

# STAR



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## 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award

### Congratulations to Rachel Ennis

Each year, the City recognizes a Brisbane resident as its "Volunteer of the Year", who the ad hoc City Council subcommittee selects after carefully reviewing letters of recommendation from other community members. The Volunteer of the Year award is bestowed upon a dedicated community member who has demonstrated ongoing commitment to the City of Brisbane, acts with the purpose of community in mind and give selflessly to others. This year, the honors went to Rachel Ennis.

Rachel has worked tirelessly for the community and the Brisbane School District. Beginning with her daughter, Gillian, attending Silverspot Co-op Preschool, she quickly became a strong leader and joined their school board as Treasurer then President. She started new fundraising events and gave direction to improve the financial health and stability of the school.

Rachel then followed her daughter to Brisbane Elementary school where she gave many years of service as BES site

president, BEST/PTO board member, Chairman, founding Spring Thing Auction Chair, and Spring Thing co-chair. If someone had an idea, she would always listen; if a group was struggling to raise donations, she always had the time and best ideas; if you needed a cheerleader, she would be your biggest supporter and advocate. She even got the Beer and Wine Garden at Day in the Park started!

Not only does Rachel volunteer for the schools, but she volunteers her time and donates wonderful delectable foods to support the Brisbane Dance Workshop, the Live at Mission Blue Series, Silverspot Co-op Preschool and other local community groups. Those who nominated Rachel say that she always brings the most positive and upbeat energy!

Thank you, Rachel. Your unselfish and dedicated service has made a significant difference in our community. The positive impact of your work for the school district and the community will not soon be forgotten.

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### Veterans' Day Flag Raising

Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 8am

Community Park Gazebo

School Children  
encouraged to attend!



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## 2017 Day in the Park & Derby Recap

“Best Day in the Park ever!” quoted a Brisbane resident. The 31st annual Day in the Park was a true success and the commemorative nature of this year’s event brought people out to the park to enjoy the sun, music, games, vendors, food, and much more. This year’s festivities included a Beer & Wine garden hosted by BEST/PTO, food trucks, a dog costume contest and pie eating contest, and of course the Derby! We’d like to thank the volunteers who supported the Parks & Recreation Department by making the day possible. It was truly a celebration of our town and residents!

Congratulations to all the brave racers who participated in the 11th annual Derby! One of the goals of the Brisbane Derby is to have families working together to build and race their own derby cars. This year, racers were offered support and guidance in building their derby cars at three Build-Your-Own Derby car workshop days which truly made the event a family affair.

With Dan Carter and Sue Cochran

### The 2017 Derby Winners

**Ages 10-14:** 1st place – Alejandro Coriano  
2nd place – Sebastian Sun

**Ages 6-9:** 1st place – Jesse Guilbert  
2nd place – Jonathon Navarrete



# VOTE – IT MATTERS!

Election Day this year is Tuesday, November 7th and polling places and Voting Centers are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. In Brisbane, the Polling Place will be at Brisbane City Hall and held in the Community Meeting Room located at 50 Park Place, Brisbane. Ballots may also be placed in the voting box at City Hall until Election Day. Mailed ballots postmarked on or before Election Day will be accepted if they are received by November 13th. For questions, go online at [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org) or call 650-312-5222.

There are six candidates running for three City Council Seats, for a shortened term of 3 years each. There are also two Business License Tax Measures on the Ballot. Please review your election packet or visit our website at: <http://brisbaneca.org/Brisbane-Elections-November-2017>



## Annual Winter Clean-Up

**November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Winter Clean-Up is scheduled for the weekend of November 4th and 5th. This is the time to clear your property of fallen leaves and branches which could find their way into one of the City's storm drains and cause flooding during the rainy season. It's also a great time to maintain the trees on your property. Trees need regular pruning to maintain their health. See <https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/keys-to-pruning.cfm>

Dumpsters will be placed throughout town for residents to dispose of their yard waste.

Please place your yard trimmings and branches (less than 4 inches in diameter and NOT within plastic garbage bags) into the nearest dumpster. A map of the dumpster locations will be posted on the City's website to help residents locate them easily.

If you need assistance, we will have limited staff available to transport your yard waste to one of the dumpsters. For assistance, please call (415) 508-2147 during the following times:

**Saturday, November 4: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Sunday, November 5: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Please remember that this is for YARD WASTE ONLY (leaves, branches, grass). NO GARBAGE OR OTHER WASTE is to be

disposed of in these dumpsters. Doing so will make the entire load unrecyclable.

Now is also a good time to remove organic debris from your rain gutters to prevent clogs and damage to your home.



As a reminder, do not attempt to trim tree branches that are touching or near PG&E power lines. Call PG&E if you have any questions or concerns at (800) 743-5000. If you have other questions regarding tree removal in general, see the Tree Removal Permit page on our website or call (415) 508-2120.

Thank you in advance for your willingness and cooperation in this City-wide effort. If we all pitch in to clean up our properties from yard trimmings and fallen leaves, we can prevent future problems from occurring in our storm drains.

## Visitors at City Hall!

Thank you to Ms. Dalmacio and her Kindergarteners and Ms. Carr and her 3rd Graders for visiting us at City Hall. We had so much fun showing you all of the departments and of course, the police par, fire truck and the Public Works Bobcat!





# Check It Out! - Home Energy and Water Saving Toolkit\* Coupons for Brisbane Residents

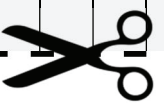
**Brisbane Hardware**  
 1 Visitation Ave  
 Brisbane, CA 94005  
 (415) 467-2707

Purchase (or order) some (or all) of the items below at Brisbane Hardware to save money \$5!



The following section to be filled out by Brisbane Hardware at time of sale and submitted to the City for reimbursement.

Discount	Item	SKU #	Price	Quantity Purchased	Customer Discount (Billed to City's OSEC Account)
\$2 off	One (1) can of spray foam insulation				
\$10 off	One (1) low flow (2.0 gpm) shower head				
\$2 off	One (1) weather stripping kit				
\$1 off each	Up to four (4) faucet aerators (1.2 gpm for lavatory, 1.8/2.2 gpm for kitchen)				
\$5 off	One (1) water heater blanket (2" thick)				
\$4 off	One (1) light timer				
\$3 off	One (1) window insulation kit				
\$2 off	One (1) outlet timer power strip				
20% off	Up to four (4) LED light bulbs (maximum \$27 each; excludes party/colored light bulbs)				
\$2 off	One (1) package of clothespins				
\$3 off	One (1) clothesline				
\$1 off each	Up to four (4) outlet and switch foam gaskets				
<b>Total Customer Savings:</b>					



The following section to be filled out by customer at time of purchase.

<b>Customer Name</b>	<b>Customer Address</b>
<b>Property Address where products used</b>	

\* Toolkit available for checkout from the Brisbane Library

Coupons valid until November 18, 2017

- Void Where Prohibited • Cash Value 1/100 ¢ • Coupon may not be used with any other discount, coupon, offer, prior purchase, exchange or refund • Limit one per person
- Not to be reproduced • No cash back

# 2017 Lagoon Cleanup Recap

## Thank you to all the volunteers!

The sun was gleaming brightly on the volunteers at this year's Annual Lagoon Cleanup event, which is held in conjunction with California's Coastal Cleanup Day. On Saturday, September 16th, over 30 volunteers gathered at Fisherman's Park to deploy around the perimeter of the Brisbane Lagoon to remove garbage. Volunteers covered over 3 miles of shoreline in an effort to beautify the area, clear debris and maintain one of the town's most loved waterways. Hard working volunteers were treated to a BBQ lunch cooked by Joe Sulley of the Brisbane Lions Club. Thank you again to all of the dedicated volunteers for your time and energy to preserving one of our town's greatest assets.



# State of the City Address

Mayor Lori Liu delivered the City's 2017 State of the City Address on Wednesday October 4th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Brisbane. Take a look at project highlights from the past year by visiting <http://brisbaneca.org/2017-state-of-the-city-address>.

It will also be played back on Ch. 27 through the first part of 2018. Thank you to the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce for hosting this annual event!

Please come join us!

BDW's eighth annual:

# Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday • December 9th  
11am-5pm

Featuring a huge assortment of wonderful handmade items by over 30 local artists and craftspersons.

Live musical entertainment all day!  
Get your photo taken with Santa!  
Concession stand featuring homemade/locally-sourced sweets and treats, as well as lunch items and beverages!

**MISSION BLUE CENTER**  
475 Mission Blue Drive • Brisbane  
Just south of SF on 101 – near the Cow Palace and (what was) Candlestick Park.  
Easy access over Guadalupe Canyon Road from Daly City.

Free Admission!



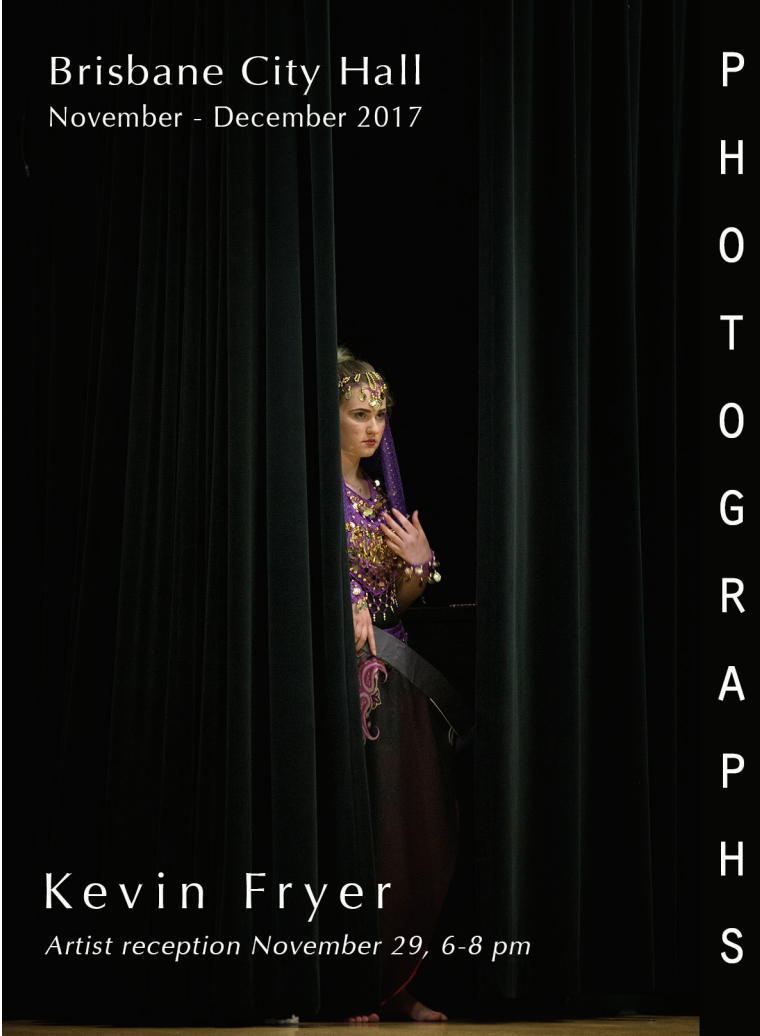
Free Parking!

For more information and artist links, visit [www.BrisbaneDanceWorkshop.org](http://www.BrisbaneDanceWorkshop.org)

# Brisbane City Hall

November - December 2017

PHOTOGRAPHS



# Kevin Fryer

Artist reception November 29, 6-8 pm



# Cops Corner

## REMOVE IT, LOCK IT, OR LOSE IT!

The Brisbane Police Department would like to remind residents to remove any items of value and always secure your vehicle. By taking these few simple steps, you can reduce the risk of being a victim.

We would also like to remind residents to report any suspicious activity to the police department IMMEDIATELY at 415-467-1212. The police department is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. If it's suspicious enough for you to take notice, then

contact us and we will investigate. Our partnership with the community will help keep Brisbane safe.

Follow us on:

 <https://www.facebook.com/BrisbanePD/>

 [https://twitter.com/brisbanepd\\_ca](https://twitter.com/brisbanepd_ca)

 [https://www.instagram.com/brisbanepd\\_ca/](https://www.instagram.com/brisbanepd_ca/)

## Looking For Ways to Volunteer in Brisbane?

Brisbane Village Helping Hands (BVHH) launched in March of 2016 to promote aging in place in Brisbane. There was much to celebrate for those who attended the BVHH get-together in September! Volunteers have fulfilled 145 service requests from members since becoming operational; grown to include 44 members (residents 55 and older who pay just \$20 per year) and 45 volunteers; obtained invaluable financial assistance from the City of Brisbane and the Brisbane Lions to offset costs including insurance; and held three well-attended social events.

“We’re very pleased with the progress our village has made and feel that we’ve developed a working model that is sustainable,” says BVHH Board President Nancy Colman. “When members have made a request at least a week in advance, which is what we recommend, we’ve been able to fulfill that request over 93 percent of the time, and overall we’ve been able to fulfill over 86 percent of total requests that members have made.”

Membership, however, has been growing at a faster rate than BVHH’s volunteer base, says Colman, so in the coming year the nonprofit will focus on signing up more volunteers. Unlike many organizations, volunteering is flexible, and volunteers can do as much or as little as they choose, without pressure or holding to a regularly scheduled commitment.

“I know many residents already spend a lot of time doing community service in Brisbane,” says Colman. “But if you have time to give a senior a ride now or then, or if you want to lend a helping hand in other ways, please contact us.”

For more information please call 415-508-2185, visit the website at [brisbanevillage.org](http://brisbanevillage.org) or send an email to [brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com)



Volunteers Nick Lukas and Steve Goodwin



Cindy Rudolph, BVHH Board member/volunteer and Chuck Seals, Village member

# November 2017 Library Calendar

## Special Events

### November 1-December 31 - Food for Fines

During the months of November and December, bring non-perishable food items into one of the participating libraries and fines/fees will be waived. All food collected will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. Participating Libraries include: Brisbane Library & all San Mateo County Libraries, Burlingame Public Library, College of San Mateo Library, Daly City Public Library, Redwood City Public Library, San Mateo Public Library, and South San Francisco Public Library.

### Fridays, November 3, November 10 & November 17, 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](mailto:reyesl@smcl.org)) for more information.

### Saturday, November 4, 2pm - Home for All

As a resident of San Mateo County, you know there are many wonderful reasons to live and work here including opportunity and quality of life. But lately it's become harder to call San Mateo home. With more jobs available than homes, rents have skyrocketed and affordable homes are harder to find. Our neighbors are moving away and we can all agree that commute traffic has made getting around a daily battle. But this is San Mateo County; we're innovators and problem solvers. Let's come together to talk about solutions to create more affordable homes for residents, reduce traffic and make San Mateo County a place everyone can call home.

### Wednesdays, November 8 & November 22, 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.

### Friday, November 10, 11am - 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, November 15, 3pm - Essential Oils for Teens

Make an Essential Oils First Aid Kit, just in time for the holidays!

### Saturday, November 18, 10am - Qi Gong Meditation

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

## Recurring Events for Children and Families

### Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am

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

**November 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, 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.

### 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!

### 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, December 1, 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 *The Storm Makers* by Jennifer E. Smith at our December meeting. Aunts, grandmothers or other adults are also welcome to attend with the girls. Please contact Stephanie Saba if you have any questions

# November 2017 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](http://www.brisbaneca.org/calendar).

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

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

04, Saturday, 10:00am -3:00pm  
Annual Winter Clean-Up

05, Sunday, 9:00am-1:00pm  
Annual Winter Clean-Up

07, Tuesday, 7am-8pm  
VOTE in-person at City Hall

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

09, Thursday, 8:00am -8:30am  
Veterans' Day Flag Raising Event, Community Park Gazebo

10, Friday ALL DAY  
City Hall Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day

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

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

24, Thursday, ALL DAY  
City Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

25, Friday, ALL DAY  
City Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

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

B - Meeting broadcast on Ch. 27 and on [www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming](http://www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming)  
City Hall Regular Hours of Operation: M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-8pm, F 8am-1pm.  
City Hall will close at 5pm on Wednesday 11/8 and Wednesday 11/22

For questions or comments about The STAR please call Angel Ibarra at 415-508-2109 or [aibarra@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:aibarra@ci.brisbane.ca.us)

or need help ordering a copy of the book ([sabas@smcl.org](mailto:sabas@smcl.org)). \*NOTE: There will be no November meeting of the Mom & Me Book Club.

## 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.

### Wednesday, November 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 *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand at our November meeting.

### Tuesdays, November 14 and November 28, 6pm - Craft Time & Coloring for Grown Ups

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

### Tuesday, November 21, 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 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY. THE BRISBANE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.\*\*



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*sunday*  
**DECEMBER 3**

5:45PM @ THE TOP OF VISITACION OR  
6:00PM @ THE COMMUNITY PARK

The Festival of Lights is a celebration focusing on the holidays as a season of giving and enjoying the company of each other as a community. The event begins with caroling from the top of Visitacion Avenue to the Community Park. Once there, members of the Brisbane Dance Workshop delight all with a variety of dance and song. Tradition includes a visit from Santa Claus and the lighting of the tree by our volunteer of the year and mayor. Event-goers can also enjoy a tasty cup of hot cocoa and holiday cookies.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Festival of Lights marks the beginning of the lighting of the **STARS** for those who have placed them on their homes. Everyone is asked to turn on their **STAR** by 4:00pm so that they may be enjoyed by all after sunset.

**NEED A STAR?** Please contact Alison Wilson, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, who coordinates with Golden State Lumber, the Brisbane Hardware Store and Star Maker Bob Wilson, Focal Pointe Media, to provide the wood-frame stars at no cost to community members. Alison can be reached at [alison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:alison@brisbanechamber.org) or by phone at (415) 640-9875.

# Festival of Lights

Stay connected with the City online!

### Citywide

[facebook.com/brisbane94005](https://www.facebook.com/brisbane94005)

[youtube.com/brisbaneca](https://www.youtube.com/brisbaneca)

[flickr.com/brisbanecalifornia](https://www.flickr.com/brisbanecalifornia)

[twitter.com/brisbaneca](https://twitter.com/brisbaneca)

[instagram.com/cityofbrisbaneca](https://www.instagram.com/cityofbrisbaneca)

[nextdoor.com/brisbane--ca](https://www.nextdoor.com/brisbane--ca)

### Parks and Rec

[facebook.com/brisbanerec](https://www.facebook.com/brisbanerec)

### Police

[facebook.com/brisbanepd](https://www.facebook.com/brisbanepd)

[twitter.com/brisbanepd\\_ca](https://twitter.com/brisbanepd_ca)

[instagram.com/brisbanepd\\_ca](https://www.instagram.com/brisbanepd_ca)

### North County Fire

[twitter.com/nocofire](https://twitter.com/nocofire)



## Fire Main Replacement Project



We would like to thank everybody who came to our recent Saturday meetings to discuss this upcoming infrastructure project. We appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns and share details of these future improvements.

If you missed these meetings, you can still get in touch with us by stopping by City Hall, or following the project on the City's web page.

[www.brisbaneca.org/fire-main-replacement-project](http://www.brisbaneca.org/fire-main-replacement-project)