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ARTS BRISBANE

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! ARTISTS' EVENING OF SHARING DATE SET FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2011



Beth Grossman, Keith Moreau and Sam Ellis Moreau

The Eighth Annual Artists' Evening of Sharing with Brisbane Artists is calling for entries! This year's event will be held Saturday, February 5, 2011. Artists of all varieties have an opportunity to share their talents with the Brisbane Community during an evening of inspiration and enchantment. Each artist will present a short slide show, video or performance of music, dance, theatre or spoken word. The deadline to enter is January 10th, 2011.

Presenters will not be officially entered until you have provided your name, address, phone number and cell phone number, email address, a short description of your presentation, all technical requests, and a bio of 150 words or less to Beth Grossman at beth@bethgrossman.com

LIVE AT MISSION BLUE 2011

Tickets for the upcoming season are now available on line at www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com or in the City Manager's Office at City Hall. For their 7th season, the Friends of the Brisbane Library are pleased to offer three concerts featuring outstanding artists. The season opens with the return of the women's vocal ensemble Kitka, a favorite of our audience. The next concert features the return of early keyboard specialist Ron McKean. Ron performed here two years ago and has made a recording of his improvisations at Mission Blue Center, which will be released prior to his appearance at Live at Mission Blue.

MAYOR'S ART ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECOGNITION

The Eighth Annual Mayor's Achievement Award for Recognition in the Arts is scheduled again for this spring and will be presented at a City Council Meeting. Artists who reside or work in the City of Brisbane and who have achieved the required recognition are invited to apply.

The purpose of the program is to first honor Brisbane residents who have achieved recognition through the exhibition, performance or publication of their works of Art. It also allows the community to understand the rich diversity and depth of talent that surrounds us.

Visual Artists are required to have been included in five exhibitions. Performing Artists must have performed in five different venues or productions. Literary Artists are required to have five publications of their short literary work published in reviews, journals, magazines or newspapers, to have had a play or screenplay produced, or to have published a novel or book of poetry.

Applications and additional information regarding qualifications for nomination are available at the Brisbane City Manager's Office in City Hall, 50 Park Place, 415-508-2114 and also on the City's website, www.brisbaneca.org.

And finally, the Friends of the Library are very excited to present Camerata Capistrano. The Series Artist Director, Kevin Fryer, heard this ensemble for the first time this last June at the Berkeley Early Music Festival and was thrilled by their youthful energy and virtuosic intensity. Ticket prices are \$20 for Adults and \$15 for Students and Seniors. Series Tickets run \$50 and \$35 respectively.

All proceeds beyond the cost to produce the series are donated to the Brisbane Library. Come support your community. You'll be glad you did.



Visual Artist, Mary Paris
2010 Mayor's Art Achievement
Award Recipient



MONSTERS ON CROCKER PARK TRAIL!

Yes, there were Monsters on Crocker Park Trail and we were glad they came! Employees of Monster Cable Products, Inc. located on Valley Drive here in Brisbane, recently volunteered time to help the community and pick up trash.

On September 21, a group of 20 Monster employees descended on Crocker Park Recreation Trail (CPRT) to help clean up debris along the trail. Splitting into

two teams, they started at opposite ends and eventually met in the middle - filling up three large trash bags along the way.

Our thanks to you, dear Monsters for your service to Brisbane and for helping keep our community a great place for everyone, residents and employees alike! We truly appreciate all your hard work. And if you ever see Monsters on the trail, don't be afraid, just give them a big thumbs up!

Don't Miss Brisbane Dance Workshop
Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair at Mission Blue Center
December 11, 2010, 11:00 - 6:00 - No Admission Fee

BRISBANE PRINCIPAL PLANNER JOHN SWIECKI PROMOTED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The City of Brisbane is pleased to announce Principal Planner John Swiecki has been promoted to Community Development Director. John started with the City of Brisbane in March of 2005 as the Principal Planner and served as the project manager for the Baylands and Sierra Point sites.

John came to Brisbane from the City of Riverside where he had served from 1987 to 2005 rising from Assistant to Principal Planner. While with Riverside, John managed a team of planners responsible for processing of Planning Commission, Cultural Heritage Board, Design Review and Zoning Administrator planning applications, as well as annexations and environmental impact reports. He also had experience with Endangered Species Act implementation and was project manager for a city-initiated specific plan for a vacant 1,400 acre site.

Upon previous Community Development Director, Bill Prince's, retirement earlier this year, John was appointed Interim



John Swiecki,
Community Development Director

Community Development Director and served in that capacity until his promotion, which was effective September 13, 2010. City Manager, Clay Holstine, was pleased with John's promotion to the director's position. "John brings to this position a combination of great experience in city planning, understanding of Brisbane and our values as a small town, and strong ability to work with a diverse set of people." He's a perfect match for Brisbane, bringing both the experience of working in a larger setting and the sensitivity required for a smaller community.

As he looks to the future, John states, "Brisbane is a unique and special community, and the privilege of serving as Community Development Director is an exciting opportunity and challenge. I look forward to helping the community define and achieve its vision for the 21st Century."

John's wife Anthea Hartig is the Western Regional Director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and they have two sons Langston (12) and Cameron (10).

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Clay Holstine, City Manager

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES



The City Council has adopted an ordinance to amend the code enforcement provisions of the Municipal Code. The new ordinance will allow most code violations to be handled administratively by City staff in order to reduce or avoid the need for costly and time-consuming court proceedings. Under the new procedures, when a code violation is found to exist, a City enforcement officer will issue an Administrative Citation to the responsible person. There are two forms of citations. One form merely requires payment of a fine. The other form requires that the violation be corrected within a certain period of time, and upon failure to do so, the responsible person will become obligated to pay a fine.

Any person who disputes the citation may file an appeal for the matter to be heard by an impartial Hearing Officer. A deposit

in the amount of the fine must be made when the appeal is filed, unless the responsible person shows financial inability to pay the fine, in which case a hardship waiver for the advance deposit may be granted. The decision of the Hearing Officer, either upholding or reversing the fine, will be final. The responsible person may then seek judicial review of the Hearing Officer's decision.

The administrative enforcement provisions are in addition to any other rights and remedies available to the City to deal with a code violation, including the filing of civil and criminal complaints and the conduct of nuisance abatement proceedings.

VICTORIA VARGUS ART EXHIBITION THE FABRIC OF THE UNIVERSE RECEPTION ON DECEMBER 8, 2010



December's art show in City Halls' Conference Room Gallery will feature Victoria Vargus. Victoria has been a resident of Brisbane since birth. She learned to sew from her parents - particularly her mother - and has been making something with fabric since age five. Victoria is also a photographer, and became a ceramicist five years ago. Her show will explore issues of the heart field in fiber and ceramics separately and combined. The public is invited to attend her reception on Wednesday, December 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Gabriela Gerson will play acoustic guitar during the reception.

FIRE STATION UPDATE

Two months after signs of increased molds spores were discovered in the North County Fire Station in Brisbane, the Fire Crews are once again responding to calls from the Brisbane location. This quick response was made possible thanks to the fast action and team work of many staff members, fire personnel and local companies responding to a difficult task. Unfortunately, it wasn't simply a matter of moving furniture from one location to another. Moving out of the Fire Station and into a Mobile Unit just west of the station also meant moving and reconnecting phones, computers and office equipment; ensuring connections for dispatch; and totally relocating our emergency operations center to City Hall.

Deputy Fire Chief Richard Johnson commented of the transition, "This has been a trying time and we have appreciated the understanding of the citizens of Brisbane. Our goal has been to return the fire crews to Brisbane as quickly as possible. We believe this has been accomplished with their return this week."

Welcome back fellas! Thanks for your continued quick response and care for our citizens despite the hardships involved. Our thanks also to the crew at Fire Station 83 for hosting Engine 81.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Occasionally meetings could be canceled or changed.
Please call 508-2113 to verify.

1 Wednesday, 12:30 pm Brisbane Library Event
Police Storytime, Police officer reads stories and talks about life as a police officer, Brisbane Library

3 Friday, 7:30 pm, Brisbane Library Event
Sniff - The Dog Movie, A serious documentary wrapped in a fictional comedic story. Family Fun! Mission Blue Center

6 Monday, 7:30 pm
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

7 Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Brisbane Library Event
Stranger Danger, Tamberly Mott leads a workshop and offers tips on keeping children safe from strangers. Brisbane Library

8 BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month

8 Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

9 Thursday, 7:30 pm
Planning Commission, City Hall T

11 Saturday, 4:00 pm, Brisbane Library Event
Toddler Dance Party with Christopher Smith, Brisbane Library

13 RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING
2nd Monday of Every Month

15 Library Open House, Join the Library staff for a variety of programs, music and holiday cheer throughout the day!

20 Monday, 12:30 pm, Brisbane Library Event
Angelina Ciucci - Firefighter's Storytime, All ages welcome as Brisbane firefighters read stories and lead a visit to the big red truck, Brisbane Library

22 Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission, City Hall T

22 Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm, Brisbane Library Event,
Paws For Tales, Brisbane Library

22 BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month
Visitacion and San Bruno Avenue

23 Thursday - No Meeting due to Holiday
Planning Commission

24 Thursday City Hall Closed for Holiday
25 Friday, City Hall Closed for Holiday
30 Thursday, City Hall Closed for Holiday
31 Friday, City Hall Closed for Holiday

T - Meeting televised on Channel 27