

City of Brisbane Monthly Newsletter December 2020 Volume 17, Issue 10



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the Swearing in Ceremony of the Newly Selected Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Brisbane

At this event, we will also recognize outgoing Mayor Terry O'Connell for her service, swear in the 3 newly elected Councilmembers, and recognize W. Clarke Conway for his many years of public service

> Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:30PM Via Zoom Meeting: Tinyurl.com/Dec10SpecialMeeting

Meeting ID: 951 0170 2751 | Passcode: 123456 | Call In Number: 1 (669) 900-9128

For More Info contact Ingrid Padilla, City Clerk at ipadilla@ci.brisbane.ca.us or call (415) 508-2113

New City Website – We'd Like to Hear Your Feedback!

The new website has been a work in progress since it launched in late April, but we believe it's now at a good place with these recent updates:

- Search functionality enhanced
- Parks and Trails page updated
- 4 top "mega menus" adjusted
- Meetings migrated from 2016 (all previous meetings accessible on our archive site, archive.brisbaneca.org)

Tell us what you think, we want to hear all about it. Let us know if there's anything unusual you find, and updates will be made right away. We want this website to be of service to the community and pledge to continue making it better and better! You can send comments to ccheung@brisbaneca.org,

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or fill out our general feedback form: brisbaneca.org/contact. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

City Announces Two Volunteers of the Year in 2020



Each year, the City recognizes a Brisbane resident as its "Volunteer of the Year", who the ad hoc City Council subcommittee selects after carefully reviewing letters of recommendation from other community members. The Volunteer of the Year award is bestowed upon a dedicated community member that has demonstrated ongoing commitment to the City of Brisbane. They act with the purpose of community in mind and give selflessly to others.

This year, the subcommittee elected to present the award to two remarkable individuals given their extensive efforts both before and during the pandemic. Those individuals are **Vicki Smith** and **Joe Sulley**.

Early into the pandemic, Vicki Smith began sewing masks for local school districts including Brisbane, Bayshore, and Jefferson. She has also spent countless hours making and shipping masks to the Navajo Nation and distributing free masks to seniors and essential workers. As part of her public pledge to provide a free mask to every Brisbane resident, Vicki stationed herself at the weekly Farmer's Market and ensured that anyone who needed a mask, had one. To date, Vicki has sewn and distributed over 4,000 masks! Furthermore, Vicki expanded her positive impact by using the monetary donations received to purchase gift cards from local businesses in order to support their operations. Additional proceeds have also benefitted BEST/PTO, Black Lives Matter, and LGBTQ+ charities. Vicki's volunteerism in our community dates back several years. She has assisted the Brisbane Elementary School PTO, led a Girl Scout troop, and has continuously supported the Mothers of Brisbane. Vicki seems to always be present with a lending hand and this kind of community-based mindset deserves recognition.

Joe Sulley has spent countless hours this year shopping, prepping, cooking and cleaning to provide meals to some of our most vulnerable residents. On a weekly basis, Joe plans and prepares meals for seniors. In the battle against food insecurity for Brisbane's older residents, Joe has been instrumental. He has provided over 1,700 meals to seniors during the pandemic alone. Although Joe has proven himself to be an essential responder during this pivotal and unprecedented year, his volunteerism in our community has spanned many decades. As a member of the Lion's Club, Joe acts as the primary chef, serving up delicious meals at citywide events including the annual Day in the Park and Citywide Yard Sale. He also volunteers at the annual Lagoon clean up and prepares meals to sustain the volunteers conducting habitat restoration. Joe is known for always giving more than he takes. He cooks and provides meals to his tenants, neighbors, laborers, garbage men....anyone in need of a meal. He is tireless in his efforts to help others and has proved his dedication to the Brisbane community over several decades.

Vicki and Joe are both giving of their time, energy, and talents and their selflessness represents the true spirit of this award. Their service has made a significant difference in our community and contributes to the wonderful quality of life in Brisbane. Congratulations Vicki and Joe, and **THANK YOU** for all that you do!

San Mateo County Community Forums COME & SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH RACIAL INEQUITY

The district will convene a series of listening sessions, where a diverse group of constituents can convene to engage in meaningful dialogue where personal stories and perspectives can be shared in order to gain a deeper understanding of the complex issues related to racial equity.



Thursda	y, November 19th, 6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday	, December 12th, 10 am - 12 pm
Wednes	day, January 27th, 6 pm - 8 pm

The dialogue forums will be facilitated in order to solicit personal stories and lived experiences from participants that connect racial inequities to other critical complex topics such as housing, immigration, education, community/law relations, and employment.

Forum Objectives:

- To convene community members to gather input and recommend meaningful policy changes
- To share personal stories and perspectives in order to gain understanding and cultivate community trust
- To deepen our understanding of the complex issues related to racial equity

Forum Dates:

- Thursday, November 19th, 6 pm 8 pm
- Saturday, December 12th, 10 am 12 pm Register: <u>tinyurl.com/decembercommunityforum</u>
- Wednesday, January 27th, 6 pm 8 pm Register: tinyurl.com/januarycommunityforum
- * Translation services will be provided, please indicate when registering for any specific services.

2020 Veterans' Day Flag-Raising Event Recap



Councilmember Clarke Conway salutes the U.S. flag as it's raised by Public Works staff. Public Works Director and retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps, Randy Breault, gave the Order of Arms.



Thank you to all who tuned in live on Facebook for this year's Veterans' Flag-Raising Event. Due to the holiday falling on a Wednesday this year, with school not in session, the event was pushed from its usual start time of 8am to the symbolic time of 11am – 11am on November 11, 1918 is when the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

We were honored to have once again Lafi Faletoese-Ma'u lead us in the national anthem as the flag was being raised. Those that were present in uniform or have served were asked to salute, with everyone else asked to place their right hand over their heart. To view a recording of the event, head to our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Get Your Brisbane T-Shirts (or Gift One) and Support the New Library!

The Friends of the Brisbane library are selling the 2020 version of the "WHERE THE HELL IS BRISBANE?" t-shirt as a fundraiser for the new Library.

They are \$25 each or 2 for \$40 and are the unisex adult style. Youth sizes are also available (S/M/L).

If interested, call or text Claire Rappoport at: (415) 377-6512.



Festival of Lights: Sunday, December 6, 2020 @ 6pm

This year, we are bringing the Festival of Lights to you! The event will include a light parade through town, North Pole Parcels, live singing by Leanne Borghesi, and a virtual tree lighting ceremony. The singing, light parade, and tree lighting will be live starting at 6pm on the City's YouTube channel (**youtube.com/brisbaneca**), the Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page (**facebook.com/brisbanerec**), and Comcast Ch. 27.

NORTH POLE PARCELS:

Enjoy a piece of our traditional Festival of Lights from home! North Pole Parcels include:

- Hot Cocoa Kit
- Cookies
- Light-up Star Necklace
- Craft Kit
- Letter to Santa Template

North Pole Parcels can be purchased at: brisbaneca.org/FOL2020.

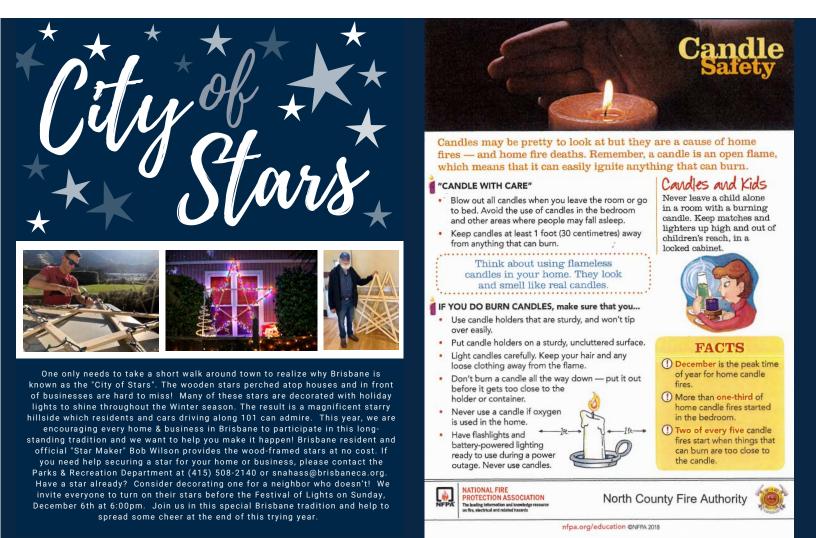
LIGHT PARADE VOLUNTEERS:

We need 20 volunteers to drive their decorated vehicles in a parade! Volunteer Requirements:

- A driver with a valid license
- Registered vehicle
- Festive decorations and lights on exterior of vehicle.



You can sign up to be a Light Parade Volunteer at the same above link. Thank you for your participation as we attempt to take the Festival of Lights virtual this year! We hope you'll join us!



December 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 2-6pm 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.

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

06, Sunday, 6-7pm Festival of Lights (on YouTube and Parks and Rec's Facebook page: (facebook.com/brisbanerec)

07, Monday, 6:30pm Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

09, Wednesday, 3-6am Beginning of enforcement for commercial street sweeping on Visitacion

10, Thursday, 7:30pm Special City Council Meeting, B

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

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

24, Thursday, All Day City Hall Closed for Christmas Eve

25, Friday, All Day City Hall Closed for Christmas

31, Thursday, All Day City Hall Closed for New Year's B - Broadcast on Comcast Ch. 27 and <u>youtube.</u> <u>com/brisbaneca</u>

City Hall Public Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays 9am - 1pm (except 12/24 & 12/31) See our What's Open Guide: tinyurl.com/ whatsopenguide

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@</u> <u>brisbaneca.org</u> or call her at (415) 508-2157.





2019 COMMUNITY BENEFITS SUMMARY BRISBANE

With Peninsula Clean Energy, Brisbane residents and businesses are helping the environment while saving money.

In 2016, all the cities in San Mateo County plus the County itself collaborated to launch Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE). PCE's focus is to provide cleaner electricity at lower rates, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and invest in our community. PCE is a member of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the Luminary, and supported city staff in updating its local building code.

Peninsula Clean Energy is a local public agency that supplies electricity principally from wind, solar, and hydro resources. We also help communities switch from fossil fuels to clean electricity in buildings and transportation.

Brisbane has chosen 100% renewable wind and solar to power all its municipal facilities.

BRISBANE RESULTS



S298K estimated annual savings for Brisbane customers



69% reduction in GHG emissions from electricity compared to 2016



98% of electricity customers use Peninsula Clean Energy



13,750

estimated metric tons GHG emissions avoided since launch, equivalent to removing 2,970 gas cars for one year

COUNTY-WIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

S25M **\$18M**

and outreach in San Mateo County to date

committed to local programs

estimated annual customer savings

842K

estimated metric tons GHG emissions avoided since launch. equivalent to removing 182K gas cars for one year

of electricity customers use Peninsula Clean Energy

70%

reduction in GHG emissions from electricity compared to 2016

KU

97%

megawatts of additional new renewable energy projects under development



GREEN All cities and the County are recognized by the EPA Green Power Community Program for leadership in renewable energy

REBATES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES! (UNTIL DEC 31st)

For first-time purchasers of EVs, Peninsula Clean Energy is offering \$1,000 for all-electric and \$700 for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles for:

- First-time EV purchasers
- · New all-battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles
- Plug-in hybrids must have a minimum range of 25 miles
- For vehicles up to \$45,000 contract cash purchase price (not valid for leased vehicles)

Learn more online at:

PenCleanEnergy.com/EV



WHY SWITCH TO EV?

New electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles have significantly increased driving ranges. The average commute in San Mateo County is about 44 miles round trip, easily in the range of fully electric cars. They are fun to drive and there is now a model for almost everyone.



Electric vehicles **cost significantly less** to run and have lower maintenance costs than gasoline-powered cars.



Transportation is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases in San Mateo County. By driving an electric vehicles you avoid carbon emissions and help **fight global climate change**.



More than half of San Mateo County drivers will consider an EV for their next vehicle. Why wait?

STILL NOT SURE? TEST DRIVE FOR FREE.

Schedule an at-home test drive. We can help you schedule a test drive at your home or at a dealer for free.

\$200 rebate for renting an EV. Try an EV for a weekend on us.

Ask an expert. Schedule a call to discuss all your EV questions.

Learn more online at: PenCleanEnergy.com/EV

New Sierra Point Biotech Campus Breaks Ground



The "Genesis Marina" project at 3000-3500 Marina Boulevard broke ground in November. The project was originally approved by the Planning Commission in 2009, and recently received modified Design Permit approval (along with updated environmental review) from the Planning Commission in 2018 and a permit from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission in 2019. The first phase of the project, which kicked off in November, includes installation of construction fencing and mass grading to complete the clay cap over the closed landfill and ready the project for foundation work in spring of 2021.

The project includes construction of a three-building biotechnology campus above a parking podium, as well as extensive Bay Trail expansion and public use improvements along the northwestern edge of Sierra Point. In addition to the Bay Trail expansion, the project will include a publicly accessible interior courtyard with expansive bay views. The project schedule calls for completing the three buildings by summer of 2023.

City Kicks Off Objective Residential Development Standards Project

Recent changes to State law require that cities adopt and act on residential development applications based on whether or not the project complies with **objective design and development standards**. Objective standards require

no interpretation or personal judgment, as opposed to subjective standards that are subject to interpretation and which may cause different people to disagree based on their personal perspectives and opinions. Cities will not be able to apply subjective standards to new development, losing control over their design. To help cities update their regulations and standards to comply with state law, the State made grant funds available under the Senate Bill 2 (SB2) Planning Grant Program.

The City needs to update its design review ordinance and residential zoning



district standards to comply with State law. The updates will ensure the development and design standards we apply to new residential development are objective, and that the community's expectations for the design of new residential development are clear to property owners and developers upfront in the development process. In November 2019, the City Council authorized staff to submit an SB2 grant application for \$160,000 to fund the program, and the grant was approved in January 2020, Program activities will include outreach to the community, studying opportunities and constraints to residential development in zoning districts with subjective development standards, and drafting updated zoning ordinance language.

A summary of the main project milestones and timeline are shown in the graphic above. The City has hired Good City Company, a consultant company with in-depth experience in community planning in the Peninsula, to manage the project. Good City Co. anticipates kicking off community engagement in January of 2021, which will be virtual/remote due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Opportunities to participate in the process will include one or more remote Planning Commission-hosted workshops, surveys for residents and property owners, and virtual community workshops.

How to Stay Informed

Check out the City's SB2 Grant program webpage at <u>brisbaneca.org/sb2</u> for updates, for opportunities to share your input and feedback, and to sign up for email notifications. Questions on the program can be directed to Julia Ayres, Senior Planner, at (415) 508-2120 or <u>jayres@brisbaneca.org</u>.

Street Sweeping Recommenced on Commercial City Streets 11/3, Citations Starting 2nd Week of December



The City recently contracted with Clean Sweep Bay Area to sweep our commercial streets. Clean Sweep will start their 3 month contract on November 3rd with commercial streets including Visitacion Ave. to clear the fallen leaves. During this time, the City will be putting together a Request for Proposals for a longer-term service provider.

Note: warning citations will be issued by Brisbane PD on Visitacion, with actual citations starting the second week of December.



Health Officials from Ten Bay Area Counties Issue Recommendations for Safer Holidays and Travel

Health Officers from the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma, and the City of Berkeley issued joint recommendations for staying safe during the holidays. The recommendations cover gatherings and travel, with recommended steps to reduce risk.

"The holiday season is a great time to provide joy and emotional support for dear friends and extended family members," said Curtis Chan, MD, San Mateo County's deputy health officer. "But we must be very careful because much of the transmission of COVID-19 occurs from people without symptoms. Let's do everything we can to prevent infections to families and friends, and especially grandparents. I've appreciated creative ideas by communities and businesses to support each other with old and new technology. The holiday traditions of writing letters, making cards, and sending gifts is very meaningful, particularly to those becoming more socially isolated. Video gatherings and greetings, streaming videos, and other activities can spark joy and spread love during these difficult times."

The joint recommendations advise the public that if you gather in person, keep it small, short, stable, and outdoors. Also, nonessential travel, including holiday travel, is not recommended. Travel outside the Bay Area will increase your chance of getting infected and spreading the virus to others after your return. If you travel outside the Bay Area, it is strongly recommended that you self-quarantine for 14 days after your return if your activities while travelling put you at higher risk of getting COVID-19.

Recommendations for Staying Safe BRISBANE COMMUNITY **RESPONSE COALITION** from COVID-19 During the Holidays (BCRC) Protect yourself, loved ones, and the community from COVID-19 The safest way to celebrate this holiday The best advice is not to gather. If you season is virtually or with members of do gather in person, keep it safe, small, your household short & stable. OUTSIDE IS SAFER: · Enjoy holiday traditions at The risk of COVID-19 home with your household transmission is highest Decorate your home in indoor spaces and/or yard. TINYURL.COM/BRISBANECRC without ventilation. Share a virtual meal with • SMALL: family and friends. REQUEST HELP OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP Limit gatherings to your Host online parties and/or contests. YOUR FELLOW BRISBANE NEIGHBORS! immediate household. · Deliver traditional meals to family REQUEST HELP VIA PHONE: (415) 508-2185 • SHORT: and neighbors. Limit gatherings to no more than 2 hours. Visit holiday-themed outdoor art Thank you Lions and • STABLE: installations wearing a mask. Do not participate in gatherings with Participate in drive-by events Village Helping Hands different households. and stay in your vehicle. volunteers! For more information visit: @smc_commaffairs tinyurl.com/SMCHolidaysCOVID f @CountyofSanMateo 🕐 @sanmateoco

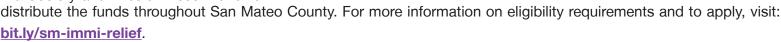
We know 2020 has been quite difficult for many in our community. There is light at the end of the tunnel, so let's postpone our gatherings, for the sake of getting back to a semblance of normalcy sooner. If you're having difficulty with errands such as food shopping, picking up prescriptions, etc., know that the **Brisbane Community Response Coalition (BCRC)** is still operational and ready to assist you by matching your needs with a willing volunteer. Please reach out to them by filling out the "I Need Help" form found on <u>tinyurl.com/brisbanecrc</u>. You can also leave a message at (415) 508-2185 and a volunteer will get back to you. If you'd like to be a volunteer, then be sure to fill out the "I Can Help" form found on that same page. We are **#BrisbaneStrong**.

Board of Supervisors Actions to Financially Assist Residents

The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted on July 7th, 2020 to approve \$2 million in Measure K funds to the **San Mateo County Immigrant Relief Fund** to provide financial assistance to residents of San Mateo County who have been economically impacted by COVID-19, and who are ineligible for federal financial assistance programs because of their immigration status.

The County is partnering with Legal Aid Society and Mission Asset Fund to

San Mateo County Immigrant Relief Fund Immigrants are working on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis, risking their health and well-being every day to keep our society going. And yet, many immigrants were left out of the CARES Act relief. The San Mateo County Immigrant Relief Fund – initially funded by a generous contribution from John A. and Susan Sobrato – is providing financial support to immigrant families left out of the federal government's relief efforts. Immigrant families may be eligible to receive a \$1,000 grant to help in this time of crisis.





The Board of Supervisors at their November 17th, 2020 meeting adopted a resolution authorizing the contribution of \$500,000 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds, or other funds, to a program administered by the Institute on Aging San Francisco for the provision of rent assistance grants to residents of Residential Care Facilities for Elderly in San Mateo County who are unable to pay back rent or current or future rent due through December 30, 2020 in order to prevent eviction and resulting homelessness and minimize the risk of infection and death due to COVID-19. Thank you to Supervisor David Canepa, whose District includes Brisbane, for requesting this funding.

DTSC Public Comment Period on OU-SM Cleanup Plan Runs 11/16/20 – 2/15/21

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has announced the draft Feasibility Study/Remedial Action Plan (FS/ RAP) for the environmental/soils cleanup of the OU-SM portion of the Brisbane Baylands site will be available for public comment from November 16 - February 15, 2021.

DTSC will mail a Community Update/fact sheet (see Supporting Documents below) about the proposed cleanup plan to all Brisbane residents and will be hosting a public meeting via Zoom on January 7, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. You can access the Zoom meeting via: https://bit.ly/38vWZCH.

Please head to the City's website for more information (search

"DTSC") including links to view the electronic reports. To help community members view the draft FS/RAP, DTSC has made hard copies of the report available at the following locations:

- Brisbane City Hall, 50 Park Place, Brisbane CA, 94005
 Mondays and Thursdays from 9am 1pm; ask for documents at the front desk
- FACES SF, 1099 Sunnydale Ave., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94134
 Mondays-Thursdays from 9am 4pm; by appointment only, please call (415) 239-8705 x1

Should you have any questions or trouble accessing the electronic or hard copy versions of the reports, please contact Asha Setty at (510) 540-3910, toll-free at 866-495-5651, or <u>Asha.Setty@dtsc.ca.gov</u>.



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Call: *(650) 276-4101* Visit: 1486 Huntington Ave. Ste 100 SSF Open Office Hours: Monday: 8am-12pm & Tuesday/Thursday: 12-4pm

Event Info:

Distributions will be drive-through events

November Event-

- When: Monday November 23rd 10am-2pm (please come during appointment time given at registration & bring your ticket; *deliveries to Brisbane residents can be arranged please indicate*)
- Where: Ferneke's Building in Orange Park 781 Tennis Dr. SSF, CA

December Event-

- When: Monday December 21st 10am-2pm (please come during appointment time given
- at registration & bring your ticket; deliveries to Brisbane residents can be arranged please indicate)
- Where: Ferneke's Building in Orange Park 781 Tennis Dr. SSF, C



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