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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:45 PM - CAROLERS MEET AT THE TOP OF VISITACION

6:00 PM - AT FESTIVAL TREE

Tradition includes Tree Lighting Ceremony, Music, Entertainment, a special visit from Santa Claus, & hot cocoa and cookies at the close of the event!

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Look for donation boxes at the Festival of Lights.

DONATIONS include **Coats and Warm Clothes,**

Canned/Packaged Foods and Unwrapped "New" Toys.

Boxes for donation will be at City Hall on Monday after the event.

Please, no dirty or torn items, check food for expiration dates, and remember: no glass jars.

For more information contact Recreation Supervisor Russ Carmick at (415) 508-2143 or rcarmick@ci.brisbane.ca.us.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

VACANCY ON THE COMPLETE STREETS SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Complete Streets Safety Committee considers issues affecting pedestrians (including the different needs of children, seniors, youth, and families), bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, and users and operators of public transportation. The Complete Streets Safety Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the vacant position are available by calling or e-mailing: Sheri Spediacci, City Clerk, at 415-508-2113 or cityhall@ci.brisbane.ca.us. The deadline for submitting applications is **January 15, 2015**.

LIVE AT MISSION BLUE TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are now available online at www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com or in the City Manager's Office at City Hall for the upcoming chamber concert season. For their **11TH SEASON**, the Friends of the Brisbane Library are pleased to offer the following four concerts this year:

MUSA, Saturday, January 17, 2015

Blumenstock, 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. Series Tickets run \$60 and \$40 respectively. 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.



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

On November 12th Mayor Conway presented the Annual State of the City address at an event hosted by the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Conway reviewed for the gathered audience a number of city projects that are underway. These include planning for the Skateboard Park to be constructed at its current site. The City has hired a nationally known skateboard park designer, Spohn Ranch, to develop a concept design for the skatepark. Design options will be discussed at a community workshop on **January 6, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**.

Other projects discussed by the Mayor include a variety of water and sewer system upgrades, and the rehabilitation of the Community Pool. This will be the first major project at the pool, which will be 15 years old next summer. The Mayor also discussed the negotiation and approval of new waste franchise agreements with South San Francisco Scavengers (Central Brisbane, Crocker Park, Sierra Point and Industrial Way) and Recology on the Baylands property.

The past year has seen extensive work on a variety of projects, including: the Environmental Impact Report for the Brisbane Baylands, a project that will be brought before the Planning Commission in 2015 and the City Council sometime after that; Drafting of the History Book

(covering years 1986 to 2011) which is anticipated to be published by the end of this year; approval of a Public Arts Ordinance which will set aside funds from new development; improved outreach to the community through social media and approval of Peninsula SunShares, a bulk purchase program for solar panels that will be available to residents and those who work in town starting in mid-2015. Council also recently conducted a workshop on Economic and Community Development opportunities and will be evaluating various strategies to implement items of highest priority.

City Manager Clay Holstine also overviewed the improving condition of City finances, highlighting the higher-than-anticipated level of reserves. The City Council has created a work program item to identify all of the City's capital needs (water, sewer, buildings, parks, streets, storm drains, etc.) as well as financial liabilities, such as retiree health, and are working on various funding strategies. The relatively strong financial health of the City at this time lends itself for development of strong financial policies and funding strategies.

To view a video playback of the 2014 State of the City, please visit the City's website, www.brisbaneca.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



Seventeen community members joined the Council for a lively and engaging discussion on the evening of Monday, November 3rd on how best to rejuvenate downtown Brisbane, as defined by the 1994

General Plan (Visitation Ave. & The Brisbane Village Shopping Center), and Crocker Industrial Park. Ideas that were suggested on the City's

online forum regarding Economic Development were also presented and discussed by the community and Council Members.

At the December 18th City Council meeting, the Council Economic Development Subcommittee will be presenting a document that categorizes the suggestions that came forth from this latest workshop, as well as previous community workshops and discussions at Economic Development Subcommittee meetings. The December 18th City Council Meeting will start at 7:30pm. Tune in to stay informed on this very important topic. The meeting will also be streamed live on the City's website and aired on Ch. 27.

POOL CLOSURE

Starting in January 2015, the City plans to close the Brisbane Community Pool for approximately 6-8 weeks in order to perform some restoration work. We have a variety of improvements coming to the community pool, including tile repair in the men's locker room and pool area, improvements to the drains, and resurfacing of the pool floor.

The staff at the community pool sincerely appreciate your patience and loyalty to our pool programs and we look forward to seeing you again (or for the first time) in the Spring after the restoration has been completed. If you're interested in knowing more about the restoration, please contact the Public Works Department at (415) 508-2130.

SKATEPARK UPDATE

The next Skatepark Design Community Workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 6, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the Community Meeting Room of Brisbane City Hall to review the proposed conceptual design alternatives for the new Brisbane Skatepark.

This will be the chance for interested parties and stakeholders to weigh in on the plan and ensure that skatepark design consultant Spohn Ranch incorporated feedback from the community workshop in July and the many surveys that were filled out. If you can't make the meeting, the concept designs will be available for comments after January 6 on the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brisbaneskatepark/>.

1ST ANNUAL SEED & PLANT EXCHANGE

HOSTED BY MEMBERS OF THE BRISBANE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Saturday, January 17 from 9:00am - 1:00pm
Community Park Gazebo, Brisbane

Members of the Brisbane Community Garden will be hosting their 1st Seed and Plant Exchange! Admission is free. To participate, please bring seeds, plants and/or other seed-starting freebies and join fellow garden enthusiasts. Please be sure to:

- Label what you bring to share prior to the exchange, or use labeling supplies at the exchange.
- Use signs posted at various tables to place labeled seeds in baskets with like items. (Plants will have their own table or area.)

- Some envelopes and small bags will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own.
- Please only take what you plan to use.

It is not necessary to bring something to attend, although it is encouraged to increase the variety available. Leftover seeds and plants will be donated to school gardens within San Mateo County.

*For questions please contact Brandon Ahlstrom
at brisbanecgevents@gmail.com*

Library Calendar 2014

SPECIAL DECEMBER EVENTS

Food for Fines: Library Community Food Drive November 17-December 31

Clear library fines while providing food for those in need! Beginning on Monday, November 17, bring non-perishable food items (NO GLASS) into one of the participating libraries and fines/fees will be waived. All food collected will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Participating libraries include: Brisbane Library, Atherton Library, Belmont Library, East Palo Alto Library, Foster City Library, Half Moon Bay Library, Millbrae Library, Pacifica Libraries, Portola Valley Library, San Carlos Library, Woodside Library, Daly City Library, Redwood City Library, San Mateo Library, and the South San Francisco Library.

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 pm - *Roads of Arabia: Archaeology and History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia* Docent Lecture

Roads of Arabia, on exhibit October 24, 2014-January 18, 2015 at the Asian Art Museum, features recently excavated objects from several sites throughout the Arabian Peninsula. This docent lecture will trace the impact of ancient, Pre-Islamic trade routes and pilgrimage roads stretching from Yemen in the south to Iraq and Mediterranean cultures in the north. Elegant alabaster bowls and fragile glassware, heavy gold earrings and Hellenistic bronze statues testify to a lively mercantile and cultural interchange among distant civilizations.

Thursday, December 11, 12-5pm - Holiday Open House

Enjoy treats and activities throughout the day at the Brisbane Library's annual Holiday Open House!

RECURRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

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

December 13 - Little Musicians Jam Sessions. Bring your own instrument or play with ours. Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.

December 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 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. **NOTE: There will be no craft program on Monday, December 22.**

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, December 22.**

Mondays, December 8 & 22, 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.

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:

December 2 - Borrow Free Ebooks Bring your e-device and learn how to download e-books from the library.

December 9- Free Digital Magazines (Zinio) Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines.

December 16 - Free Music Downloads (Freemusic) Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

Farmers' Market Thursday, 2:30 - 7:30 pm

3 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall

3 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall T

8 MONDAY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING

2nd Monday of Every Month

8 Monday, 7:30 pm - Special Meeting

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

9 Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

10 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

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

10 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

11 Thursday, 7:30 pm - Regular Meeting (Reorganization)

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

18 Thursday, 7:30 pm - Regular Meeting

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

23 TUESDAY - BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

Date changed in observance of holiday - Visitation & San Bruno

25 Thursday

City Hall Closed in Observance of Holiday

T - Meeting televised on Channel 27

City Hall - Hours of Operation

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

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

Holiday Hours:

Wednesday, December 24: 8:00 am - 12:00pm

Friday, December 26: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 31: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

December 23 - 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.

December 30 - Computer Basics Learn how to use a mouse, use a keyboard, open/close programs, and save files.

Tuesdays, December 9 and 23, 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.

Tuesday, December 16, 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 close at 5pm on Wednesday, December 24 and will reopen on Friday, December 26 at 12pm, in observance of the holiday. The Brisbane Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday, December 31 and will reopen on Friday, January 2 at 12pm, in observance of New Year's. Have a great holiday season!



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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together, but they also bring with them a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure happy and fire-safe holidays!

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant

- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for number of strands to connect and use the proper extension cords
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors
- Two of every five fires are started by candles. Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are too close to a heat source. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the home or going to bed.
- If you have a holiday tree choose one with fresh, green needles that don't fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from base of the trunk
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- After the holidays or if the tree is dry remove from the house.

Calling All Local Artists

Brisbane Artists' Evening of Sharing 2015

The 15th Annual Brisbane Artists' Evening of Sharing is calling for entries! The next event will be held on Saturday, February 7th, 2015. Artists of all disciplines will have an opportunity to share their talents with the Brisbane community during an evening of inspiration and enchantment. Artists living or working in Brisbane are invited to present a five minute slide show, video or performance of music, dance, theatre or spoken word.

To apply, please send your name, street address, home phone and cell 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. You must be available for a rehearsal on Friday evening, February 6th, 2015 and to present in person on Saturday, February 7th from 7:30 - 10:30 pm.

The deadline to enter is **December 20th, 2014**. Artists will be accepted in order of receipt of completed email applications, with preference given to new presenters. Artists will be notified of their confirmed participation by January 7th, 2015.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

Holidays are the leading time of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

- Stay in the home when cooking in your oven and check frequently.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop
- Keep children 3 feet away from the stove.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Be sure electric cords for appliances are not dangling and within easy reach of a child.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Have a Safe Holiday Season!

Please come join us!

FREE ADMISSION

PLENTY OF PARKING

BDW'S FIFTH ANNUAL

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Saturday - December 13th, 2014
11am-5pm

Handmade items by local artists/craftspersons:

Jewelry · Photography · Wood-Turned Items · Pottery
Artisan-Made Soaps/Skincare Products · Fine Art & Prints
Hand-Knit/Crochet Apparel & Accessories
Infant/Children Clothing & Gifts · Home Accessories
Cards · Gift Items · Ornaments & Stocking Stuffers

We'll also have a terrific assortment of live musical entertainment - come stop by to eat, shop, listen and enjoy!

Dress up and bring the kids - celebrity photographer Pat Johnson (www.PatJohnson.com), will be joining us again - taking his wonderful portraits for your holiday cards, etc!

Mission Blue Center
475 MISSION BLUE DRIVE · BRISBANE
Just South of SF on 101 - near the Cow Palace and Candlestick Park.
Easy access over Guadalupe Canyon Road from Daly City.

For more information and artist links, visit: www.BrisbaneDanceWorkshop.org