



City of Brisbane Monthly Newsletter October 2020 Volume 17, Issue 8

Make Sure You're Ready to Vote On or Before the November 3, 2020 General Election

Check Your Registration

Ahead of the November 3rd General Election, every registered voter in California will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage return envelope. Check your voter status at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov and make sure you're ready to vote. Ballots start getting sent October 5th. Sign up for Where's My Ballot? today at <u>WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov</u>.



Update Your Registration

Make sure your registration is up-to-date! You'll need to update your registration if you:

- Moved
- Changed your name
- Want to update your political party

Update your voter registration today at **<u>RegisterToVote.ca.gov</u>**.

Deadline to Register

Make sure you're registered to vote ahead of the November 3, 2020, General Election.

Register by **October 19th** to receive your vote-by-mail ballot. You can do so easily, online at <u>RegisterToVote.ca.gov</u>. Or come to City Hall, starting October 31st, 9am-5pm, to take care of this and cast your ballot!

Non-Profit Assistance

At their September 3rd meeting, the City Council approved \$10,000 to be made available for Brisbane-based non-profits to apply for.

Please submit your application by **5pm Friday**, **October 30**, **2020** using the form, **tinyurl.com/brisbanenonprofitassistance**.

Note: The City is aware \$10,000 will probably not offset all of the fundraising that non-profits are able to do throughout the year, but it may allow for a base level of services to be continued.



Supporting our Local Non-Profits

\$10k total available to apply for now!

The **COVID-19** outbreak has prevented our non-profits from holding their annual fundraisers. A proportionate amount of the \$10k will be distributed after the **October 30**, **2020 deadline**.



Recycled Arts & Crafts Contest!

Turn your trash into treasure! Kids and adults alike are encouraged to create fine art, jewelry, wearable art, kinetics, garden art, useful home items or whatever your imagination can dream of from waste. Materials should be destined for the landfill, recycle, or compost; minimal use of purchased materials will be accepted.

Submit* photos or videos of your work by the October 15th deadline for a chance at prizes sponsored by South San Francisco Scavenger. Or, apply to join the judging committee using the form found on **brisbaneca.org/recycled-artscrafts-contest**.

Looking for inspiration? Check out our board on Pinterest! <u>pinterest.com/smilebrisbane/recycled-art-inspiration</u> *Email submissions to <u>recycledart@brisbaneca.org</u>. Please compress files over 1MB and send in separate emails. Submissions via links, Dropbox, Google Drive or similar are encouraged, especially for files over 10MB.

City of Brisbane Files Its Response to the CA High-Speed Rail Authority's Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement

Firmly Opposed to HSR's Proposal to Locate a Railyard in the City

BRISBANE, CA – On September 9, 2020, the City submitted its comments to the California High-Speed Rail Authority ("Authority") on their Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement ("Draft EIR/EIS") for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The City's comments focus on the environmental impacts of locating a proposed "Light Maintenance Facility" in Brisbane.

The City believes the Draft EIR/EIS is fatally defective under CEQA and NEPA, and is unusable as a matter of law. The City's belief is born of a thorough analysis of the Draft EIR/EIS by subject matter experts.



"The City's independent experts concluded that High Speed Rail's plan for a railyard doesn't come close to addressing all the impacts on the City, including the hazards of building on the Baylands. High Speed Rail needs to find other and better alternatives," stated Mayor Terry O'Connell.

"It is clear from the experts' review that the Draft EIR/EIS should and must be abandoned in favor of a new, independent, and comprehensive environmental analysis. Anything less would be illegal and a disservice to the environment and the people of the City and region," added City Manager Clay Holstine.

"It seems fairly obvious that the Authority picked a location for its railyard and then tried to justify it, rather than let the law and science guide the site selection process. It is time for the Authority to rule out the Baylands and instead focus on safe and legal alternatives, added John Swiecki, Community Development Director.

See the City's full response to the Authority on the City's website (search "HSR Response"). Note: the file contains largescale drawings so you may have to drag your horizontal scroll bars over after the file finishes downloading. You can also view the document in a PDF reader such as Acrobat as it is a very large file.

Calling All Makers! RECYCLED ART & CRAFTS CONTEST

Submit your: useful home items

wearable art fine art jewelry kinetics sculpture garden art or other artwork!

Use Materials

destined for the garbage recycling or compost!



Open to All Ages

Contest ends October 15, 2020

For details, to submit art, or apply to be a judge: www.brisbaneca.org/recycled-arts-crafts-contest



Presented by the Brisbane Parks and Recreation Dept and the Open Space and Ecology Committee Prizes to be provided by: south san francisco SCAVENGER company, inc.

Community Blood Drives Right Here in Brisbane Generally Occurring on the Last Friday of Every Month

If you're currently healthy, please consider donating blood at Vitalant, located right here in Brisbane at 400 Valley Drive. Patients rely on blood from volunteer donors to see tomorrow and your donation can potentially save as many as 3 lives.

Vitalant is continuing to hold a monthly blood drive at their facility located at 400 Valley Drive. Your next opportunity is October 30th from 10am – 3pm.

To make your appointment by phone please reference your sponsor code "brisbanecommunity" and call 1-877-258-4825. To schedule online please visit: <u>tinyurl.com/</u><u>brisbaneblooddrive</u>.

Blood donation is considered an "essential service". Additionally, all successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information, visit: vitalant.org/antibodytest.



A 39-year-old mother received 3 red cell units, 1 platelet unit and 2 plasma units to help her while undergoing an emergency C-section.

A 50-year-old women undergoing a kidney transplant needed 2 red cell units.

8 total units were used to transform the life of a 58-year-old woman undergoing an Aortoiliac Vascular Bypass; 5 red cell units, 1 platelet unit and 2 plasma units.

27 total units over 6 days were used to help a 59-year-old man undergoing treatment for Acute Renal Failure; 3 red cell units and 23 plasma units.

Thank you for playing a role in this incredible act of transforming lives!



CONDO

Below Market Rate (BMR) Home

A 1 bedroom/1 bath condominium is now available for sale through the City's inclusionary housing program! The home

is affordable to moderate income households. Please contact Senior Planner Julia Ayres at (415) 508-2129 or

email jayres@brisbaneca.org for more information.

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for Sale in Brisbane

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BELOW

RATE

MARKET

Available for sale to moderate income households:

1 person: max. \$120,200 gross annual income 2 people: max. \$137,350 gross annual income



CROCKER TRAIL MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Join us for the first virtual community workshop to share your vision for the future of Crocker Trail. For more information, visit the project website at: brisbaneca.org/Crocker-Trail-Master-Plan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 6:30PM

October City Calendar

The City's **Meals for Seniors Lunch Program** takes place **Mondays & Wednesdays** from **12- 12:45pm** outside the Senior Sunrise Room (2 Visitacion Avenue) for drive-by pick-up. Call (415) 508-2144 if you would like to participate in the meal program.



The Brisbane Farmers' Market takes place Thursdays from 3-7pm in the Community Park. Physical distancing and face coverings are required.

Brisbane Community Calendar link: brisbaneca.org/calendar

Residential Street Sweeping: 2nd Monday of Every Month Commercial Street Sweeping: Every Weds. AM (Visitacion Ave. Enforced 3-6AM)

All meetings listed below will be conducted virtually and are compliant with the Governor's Executive Order N-29- 20 issued on March 17, 2020 allowing for deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. The purpose of this is to provide the safest environment for staff, City Council, Commission, Committee Members, and the public while allowing for public participation. Agenda materials may be viewed online at <u>brisbaneca.org/meetings</u> at least 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting, and at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting.

01, Thursday, 7:30pm Regular City Council Meeting, B

03, Saturday, 6pm 2nd Annual (Virtual) LUNAFEST

05, Monday, 6:30pm Regular Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

08, Thursday, 7-8:30pm Brisbane City Council Candidates Forum, B

12, Monday, All Day City Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

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

15, Thursday, 7:30pm Regular City Council Meeting, B

17-18, Saturday-Sunday Parks and Recreation Hydrant Painting & Restoration Weekend

22, Thursday, 7:30pm Regular Planning Commission Meeting, B

24, Saturday, 10am New Brisbane Library Virtual Dedication on Facebook, YouTube, and Ch. 27

24, Saturday, 10am – 1pm Brisbane Lions Free Flu Shot Clinic under the Community Park Gazebo **24, Saturday, 10am – 2pm** Brisbane Lions Club Pumpkin Patch @ the Community Park

24, Saturday, 9am (Registration) |10am (Walk/Run) Brisbane Lions Club Fun Walk/Run; Registration @ the Community Park

30, Friday, 10am – 3pm Blood Drive & COVID-19 Antibody Testing @ Vitalant (400 Valley Dr.)

31, Saturday, 9am – 5pm County Vote Center OPENS at Brisbane City Hall

31, Saturday, 1 – 5pm Brisbane Dance Workshop's Halloween Portraits @ Community Center Garden

B – Broadcast on Comcast Ch. 27 and youtube.com/ brisbaneca

City Hall Public Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays 9am - 1pm See our What's Open Guide: <u>tinyurl.com/whatsopenguide</u>

City Hall Regular Hours of Operation (staff available by phone or email): M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-5pm, F 8am-1pm

Do you have questions about the STAR or have an article to suggest? Articles are due by the 15th of each month. Contact Caroline at <u>ccheung@brisbaneca.org</u> or call her at (415) 508-2157.

Thank you for Supporting the Brisbane Farmers' Market!

Each week since the first Thursday in April, the Brisbane Farmers' Market and its faithful vendors have been setting up in the Community Park and offering high-quality and farm-fresh produce and table-ready foods for the community to enjoy. Steve Schmidt of West Coast Farmers Market manages the market and works with the City to ensure the market is run safely and that we're aware of market happenings and news. We wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the vendors to you, so you're well-aware of their offerings (some of which aren't so obvious from their names)!

• Hummus Heaven (Mourad)

In Brisbane for over 4 years, with West Coast Farmers Market for 8. From their main facility located in San Leandro comes a plethora of goodies in little tubs. Of course, the hummus, along with olives, fruit-flavored labneh (extra thick Greek-style yogurt in peach, berry, and coconut), bean and cous cous salads, and even dolmas (grape leaves stuffed with brown rice and cooked in a bright lemony broth).

• Rojas Family Farm (Herbert)

In Brisbane for 4 years, whose family farm is in Manteca. They grow stone fruits such as white and yellow peaches, nectarines, and plums. They also have green and red grapes, and have citrus such as oranges and lemons.

• Mountain Fresh Farms (Carlos)

In Brisbane for 4 years, with a family farm in Salinas.

• Chay's Farm (Eleazar)

New to Brisbane this year, with a family farm in Watsonville, they have juicy and sweet strawberries.

• Mike and Niki's Honey Company (Mike and Niki themselves!)

Bee'ing local is what it's all about! They also have olive oils and natural fruit toppings! And of course, their delicious honey in those little plastic bears!

• Evergreen Acres Dairy (Mike and Jane)

This is also their first year in Brisbane. They have a family farm in Tres Pinos where they collect duck eggs and produce goat milk and cheeses.

• Grinchos Art (Olga)

On her table is a wide array of Peruvian artwork. She also helps Vicki Smith sell her hand-sewn masks whenever Vicki herself can't be at the market in-person.

• Nob Hill Pizza & Pasta (Harry)

He's got quite the (mostly) frozen selection, including spaghetti, ravioli, olives, lemonade and popsicles! He's not a new face at the market per se, as he's been before years ago, but has been coming more consistently as of late!

• Donna's Tamales (Nawid)

Here you'll also find a nice frozen selection of tamales (including vegetarian and gluten-free) as well as their classic tomato salsa (vegan). They were a hit the first time they came to the market, and we're excited they'll be regular vendors from here on out.



Old-Fashioned Kettle Corn (Tony)

You can hear and smell that kettlecorn popping from down San Francisco. They're on the end closer to the playground, and have caramel, cheddar, and original varieties!

• 3 Brothers Kitchen (Vinh)

From shaken beef to a pork belly burrito, along with lychee limeade to wash it all down, this food truck brings a new offering of Southeast Asian fare to Brisbane. Be sure to order online on their square site (3brotherskitchen. com) so you can avoid the line and wait!

Please enjoy the market while it's here. And if you're lucky, you'll be there when Brisbane resident Ian Freng-Meeter is there as well, off to the side strumming on his acoustic guitar.

Traditionally, the market has closed for the winter months after Daylight Savings ends (November 1st this year) but the vendors have been enjoying coming to Brisbane so much that they may want to keep coming year-round. We'll be sure to include an update in next month's issue with the final word!



2020 Candidates Forum – Thursday, October 8th, 7pm

This year, the League of Women Voters and the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce have partnered to bring you a virtual Candidates Forum on October 8th at 7pm. During the forum, voters will have an opportunity to hear statements from the candidates and their responses to questions posed by members of the community. The event will be broadcast live on the City's YouTube channel (<u>youtube.com/</u> <u>brisbaneca</u>) as well as on Comcast Channel 27 (Brisbane's community channel).

For the first time ever, simultaneous Spanish translation services will be provided by the League



of Women Voters during the Forum. Please contact Communications Manager Caroline Cheung for more information at (415) 508-2157 or <u>ccheung@brisbaneca.org</u>.

Have a question you'd like to ask the candidates? The League of Women Voters will be taking questions using the following form through 5pm Wednesday, October 7th: <u>tinyurl.com/candidatesforum2020</u>.

Español Está invitado a participar en el FORO de CANDIDATOS de la Ciudad de Brisbane.

Escuche a los candidatos en su evento programado virtual el 8 de octubre de 2020 a las 7 PM. Podrá verlos y hacerles preguntas.

YouTube channel (youtube.com/brisbaneca) Comcast Channel 27 (Brisbane's community channel)

Por primera vez, el evento será traducido simultáneamente al Español. Para más información, póngase en contacto con la Comunicaciones Gerente Caroline Cheung, (415) 508-2157 <u>ccheung@brisbaneca.org</u>.

Patrocinado por La Liga de Mujeres Votantes y la Cámara de Comercio de Brisbane

¿Tiene preguntas? Mándelas hasta las 5 PM, el dia 7 de octubre á: tinyurl.com/candidatesforum2020.



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Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency

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HYDRANT PAINTING **& RESTORATION**

Join us for a physically distanced event this Fall! This year's restoration event serves to highlight social and environmental justice issues and will create public art for residents to enjoy for decades.

All supplies will be provided to participating artists courtesy of the Brisbane Parks & Recreation department. Anyone interested in designing or restoring a hydrant must submit an application to participate by October 10th.

Contact us at 415.508.2140 | parks&rec@brisbaneca.org

BRISBANE DANCE WORKSHOP'S

Halloween Portraits

San Mateo County l ibraries

CAPTURE THE MEMORIES! October 31, 2020 | 1:00pm-5:00pm Community Center Garden (entrance on Mendocino St)

Sign up Today! Appointment only http://bit.ly/BDWHalloweenPortraits

Cover Up! Safety is our Priority! Masks required until photo taken Groups will be staggered No walk-up appointments allowed

Printed on 100% recycled paper with soy-based ink.

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and Humboldt Tree Service