



THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!

You can vote in-person at City Hall Starting 10/31 - 11/2, 9am - 5pm, and on Election Day, 11/3, from 7am - 8pm.

At a Vote Center, you can vote in-person, register to vote, register to vote and vote the same day, and drop off your voted mail-in ballot.



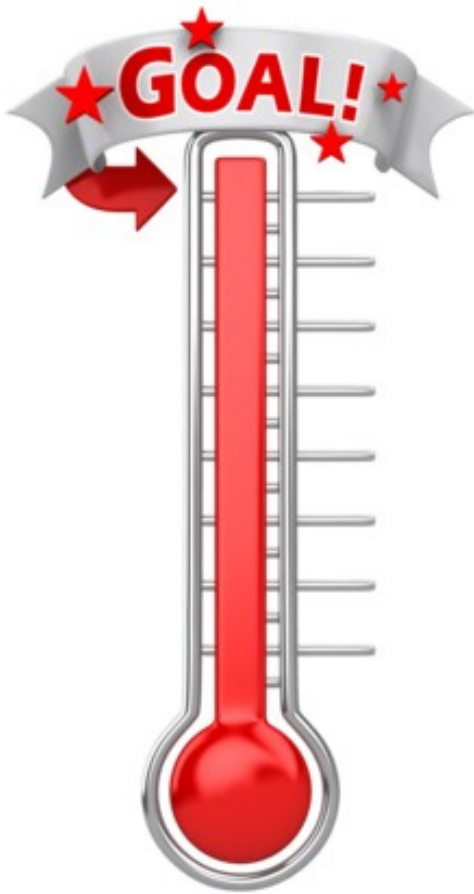
Library Dedication Recap and a Note from the Friends of the Brisbane Library (FOBL)



Thank you to all who tuned in on 10/24 for our first-ever virtual Dedication Ceremony. Mayor O’Connell welcomed those tuning in from the safety of their homes and was joined in-person by Supervisor Canepa, Former Supervisor Tissier, and Mayor Pro Tem Cunningham to lend some remarks about the New Brisbane Library – all properly distanced, of course. Others from San Mateo County Libraries, such as Libraries Director Anne-Marie Despain and Libraries Project Manager Rachel McDonnell, as well as City Manager Clay Holstine and City Engineer Randy Breault were also in attendance. To see a recording of the event, check out the City’s YouTube ([youtube.com/brisbaneca](https://www.youtube.com/brisbaneca)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/brisbane94005](https://www.facebook.com/brisbane94005)) pages; it will also be replayed on Ch. 27.

From the Friends of the Brisbane Library: a deep and heartfelt thanks for all who contributed by purchasing a donor tile or even a t-shirt from us! We hit our target thanks to each of you, and the tile contributions were very generous. We wanted to especially thank the community members who joined us in the “What does Brisbane mean for you and our community?” mural brainstorming sessions with the artist. Brisbane was well-represented and now we are so excited to see our collective visions come together! We are now focused on moving forward with the tile production which will bear all of your personal inscriptions.

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We recently announced on Facebook that the mural wall is in progress. The above photo shows the wall after the initial charcoal work was completed. We are so proud to be working with the community-based mural arts organization, Precita Eyes, as they bring nearly 50 years and 200+ breathtaking murals from around the Bay Area. Mona Caron, who painted the mural on the side of Midtown Market, is also of Precita Eyes! Artists Julia Barzizza and Susan Cervantes and friends will soon be done with their work on the Library Donor Wall, and we can't wait to show you the final product! To be one of the first to see it, join our Facebook group. On Facebook, just search "Friends of the Brisbane Library (FOBL)". We'll also post the final image onto our website, www.fobl.info.

Public Comment Period for Draft Remedial Action Plans for the Environmental/Soils Cleanup of the Baylands Coming Soon



The San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has announced the draft Feasibility Study/ Remedial Action Plan (FS/RAP) for the environmental/soils cleanup of a portion of the Brisbane Baylands site will be available for public comment from October 28 to December 18, 2020. The Water Board will mail a fact sheet about the proposed cleanup plan to all Brisbane residents and will be hosting a public meeting via Zoom on November 18, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:00pm. You can access the Zoom meeting via: <https://bit.ly/3dIHnMI>. For more information or if you need help accessing the meeting, please contact Tracy Craig at (510) 334-4866 or tracy@craig-communications.com.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) anticipates that the draft FS/RAP for the environmental/soils cleanup of the portion of the Brisbane Baylands site it oversees will be available for public comment this fall as well. Dates for this public comment period have not been selected yet so stay tuned for more information.

Sequoiadendron / Festival Tree Update



We've all seen the struggling, brown Sequoiadendron at the corner of Old County & San Francisco. Though this isn't exactly the look we'd like to have at the 5-point intersection, Davey Tree – the arborists that planted the 20' tree last December – still remains hopeful that the tree has at least a 25% chance of coming back from its current, unhealthy state. They feel that it hasn't been long enough since the irrigation break was found and fixed by Public Works a little over two months ago, and want to give it until the spring, or 4-5 more months, to see if it's able to revive itself.

If you look closely, Davey does regular inspections of the tree, and they see that many of the branches, as well as the trunk of the tree, are still green and pliable inside. If it ends up that the tree doesn't make it, then a new tree would be planted next fall. In the meantime, let's take on the spirit of the County's "Comeback Campaign"...and apply it to the (possibly new) Festival Tree! Because right now...we can all agree – it needs all the good wishes and vibes it can get.

Make the Switch to a New Electric Car

Drive electric and save! Peninsula Clean Energy is providing first-time EV buyers in San Mateo County a rebate on the purchase of a new electric car. Now through December 31, 2020. Learn more at: [PenCleanEnergy.com/NewEV](https://www.pencleanenergy.com/NewEV).

Why make the switch? Electric vehicles (EVs) generally cost about half as much to run, have lower maintenance costs and emit 25x less emissions than gasoline-powered cars! Are you still not sure? Peninsula Clean Energy is also providing residents the opportunity to experience driving an EV with a \$200 rebate toward the rental of an EV and assistance in setting up at-home or at-dealership test drives. Get all the details on the website above.

Calling All Businesses: You May Be Required to Set Up an Organics Recycling Program

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, Assembly Bill 1826 requires that all businesses generating 2 cubic yards or more of waste (garbage + recycling) per week implement an Organics Recycling Program.



If your business is not already separating food waste and food-soiled paper from your garbage, please contact SSF Scavenger today at (650) 589-4020 or email Teresa Montgomery at teresa@ssfscavenger.com.

Supporting Legislation

AB 341 – requiring all businesses and multi-family residential complexes with 5 or more living units to separate recyclable materials from garbage.

AB 1826 – requiring all businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of waste (garbage & recyclables combined) per week to implement an organics recycling program.

AB 827 – requiring the provision of “front of house” organic waste collection bins in all restaurants and cafeterias where patrons clear their own tables.

SB 1383 – becoming effective in 2022 and requiring all residents and businesses to have organics collection service.



November City Calendar



The City's **Meals for Seniors Lunch Program** takes place **Mondays & Wednesdays** from **12-12:45pm** outside the Senior Sunrise Room (2 Visitation 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

(Visitation 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 brisbaneca.org/meetings at least 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting, and at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting.

31 – 03, Saturday – Monday, 9am – 5pm | Tuesday, 7am – 8pm (Election Day)

County Vote Center Open at Brisbane City Hall: LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!

02, Monday, 6:30pm

Regular Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

B - Broadcast on Comcast Ch. 27 and [youtube.com/brisbaneca](https://www.youtube.com/brisbaneca)

05, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular City Council Meeting, B

City Hall Public Office Hours:

Mondays & Thursdays 9am - 1pm

See our What's Open Guide: tinyurl.com/whatsopenguide

11, Wednesday, All Day

City Hall Closed for Veterans' Day

12, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular Planning Commission Meeting, B

City Hall Regular Hours of Operation (staff available by phone or email):

M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-5pm, F 8am-1pm

18, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Regular Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

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 ccheung@brisbaneca.org or call her at (415) 508-2157.

19, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular City Council Meeting, B

26 & 27, Wednesday & Thursday, All Day

City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

28, Saturday, 10am – 3pm

Blood Drive & COVID-19 Antibody Testing @ Vitalant (400 Valley Dr.)

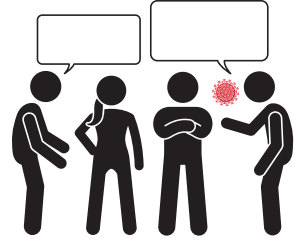
Limit Family Gatherings During COVID-19

You may think it's harmless to have family gatherings now, but here's why you should think twice:

1

Family Gatherings Increase Person-to-Person Contact.

Most often, the virus is spread with close contact. At a gathering, everyone's risk goes up.



2

Protect Your Loved Ones!

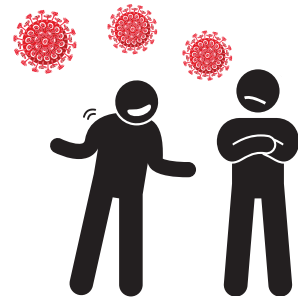
Family elders and those with health conditions are more likely to get very sick or need to be hospitalized if they get COVID-19. Everyone can help protect them.



3

Better to Be Safe than Sorry.

Even people who look healthy can be infected and spread the virus. That's why it's important to stay away from people outside of your household, even if they don't look sick.



4

Your Household is Only Those You Live With.

Limit gatherings to people who live in your home. To be safest, other family and guests should not visit for any reason.



We may be apart, but we can still connect. We can be social, just in different ways. With phone calls or video chat, we can support each other, laugh together, and check on our loved ones.



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Artist: Deanna Washington



You've probably heard about there being a certain picket fence you need to check out in town. And if you have seen it on the corner of Alvarado and Mendocino, you've probably made it a point to walk by it to see its progression over time, especially in recent months where new pickets have regularly been added by the artist. The "One World Picket Fence" is truly a sight to behold. It's vibrant from afar, and when you get up close, it quickly becomes personal. Deanna has painted 30 "Picket Ladies", representing each a unique culture or country. Each "Picket Lady" has a different hand gesture, or mudra, that symbolizes a blessing from doing the mudra. Respect. Compassion. Awakening. The Picket Ladies drew us in with their gaze and we wanted to learn more...

When did you start painting?

I did not start painting until 7 years ago after my mom passed. She was an amazing artist, but was critical of my artwork, and would pick it apart. It was more befitting, and safer, not to enter her "realm". I found an online class called *Lifebook* that teaches mixed media with instructions so simple, everyone gets to feel immediate success. From there, I took other online classes.

What inspires your work?

I am pretty passionate about symbolism. In fact, this is my third symbolism project.

My first was a book published in 2000, *The Language of Gifts: The Essential Guide to Meaningful Gift Giving*, describing objects you may give as a gift and what their symbolic meaning is. Back in 2000, there was nothing else out there like it. Nowadays, symbolism is used with gift-giving quite often. You can still find the book on Amazon.

I wrote and illustrated *Disneyland Wisdom: 45 Life-lessons From the Happiest Rides on Earth* in 2017, also available on Amazon. I have also made it into a wisdom card deck available from me (deannawashington.com/disney). I suppose mostly my art is inspired to SAY something, something ordinary looked at from a different viewpoint. Like the Disneyland rides. No one THINKS about the ride. But if an object can be a point for an affirmation, an EXPERIENCE can be, as well. My intent was for people to use the book as a way to enhance their Disney trips with MEANING.

The Picket Ladies were born from my belief that we are more alike than different, underscored by my interracial marriage.

Your website has a lot of information about this project, but can you tell the readers how the project got started, and how long you've been working on it?

The project literally started on December 17th, the sixth anniversary of my mother's passing. The fence needed repainting I had been toying with the idea to do something unique. Suddenly, I knew what I wanted to do. An empowerment of diversity and unity while teaching us a "sign language" of blessings, so to speak. Yesterday was the first time I actually saw two girls, probably 11 years old, walking by and doing the mudras (hand gestures) as they saw them. That is EXACTLY what I had envisioned. How cool to be able to signal from across the room "perseverance," or "flow".



In January and February, I worked out the logistics and had the design pretty well figured out when Covid hit. Remember how gut-punched we all were, huddling in our house with nothing but our phones and social media? I designed one girl a day for 25 days and wrote up a blessing story specific to what was going on and posted on FB and Instagram. They took me about 4-6 hours to research, design, and then write the blurb.

I paused from the Picket Ladies in May and painted the Tree of Life mural, completed in

about a month, and then started painting and installing the first pickets on July 4th weekend. The final pickets were installed on Oct. 11, Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend (aka Columbus Day). Fifteen weeks of installations.

How did you choose which countries to represent and what is a Mudra?

First, I gathered together the big and obvious. Some I grouped into cultures, because I could not have, say, England and Ireland and Scotland and Wales. Likewise, Scandinavia/Norse.

From there, I looked at the areas and tried to pick out the most iconic, which is why Poland got chosen over, say, Lithuania. That research included looking up the countries cultural dress and dance. In the Middle East, I chose to break it down to Arabia and Persia. Arabia had to be a belly dancer as you know instantly where she is from. Once again for Africa, I chose the most iconic countries.

Some countries I chose for personal reasons. I have a very dear friend who is Afghan and she does the traditional Attan dance of her people. For some reason I feel a connection with Morocco, so she had to be there.

The word *Mudra* is from India and simply means "hand gesture". If you look at statues of Buddha and others of their gods and goddesses, their hands are in very specific gestures. They each mean something. More and more, the western world is using the same gestures when practicing yoga. They are each said to bring you specific energies by using them. I have chosen to focus on the blessing you receive from the energy, which I haven't seen done yet. So if you look up the Mudra, you are likely to see a different word used for them than what I have chosen. In the world of symbolism, that's the way we roll.

What do you hope for residents to feel or glean from "One World Picket Fence"?

The Residents of Brisbane have connected with the fence way beyond what I ever anticipated. I especially did not anticipate the children, even the boys, pondering over them. My hope originally was to teach people the hand signals; to see the way we are all alike. All the faces are created from the same template; just the clothes change (with slight variations for some cultures/countries). We are a delightfully diverse community; still, many have not traveled internationally. So I hoped to bring international to Brisbane (especially in light of COVID)!

Where can people go for more information about the project?

You can stay updated at [PeacePickets.com](https://www.peacepickets.com), which takes you to that section of my website.

Are you planning any other side projects or special events as a result of finishing the project?

Yes! I am planning a Brisbane Open House for November 8th from 11am – 3pm. On that day I will unveil the "Brisbane Picket Lady 2020"!

I have also started painting some real-life-people pickets, a series I call "Sheros" that will be displayed in a different way than on the fence, as I really want to keep the fence non-political. So far I have done RBG and Breonna Taylor, both will be on display for the November 8th event.

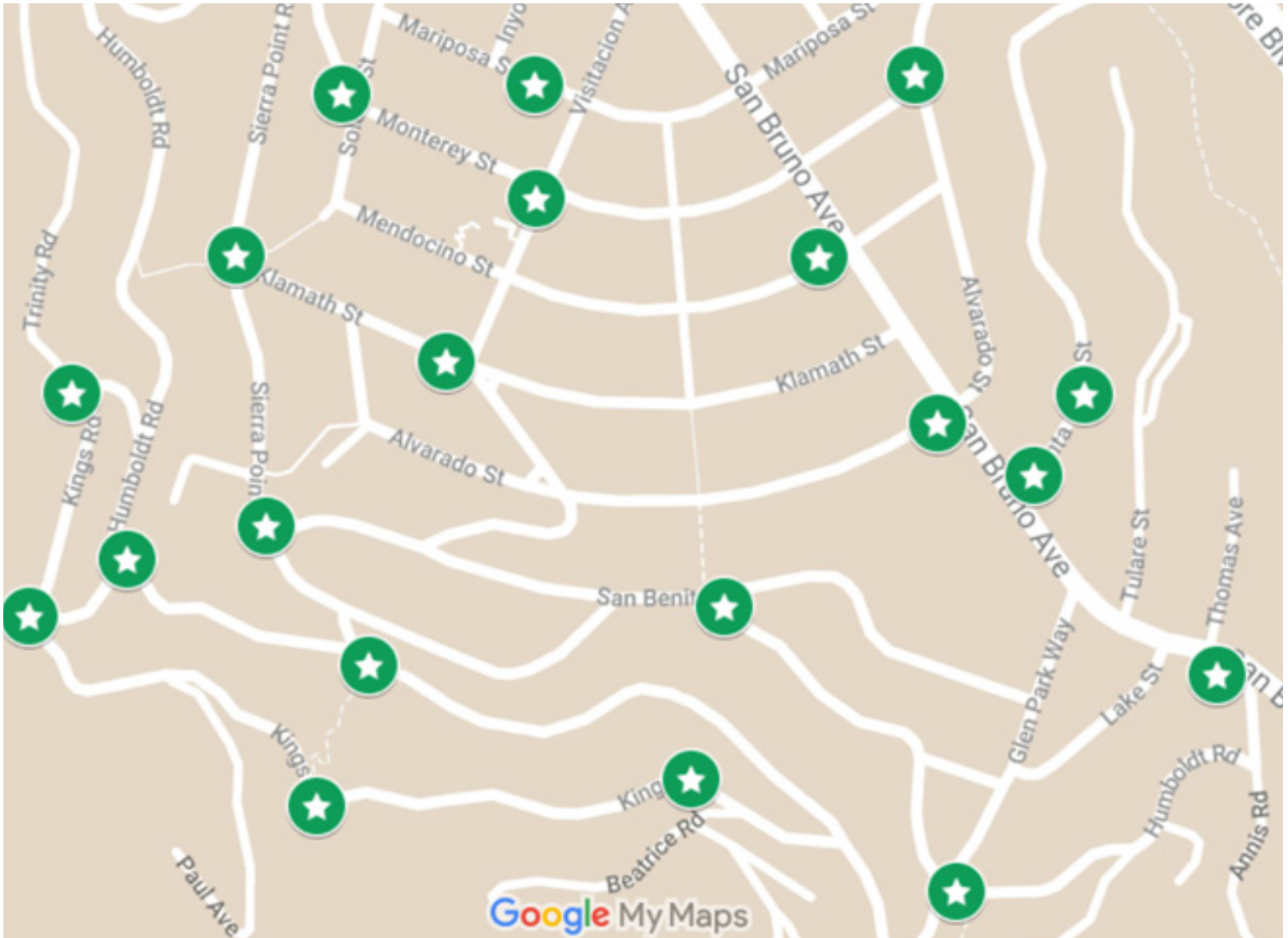
I am also making Picket Products so everyone can have a Piece of the Peace! That includes pendants, Christmas tree ornaments, a coloring book with the Ladies' stories, and a coffee table book to name a few. All of that information can be found on my site.

And there you have it. If you haven't yet gone by and seen this remarkable fence, be sure to do so on **November 8th between 11am – 3pm!** And of course, keep 6' apart, and wear a mask to protect your fellow neighbor because, as the "Picket Ladies" remind us, we are all in this together.



Annual Winter Clean Up Weekend: November 14-15, 2020

Our Annual Winter Clean Up Weekend is November 14 & 15 this year. This is the time to clear your property of fallen leaves and branches which could find their way into one of the City's storm drains and cause flooding during the rainy season. It is also a great opportunity to make your property more fire-safe! Dumpsters will be placed throughout town for residents to dispose of their yard waste. Please remember that this is for yard waste only (leaves, branches, grass). No garbage bags or other waste is to be disposed of in these dumpsters.



An interactive and larger map is available on the City's website at: brisbaneca.org/winter-clean-up

If you need assistance, we will have limited staff available to help transport your yard waste to one of the dumpsters. For assistance, please call (415) 508-2147 during the following times:

Saturday, November 14: 10am – 3pm | Sunday, November 15: 9am – 1pm

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Could the trees in your yard use some maintenance? Trimming trees can provide benefits by removing dead or diseased branches, improving the tree's branch structure, and improving the tree's appearance.

Please note: a tree removal permit is required for removal or severe trimming (50% of the foliage crown or 30% reduction in height) for the following categories of trees:

- Any tree which has a trunk measuring 30" or greater in circumference, at a height of 24" above natural grade.
- Any tree designated as protected by resolution of the City Council.
- Any tree, regardless of size, that was required as part of the granting of a permit, license, or other approval by the City.
- Any tree, regardless of size, that was required by the City as a replacement tree for an unlawfully removed tree.
- Any tree, regardless of size, planted or maintained by the City.

If you have other questions regarding tree removal in general, see the Tree Removal Permit page on our website or call (415) 508-2120. And remember, DO NOT attempt to trim tree branches that are touching or near PG&E power lines. Call PG&E if you have any questions or concerns at (800) 743-5000.

Thank you in advance for your willingness and cooperation in this City-wide effort. If we all pitch in to clean up our properties from yard trimmings and fallen leaves, we can prevent future problems from occurring in our storm drains, as well as keep our properties fire-safe.

Northern California Hospitals Need Your Help!

The Brisbane community and Vitalant are continuing to team up to save lives this fall, and you're invited to save a life at this month's community blood drive. The next blood drive is coming up on Saturday, November 28th from 10am – 3:00pm, and in just 1 hour you can save up to 3 lives! Every 3 seconds someone in America needs blood, and 100% of the blood supply comes from donors like you, so please schedule an appointment online here: tinyurl.com/brisbaneblooddrives.

To make your appointment by phone please reference your sponsor code "Brisbanecommunity" and call 877-258-4825.

Additionally, **all successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.** Everyone at Vitalant appreciates the community's continued support of their lifesaving mission, which ensures patients have the lifesaving blood products they need to see tomorrow!



Because of you, life doesn't stop.



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

DID YOU KNOW...

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



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Nextdoor



We need your input!

San Mateo Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

C/CAG, the San Mateo County Congestion Management Agency, is updating its Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and vision for biking and walking in San Mateo County.

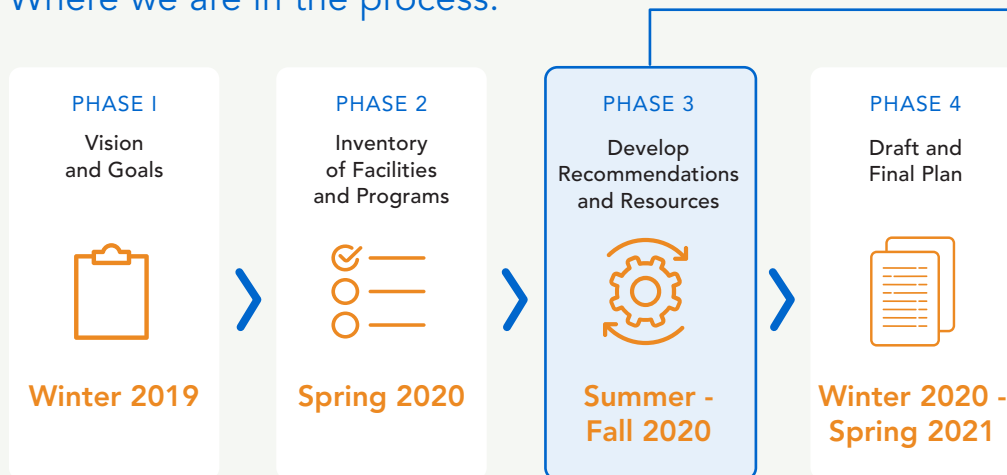
The Plan will feature an interconnected system of safe, convenient, and accessible bicycle and pedestrian facilities for people of all ages, for transportation and recreation.

It will guide the Agency on where the new bike and pedestrian infrastructure will be added or improved over the next five years.

The system will prioritize:

- Safety
- Connectivity
- Increasing walking and biking trips

Where we are in the process:



PHASE 3 PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

Countywide Bicycle Backbone Network

- Guide project funding and improvements to locations that will improve connections between communities and to key destinations.

Pedestrian Focus Areas

- Guide project funding and improvements to the areas where people walk the most.

How to participate:

We need your feedback to make sure that the final Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommendations reflect the values, interests, and priorities of community members throughout San Mateo County.

- Are the recommendations for the Countywide Bicycle Backbone Network accurate?
- Which types of pedestrian projects would best address your concerns?

Provide feedback on our online map!
Attend a virtual workshop on November 9 or 10!
Events are from 6-7pm.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://bit.ly/36lTwQh>
Meeting ID: 994 7855 7580
Passcode: 911732
or call: 651 372 8299

Visit bikewalkccag.com
for links to the meetings
and online map.



Farmers' Market Update: Going Year-Round with New Vendors Recently Joining!

Thursdays make for fun days in town, with the now-bustling Brisbane Farmers' Market. And it will remain that way into the wintertime, as the vendors and West Coast Farmers' Market Association have decided to go year-round – they are having a great time coming to Brisbane and enjoy meeting all the residents. Thank you to your support of the market. Last month, we highlighted the vendors – some who have been with the market since its inception in 2012, and some newer ones...and now need to introduce you to yet a few more that have just recently joined!

Churn Urban Creamery & Bakery (Dee)

You may have seen their board with the neon ice cream sandwich (aka “sando”). Their pink and waffle cone-colored tent houses not only vanilla and strawberry ice cream sandos, but also cold brew and pastries such as ube pound cake, peach bibingka (think corn cake topped with fresh peaches and powdered sugar), and of course, the sea salt chocolate chip cookies... the same ones used in the sandos! They also have pints/quarts of their egg-less ice cream available, as well! More info: churnsf.com

Plant Papa (Karla)

This is a small family run business where they hand-select each plant from local greenhouses and growers in Northern California. They've been enjoying coming to Brisbane and have common, uncommon, and rare plants for every kind of plant parent. Check out their online shop for a closer look of their offerings, including new arrivals: plantpapashop.com.

Achadinha Cheese Company (Charles)

The Achadinha (Osh-a-deen-a) Cheese Company is a family operated ranch lead by Jim and Donna Pacheco along with their four children William, Daniel, Elizabeth and David. This family tradition began 3 generations ago in Achadinha, Portugal, and Vallejo, California, with both of Jim's grandfathers milking cows. In 1955, Jim's parents branched out on their own and eventually in 1969 ended up in Petaluma where the Pacheco's are currently milking cows and goats to make their own Farmstead cheeses. See their offerings on their website: achadinhacheese.com

Please keep supporting these three new vendors and farmers even as the days grow darker faster. They, along with [Hummus Heaven](#), [Donna's Tamales](#), [Grinchos Peruvian Art](#), [Old-Fashioned Kettle Corn](#), [Mountain Fresh](#), [Rojas Fruits](#), [Mike & Niki's Honey](#), [Chay Strawberries](#), and [3 Brothers Kitchen](#) are here each and every Thursday, 3-7pm, for you!



Submit your Story to the California State's Library's COVID DIARIES Collection

Each of us has been impacted in different ways by the COVID-19 pandemic. Old, young, and in-between, we've all experienced big changes in our work, home, and social lives. Some changes, like losing a job, are difficult. Others - like spending more time with loved ones or doing more to help those in need - are joyful and inspiring. The California State Library is collecting COVID-19 stories from across the state. Californians of all ages have responded by sending in original essays, poems, photographs, videos, and works of art. Let's share our stories from Brisbane! If you have writing, artwork, a photo, or other documentation of your COVID-19 experience and would like to help record California's response to this pandemic for future generations, please visit: covididiaries.library.ca.gov.





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Know and Practice a Home Fire Escape Drill

At the October 1st City Council Meeting, Mayor O’Connell read a Proclamation declaring October 2020 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Brisbane. The 2020 Fire Prevention theme, “Serve Up Safety in the Kitchen”, effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire. In addition, the Proclamation urged Brisbane residents to practice a home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night. Why? Because when the smoke alarm sounds, Brisbane’s residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety.



Do you know the safe routes out of town in the event of an evacuation? First, stay connected by signing up to receive emergency alerts from the City as well as San Mateo County by registering on the San Mateo County Alert System (smcalert.info). This is the platform that the City and first responders will utilize to share evacuation information. Second, know how to leave your area safely.

The general evacuation routes below have been developed as guides for how residents should leave town:

Downtown Visitation and Central Brisbane Area

Visitation Avenue towards the Community Park, onto Old County Road to Bayshore Boulevard.

Northeast Ridge Area

Valley Drive to Bayshore Boulevard OR Mission Blue Drive to Guadalupe Canyon Parkway.

The Residential Meeting Area for families and loved ones is 400 Sierra Point Parkway, in the parking lot near the Brisbane Harbormaster’s Office.

