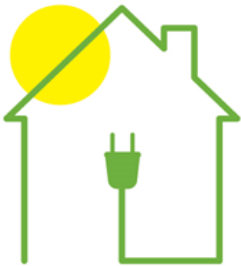
All concerts are held at Mission Blue Center, 475 Mission Blue Drive, Brisbane with a pre-concert talk by Bruce Lamott at 7:30 pm and the concert at 8:00 pm.



## SOLAR. SIMPLE. TOGETHER. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 12:30pm-2:00pm**

**Community Center, 250 Visitacion Avenue, Brisbane**



**Peninsula SunShares**

Thinking about installing solar on your home but don't know where to start or think it's just too expensive? Peninsula SunShares is here to help!

This spring the City of Brisbane is partnering with local nonprofit *Vote Solar* and neighboring communities throughout San Mateo County to launch a solar group discount program for homeowners.

The Peninsula SunShares program uses a tiered-pricing structure, City-supported education and outreach, and a competitively selected installer to dramatically reduce the cost of solar.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Community-sponsored program.** The City of Brisbane wants to make it easy for residents to see if their home is right for solar. Sign up to schedule a no-obligation site visit.
- 2. Below-market pricing.** Get your discounted solar installation price quote from the programs pre-selected solar installer.
- 3. Limited time.** Sign a contract by July 31st to have your new solar panels installed and save on your monthly electric bill for years to come.
- 4. Help spread the word!** More participants means a better deal for you and more solar power for the Bay Area.

You can find out more or register for the workshop at [www.mygroup.com/peninsula](http://www.mygroup.com/peninsula).

## SAN MATEO COUNTY EMERGENCY EXERCISE “SILVER DRAGON”

Thursday, April 23rd, 2015 from 8:00 am - Noon

Throughout the City of Brisbane & San Mateo County

Brisbane Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), assisted by Pacifica and Daly City CERT personnel, will participate in the San Mateo County Health Department’s “Silver Dragon” exercise on April 23, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 pm to simulate the mass delivery of medicine and medical supplies to homes in Brisbane.

Participation in the countywide exercise will assess readiness to provide timely medical assistance in the event of a major health emergency such as pandemic influenza, a food or water-borne illness, or the intentional release of a bio-agent.

This is the 9th year the exercise has been conducted in San Mateo County to test the Health System’s ability to partner with local cities, law enforcement, fire departments, the American Red Cross and CERT teams for a simulated mass delivery of medicine from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Strategic National Stockpile. Validation of door-to-door distribution capabilities of medication during an actual health emergency will be accomplished by CERT teams distributing re-usable, eco-friendly shopping bags packed with educational information to approximately 1/3 of Brisbane residences.

## HABITAT RESTORATION DAY

Saturday, April 25th from 9 A.M to 1 P.M

at San Mateo Lane & Kings Road Intersection



Join the City of Brisbane’s Open Space and Ecology Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission, in partnership with San Bruno Mountain Watch, to celebrate Earth Day. Help remove invasive, non-native plants from habitat.

Parking is limited. Carpooling is encouraged. Free lunch and t-shirt!

**RSVP or questions, contact Natalie:**  
nmunoz@ci.brisbane.ca.us or  
(415) 508-2118.

**Please Bring:** Water, Sunscreen,  
Tools (such as Shovels, Towels, etc),  
Work Gloves and Good Shoes

Brisbane’s Annual “Day In The Park”  
Art and Crafts Fair  
Saturday, October 3, 2015  
Brisbane Community Park

*The “Day In The Parks” Arts and crafts fair is a great place to sell and or buy handmade arts and crafts items. If you’re a creator of your own items for sale, please call Recreation Supervisor Russ Carmick at 415.508.2143 to arrange for table space in the Arts and Crafts Pavilion.*

*Don’t delay, space is limited*

## 2015 SPRING THING HOSTED BY BEST/PTO

Saturday, April 25th at 6:00 pm,

Centennial Towers, One Tower Place, South San Francisco

The huge, not-to-be-missed, 2015 Spring Thing fundraising gala to support our schools is in full production! Don’t miss an incredible night of fantastic food, casino games, entertainment, and exciting silent and LIVE auctions, including a couple of rare and exciting items! You’ll be transported to Bourbon Street for an evening of casually elegant, sophisticated fun!

Centennial Towers and Myers Peninsula Venture have generously agreed to allow us to use their beautiful space for this year’s bash!

**Tickets:** \$48 per person for a wonderful night to remember, including gourmet food, excellent music, amazing auction items, and a VIP experience all for the great cause of helping our kids’ schools!

**For more information and to purchase tickets or donate, please visit [www.thebestpto.org](http://www.thebestpto.org)**

*Please note: Because we are serving alcohol, this is an adults-only, 21-and over event. Also note that the PTO will be unable to offer childcare.*

# LIBRARY CALENDAR 2015

## SPECIAL APRIL EVENTS

### Wednesday, April 1, 10:30am - Music with Vered

Kick off the Month of the Young Child with Vered! Enjoy a morning of music and fun at the Brisbane Library!

### Wednesday, April 1, 7pm - Adult Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed at our April meeting.

### Saturday, April 4, 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.

### Wednesday, April 8, 1pm - Teeny Tots Yoga

Pre-walkers and toddlers will be taken on a yoga adventure with creative themes, props, songs and poses. Caregivers are encouraged to apply the yogic philosophy of connection by supporting their little one's movements, honoring how their child learns yoga, and maintaining a relationship to one's own breathing. Best for ages infant-2 years old.

### Friday, April 10, 4pm - Kids Book Club

Join us each month for a book discussion and fun activities! We will be discussing *Carnival* by Candlelight by Mary Pope Osborne [DRA: 30] at our April meeting.

### Saturday, April 18, 2pm - Dad & Me at the Library

Dads, kids and all family members are invited to attend a performance by the Puppet Art Theater Co. This marvelous puppet show will delight audiences of all ages!

## RECURRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Saturday Family Fun, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**April 4 - Lego Building.** Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

**April 11 - Music and Dance Party with Theresa.** Join us for stories, songs and dancing at the Brisbane Library! Theresa and her ukulele will lead us in new and familiar songs on the second Saturday of every month!

**April 18 - 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.

**Mondays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm - Afterschool Crafts** Join us every Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years.

**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. **Note: The April 1 Toddler Storytime will be replaced by the Music with Vered program!**

**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.

**Mondays, April 6 & 20, 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.

# APRIL CALENDAR

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

1 Wednesday, 6:30

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall

2 Thursday, 7:30 pm

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

8 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

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

8 Wednesday, 6:30 pm\*

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall T

9 Thursday, 7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

13 MONDAY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING

2nd Monday of Every Month

15 Wednesday, 6:30 pm\*\*

Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

16 Thursday, 7:30 pm

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

22 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

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

23 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

\* The Park and Recreation Commission meetings will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

\*\* The Open Space and Ecology Committee meetings will now be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

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

**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 ADULTS

### Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - Computer Classes:

**April 7 - Borrow Free Ebooks** Bring your e-device and learn how to download e-books from the library.

**April 14 - Free Digital Magazines (Zinio)** Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines.

**April 21 - Free Music Downloads (Freegal)** Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.

**April 28 - 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.

**Tuesday, April 28, 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, April 21, 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.

# City of Brisbane Summer Concerts Sponsorship Opportunities



## Sponsorship Levels

Platinum \$2,000

Gold \$1,000

Silver \$500

Bronze \$100

**SPONSORSHIPS OF \$200  
or more will receive special  
“Sponsor” Concert t-shirt**

All sponsors will be recognized by the City Council, in all city publications, and of course, on the concert banner that will be hung on the gazebo in Community Park which the band plays under.

Brisbane’s concerts are a popular summer Friday night of fun for the whole family.

This summer tradition is made possible due to the generous tax deductible donations made by Brisbane businesses as well as local families who have come to eagerly anticipate the concerts each year because of the value they add to the community.

**Would you consider being a sponsor for the 2015 Concert Series?**

All concerts are  
Fridays 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.  
July 3, 10, 17, 25, 31 & Aug. 7



**City of Brisbane  
Parks & Recreation**

50 Park Pl.  
Brisbane CA 94005  
Steve Beaty  
415.508.2144  
sbeaty@ci.brisbane.ca.us

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Donor name as it should appear on signs

contact name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city & zip \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_



City of Brisbane  
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Brisbane, CA 94005

Providing Quality Services

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Brisbane, CA  
Permit No. 43

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POSTAL CUSTOMERS  
BRISBANE, CA 94005

# EXPLORE THE BRISBANE FARMERS' MARKET

Every Thursday from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

at Brisbane's Community Park

The deeper we head into Spring, the more offerings you will start seeing pop-up at the farmers' market...and it's only going to get better! If you haven't been to the market in a while, we wanted to take a moment to introduce you to the vendors you'll see in town on a weekly basis, ready to serve you!

**Mountain Fresh Organics** – Carlos comes to the market from Gilroy, where the farm harvests vegetables including rainbow kale, broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, onions, carrots, celery, beets, radishes, potatoes, cilantro, lettuce, asparagus, and of course, garlic! He also carries strawberries and will have blackberries and raspberries soon!



**Rojas Family Farms** – Cesar drives all the way from Fresno in Tulare County to bring the community fresh citrus fruits, including blood oranges, Manadarins, pomelo, and blueberries (*coming soon*).

**Dalex** – The husband and wife team of Dimitri & Valentina make all of their Russian offerings in San Carlos. Valentina is the Master Chef and makes her own piroshkies, both savory and fruit-filled (no sugar added), mushroom patties, fruit blintzes, shepherd's pie, sausages, sauerkraut, pickles, and spreads. All of their food is ready-to-eat, or can be easily heated up for a quick dinner. Come by for a taste!

**Hummus Heaven** – Hanif is the super friendly and laid-back seller for this company based in San Leandro. Their hummus varieties are aplenty, including spinach feta, eggplant, roasted red pepper, garlic, and more! Pick up some fresh pita bread (whole wheat, half-white/half-wheat, or white), not to mention seasoned pita chips, to go with it!



**Shampa's Pies** – Harume started coming to the market during the holidays, which was perfect because he had pecan pie, along with lemon chess, strawberry lemon, and chocolate mousse pies. He's using his grandmother's (Shampa's) recipes to bring the community delectable pies. Stop by and sample some!

**Emulate Natural Care** – Dave loves coming to Brisbane to educate people that are interested in the healing effects of emu oil. He has products ranging from lotions to toner to deodorant, where most contain healing emu or moringa oil. Talk to him about how emu oil can be used to help treat chronic conditions such as arthritis and eczema.

**Pete's Brisbane Honey** – Pete Davis can often be found in the Community Garden, harvesting his honey that he quickly jars for sale at the market. He also has honey sticks and, at times, bee pollen! If you're looking for local honey or bee pollen to treat allergies, you can't get any more local than Pete's Brisbane Honey.



**KettlePop** – it's not really a farmers' market without the smell of kettlecorn wafting through the air! Chris will often pop up a fresh batch if you stop by for a bag. He also has cheddar and caramel varieties and varying sizes of kettlecorn bags to choose from.

**Pacific Spine & Joint Medical Group** – Virgil & Darryl are providing on-site 10-minute back massages for free through the Spring. Take a breather and treat yourself to a free massage!

**Brisbane Skatepark Tees** – Michael Barnes has been screen-printing t-shirts in his garage and selling them as a fundraiser for the Brisbane Skatepark. He also has hoodies, and long-sleeve designs, too!