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## MISSION BLUE EXTERIOR LIGHTING

As part of the City's 2014-15 Budget, the Council approved funding for energy-saving measures at City recreational facilities. In July, Mission Blue Center had its 26 exterior/landscape and 11 parking lot lights replaced with LEDs. Working with Ecology Action and San Mateo County Energy Watch, the City will be able to take advantage of an energy efficiency rebate that will cover 24% of the total project cost. Estimated 1st year savings are \$1,112.46, making payback only 4.11 years. Similar to the LED lighting retrofit at the Fire Station, the city will be paying for the project with energy savings, otherwise known as On-Bill Financing. This financing tool is an option that PG&E offers to help organizations implement energy saving projects without needing to pay any up-front out-of-pocket investment. Now that's a win-win situation! For any questions about this project, please call the Public Works Department at (415) 508-2130.



## COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CITY

Have you ever been walking around town and noticed a sidewalk tripping hazard, or a street tree that needs to be cut back? Well, did you know you can report it right then and there to the City so it can be taken care of? Since late 2011, the City has been using GORquest to keep track of service requests that have been submitted by the community. You can download the app, GORquest (short for Government Outreach), on your iPhone or Android device. If you don't have a smartphone, you can submit the service request online.

Last year, the City received 252 service requests via GORquest. It's obvious that your fellow residents are seeing the benefit of using it. So next time you see something around town on city property that needs fixing, don't hesitate to let us know about it!

Userve is another online platform that you can use to communicate with the City. It's also been around a few years, with the most heightened amount of activity taking place on it when the Community Park playground was in its redesign phase. You can access Userve by clicking on the red tab entitled "Public Forum & Feedback" located on every page of the City website. Clicking on it brings you to a pop-up window that looks a lot like the sample to the right.

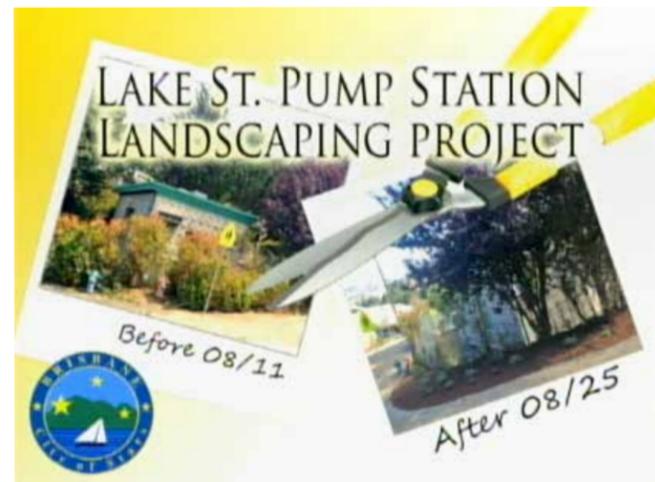


Different from GORquest, which is used for submitting a service request to the City, Userve can be used if you have an idea that you'd like the City Council and staff to consider. If you see an idea you like, you can vote on it, and all the ideas with the most votes will rise to the top of the page. So it's an easy way to see what your fellow community members are interested in. The Council will be sent a weekly summary of all the activity that takes place on Userve, as they're posted, so you know your ideas will be heard.

We hope this gives you a better idea of the tools that are available for you to use, and in what situations, and above all, that you do take advantage of them!

## MORE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

There are a couple spots in town that underwent a "facelift" during the month of August. These would be Station 81 which received a fresh coat of paint and the Lake St. Pump Station, which was re-landscaped with drought-tolerant plants. The re-painting of Station 81 was one of the Capital Improvement Projects that the City Council approved with the 2014-15 city budget. Loral Landscaping, which completed the re-planting work on the corner of Lake Street and Glen Park Way, worked with neighbors on Lake Street who reviewed the landscaping plan and provided input.



## MANY THANKS TO SPONSORS

The Parks & Recreation department would like to thank all donors for our successful 2014 summer concert series. See you again next summer in 2015!

### SPONSORS

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# Brisbane Resident, Jeremy Rourke, to present Exhibit at Recology

At the end of this month, Brisbane resident and artist Jeremy Rourke will be presenting an exhibition based on his residency at Recology, right down the road on Tunnel Avenue. Rourke, who moved from San Francisco to Brisbane with his wife last year, is a stop motion animator and musician. At Recology, Rourke encountered a generous supply of photographs, magazines, sheet music and other materials, and his choice of vintage imagery gives his work the look of bygone days come to life. Rourke's videos are presented in tandem with his own musical compositions, and his live cinema performances connect to traditions of traveling road shows and small town entertainment in the early 20th Century. He will screen his video and perform at designated times throughout the exhibition. Rourke will also present a video work that responds to the Recology facility, exhibit collage stills from his videos, and has promised a completed art car created from dump finds.

Rourke's films have been screened in Atlanta, Chicago and Portland, Oregon and internationally at the Budapest Short International Film Festival and the Wimbledon International Short Film Festival. In 2011, Rourke was named, "Best New Animator/Musician" by SFWeekly.

The exhibitions, which will also include work by Samuel Levi Jones and Shushan Tesfuzigta, are free to the public and will take place at Recology, 503 Tunnel Ave, San Francisco on: Friday September 26 5:00-9:00 pm, Saturday, September 27, 1:00-3:00 pm with additional viewing hours on Tuesday September 30, 5:00-7:00 pm.



[www.jeremyrourke.co](http://www.jeremyrourke.co) • [www.recologysf.com/jeremy-rourke](http://www.recologysf.com/jeremy-rourke)



## Invasive vs. Non-Native Species

Contributed by the Open Space and Ecology Committee

People bring the plants they love with them and some times even those they don't. Over 1,200 non-native species of plants have been brought into California however most of those have "naturalized" without causing any real problems. In the forthcoming articles we will look at plants that have not naturalized but rather become a problem for San Bruno Mountain. We refer to these as **invasive species**.

Ox Eye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*) is a common plant easily purchased at many garden centers. It is sometimes included in "wildflower" mixes. The flowers are about 2" across and the plant grows from 1-3' tall. It is a perennial so it is necessary to remove the root to prevent it from regrowing. The seeds can remain viable for over 20 years making this plant very hard to eradicate. It harbors potato virus and crowds out native plants where ever it becomes established.

Alternatives: Pacific Aster (*Symphyotrichum chilense*) and Seaside Daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*) There are over 15 daisies that are native to California, most of which are smaller and make good ground cover.

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Did you know...Under a sturdy table is safer than a doorway in a quake. September is National Preparedness Month. See the City's website, ([brisbaneca.org](http://brisbaneca.org)) for more information and how you can stay informed during an emergency, because it's not a matter of "if" but "when" a disaster will strike!



## LIBRARY CALENDAR

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, September 6, 1:30 pm - Easy Cuisine**  
No time to cook? Learn easy tips that will cut down your preparation time spent in the kitchen. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Saturday, September 20, 2:00 pm - The Lizard Lady**  
Learn incredible things about lizards and view them close up.

**Tuesday, September 23, 11:30 am - Baby Yoga**  
It's time to learn some relaxation and exercise tricks that you can do with your baby/toddler! Bring a mat/towel and wear comfortable clothes! This event will take the place of our regular Baby Bounce session and will be in the Community Center.

### RECURRING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Saturday Family Fun, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**September 6 - Lego Building.** Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.  
**September 13 - Little Musicians Jam Sessions.** Bring your own instrument or play with ours and jam with staff. Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.  
**September 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 science discovery, fun and learning in a storytime setting.

**Mondays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 3:30-4:30 pm - Afterschool Crafts**  
Join us every 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 to stimulate their development. Ideal for children from newborn up to 18 months old.

**Wednesdays, 10:30am - 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, 3:30pm - Game Day!**  
Our popular afternoon game day is full of fun, casual play and occasional mayhem! For ages 8+.

### RECURRING EVENTS FOR TEENS

**Monday, September 8, 4:00 pm – The Last Video Game Day**  
Join us for the last video game day of the summer! Come and show your skills in Smash Brothers Brawl before it is gone!

**Mondays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 3:30-4:30 pm - Afterschool Crafts**  
Join us every Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years.

**Mondays, September 15 and 29, 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.

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### RECURRING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Tuesdays, 1 pm - Computer Classes:**  
**September 9 - 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.

## SEPTEMBER 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

2 Tuesday, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting  
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

8 MONDAY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING  
2nd Monday of Every Month

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

11 Thursday, 7:30 pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall T

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

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

18 Thursday, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting  
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

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

25 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 City Manager's Office at 508-2110.

September 16 - Download eMagazines (Zinio)  
Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines. Over 100 titles to choose from, including titles like Cosmopolitan, Dwell, Food Network Magazine, Martha Stewart Magazine, Mental Floss, National Geographic, Newsweek, Smithsonian, US Weekly and many more! FREE to all San Mateo County Library card holders!

**September 23 - Stream and Download Free Music (Freegal)**  
Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.

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

**Tuesdays, September 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. For all ages.

**Tuesday, September 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!