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Congratulations to the Brisbane Silver Strikers!

Congratulations to the Brisbane Strikers, AYSO 12U boys soccer team, on winning the Area 2B Tournament (Brisbane, San Bruno, Millbrae, Pacifica, Daly City) and also winning the Section 2 Tournament (Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington). The Brisbane Strikers go on to play at the Western States Championship in March in Bakersfield.

Congratulations also to Brisbane SC, AYSO 12U boys soccer team (pictured right), in winning second place at the Area 2B Tournament. They played strong and gave it their all!

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.

Keep a lookout for fundraisers to support the Brisbane Strikers on their travels to the 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 sharing in their excitement as they go on to play at the Western States Championship!



City Council Reorganization

On Thursday, December 14th, Lori S. Liu stepped down from the Council after serving a full four-year term. She intends to remain engaged as a resident of Brisbane, especially as it relates to the future of the Baylands. "It's vital that Brisbane always has a seat at the table in determining our own future, both so that any development on the Baylands - particularly any residential development - is both safe and sustainable," Liu stated as part of her salutary comments.

She went on to say, "The greatest challenge I see is how we manage development of the Baylands." This has been a common sentiment among the Council and community over the course of the last year when the Council began its deliberations on the Baylands. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 to continue deliberations.

Liu also expressed, "As a mother of young children, I take pride in knowing that I served as a role model to other women, to mothers, and to most importantly, to all our children, in showing them that when you put your heart and mind to it, anything is possible, and each of us has the ability to find our own voice." Thank you, Lori, for your unwavering service to the Brisbane community and strong voice!

New Council Member Karen Cunningham was sworn in, along with returning Council Members Clarke Conway and Cliff Lentz.



The Council selected Council Member Conway to serve as Mayor in 2018 and selected Council Member Davis to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Stay up-to-date with the projects and issues the Council tackles in 2018 by signing up for City News at: www.brisbaneca.org/weekly-updates-from-the-city. This is the same as going to the City's website, www.brisbaneca.org, and clicking on the blue button, "Subscribe to City News".

Thank You from the Brisbane PD

The Brisbane Police Department would like to thank everyone who donated to our Holiday Food and Toy Drive. Without all of you, this program would not have been possible. We were able to provide toys and food to Brisbane families and low income seniors who were in need of some extra assistance during the holidays. We would like to give a special shout out to Pitco, Pacific Gourmet, and SSF Scavengers for their generous donations. On behalf of the families

and the Brisbane Police Department, we would like to thank you all again for making this program a success. Have a Safe and Happy New Year!



Deadline to Apply for a City Commission or Committee

Fast-Approaching on January 12, 2018

Interested in making a difference in Brisbane? Serving on a City Commission or Committee is a great way to do just that. There are currently open seats on the following commissions and committees. There is something for everyone interested!

- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Complete Streets Safety Committee
- Open Space and Ecology Committee
- Public Art Advisory Committee

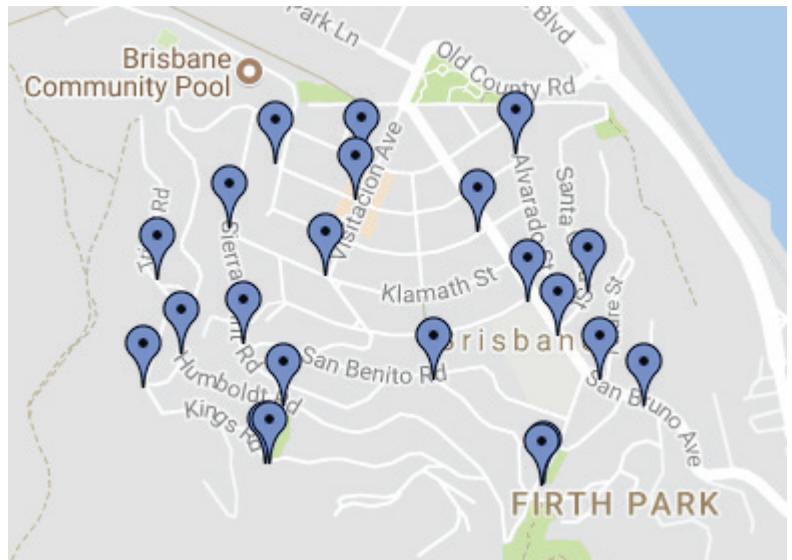
Applications for each of the above opportunities can be found on the City's website here: <http://brisbaneca.org/serve-your-community-make-a-difference-2018>. For more information, please contact City Clerk Ingrid Padilla at (415) 508-2113 or e-mail cityclerk@brisbaneca.org. Again, the deadline to apply is Friday, January 12, 2018 at 1:00pm. Good luck to all the applicants!



Winter Clean Up – Another Annual Success

27.43 Tons of Green Waste Collected!

Thank you to all the residents who took advantage of the 20+ dumpsters that SSF Scavengers placed throughout Central Brisbane during the weekend of November 4-5. A total of 27.43 tons, or about 43 filled dumpsters were collected! This is an important event that the City provides as a service to the community as it greatly reduces the amount of fallen leaves, branches, and other green waste that oftentimes ends up in the City's storm drains, and can ultimately lead to flooding activity during the rainy season. The annual Winter Clean Up event helps prevent these types of issues from occurring, so please make sure your household participates when it's offered again!



Friday
January 26
12 PM - 5 PM

Saturday
January 27
10 AM - 3 PM

Mission Blue Center
475 MISSION BLUE DR

Please Donate!

Drop off your ready-to-sell women's, men's, maternity, baby & kids' clothes, and baby gear at the Mission Blue Center 7-9pm on January 24th, 5-6:30pm on January 25th OR 8:30am-noon on January 26th



Water Rates Potentially Increasing

With April 2018 Bill

A letter from the City's Administrative Services Director Stuart Schillinger was sent to all water customers in December. It cited that with the latest drought, the required water reduction reduced revenues by approximately \$425,000 a year.

Costs were not reduced by this same amount, and in large part, remained the same. This is because about 70% of the cost for supplying clean drinking water and wastewater disposal is independent of the amount of water used. These fixed costs are for testing, meter reading/billing, maintenance, system checks, and electricity to pump water and wastewater uphill. Only about 30% factors out to be the cost of the water and the treatment cost of our wastewater. Therefore, as water usage decreases, our revenues fall faster. What makes the drought even harder to deal with from a financial perspective is the decrease in water usage from the usage we charge the most to, landscape watering.

The City Council determined that instead of increasing rates during the drought, we should set up a reserve account to continue to be able to afford the cost of ensuring a safe, clean water supply to our customers and residents. The alternative would have been to increase rates during the drought, but this seemed counterintuitive since it would mean as we were requesting individuals and businesses to reduce the amount of water they were using, we would need to charge more for that water. Additionally, if landscape meters were turned off, as is needed during a drought, these customers would not be paying their fair share of the costs of the system.

Instead, the City Council had one of its subcommittees work with staff to determine an appropriate level of funding each year and how it should be split amongst the users. The subcommittee made the recommendation to Council:

- The amount collected should be \$106,000 a year. This would mean that over a four-year period, we would save enough money to cover one year of a drought. The last



drought impacted our revenues for two years.

- Second, the funding should be split 50% to the landscape meters and 50% to other commercial and residential meters.
- Third, the residential and commercial users who use less water should pay less than those who use more water.

The proposed rates figured out to be:

- Landscape meters will pay \$612.81 a year or \$102.13 a billing period.
- Residential/Commercial meters that use more than the median water usage (approximately 72 units a year) will pay \$41.91 a year or \$6.99 a billing period.
- Residential/Commercial meters that use less than the median water usage (approximately 72 units a year) will pay \$13.91 a year or \$2.32 a billing period.

The City will use water usage between January – December of the previous year to determine if a residential/commercial user is above or below the median water usage for the year. If the City Council approves the rate increase, then the first bill the new rates would appear on would be the April 2018 bill.

Council will hear protests for this item at their February 1, 2018 meeting. If a majority of ratepayers protest, then the new fee cannot go into effect and the level of service may need to be reduced. The meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room of City Hall, located at 50 Park Place in Brisbane and begins at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Stuart Schillinger at either (415) 508-2151 or schillinger@brisbaneca.org.

A Note from South San Francisco Scavenger Company

Christmas trees will be recycled after the holidays!

- Remove the stand and all decorations including lights and tinsel.
- Cut tree in half if taller than 6 feet.

- Do not bag or tie your tree.
- Place tree on or near the curb on your regular collection day before 5 am.
- An appointment is required to have trees picked up from multifamily residential complexes and business. Please call (650) 589-4020 to schedule!

Fast EV Charging Coming to Brisbane!

Electric Vehicle owners in and around Brisbane will soon have a new location to power up. The City of Brisbane recently received a grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to install an EV charger as part of their Charge Fast! Program, which aims to rapidly expand access to EV charging stations to help meet the Bay Area's EV-adoption goals. The station will also support the City's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions at least 15% (from a 2005 baseline) by 2020, in line with California's AB32 Global Warming Solutions Act. Since the City has "opted up" to Peninsula Clean Energy's ECO100 product, charging up at the new station will be emissions-free and help drive the transition to a low-carbon future.

The ChargePoint DC Fast Charger will supply 50kW of power through either a CHAdeMO or a Combo connector. CHAdeMO originates from Japan, anecdotally meaning "let's CHARGE and MOVE", in English, and "while having a cup of tea" in Japanese, referring to the brief time it takes to charge. Indeed the DC Fast Charger can fully charge many electric vehicles in less than half an hour, and EV users will find several locations for their "cup of tea" in the Brisbane Village Shopping Center hosting the station.

Judy Ng, Brisbane Village owner's representative and Board



Member of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, worked with the City to bring this amenity to the community. "We're excited that the Brisbane Village Shopping Center can provide this important resource for the community and look forward to it serving many visitors, especially during the time they're grabbing a bite to eat or frequenting one of the businesses here." said Ng.

Stay tuned for an announcement of a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held in January and further details on the charging station's operations.

Dog Park Re-Opening Celebration

New Sod & Gated Secondary Area

During the months of October and November, the Dog Park was closed due to a lawn resodding project. On Wednesday, December 13th, the wait was over and public was invited to a Reopening Celebration, where the dogs and their owners got to experience all the improvements that were made. Those improvements included not only new grass, but also a new gated secondary area with an extension of decomposed granite. This division of space allows for the Dog Park to be used during inclement weather without adversely affecting the new sod, as well as allows for a separate area for big/small dogs. What makes this project exemplary is the fact

that it was championed by the Dog Park users themselves. With the assistance of Parks and

Recreation staff, a community engagement process took place at the project's onset, which resulted in an overwhelming response from Dog Park stakeholders in favor of new sod to enhance the space. With support from the Parks and Recreation Commission and approval from the City Council, Public Works staff partnered with contractors to complete the upgrades. In order to let the root system establish, the new sod rested for 8 weeks before the Dog Park was reopened to the public. Thank you for your patience and understanding during that time, with a big thanks to Dog Park users for sharing your vision for the space and being engaged throughout the process. We look forward to many years ahead of fun, health and community for the pups, and their people!



City Receives Grant for Green Infrastructure Along Safe Routes to School

You may have noticed them popping up in other cities – green street improvements, especially at intersections as the improvements aim to also increase pedestrian safety. The City applied for and were awarded \$245,253 in grant funds (and will provide a 15% match) under the Safe Routes to Schools and Green Infrastructure Pilot Program, which is managed by the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program or SMCWPPP (a program of the City/County Association of Governments, aka, C/CAG), in partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education. It's been found that 15% of morning commute traffic in San Mateo County can be attributed to school-related traffic, and that 65% of parents in the County attribute unsafe intersections as a primary reason not to allow children to walk/bike to school (Source: San Mateo County Safe Routes to School 5-Year Evaluation, 2016). Enter SMCWPPP. Infrastructure can be designed to minimize its impact on natural

drainage system. Our streets and parking lots can help maintain the balance of natural drainage systems by capturing, slowing, and absorbing stormwater, as well as filtering pollutants that urban development introduces. The rain garden at City Hall pictured above served as a demonstration project for many cities in the region as Brisbane was the first city in the County to build one along with a bioswale that runs along the Valley Dr. side of the building when it was renovated in 2009. Stay tuned for these green infrastructure improvements that will be coming to the intersections of Visitacion and Alvarado, San Bruno and Santa Clara, and Visitacion and Mariposa. The Complete Streets Safety Committee will be working with staff to see the final design through. For more information, please contact Deputy Director of Public Works Karen Kinser at (415) 508-2130 or kkinser@brisbaneca.org.



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January 2018 Library Calendar

Special Events

December 11, 2017-January 16, 2018 - Winter Learning Challenge

Say no to boredom this winter break! Read and do activities to win prizes! Children and teens can pick up their Winter Learning Log at the Brisbane Library.

Fridays, January 5, January 12, January 19 & January 26, 9am - 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, January 9, January 16, January 23 & January 30, 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!

Thursday, January 18, 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, January 20, 10am - Qi Gong Meditation

Kick off your Saturday morning by learning the art of meditation!

Saturday, January 20, 2pm - Couture Korea Docent Lecture

Couture Korea showcases historical Korean fashion and its modern reinterpretations as young Seoul-based designers are making the leap to the global stage and international haute couture finds inspiration in Korean art and culture. With more than 120 works, the exhibition considers fashion as an enduring expression of social and cultural values. This exhibit will be at the Asian Art Museum from November 3, 2017 through February 4, 2018.

Wednesday, January 24, 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.

Saturday, January 27, 10am - Paint Like Seurat

Jump into the mind of an influential artist with our "Paint Like" series. Come learn the techniques Seurat used and paint your own masterpiece. Canvas, brushes and paints are all provided. Class size is limited. Registration is required.

Recurring Events for Children and Families

Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am

January 6 - Lego Building. Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

January 20 - 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, January 1 or Monday, January 15.

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, January 1 or Monday, January 15.

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

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, January 5, 7pm - Mom & Me Book Club

Girls ages 9-12 and their mothers are invited to attend our Mother Daughter

January 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 (Visitation Ave. enforced 3-6AM)

01, Monday, All Day
City Hall Closed - New Year's Day

04, Thursday, 8:00pm
City Council Regular Meeting, B

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

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

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

15, Monday, All Day
City Hall Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

16, Tuesday, 7:30pm
City Council Special Meeting, B

17, Wednesday, 6:30pm
Complete Streets Safety Committee

20, Saturday, 7:30pm, Mission Blue Center
Live at Mission Blue - "Frequency 49"
Tickets/Info: www.liveatmissionblue.com

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

24, Wednesday, 6:30pm
Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

B - Meeting broadcast on Ch. 27 and on www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming
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 ccheung@brisbaneca.org

Book Club! We will be discussing Auggie and Me by R.J. Palacio at our January 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 (sabas@smcl.org).

Recurring Events for Adults

Mondays, 11:30am - 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, January 1 or Monday, January 15.

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.

Wednesday, January 3, 7pm - Adult Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and a Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance at our January meeting.

Tuesdays, January 9 and January 23, 6pm - Craft Time & Coloring for Grown Ups

Join us for this new and exciting drop-in program!

Tuesday, January 16, 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.

THE BRISBANE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY AND ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE LIBRARY IN 2018!



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save the date
FEBRUARY 3RD
7:30PM
MISSION BLUE CENTER

Join us for an inspiring showcase of local artists, musicians, performers, filmmakers, and writers. No admission fee. All ages welcomed. **Calling all Brisbane Artists:** if you are interested in showcasing your talent at this event, apply by December 31st & visit <http://brisbaneca.org/artist-evening-of-sharing> for more information.

New Commute.org Shuttle Pass Stickers are Available at City Hall.

Please Bring a Picture ID/Proof of Residency to Receive the Newest Sticker or Sign Up.

Call (415) 508-2150 for questions.

"@brisbaneca.org" Added to City's Email Domain

You can use the original domain address, "@ci.brisbane.ca.us", or the new, simpler one!

Habitat Restoration Day

Costaños Canyon

Saturday, February 3rd
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Rain or Shine!

Volunteer to plant natives in Costaños Canyon!

Meet on Humboldt Road near Placer Way. Parking is limited; walking, biking or carpooling is encouraged.

Free lunch and light breakfast provided, plus take home a new pair of gardening gloves!

Please wear clothes & shoes appropriate for the outdoors & weather.

Brought to you by: Open Space and Ecology Committee, City of Brisbane, and San Bruno Mountain Watch.