

# Brisbane Citynews

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## BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR



At the Brisbane City Council Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014, the Council elected Terry O'Connell as mayor for the upcoming year and Councilmember Clifford Lentz was elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Following a swearing in ceremony, Mayor O'Connell issued a proclamation formally thanking Councilmember W. Clarke Conway for his service as Mayor in the past year.

To view the Council Meeting, please visit the City website: [www.brisbaneca.org/meetings](http://www.brisbaneca.org/meetings). The City Council meets regularly on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m at the Brisbane City Hall Community Room, 50 Park Place.

Pictured from left to right: Councilmember Raymond Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford Lentz, Mayor Terry O'Connell, Councilmember W. Clarke Conway & Councilmember Lori Liu

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

### Ted Reiterman - the "Dogfather"

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, Ted Reiterman was recognized by the City Council as Brisbane's Volunteer of the Year for 2014.

Ted is known as the "Dogfather" in Brisbane because of his devotion to Brisbane's dog park. He is responsible for all of the handmade wood structures in the park, the plants, the turf grass, accessibility from the city hall parking lot and from Park Lane, and the new bulletin board. Ted also works with City Staff on maintenance issues to help ensure that Brisbane's dog park is always in great shape for all of the dogs and their owners.

*Congratulations, Ted! Thank you for your hard work to help make Brisbane a special community!*



Ted Reiterman, Volunteer of the Year

## APPLY TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Want to get involved in Brisbane? Apply to serve on a committee or commission! At this time, there are vacancies on the Park and Recreation Commission, the Open Space and Ecology Committee, and the Complete Streets Safety Committee. Please see below for details.

### **Park and Recreation Commission**

The Parks and Recreation Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the Parks & Recreation Department, gather community opinions, needs and perceptions regarding recreational opportunities, and tackle such special projects as the Community Festival and the Festival of Lights, Fire Hydrant Painting, Brisbane Derby and Day in the Park.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **2 - Four-year terms are open and 1 Two-Year Terms are open.**

### **Open Space and Ecology Committee**

The primary responsibility of the Open Space and Ecology Committee is to make recommendations to the City Council on the implementation of relevant programs and policies of the Open Space and Conservation Elements as well as the sustainability parts of the Local Economic Development chapter of the General Plan. That responsibility includes preparing drafts of the relevant, regular reports called for in the General Plan, such as the annual report on the status of open

space.

The Open Space and Ecology Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm **2 - Four-year terms are open.**

### **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 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. **1 - Four-year term is open.**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications are available by calling or e-mailing Sheri Spediacci, City Clerk, at 415-508-2113 or [cityhall@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.brisbane.ca.us)

**The deadline for submitting applications is January 31, 2015**

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY OF BRISBANE

## January 1 - Carry-out Bag Fee Increase

Beginning January 1st, 2015, the price for carry out bags purchased at retail establishments will increase from 10 cents to 25 cents. The ordinance establishing the single-use carry out bag ban and requiring the price to increase has been a great success in San Mateo County: there has been a 162% increase in people bringing their own bags, 66% decrease in people buying plastic bags and a 130% increase in people refusing a bag. As indicated in the adopted ordinance, the price increase is aimed at encouraging more individuals to bring their own bags when shopping.

## January 5 - Brisbane Community Pool Closure Begins

The City of Brisbane Community Pool will be closed beginning Saturday, January 3rd for approximately 8 weeks. A number of renovations will take place during the closure, including resurfacing of the pool floor, tile repairs in the men's locker rooms and improvements to the drains. The City of Brisbane thanks everyone for their patience during the closure and appreciates the patrons' loyalty.

## January 6 - 5:00-7:00 pm Skatepark Design Community Workshop Community Meeting Room, Brisbane City Hall

Weigh in on the three proposed skatepark options and ensure that conceptual skatepark design consultant Spohn Ranch has incorporated feedback from the community workshop in July and from the Community's surveys. The concept designs are available for viewing and comments on the city website and will be available for comments after January 6 on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brisbaneskatepark/>.

## January 17, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Brisbane Seed and Plant Exchange Community Park Gazebo

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 [brisbaneevents@gmail.com](mailto:brisbaneevents@gmail.com)

## January 17, Lipman E Waste Drive, 10:00 - 2:00 pm

**Lipman Middle School, 1 Solano Street** For pick up of larger items contact Dan Sorrentino at 203-6459.

## January 17 Live at Mission Blue Opening Night - MUSA Mission Blue Center, Brisbane

MUSA will open the 11th Season of the Live at Mission Blue Concert Series with a concert featuring 17th Century Italian works juxtaposed against contemporary music. There will be a pre-concert talk by Bruce Lamott at 7:30pm, followed by the concert at 8:00 pm. For more details, please see the article on the back page. The concert will be followed by the season's Opening Night Party.

## January 28, 4:00 - 5:30 pm Title 24 Training

### Community Meeting Room, Brisbane City Hall

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network and Brisbane Open Space and Ecology Committee will be hosting this free seminar, which will cover Compliance Enhancement Strategies for Residential Buildings and an overview of Energy Performance values for residential buildings. Please RSVP to Natalie at [nmunoz@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:nmunoz@ci.brisbane.ca.us) or 415-508-2118.

## January 31 Committee/Commission Application Deadlines

Applications to apply for vacant positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Open Space and Ecology Committee, and the Complete Streets Safety Committee are due by January 31st, 2015. Please see front page article for complete details.

# BRISBANE CITY HALL WELCOMES NEW FACES

During the recession the City Council deferred maintenance and held a number of positions open in order to ensure the long-term financial security of the City. This primary objective was accomplished with minimal disruption to the day to day services the community receives. The recent hires focus on ensuring the community continues to receive high quality services. To this end we have improved our public safety by filling four new police officer positions which have been held open during the recession and replacing an officer who recently left. We have found our full-time Harbor Master who replaces Ted Warburton who retired in 2012. We hired a pool manager to replace our Recreation Supervisor who left in April 2012. We have also improved our planning and engineering areas by hiring positions which have been open for more than 3 years.



At the Swearing In Ceremony on December 18th:  
Pictured from left to right:  
Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works (promotion)  
Ben Dieterle, Pool Manager & Recreation Program Coordinator  
Robert Malone, Police Officer  
Luke Olson, Police Officer  
Dominic Flores, Police Officer  
Julia Capasso, Associate Planner

At the Swearing In Ceremony in Fall 2014:  
Pictured from left to right:  
Michael Hahn, Harbormaster  
Bob Sage, Public Works Engineer Technician,  
Jason Quan, Police Officer  
Karen Shum, Police Officer



## COACHES NEEDED

6TH GRADE BASKETBALL & BASEBALL  
Season begins in January

Please contact Recreation Supervisor Steve Beaty at 508-2144 for more information.

# Library Calendar 2015

## SPECIAL JANUARY EVENTS

### Wednesday, January 7, 7pm - Adult Book Club

We're kicking off the new year with a bang by starting a new Adult Book Club at the Brisbane Library! Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing *The Daring Ladies of Lowell* by Kate Alcott at our January meeting.

### Thursday, January 15, 7pm - Mom's Night Out: Henna Art

Join us for an Adult Henna Night! Catch up with the Mothers of Brisbane while enjoying refreshments and Henna!

### Friday, January 16, 4pm - Kids Book Club

We're kicking off the new year with a bang by starting a new Kids Book Club at the Brisbane Library! Join us each month for a book discussion and fun activities! We will be discussing *The Year of the Book* by Andrea Cheng at our January Meeting.

### Saturday, January 17, 2pm - Magic Dan

Magic Dan is coming to the Brisbane Library! All ages are welcome to check out his amazing tricks! This program will be held in the Community Room.

### Saturday, January 24, 2pm - Genealogy 101

Learn how to conduct a genealogy search and find people using billions of records of U.S. census data, vital records, directories, photos and genealogical records. You'll learn how to access and use the Library's Ancestry LE and Heritage Quest Genealogy search. This class is ideal for students, amateur genealogists and researchers.

## RECURRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

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

**January 10 - Little Musicians Jam Sessions.** Bring your own instrument or play with ours. Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.

**January 17 - 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. **NOTE: There will be no Preschool University on Monday, January 19.**

**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, January 19.**

**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, January 19.**

**Monday, January 5, 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. **NOTE: There will be no LAB Program on Monday, January 19.**

**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:

**January 6 - Borrow Free Ebooks** Bring your e-device and learn how to download e-books from the library.

**January 13 - Free Digital Magazines (Zinio)** Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines.

# JANUARY CALENDAR

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

1 Thursday  
City Hall Closed in Observance of Holiday

6 Tuesday, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Skatepark Design Concept Community Workshop, City Hall

7 Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall T

7 Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall

12 MONDAY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING  
2nd Monday of Every Month

8 Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

13 Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

14 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING  
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitation & San Bruno

15 Thursday, 7:30 pm  
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

17 Saturday, 10:00 - 2:00 pm  
Lipman E-Waste Drive, 1 Solano Street

22 Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

28 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING  
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitation & San Bruno

T - Meeting televised on Channel 27  
City Hall - 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

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

**January 20 - Free Music Downloads (Freegal)** Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.

**January 27 - 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.

**Tuesdays, January 6 and 20, 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, January 20, 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 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31 and will reopen on Friday, January 2 at 12:00 pm in observance of New Year's. The Brisbane Library will also be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of a holiday.





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## 3RD ANNUAL YOUTH ART EXHIBITION AT THE BRISBANE LIBRARY

The Brisbane Parks and Recreation Department's popular youth art instructor, Shirley Lim will be displaying her student's work at the Brisbane Library during December and January. Please drop by the Library to take a look and enjoy the work of these talented young artists. Shirley offers youth art classes through out the year.

For more information about Shirley's classes, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (415) 508-2140 or go to [www.ci.brisbane.ca.us/about-parks-and-recreation](http://www.ci.brisbane.ca.us/about-parks-and-recreation).



## ARTIST EVENING OF SHARING

**February 7, 2015, 7:30 pm, Mission Blue Center**



The 14th Annual Artist Evening of Sharing will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Mission Blue Center, 475 Mission Blue Drive. Brisbane artists of all disciplines will have an opportunity to share their talents with the Brisbane Community during an evening of inspiration and enchantment. Artists will present a short slide show, video or performance of music, dance, theatre or spoken word. There is no entry fee. The Arts Advocate of the Year will also be announced just prior to intermission. A reception will be held during the intermission in honor the of Arts Advocate. Don't miss this beautiful gift of talents to our community.

## LIVE AT MISSION BLUE OPENING NIGHT - MUSA

On January 17, 2015 the 11th season of the Live at Mission Blue concert series kicks off with a performance by MUSA. MUSA's Italianissimo program will feature 17th Century works for violin juxtaposed against contemporary music. The program will be followed by the Opening Night Party with refreshments.

Tickets are available online at [www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com](http://www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com) or in the City Manager's Office at City Hall. The Friends of the Brisbane Library are pleased to offer the following four concerts this year:

<b>MUSA</b>	<b>Saturday, January 17, 2015</b>
<b>Blumenstock</b>	<b>Saturday, February 14, 2015</b>
<b>Kitka</b>	<b>Saturday, March 7, 2015</b>
<b>The Lee Trio</b>	<b>Saturday, April 4, 2015</b>

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.

