



Meet Lynne Grant

First Active Village Volunteer

When Lynne Grant clicked “accept” on an email request sent to her last March, it launched her on the path of becoming Brisbane Village Helping Hands’ first active volunteer in the program.

“I am proud to be the very first volunteer to help someone in this organization,” says Grant, whose assignment was driving Melva Seever to the doctor.

“It’s awfully hard for me to drive myself,” says Melva, 93, who lives in the City’s senior housing apartment complex on Visitation. “I love this town and still enjoy being here after 66 years. Now Brisbane Village Helping Hands has made this town even better.”

Brisbane Village Helping Hands (BVHH) helps older Brisbane residents “age in place” and remain in their homes. It connects residents over 55 with vetted volunteers who provide transportation, minor home repairs, technology, companionship and more. Volunteers accept requests according to their schedules and interests. So far, BVHH has 30 members and 39 volunteers, and has fulfilled over 40 service requests. “Volunteers like Lynne are what makes Brisbane Village Helping Hands succeed. She brings positivity, enthusiasm and compassion to her assignments with Village members and we greatly appreciate that” remarked Nancy Colman, BVHH Board President.

“Volunteering makes me feel good,” says Grant, a longtime Brisbane resident, who spent several years tutoring students in math and creating costumes for theater productions as a volunteer at Lipman Middle School. “People say ‘thank you’ but really, it’s my pleasure to help, because I like volunteering so much.”

Grant is no stranger to the kindness of others. When her life partner Gary Apotheker became terminally ill in 2011, she reached out to friends and community members on a website she joined (www.lotsahelpinghands.com), which sent email requests to neighbors who said they were willing to help out. As a full-time caretaker, she mostly needed respite care to run errands and exercise. She was amazed at the outpouring of support she received, some of which came



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from people she barely knew.

“People were here for me, and that’s one of the things I love about Brisbane,” says Grant, who works part-time at City Hall. “It’s a small town next to a big city where people feel safe and care about each other.”

When Village organizers held their first meeting at City Hall seeking community input in 2013, Grant suggested using an online program to match volunteers with those in need, since this method of outreach worked well for her. This led to the current system – emails asking volunteers to lend a hand indeed became the BVHH model – supplemented by a telephone line for members to leave requests on an answering machine. BVHH also holds social gatherings help to foster a sense of community.

So far the Village has helped people with transportation and home assistance, but Grant encourages members to also request “friendly visits” for companionship.

“We are lucky to live in a town where things like the Village are doable, because everyone lives close by. I think it’s a great thing for this town. We’re all getting older, and most of us will probably need a helping hand someday.”

For more information about becoming a BVHH volunteer, a member – or both – visit the website at www.brisbanevillage.org; email brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com; or call (415) 508-2185 and leave a message.



NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

On December 8, 2016, the City Council of the City of Brisbane, California reorganized as follows:

Mayor Lori S. Liu
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Mayor Pro Tem W. Clarke Conway
Mayor Pro Tem & Council term expires December 2017;
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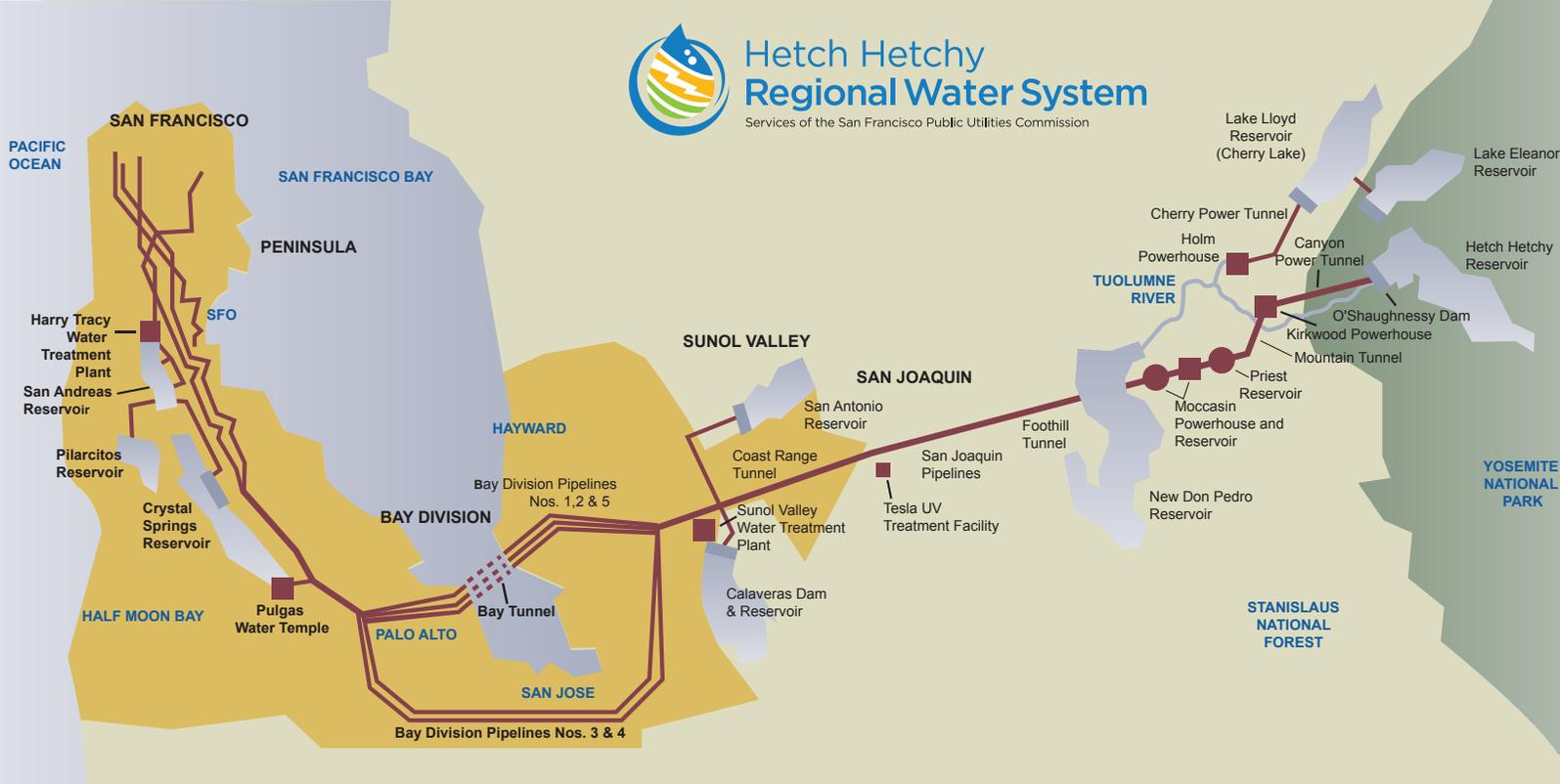
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Council term expires December 2017;
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Dated this 12th day of December, 2016

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Change in Drinking Water Taste? Here's What Happened

In late November, maintenance in the regional water system that supplies Brisbane led to effects that caused some people in SSF, SF and Brisbane to report that their water had an off-putting taste and odor. This wasn't dangerous, but we understand why it alarmed affected households.

The City of Brisbane receives 100% of its water from the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, operated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The source of the water is over 150 miles away, and the water is routed through a complex system of pipes, storage facilities and treatment plants (see the map above). When SFPUC conducts operational changes in their system (e.g., maintenance on a pipeline segment, or switching the source water from direct Hetch Hetchy water to the local lakes such as San Antonio Reservoir), the chemistry of that water changes. The result can be a different taste and smell profile until users are accustomed to the "new" water.

In the November incident, a segment of the Crystal Springs 2 pipeline was placed back into service after routine maintenance activities. The water that had been immobile during maintenance work was released back into the regional system, and carried with it the faint taste and odor characteristics of the inside lining of the transmission pipe where it had rested.

Meanwhile, in a separate matter, some customers within the region reported an "earthy/musty" taste to their water in early-to-mid December. Steven Ritchie, Assistant General Manager of the Water Enterprise for the SFPUC, said in a public posting and press conference (<http://bit.ly/2h7huLO>)

that this issue was due to a harmless algae compound, called Geosmin, which was detected at their Sunol Valley Treatment Plant. The source of the Geosmin was tracked back to San Antonio Reservoir, and SFPUC has temporarily isolated this reservoir until the algae dissipates. Additionally, flows from Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plan have been decreased, and flows from Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant have been increased to dilute the Geosmin in the drinking water supply, all to alleviate the taste and odor issues.

We work hard to keep on top of these issues. City staff works closely with SFPUC when we become aware of problems; and we can confirm that SFPUC reports that the water has continuously met or exceeded all federal and state regulatory requirements, and is safe to drink.

You can help. The fastest way for city staff to become aware of any concerns regarding water quality is to contact us directly at (415) 508-2130. You can also use our expanding online resources, including a new drop-down menu option on the Brisbane website's main Contact Form (<http://brisbaneca.org/brisbane-contact-form>) where you can report a water quality issue. When you do so, the appropriate Public Works staff will be notified so that they can begin working with SFPUC to investigate the issue. You can also use the free GOREquest app (or website, available here: <http://user.govoutreach.com/brisbane/>) to alert the Public Works Dept. of any water issues, including water waste issues. Let's work together to make sure the information flows both ways!

"Live at Mission Blue" Announces its 13th Season!

February 11th - Concert 1

Archetti

March 4th - Concert 2

Robert Howard, Gwendolyn Mok, Natalie Parker

March 25th - Concert 3

Jacques Ogg & Elisabeth Wright

April 22 - Concert 4

Clerestory

A pre-concert talk is given prior to each performance at 7:30pm by Bruce Lamott. Lamott is an instructor in Music and Western Civilization at San Francisco University High School and Professor of Music History at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Sitting atop the majestic San Bruno Mountain in Brisbane, CA the Live at Mission Blue Center is at 475 Mission Blue Rd. The location has plenty of free parking.

Ticket Prices:

General admission single tickets: \$20.00

Seniors and student tickets: \$15.00

A full season subscription is an extremely affordable: \$40.00/ \$60.00.

For tickets: <http://liveatmissionblue.com/tickets/>

The 2017 Season is sponsored by: BiRite Foodservice Distributors, Brisbane Ace Hardware, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, Brisbane Village Shopping Center, Farella Braun + Martel LLP, Golden State Lumber, Integrated Resources Group, Madhouse Coffee, Recology, Ron Davis and Co. Real Estate, South San Francisco Scavenger Company, and Universal Paragon Corporation.

Live at Mission Blue has traditionally been co-sponsored by the City of Brisbane and the Friends of the Brisbane Library. This season's school program is presented in partnership with BEST/PTO and features Solstice, a Women's Vocal Ensemble, performing for Panorama and Brisbane Elementary Schools on January 26th at 9:00am.



Have a name to suggest for the Skatepark?

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for the community's feedback! Submit your name suggestion here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WNTTV9T>

Public Art Request for Proposal

For the New Brisbane Library

The City of Brisbane Public Art Program seeks an artist/artist team to develop and install a permanent installation of public art at the new Brisbane Library. The installation of the art should be completed by the time the new library is open, which is anticipated to be no later than the fall of 2018. The Public Art Request for Proposal for the new Brisbane Library can be accessed here: <http://brisbaneca.org/public-art-request-for-proposal>. **All proposals are due by February 10, 2017.**

In 2014, the Brisbane Public Art Program was established to energize public spaces, arouse thinking, and transform the places where we live, work and play into more welcoming and beautiful environments that invite interaction. By its presence alone, public art is expected to heighten our awareness,

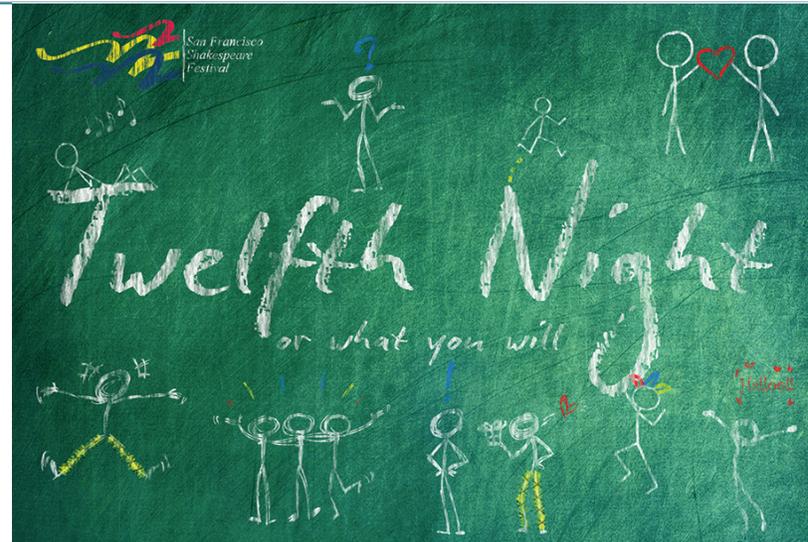


Current rendering of the new Brisbane Library from architect Siegel & Strain, Visitation perspective

question our assumptions, transform a landscape, and express our communities' values. This artwork will be the first permanent piece in the City of Brisbane's public art collection and we can't wait to see what comes forth!

Artists' Evening of Sharing

Each year, the City of Brisbane invites local artists to share their work with the Brisbane public at the Artists' Evening of Sharing event, held at Mission Blue Center. At this annual event, Brisbane artists will showcase music, theater, dance, images of visual artwork, photography, and film. This year's event will take place on Saturday, February 4th. Admission to the event is free with a reception and refreshments following the event. If you haven't already planned to do so, make sure you come celebrate Brisbane's creative spirit!



SAN FRANCISCO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

twelfth night
sunday, january 22nd, 2:00 pm

MISSION BLUE CENTER, 475 MISSION BLUE, BRISBANE

ARTISTS' EVENING of SHARING

Join us for an inspiring showcase of local artists, musicians, performers, filmmakers, and writers. No admission fee. All ages welcomed.

FEBRUARY 4TH

7:30PM

MISSION BLUE CENTER
475 MISSION BLUE DRIVE

If you are a local artist, interested in showcasing your talent at this event, please contact Beth Grossman at Beth@bethgrossman.com.

Don't Forget—Next Baylands Public Hearing

Tuesday, January 24, 7:30pm at City Hall

Traffic, Noise, Air Quality, GHG Emissions and Related Policy Issues, City Council Study Session to take place in the Community Meeting Room from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. The Study Session will also be televised and is open to the public.



Health and happiness

Encouraging active, sociable, meaningful lives to promote good health and well being



Equity and local economy

Creating bioregional economies that support equity and diverse local employment and international fair trade



Culture and community

Respecting and reviving local identity, wisdom and culture; encouraging the involvement of people in shaping their community and creating a new culture of sustainability



Land use and wildlife

Protecting and restoring biodiversity and creating new natural habitats through good land use and integration into the built environment



Sustainable water

Using water efficiently in buildings, farming and manufacturing. Designing to avoid local issues such as flooding, drought and water course pollution



Local and sustainable food

Supporting sustainable and humane farming, promoting access to healthy, low impact, local, seasonal and organic diets and reducing food waste



Sustainable materials

Using sustainable and healthy products, such as those with low embodied energy, sourced locally, made from renewable or waste resources



Sustainable transport

Reducing the need to travel, and encouraging low and zero carbon modes of transport to reduce emissions



Zero waste

Reducing waste, reusing where possible, and ultimately sending zero waste to landfill



Zero carbon

Making buildings energy efficient and delivering all energy with renewable technologies

One Planet Living Workshop

Tuesday, January 17th @ 7pm

The citizens of Brisbane have widely expressed the importance of sustainability and its application to the Brisbane Baylands project. In response, the City Council formed a Baylands Sustainability Committee to prepare the Draft Baylands Sustainability Framework, which is organized around the ten One Planet Living principles developed by BioRegional. The committee's efforts involved five years of effort, multiple drafts and numerous rounds of community review and feedback.

The efforts culminated in the City Council's acceptance of the Final Baylands Sustainability Framework on November 5, 2015. The Framework can be accessed here: <http://www.brisbaneca.org/baylands-sustainability-framework>

Since its creation in 2003, One Planet Living and its ten principles show in practice that a simple way for us to plan, deliver, communicate sustainable development is possible. Rooted in the science and metrics of ecological and carbon footprinting, the 10 One Planet principles are used to structure thinking and inform holistic action. The 10 Principles are shown above.

It's now time to meet the man behind the principles, Pooran Desai, Co-Founder of Bioregional and International Director of One Planet Communities. Pooran studied at Oxford and Cambridge Universities before co-founding Bioregional Development Group in 1994. He has worked on Bioregional projects and enterprises in sustainable forestry (woodland management and products), farming (reviving the lavender industry of south London), recycling (converting tree surgery waste into biomass for energy) and real estate development. In 1997 he initiated the BedZED project, which in turn led him to initiate the Z-squared (Zero Carbon Zero Waste) and One Planet Living concepts. He has since worked to implement these concepts in projects around the world, leading teams which have written sustainability strategies for over \$30 billion of real estate development.

Come and learn more about One Planet Living and its 10 Principles that will inform the City's on-going decision-making process for the Baylands. This informational workshop will be taking place on Tuesday, 1/17 at 7pm at City Hall in the Community Meeting Room.

MOB Shop Clothing Sale

January 20-21, 2017 @ Mission Blue Center

Clothes for Kids and Adults, plus Baby Gear, at amazing prices. Donation information coming soon!

Water Bills

Online Bill Pay Now Available!

To pay by Quick Pay, you will need your account number and last payment amount.

<http://www.brisbaneca.org/utilities>

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January 2017 Library Calendar

Special Events

Winter Learning Challenge, December 12, 2016-January 9, 2017

Say NO to boredom this winter break! Read (or listen to) books and try two fun new-to-you activities to win prizes at all SMCL library locations. Youth 0-18 and their families are encouraged to participate and submit all completed logs by January 9, 2017. You'll have the chance to win Fujifilm Instax Mini 8 Instant Cameras with film or museum memberships - on top of the joy of new experiences (both literary and real)! Additional prizes may be available and vary by location - check with your local library for details and suggestions.

Recurring Events for Children and Families

Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am

January 7 - Lego Building. Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

January 21 - 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. *Note: There will be no Preschool Early Learning on Monday, January 2 or on Monday, January 16.

Mondays, 3:30pm-4:30pm - Afterschool Crafts

Join us every Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years. *Note: There will be no Preschool Early Learning on Monday, January 2 or on Monday, January 16.

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.

Saturdays, January 14 and January 28, 11am - Sensory Storytime

This storytime welcomes all children with special needs and children without special needs. It goes at a slower pace to engage and stimulate their senses with visual aids, songs, and more. For ages 2 and up.

Friday, January 6, 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 *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas at our January meeting. Aunts, grandmothers or other adults are also welcome to attend with the girls. Please contact Stephanie Saba if you have any questions or need help ordering a copy of the book (sabas@smcl.org).

Recurring Events for Teens

Friday, January 13, 5pm - Teen Crafts

Join us for an awesome craft! For ages 12 and up.

Recurring Events for Adults

Mondays, 11:30am - Drop-in Computer Help

Drop into this relaxed and welcoming tutoring session with all your technical questions for one on one help. *Note: There will be no Drop-in Computer Help on Monday, January 2 or Monday, January 16.

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January 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.

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

4, Wednesday, 7pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee

5, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting, T

11, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, T

12, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, T

17, Tuesday, 7pm

One Planet Living/Sustainability Framework Workshop, T

22, Sunday, 2-4pm @ Mission Blue Center

Shakespeare's "The Twelfth Night"

24, Tuesday, 7:30pm

Baylands Hearing: Traffic, Noise, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas (GHG Emissions, and Related Policy Issues (with a televised Council Study Session from 6-7:15pm), T

25, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, T

26, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, T

City Hall will be closed Monday, 1/2/17, with offices re-opening Tuesday, 1/3/17. Happy New Year!

T - Meeting cable-cast on Ch. 27 and on www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming

City Hall Regular Hours of Operation: M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-8pm, F 8am-1pm

For questions or comments about The STAR please call Caroline Cheung at (415) 508-2157 or ccheung@ci.brisbane.ca.us

Wednesday, December 7, 7pm - Adult Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing *The Five-Forty-Five to Cannes* by Tess Uriza Holthe at our February meeting. *Note: There will be no January meeting.

Tuesdays, January 10 and January 24, 6pm - Craft Time & Coloring for Grown Ups

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

Tuesday, January 17, 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 MONDAY, JANUARY 2 in observance of NEW YEAR'S. The Brisbane Library will be closed on MONDAY, JANUARY 16 in observance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE LIBRARY IN 2017!

Just a friendly reminder...

The City no longer takes PG&E payments due to changes in the requirements of PG&E's bill processing center, CheckFree Pay. Please visit www.pge.com to locate a Payment Center near you.





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Fire Safety & Code Enforcement

In Light of the Oakland Ghost Ship Tragedy

After the Ghost Ship tragedy in Oakland December 2, news outlets reported there were no Oakland Fire Department inspection records for the 10,000 square-foot warehouse. Here are the types and frequency of inspections that the City of Brisbane conducts:

All Brisbane commercial, business, multi-family (triplex and above) and permitted occupancies are inspected annually by North County fire Authority and its fire safety inspectors, including fire companies assigned to Fire Station 81. NCFCA keeps a database of occupancies requiring inspections and systematically logs each inspection, as well as any re-inspections and findings to ensure compliance with fire and life safety code requirements. New businesses and any remodeling of any existing business or other occupancy type, are inspected when a business license is issued or completion of the project. Currently, there are a total of 455 fire and life safety inspections performed annually in Brisbane on all occupancies types.

If fire companies or fire safety inspectors find occupancies, such as in vacant or abandoned buildings, including blighted areas within the city, they will refer those to the City's Code Enforcement Officer (operating from Brisbane's Police Department) to gain entry. The Code Enforcement Officer works closely with the Building and Planning Department, Police Department, and even the Finance Department to address building code violations, and to ensure corrective actions within a prescribed timeframe. Because a small town government makes interdepartmental communication more efficient, our officials are able to act quickly on large and small issues. In Brisbane, departments consistently share information to make sure that commercial buildings are not used for unauthorized/illegal/non-permitted residential purposes. Safety is the top priority, and will always continue to be.



If you have any questions or concerns, or simply want to report a building code violation, please do not hesitate to contact Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Moneda at (415) 508-2172 or mmoneda@ci.brisbane.ca.us.

Brisbane Code Enforcement Officer
Michelle Moneda

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www.twitter.com/nocofire (North County Fire)

www.instagram.com/cityofbrisbaneca (Citywide)

www.nextdoor.com/brisbane--ca (Citywide)



Youth Art Show Brisbane Public Library

You and your friends are cordially invited to
Brisbane Parks & Recreation

5th Annual Youth Art Show

Brisbane Public Library

250 Visitacion Ave, Brisbane, CA 94005

December 12, 2016 through January 30, 2017

Library Hours:

10:00am to 7:00pm (Mon.-Wed.),

12:00pm to 5:00pm (Thu.-Fri.),

11:00am to 5:00pm (Sat.) and closed on Sunday.