

# Brisbane Citynews

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## CROCKER PARK IS 91%+ FILLED BUSINESSES ARE MOVING IN!

Taking a drive down Valley Drive, or the “spine” of Crocker Industrial Park, it may appear from the scattered For Lease signs that there are a lot of buildings sitting empty. But in speaking with folks who have a good pulse on the commercial realty market, like Jason Cranston, Senior VP of Commercial Real Estate Services for Cassidy Turley and Mitch Bull, President of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, Crocker Park is actually doing quite well with more businesses moving in than leaving in the past couple years. Here are a few examples of movement in the Park that has helped the occupancy rate increase to what it is: Del Monte Meat Co. has moved in at 145 South Hill Drive as well as circuit board manufacturers, LeeMah Electronics, right next door. The 60,000 sq. ft. warehouse at 100 Cypress which the Brisbane School District used a few years back as the site for their biggest fundraiser of the year, Spring Thing, will soon be leased to Bay Area Linens. Arrowhead/Nestlé Waters moved in to the space at 246 Valley and Monster Cable, located at 455 Valley, has renewed their lease. If you’ve noticed more of those white AT&T vans driving around town, that’s because AT&T moved a service center into 355 Valley last year after signing a five-year lease.

As for the locations with large For Sale or For Lease signs, the old Gilmore Envelope building at 325 Valley recently went up for sale, as engineering firm F.W. Spencer & Son, Inc. (located at 99 S. Hill), last summer completed prefabricating the plumbing lines for the new Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara in that space (see photo at right). A huge Colliers sign is advertising 165 Vally Drive as being for sale, but in the interim it is being occupied by its owners. Nearly across the street at 200 Valley, which are where 56 business condos are located, two are being listed for sale. Lastly 280 Valley, 460 Valley and 480 are vacant, but they total less than 54,000 sq. ft. So for the nearly 3.7M sq. ft. in Crocker Industrial Park, where 91%+ is currently being occupied, the Park’s doing pretty darn well!



### HELP WANTED:

Registration & Elections Division  
for General Election on Tuesday,  
November 4, 2014

Three hour Procedure Class  
Earn up to \$148

Sign up at  
[www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org)  
or call 650-286-2810.

# PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CAR

Over the past couple of months we have had an increase of minor “opportunist” crimes in the residential neighborhoods. These crimes usually involve the theft of some loose change or misc. personal items taken from unlocked vehicles. In one recent case, the person used the garage remote in the unlocked vehicle to gain entry into the garage.

Brisbane is without a doubt a very safe place to live and the police department is dedicated to keeping things that way. This doesn't mean that there aren't those out there that want to change this. No matter how attractive the notion is of being able to leave your doors and windows unlocked, we live in a world where these actions will be taken advantage of by people looking for this type of opportunity.

We would like to remind everyone:

**PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES WHEN UNATTENDED AND TO SECURE YOUR HOMES, EVEN WHEN AT HOME.**

More importantly, we ask that you keep your eyes and ears open to what's going on in your neighborhood. Nobody knows better than you if something looks suspicious. If something or someone gets your attention, give us a call immediately by dialing 911. Don't be shy! The police department will never criticize you for reporting what you honestly believe to be a problem or suspicious activity. You know the saying, “Better safe than sorry.” If the incident is in progress, Dial 911. Other non-emergency reports can be made directly to the dispatch center at (415) 467-1212.



The police department stands behind its motto: “In Partnership with the Community.” Together we can continue to keep Brisbane the great community that it is today.

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE** is the required space between a structure and the wildland area that, under normal conditions, creates a sufficient buffer to slow or halt the spread of wildfire to a structure. It protects the home from igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat. Defensible space is essential for structure survivability during wildfire conditions.

**ZONE ONE** Zone One extends 30 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

- Remove all dead or dying vegetation.
- Trim tree canopies regularly to keep their branches a minimum of 10 feet from structures and other trees.
- Remove leaf litter (dry leaves/pine needles) from yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Relocate woodpiles or other combustible materials into Zone Two.
- Remove combustible material and vegetation from around and under decks. Remove or prune vegetation near windows.
- Remove “ladder fuels” (low-level vegetation that allows the fire to spread from the ground to the tree canopy). Create a separation between low-level vegetation and tree branches. This can be done by reducing the height of low-level vegetation and/or trimming low tree branches.

**ZONE TWO** Zone Two extends 30 to 100 feet out from buildings, structures and decks.

You can minimize the chance of fire jumping from plant to plant by removing dead material and removing and/or thinning vegetation. The minimum spacing between vegetation is three times the dimension of the plant.

- Remove “ladder fuels.”
- Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches
- Trim tree canopies regularly to keep their branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.



# LIBRARY CALENDAR 2014

## SPECIAL AUGUST EVENTS

### Saturday, August 2, 2-3 pm – Tasty Summer Saturdays

What is the most delicious variety of tomato? Do you prefer white or yellow peaches? Join us for a taste test of some of the best flavors of the season! Great for all ages.

### Thursday, August 7, 6 pm – An Evening with Mommy Blogger Deva Dalporto

Deva Dalporto is a writer, actor, blogger and tired mom of two life suckers. She is the creator of the viral videos “What Does the Kid Say” and “Let It Go—Mom Parody.” She has an essay in the new anthology I Just Want to Be Alone. I Just Want to Be Alone is a collection of humorous essays from 37 of the top comedic mommy bloggers you’ll find on the web. A book selling and signing will take place after the event.

### Saturday, August 9, 2-3 pm – Fratello Marionettes Present: Carnival of the Animals

French composer Camille Saint-Saens’ fanciful score serves as a canvas for presenting three classic storybook fairy tales- the ‘Three Little Pigs’, the ‘Tortoise and the Hare’, and the ‘Ugly Duckling’.

### Saturday, August 16, 10:30-11:30 am – Kids Cook!

Chop, stir, spread, and measure! Little chefs learn the basics of food prep and create delicious masterpieces of their own. Jeni Clancy has an engaging style and a great knack for teaching. Space is limited, registration is mandatory.

### Saturday, August 16, 2-4 pm – End of Summer Learning Party!

Celebrate the end of the Summer Learning Program! Families will have a chance to create a poster together describing their favorite summer reading experience! Attendants will also be entered into a raffle for tickets to the September 10th San Francisco Giants game!

### Saturday, August 23, 12-3 pm – Cat Adoption

The Homeless Cat Network is bringing their furry friends to the library. Bring the entire family along to take a look, adopt a cat or kitten or just pet the kitties! We will also have a special cat-themed children’s craft.

## RECURRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Saturday Family Fun, 11 am – 1 pm

**August 2-Lego Building** Bring your imagination & we’ll supply the Legos. Ages 3+.

**August 9-Little Musicians Jam Sessions** Bring your own instrument or play with ours and jam with staff. Ages 3 months - 8 years.

**August 16 - Block Play** Playing with blocks develops your child’s eye-hand coordination as well as math and science skills. Ages 3 months - 8 years.

**Mondays at 10:30 am - Preschool University** Preschool University is a weekly opportunity for preschoolers to engage in science discovery, fun and learning in a storytime setting.

### Mondays, August 11 & 25, 3:30-4:30pm - Afterschool Crafts

Join us every other Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years.

### Tuesdays, 11:30 am - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time

Bring your bouncing baby to our weekly playtime, full of nursery rhymes and games you can play together. Ages newborn up to 18 months old.

### Tuesday, August 12, 5-6 pm – Kindergarten-2nd Grade Book Club

Join us for a discussion of Are You My Mother by P.D. Eastman, followed by fun activities!

### Tuesday, August 19, 5-6 pm – 3rd-5th Grade Book Club

Join us for a discussion of The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall, followed by fun activities!

### 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! Ages of 18 and 36 months.

**Wednesdays, 3:30 pm - Game Day!** Our popular afternoon game day is full of fun, casual play and occasional mayhem! For ages 8+.

### Fridays, August 1, 8 & 15, 10-11 am – Ready, Set, Kindergarten

Get ready for kindergarten at the Brisbane Library this summer! Join us for Ready, Set, Kindergarten, a six-week program of themed stories and activities for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. Each hour-long session includes stories, songs, rhymes, tips for parents, and a craft activity. Enjoy stories and songs in both English and Spanish. Space is limited, so please register in advance by calling or visiting the Brisbane Library.

# AUGUST CALENDAR

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

Farmers’ Market Thursday, 2:00 - 6:00 pm &  
Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Community Park

6 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, City Hall

7 Thursday, 7:30 pm, Council Recess - no Meeting

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

7 Thursday, 7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

11 MONDAY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING

2nd Monday of Every Month

13 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

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

20 Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall T

21 Thursday, 7:30 pm, Regular Meeting

City Council Meeting, City Hall T

27 WEDNESDAY BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING

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

27 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

28 Thursday, 7:30 pm

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

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

## RECURRING EVENTS FOR TEENS

### Mondays, August 11 and 25, 3:30-4:30 pm - Afterschool Crafts

Join us every other Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years.

### Mondays, August 4 and 18, 3 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, 3:30 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 pm - Computer Classes:

#### August 5 - Borrow Free Ebooks

#### August 12 – Google Drive

Learn all about this free, web-based office suite. Create and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, forms, and drawings.

#### August 19 - Free Digital Magazines (Zinio)

Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines.

#### August 26 - Free Music Downloads (Freegal)

Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.

### Tuesday, August 12 & 26, 6 pm - Knit With Us

Tuesday, August 19, 7 pm - Friends of the Brisbane Library Meeting

### Thursdays, 1 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!



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# CONCERTS IN THE PARK



AUGUST 1ST FOREVERLAND  
TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON



AUGUST 8TH POP FICTION



AUGUST 15 HOUSEROCKERS

All Concerts take place in the Community Park (11 Old County Rd., Brisbane) and go from 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm and are **FREE thanks to the generous donations of our Sponsors listed below.**

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| Recology                 | Sue Cochran                   |
| Tim Chang & Sons         | Universal Paragon Corporation |
| - Humboldt Tree Service  |                               |

It's not too late to be a Sponsor! If you're interested in supporting the Concerts in the Park, please contact Steve Beaty at (415) 508-2144 or [sbeaty@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:sbeaty@ci.brisbane.ca.us).



AUGUST 22ND  
JERRY KUHSEL & THE SIDE EFFECTS  
JEFF COTTON'S GIN JOINT



AUGUST 29- CARAVANSERAI  
A SANTANA TRIBUTE BAND