



## Water Main Replacement Project Update

Thank you for your continued patience



The cooperation and patience of our residents on portions of Humboldt Road, Sierra Point Road, Thomas Avenue, and Annis Road have been greatly appreciated. In September 2018, the City started on its Water Main Replacement Project, and Brisbane's narrow and windy roads have required full lane road closures to facilitate the work. The project has not concluded, but the recent paving on Humboldt Road should be a welcome sign to the residents that have been most affected so far.

The details of the project, which are on our web page, include the replacement of aging water mains and installation of new valves and other water infrastructure. By upsizing some of the existing six inch mains with eight and ten inch pipes, the City was able to increase capacity and provide important fire-flow improvements.

If you have any questions as we move towards completion of this project, you can contact the Public Works Department at (415) 508-2130, or visit this site on our web page: <https://www.brisbaneca.org/water-main-replacement-project-phase-1>

### January Highlights

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# 32nd Annual Festival of Lights - "Best Ever!"



This year's Festival of Lights event was celebrated on Sunday, December 2nd and has been regarded by residents as the best to date. The event preserved long-standing traditions including caroling down Visitation led by Kathy Wall, a performance by Brisbane Dance Workshop, Santa's arrival on the firetruck, and of course cookies, cider and cocoa. This year's event also brought back the fan-favorite life-sized inflatable snow globe and introduced new elements including a song by children in the Club Rec afterschool program, photos with Santa, an oversized switch for lighting the tree, and Frosty with his very own snow! The evening was truly magical and celebrated the founder of the Festival of Lights, Jeri Sulley, who also sang an original song about the festival tree.





# City Council Reorganization

## Councilmember Davis Elected as Next Mayor

At the December 6, 2018 City Council Meeting, the Council Chambers were packed with community members wishing to thank Councilmember W. Clarke Conway for his year of dedicated and passionate service as Mayor of the City of Brisbane and to welcome the incoming Mayor. This was actually Clarke's fifth time serving as Mayor, with him being the longest-serving Councilmember, and holding the most mayoral positions, in Brisbane's history to date! This is Clarke's 22nd year serving the Brisbane Community on the City Council...and counting.

Mayor Pro Tem Madison Davis read a Proclamation for Clarke, followed by her and the rest of the Council sharing how Clarke has been a "grounding force" and mentor for the City Council, noting how much his historical knowledge of the town has proved to be so invaluable to the Council, indicating where they've been, where they can go, and how they can come together on issues. Councilmember Madison Davis was elected by her fellow City Council colleagues to lead the City as Mayor in 2019, with Councilmember Terry O'Connell elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

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## BES 1st Graders' Field Trip to City Hall

### As Part of their Citizenship Curriculum



BES 1st Graders got to visit with Mayor Davis and Councilmember Cunningham at City Hall last month as part of their curriculum on Citizenship! After Mayor Davis shared how her mom brought her to a City Council meeting when she was four years old to let the Council at that time know the types of features she hoped to see in the soon-to-be constructed Community Park playground, dozens of students raised their hands to be able to come to the mic and share their desires for the new Brisbane Library, e.g. a ladder as a way to get books down from the shelves more easily a la Belle in Beauty in the Beast, a pool, and a trampoline...well, let's just say puzzles, plants, and stuffed animals are a little bit more plausible! We had a great time discussing with these young, inquisitive minds what a citizen was and what the roles of the City Council and Mayor are! Thanks again for visiting!

# Thank You from the Brisbane Police Department

## Another Successful Holiday Food & Toy Drive



The Brisbane Police Department would like to extend a big Thank You and appreciation to all the companies and individuals who donated to our Holiday Food and Toy Drive!

Thank you to Pitco Foods who filled our patrol vehicle with non-perishables, Bakers of Paris who donated 100 pastries, the Giants Warehouse for the many bobbleheads, Trader Joe's for the grocery bags, the generous Brisbane residents and Panorama families who donated many gifts (special thanks to Iris' family who came in last-minute with SO many toys to donate), and the City of Brisbane for assisting in wrapping all the gifts!!!

Thank you to all for exemplifying what it means to embody the holiday spirit!

## How to Live in Peace with Urban Coyotes

### Keep your Pets Indoors at Night & Under Careful Watch when Outdoors

Coyotes are being spotted more regularly and close to civilization, in some cases harming or preying on our beloved pets. We understand this causes a lot of concern, even panic, but according to the CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, coyotes are by nature fearful of humans. Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. Therefore, keep your dogs and cats indoors at night, making sure they are with you if they need to be let out at night, and do not leave food bowls out overnight. Coyotes are like dogs and will remember how they got their last easy meal...and will keep returning to get their next. Some other tips from the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife include:



Photo Credit: Kevin Fryer

- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes.
- If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, etc.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these tips.

In essence, please respect and protect wild animals. Keep them wild. To report an aggressive coyote, please call dispatch at (415) 467-1212.

Remember, if you come in contact with a coyote, use negative reinforcement and let them know they're not welcome. Make loud noises, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose. For everyone's safety, it is essential that coyotes retain their natural wariness of humans. See more tips from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife in their brochure, "Living with California Coyotes", available in the lobby of City Hall.

**Artist:  
Kevin Fryer**

Kevin in his studio with a harpsichord in-the-making.

Our “City of Stars” hosts a rich and vivid population of Artists, sharing their talents in town and around the nation. A handful of them will be performing at next month’s Artists’ Evening of Sharing event at Mission Blue Center. Recently, the Brisbane STAR sat down with local resident Kevin Fryer. Kevin Fryer has been the Creative Director for the “Live at Mission Blue” chamber concert series for the last 15 years. He also serves on the City’s Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Arts Advisory Committee, and makes harpsichords for a living! When we heard that this year would be the final “Live at Mission Blue” performance, we wanted to make sure the Community knew how the popular chamber music series came to be, and what Kevin has learned along the way...

**How did you first get involved with the City and the “Live at Mission Blue” Concert Series?**

I watched as Mission Blue Center was being built. Having worked in many concert venues, from the Opera House, to small neighborhood churches, I recognized Mission Blue Center as an ideal setting for intimate chamber music concerts.

**A lot of people know you as the Creative Director of Live at Mission Blue. What is your background/training?**

I grew up in a small town in Northern Illinois, and moved to San Francisco to study at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. I moved to Brisbane in 1997 and bought a condo at Altamar in 2000. I was just elected to the Altamar Homeowners Association Board of Directors.

**Wow, you’re quite a busy man. And you make harpsichords for a living! How did you get into that industry?**

I studied music first, at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. But the harpsichord was not my instrument. After I finished school, I worked for an antique dealer restoring furniture, and found woodworking a natural. I had an interest in 17th and 18th Century music and the harpsichord specifically. I built my first instrument in 1980, and went into business in 1984.

(Continued Resident Spotlight)

### **Why stop after 15 years?**

This is not a simple question to answer. Live performances are ephemeral. Much of my creative work is permanent. An instrument, once completed, begins a life of its own. It becomes the voice of a musician both onstage and off stage...a tool for teaching and inspiring young students. Some of these instruments will surely fall into decline, while others will get rebuilt, restored, and used long after I'm gone. But a series of performances, they will always come to an end. To decide when to do it is never easy. And to do it while it is still robust seems counterintuitive. But we've accomplished something substantial maintaining the highest standards with over 70 performances. The question now is, "what's next?"

### **Well we've seen your wonderful photos exhibited at City Hall and on the cover of our city's latest history book. Is that part of the "what's next?" And by the way, what kind of camera do you shoot with? Are you self-taught?**

I am, as in most things, self-taught. Photography grew out of my interest in paintings. To understand baroque music, its instruments (harpsichord) and their place in history, we study the paintings of the great masters. Composition, palate, and the stories that great paintings tell, were my original influences in photography. I've dabbled in most categories of photography, Landscape photography, Street photography, Events photography, Portraits, and so on. Brisbane has been one of my ongoing subjects. Over the years I've captured a number of iconic images. "Moonrise over Brisbane", "Pink Lagoon", "Nightfall on Brisbane". But I've also enjoyed photographing events such as Day in the Park, Brisbane Derby, Festival of Lights, the groundbreaking for the new Brisbane Library, etc. Many of these images stand alone, but collectively they capture a collective "personality" that is Brisbane. At some point, I should put together a collection in book form. I shoot with a Canon 5D Mark III. It is a full frame camera that has traveled with my husband, Sisto Flores, and me around the world.

### **It's clear you are a very passionate person. Can you tell us more about your passions?**

I've always been passionate about "the Idea". Sometimes they are short-lived, lasting late into the evening, but evaporating by the light of day. But sometimes they gather steam, even become a career. Some years back, I was appointed to the Parks & Rec Commission. I wanted to explore the idea of a Public Arts Ordinance. The short of it is that major development must allocate 1% for public art installations. I wanted to examine whether Public Art could be one way that the community of Brisbane could express our identity even as we face dramatic changes and challenges with upcoming development.

We have now passed a Public Arts Ordinance, as well as Guidelines that created a Public Arts Advisory Committee. With two art installations in the pipeline, we are at the beginning of an exciting chapter that I hope will expand Brisbane's reputation as a community that recognizes the value of the Arts in our everyday lives.

In joining the Parks and Rec Commission, I also discovered a larger purpose. The afterschool programs, Concerts in the Park, the Derby, Senior programs, the Community Pool programs, etc...these remarkable programs & the dedicated staff of the P&R Dept. are a critical part of the fabric that binds our community together. I am proud to be part of it.

### **In closing, what have you learned over the course of Live at Mission Blue's 15-year run and what can we expect from this final show?**

We live in a time when an increasing amount of our interactions are via social media. It leaves us both connected and isolated. Live performances are counterbalance. When we come together to experience the rich landscape of classical music, it nourishes our spirit, both as individuals and as a community. It is my hope that this final performance will be among the finest we've presented.

These musicians are all good friends, and have all performed before in Brisbane. And to hear the sonorities of four cellists performing in a tight ensemble will be pure magic!

Tickets for this final "Live at Mission Blue" performance can be purchased now at [liveatmissionblue.com](http://liveatmissionblue.com).



Friday  
January 25  
12 PM - 5 PM

Saturday  
January 26  
10 AM - 3 PM



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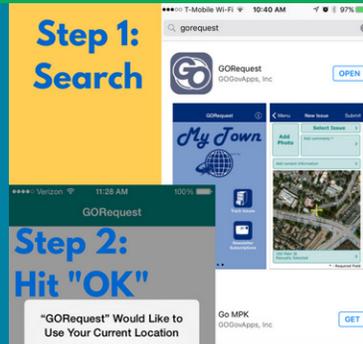
Drop off your ready-to-sell women's, men's, maternity, baby & kids' clothes, and baby gear at the Mission Blue Center: dates and times to be announced on the MOB Email list and Facebook page.

ARTISTS' EVENING  
*of* SHARING 7:30pm, saturday  
february 2nd



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

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Use this handy app to easily report **Non-Emergency** service requests to the City like overgrown street trees, abandoned vehicles, burnt out streetlights, etc...

1. Search in your app store for "Go Request".
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3. After downloading the app successfully, you will see the City's logo. Start reporting!  
**Note:** No smartphone? No problem! Simply visit: [www.brisbaneca.org/contact](http://www.brisbaneca.org/contact) to submit a service request.

Police Non-Emergency: (415) 467-1212  
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www.LiveatMissionBlue.com

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Final Concert: January 12, 2019





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## SEEKING HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF BRISBANE



Brisbane by the Bay - Circa 1930

Please Bring them to City Hall for Scanning

The Citizens' History Committee is seeking your photos that capture Brisbane and any special events from yesteryear. They are looking to build up the City's official historical archives. Therefore, the photos can date back to the 1930s when the first Brisbane residents settled in town, or post-Incorporation (1961). If you have any historical photos, please bring them to Stuart Schillinger at City Hall. We will make sure they are carefully scanned and promptly returned to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Stuart at (415) 508-2151 or [schillinger@brisbaneca.org](mailto:schillinger@brisbaneca.org).



### DID YOU KNOW...

You can stay connected with us on Instagram and other social media outlets?



# January Library Calendar



## Special Events

### Thursdays, 10:30am - Bilingual Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Come and enjoy stories and songs in English and Spanish. Vengan y disfruten cuentos y canciones en inglés y español.

### Saturday, January 5, 9:30am - Shredding Truck Visit

Is there too much paperwork cluttering up your life? Shred your unwanted documents with the mobile shredding truck that will visit the library from 9:30am-12pm. Limitations: Paper only; paperclips and staples are okay; no binders or hardcover books; and will shred up to 5 boxes per person.

### Saturday, January 5, 2pm - Kids on the Block Puppet Show

Everyone wants to play, learn, have friends, and be included. Gatepath Family Resource Center's parent and student volunteers present this program featuring puppets with unique disabilities. This show helps children understand that people with disabilities are just like them. For students in 1st-3rd grades.

### Wednesday, January 9, 4pm - Geeky Gatherings

Calling all tween/teen geeks and nerds! Come gather at the library for snacks, games, anime showings, movies, comic book discussions, and other geeky activities.

### Saturday, January 19, 10am - Qi Gong Meditation

Visit the Library before we open for some quiet meditation.

### Saturday, January 19, 2m - Paint Like Piet Mondrian

Learn about the work of Dutch abstract artist Piet Mondrian and create your own painting in his style. This event is FREE and all materials will be provided. For adults and teens age 14 and up. Space is limited and registration is required.

### Saturday, January 26, 12pm - Young Adult Novelist Convention at Millbrae Library

This free half-day celebration will include panel discussions, author hangouts, and book signings with award-winning, notable, and new Young Adult novelists including: 2018 Printz Medal winner Nina LaCour, 2018 Newbery Medal winner Erin Entrada Kelly, Jesse Andrews, Mitali Perkins, and more! Register at <http://tiny.cc/yanovcon>

## Recurring Events for Children and Families

### Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am

#### January 5 - Lego Building

Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

#### January 19 - 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 early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing.

#### Mondays, 4pm - Masterpiece Mondays

Create a masterpiece every Monday using various art supplies. Participants in this unguided program will have a chance to get creative and unleash their inner artist!

#### 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 early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing.

## Recurring Events for Adults

### Tuesday, January 15, 7pm - 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.

## Library Holidays & Closures

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Closed for New Years Day



**FARMERS MARKET CLOSED**  
**SEE YOU IN THE SPRING!**

As of last month, the Brisbane Farmers' Market closed for the remainder of the season, but is scheduled to re-open in the Spring of 2019. See you then for more fresh and local produce, Brisbane-sourced honey, and perhaps some new vendors! (Having this time will allow the Market Manager to build up Brisbane's vendor base.)

Thank you for your support of the market and the vendors, some of which have been coming to Brisbane since April 2012 when the market first opened. They will need your support again when they return in the Spring!

## January 2019 City Calendar

Check the City's online calendar for the latest:  
[www.brisbaneca.org/calendar](http://www.brisbaneca.org/calendar)

Residential Street Sweeping: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month  
Commercial Street Sweeping: Every Weds. AM  
(Visitacion Ave. enforced 3-6AM)

01, Tuesday, All Day  
City Hall Closed for New Year's Day

02, Wednesday, 7pm  
Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

09, Wednesday, 6:30pm  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

10, Thursday, 7:30pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, B

12, Saturday, 7:30pm - Pre-concert Interview, 8pm - Concert  
"Live at Mission Blue", 4 the Love of the Cello.

16, Wednesday, 6:30pm  
Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

17, Thursday, 7:30pm  
City Council Meeting, B

21, Monday, All Day  
City Hall closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

24, Thursday, 7:30pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, B

For questions or comments about The STAR please call  
Caroline Cheung at (415) 508-2157 or [ccheung@brisbaneca.org](mailto:ccheung@brisbaneca.org)



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- EMERGENCY - Fire, Police, Medical Ambulance .....911
Dispatch After-Hours..... 415-467-1212
City General Information ..... 415-508-2100
FAX Line ..... 415-467-4989
E-Mail ..... cityhall@brisbaneca.org
Website..... www.brisbaneca.org
City Clerk (Elections, City Council meetings) ..... 415-508-2113
City Manager ..... 415-508-2110
City Council ..... 415-508-2110
Finance (Water bills, shuttle passes) ..... 415-508-2150
Fire Station 81 ..... 415-657-4300
North County Fire Authority..... 650-991-8138
Garbage & Recycling..... 650-589-4028
Human Resources ..... 415-508-2115
Marina..... 650-583-6975
Mission Blue/Community Center Rental ..... 415-508-2142
Permit Center ..... 415-508-2120
(Parking/Abandoned Vehicle Complaints, Crime Prevention Assistance)
Police Officer Voice Mail..... 415-508-2188
Public Works ..... 415-508-2130
(Streets, sidewalks, public right of way, download the free GORequest app to easily submit service requests)
Recreation Programs/Class Registration/Park Rentals... 415-508-2140
Swimming Pool ..... 415-657-4321
Utility Billing..... 415-508-2154
CROCKER PARK SHUTTLE INFORMATION
Commute.org ..... 650-588-1600

Community Services

- Airport Noise Complaints ..... 650-821-4736
Animal Control (Stray or injured animals) ..... 650-340-7022
To locate Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings Call
San Francisco Central Office ..... 415-674-1821
San Mateo Fellowship Office ..... 650-577-1310
Bay Area Air Quality Management Dst. (BAAQMD).....800-334-ODOR
Quarry Dust Complaints (San Mateo County) ..... 650-363-1849
Brisbane Chamber of Commerce..... 415-467-7283
Brisbane Library ..... 415-467-2060
Brisbane School District..... 415-467-0550
Panorama School..... 415-586-6595
Brisbane Elementary School ..... 415-467-0120
Lipman Middle School ..... 415-467-9541
Comcast Cable Television ..... 800-945-2288
Jefferson High School District Office ..... 650-550-7900
Jefferson High School ..... 650-550-7700
Oceana High School ..... 650-550-7300
Terra Nova High School ..... 650-550-7600
Westmoor High School ..... 650-550-7400
Jefferson Adult Day School..... 650-550-7890
Summit Shasta Public High School.....415-799-4719
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal ..... 650-363-4718
Kara Grief Support for Children & Families.....650-321-5272
Legal Aid Society for Tenant Rights ..... 800-381-8898
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Sentinel, llamades compeletamente gratis.....888-324-7468
Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center..... 650-513-0330
(Confidential mediation for Neighbor, Rental, & Small Business disputes)
SamTrans (Bus routes, scheduling info) ..... 800-660-4287
San Mateo County Housing ..... 650-802-5050
& Community Development (Low income Home Rehab loans)
San Mateo County Environmental Health ..... 650-372-6200
San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control Distric.650-344-8592
South San Francisco Scavenger Co. .... 650-589-4020
(Garbage service, debris boxes)
Veteran's Emotional Crisis Line .....1-800-273-8255
OR www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

City Council, Commissions, and Committees

City Council Meetings
1st and 3rd Thursdays
7:30 pm • City Hall
For more information,
contact 415-508-2110

Open Space and Ecology Committee
3rd Wednesdays
6:30 pm • City Hall
For more information,
contact 415-508-2118

Planning Commission
2nd and 4th Thursdays
7:30 pm • City Hall
For more information,
contact 415-508-2120

Public Art Advisory Committee
Meeting as needed
For more information,
contact 415-508-2109

Parks and Recreation Commission
2nd Wednesday
6:30 pm • City Hall
For more information,
contact 415-508-2140

Complete Streets Safety Committee
1st Wednesday
7:00 pm • City Hall
For more information,
contact 415-508-2130