



## SAVE THE DATE

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON APRIL 6, 2021 AT 7PM

#### OBJECTIVE DESIGN + DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (ODDS) FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT



### What are Objective Design and Development Standards (ODDS)?

Recent changes to State law (e.g., Senate Bill 35 and Housing Accountability Act) require that cities adopt and act on residential development applications based on objective design and development standards. The City is in the process of updating its design review ordinance and residential zoning district standards to comply with State law. It is important that the City update current regulations with objective standards that reflect the community's vision, to shape the design of new residential developments.

### Opportunities to get involved

Please save the date for a virtual Community Workshop planned on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021** to learn more about the project objectives and timeline. This is the first community-wide workshop that is planned for this effort. The workshop agenda will focus on reviewing and discussing the results of the Residential Design Visual Preference Survey, which was available on the City's website through March 1. We'll break down how these results will inform the development of ODDS per the community's preferences, and explore the different architectural and site design techniques referenced in the survey. For more information on the project, please visit the project webpage: [brisbaneca.org/sb2](https://brisbaneca.org/sb2).

**JOIN US!**  
Upcoming Virtual  
Community Workshop  
**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**  
**7-9pm**

Sign up for project updates:  
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## Recognition for the Brisbane Lions Club



“After the shelter in place dragged on into May, the Brisbane Lions club provided lunches to seniors in our community. The Brisbane Lions meal program was very popular and helped us keep an ongoing connection with our senior community during these difficult times.”

The Brisbane Parks & Recreation Department is proud to announce that the dedicated volunteers from the Brisbane Lions Club have been awarded the "Keys to Community" award from the California Parks & Recreation Society, District 4.

The award recognizes the Lions for their senior meal program in 2020. As the shelter in place continued for many weeks, the Brisbane Lions Club reached out to the Rec Department to see if they could partner to provide lunches to the seniors in our community. Every Monday from May 5th through the month of October, Brisbane Lion Joe Sulley cooked enough food to feed 75 individuals. Lion Lesley Hannan packaged all the meals for distribution by Recreation staff. And finally, Lion Dan Sorrentino delivered the meals each

week to the seniors who were homebound. The Brisbane Lions meal program was very popular and assisted the Brisbane Recreation Department in maintaining connections with the senior community during this challenging time. Thank you, Lions, for your collaborative and caring spirit in serving the Brisbane community!

# Starry, Starry Night

Have you ever looked up into the night sky and felt that you were floating in a giant bowl full of stars? Look up tonight. What do you see? Unfortunately, probably not much. The loss of the scenic view of the night sky is due to light pollution, a dramatically increasing problem of urbanization.

Protecting our dark starry nights is not just about a pretty nighttime view. Lighting practices that produce excessive glare and brightness interfere with the health and safety of our residents, unnecessarily waste energy and resources, and disrupt plant growth and nocturnal animal behavior.

Light pollution is having a significant impact on the environment, for instance it:

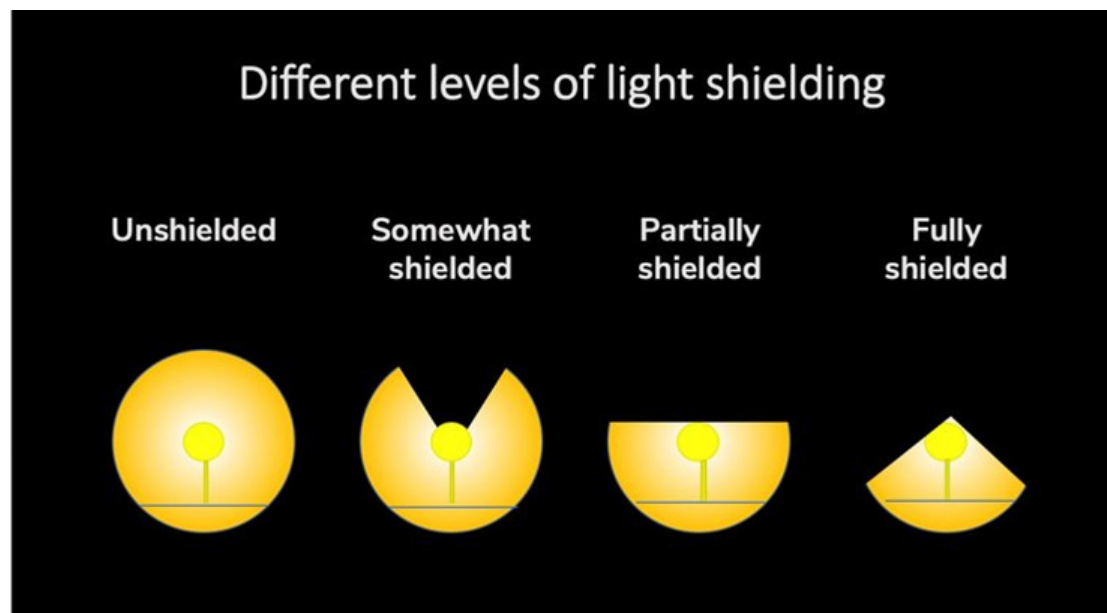
- Disrupts the formation of nitrate radicals which help remove smog and combat air pollution.
- Interferes with the light and dark signals that many animals follow to eat, sleep, hunt, migrate or reproduce.
- Disrupts the life cycle of plants, prevents them from growing flowers and reproducing, affecting their pollinators and accordingly the estimated one third of human food requiring pollination.
- Disorients songbirds which rely on circadian rhythms to migrate at night, and can also attract birds towards large buildings and result in fatal collisions.
- Changes the foraging and breeding habits of amphibians such as frogs, which are important indicator species and are in decline.
- Extends the length of a day, interfering with the molecular clocks of trees which changes their flowering patterns and how they determine when to store energy to survive winter.
- May contribute to the decline of coral reefs as bright urban lights mask moon phases used for reproduction.

We do not yet know all the mysterious ways of nature and how natural light and dark affects life on our planet, but we do know that light pollution directly affects human beings. Cool blue white light at night from sources such as LEDs, fluorescent, and metal halide lights interfere with the body's circadian rhythms by suppressing melatonin and increasing cortisol. This makes it difficult to fall asleep or experience deep sleep, which our immune systems need to fight illness and disease.

Light pollution takes several forms. Sky glow is the combination of all the reflected light and upward-directed unshielded light escaping into the sky over populated areas. Glare from unshielded lighting is a public-health hazard - it can temporarily blind you, leading to unsafe driving conditions or trip and falls when walking. Light trespass occurs when unwanted light enters one's property, for example, by shining light into a bedroom window of a person trying to sleep.

Fortunately, light pollution is one of the easier pollutions to clean up. Taking steps to reduce light pollution doesn't mean living in the dark - it's about making light more efficient and beneficial. Many cities have reclaimed the night and decreased energy waste by becoming a Dark Sky Community by the International Dark-Sky Association. So far, concerns about dimmer, sparser lighting possibly causing an uptick in crime or decreased safety at night have not been supported by the data.

OSEC's goal is for Brisbane to be recognized as an International Dark Sky City, ensuring that safe, efficient outdoor lighting regulations protect our skies from light pollution, wasteful lighting



practices and the deleterious effects on our environment (and for our own well-being)! Let us truly become The City of Stars.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION?

- Fully shield all outdoor lighting to reduce glare, light trespass and sky glow.
- Switch from blue to warm light and use low wattage bulbs.
- Install reflectors to outline a driveway instead of a row of lights; reflectors are cheaper to purchase, free to use and unaffected by power outages.
- Use dimmer switches or motion sensors, both indoor and outdoor, which also saves energy.
- Eliminate, reduce or turn off decorative and/or outdoor lighting during late night hours when outdoor areas are not in use.

Share your opinion on dark skies efforts in Brisbane no later than April 1st:

Link: [surveymonkey.com/r/BrisbaneDarkSkies](https://surveymonkey.com/r/BrisbaneDarkSkies) or scan the QR code to the right

Reference: [earthlawcenter.org/blog-entries/2019/7/dark-sky-reserve-networks-usheer-in-earth-law](https://earthlawcenter.org/blog-entries/2019/7/dark-sky-reserve-networks-usheer-in-earth-law)



## PRESS STATEMENT

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 13, 2021

#### The City of Brisbane Condemns Recent Rise in Violent Crimes Against Elderly Asian Americans

**BRISBANE, CA** – One of the adopted values of the City Council is Safe Community – that residents and visitors will experience a sense of safety. A rise in anti-Asian American incidents have taken place during the COVID-19 pandemic, including, just in the past two weeks: the assault and death of an 84-year-old San Francisco resident and grandfather Vicha Ratanapakdee, the brutal attack of a 91-year-old man in Oakland Chinatown, an Asian man attacked outside the Bank of America in San Leandro, the assault and robbery of a 64-year-old Vietnamese grandmother in San Jose, and the violent attack of a Filipino man with a box cutter on the subway in New York City, leaving his face disfigured. Visit, [stopaapihate.org](https://stopaapihate.org), [hateisavirus.org](https://hateisavirus.org), and [compassioninoakland.org](https://compassioninoakland.org) to learn more.

Asian Americans make up nearly 30% of Brisbane’s total population; we want to make sure our Asian American residents and neighbors know that the City stands united against hate and any cowardly acts of racism and/or violence against our Asian American residents, community members, and businesses. During this Year of the Ox, we will work hard to raise awareness of this issue; we also want you to know you can rely on the City and its Police Department to protect you and your family members.

If you are a victim of a crime or a witness to a crime, including verbal abuse in a public space, please speak up. It is crucial that incidents are reported to the Brisbane Police Department; the District Attorney and Department of Justice will base their response on the statistics they see reported. That number needs to be an accurate reflection based on what is going on. Remember, **if you see something, say something and call the 24/7 Dispatch Line at (415) 467-1212 immediately** so they can quickly respond and apprehend the person(s) responsible. We are a community at its strongest when we watch out for and do what we can to ensure the protection of one another.

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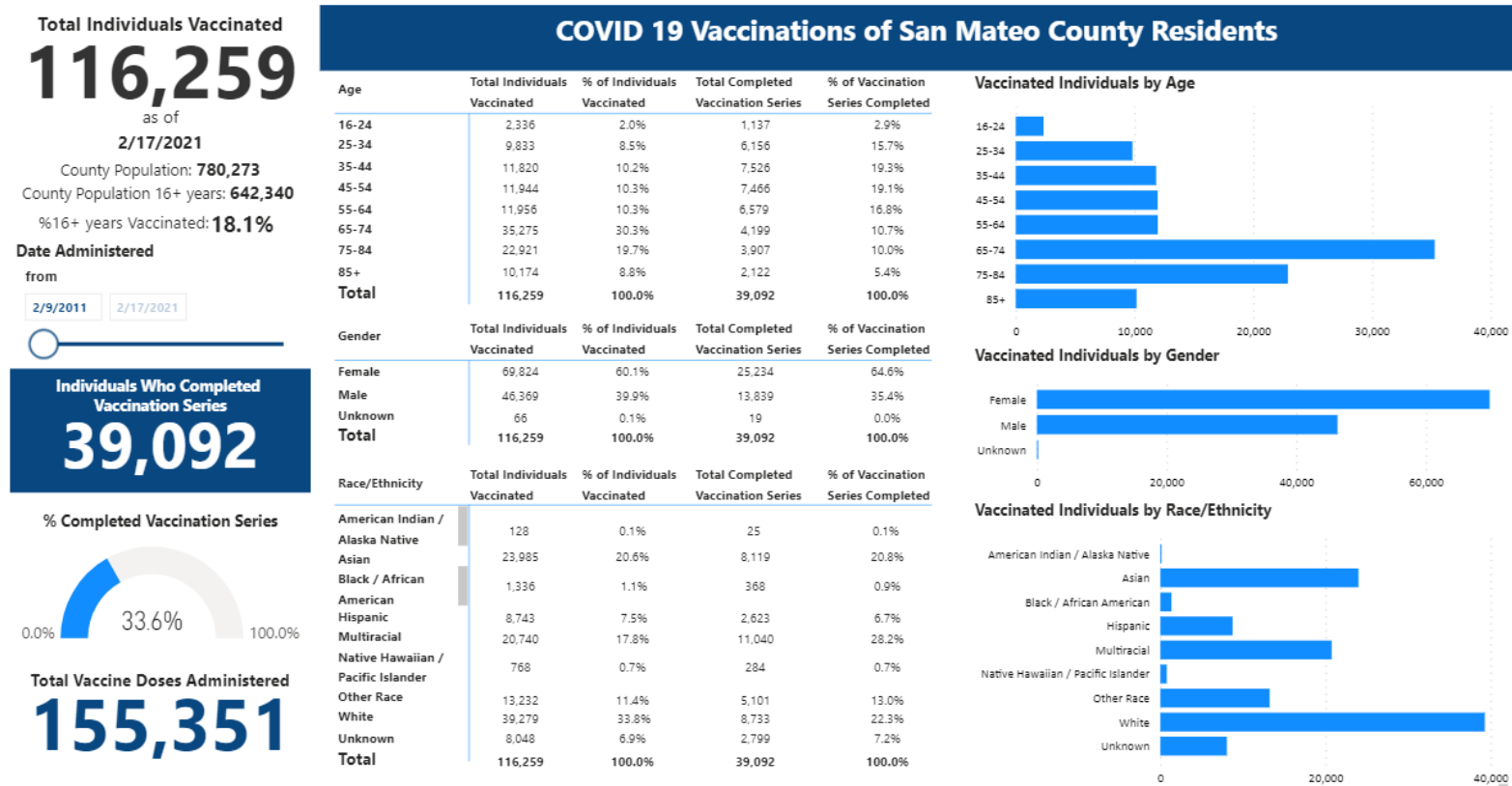
**NEED A CHAPERONE?**

Fill out an “I Need Help” form on [brisbaneca.org/BCRC](https://brisbaneca.org/BCRC).  
Note: 48 hr. turnaround; please reach out to pre-arrange.  
Let’s stay safe, Brisbane!

# Receive Vaccine Appointment Notifications & View the County's Vaccination Dashboards



The County of San Mateo has been holding mass vaccination clinics, utilizing the Long Term Parking Garage at SFO Airport as one of their clinic sites. Please visit their page, [smchealth.org/covidvaccine](https://smchealth.org/covidvaccine) to see the latest clinic information. And if you're not already signed up, please sign up for the County's notification tool on that same page. While doing so you, you should also sign up for the State's COVID-19 notification system, called MyTurn, which was piloted in LA County earlier this year. You can sign up for MyTurn here: [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://MyTurn.ca.gov). Remember, everyone in California will have an opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19 at no cost, with the vaccine being our greatest pathway to getting back to a semblance of normalcy. To see the County's latest vaccination data dashboards, please visit: [smchealth.org/coronavirus-health-data](https://smchealth.org/coronavirus-health-data). From there, you can see "Vaccinated Residents Location Data" as well as "Vaccination Demographic Data". A screenshot of the latter, taken when the issue went to press, is shown here:





# Home Safety for People with Disabilities

There's no place like home. It is a place to relax, share laughs with family, and enjoy home cooked meals. But did you know that the majority of fire deaths occur in the home? Help everyone in the home stay safe from fire.



## Home Fire Sprinklers

Home fire sprinklers protect lives by keeping fires small. Sprinklers allows people more time to escape in a fire. When choosing an apartment or home, look for one that has home fire sprinklers.

## Smoke Alarms

- » Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- » Test your smoke alarm at least once a month by pushing the test button. If you can't reach the alarm, ask for help.
- » For added safety, interconnect the smoke alarms. If one sounds, they all sound. This gives more time to escape.
- » Smoke alarms with sealed (long-life) batteries work for up to 10 years. They can be helpful for people who find it hard to change batteries.
- » Smoke alarms expire. Replace them every 10 years.

## People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- » Smoke alarms and alert devices are available for people who are deaf or hard or hearing.
- » Strobe lights flash when the smoke alarm sounds. The lights warn people of a possible fire.
- » When people who are deaf are asleep, a pillow or bed shaker can wake them so they can escape.
- » When people who are hard of hearing are asleep, a loud, mixed, low-pitched sound alert device can wake them. A pillow or bed shaker may be helpful. These devices are triggered by the sound of the smoke alarm.



## Escape Planning

**Include everyone** in home escape planning. Each person should have input about the best ways to escape. Home fire drills are important. Everyone in the home must participate in them. Keep a phone by your bed in case you can't escape and need to call for help.

## Talk with someone from the fire department

about your escape plan. Ask them **review your plan**. Ask if your fire department keeps a directory of people who may need extra help. If you have a **service animal**, agree on a plan to keep the animal with you during an emergency.

North County Fire Authority

[www.northcountyfire.org](http://www.northcountyfire.org)



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



# Got Broom?

If you have unmaintained areas on your property, you probably do. Here's why you should get rid of it.

Article contributed by: Glenn Fieldman, Ph.D., Member, Open Space and Ecology Committee

Even if you don't have one of the several species of broom (French, Spanish, Portuguese, Scotch and others) on your property, you've undoubtedly seen these bushy plants, which have yellow flowers that are shaped like sweet peas. Brooms, none of which are native to California, just love a wide range of habitats in our state – and they're both a problem and a hazard.



Brooms were introduced here in the mid-1800s, as ornamentals and for erosion control. While individual broom plants can be quite attractive, they have quickly taken over large areas amounting to hundreds of thousands of acres in California, blanketing them with yellow in the spring. Broom's dense stands are impenetrable to wildlife and choke out dozens of species of native plants, depriving birds, bugs, and other creatures of the species they depend on for food and/or shelter.

Brooms are toxic: "they should not be ingested in any form," according to the UC Cooperative Extension Program, so most animals can't eat their leaves, roots, or seeds. Thus, with the exception of quail and grouse, and occasionally goats, brooms have few predators in California that could help to control their spread – —so keeping them in check is up to us, as property owners and as volunteers in weed management programs.

Frightening and disastrous fire seasons in the last few years have made us all more fire-conscious. We need to become broom-conscious as well, because brooms burn like crazy: as the plants grow, their inner stems die and become highly flammable fuel for wildfire. For example, broom has taken over the recently-burned area surrounding Paradise, California, making city staff worry that "we're looking at another Paradise fire in the near future." (Paradise Post, 7/18/20)

So please, check your property for broom, and if you see it, take it out! We'll all be safer for it.

## Bank of America to Close Brisbane Branch on May 18, 2021



We understand the concern that community members are experiencing upon learning that the Bank of America branch at 70 Old County Road is slated to be permanently closed on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The City is researching and reaching out to other financial institutions, including banks and credit unions to offset the loss of B of A. However, it will ultimately be the decision of each financial institution. As Bank of America owns the property where the current branch is located, it is currently unclear their plans for the use or disposition of the site. We will keep everyone apprised as we work on this important issue in the coming months. In the meantime, please see the nearest B of A locations/ATMs to the right or visit [locators.bankofamerica.com](https://locators.bankofamerica.com).

To make an appointment to close your safe deposit box during regular business hours, call 1(833) 477-5933.



# March 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 now **Thursdays** from **2-6pm** in the Community Park. Face coverings are required, and 6 ft. markers are being placed at the two produce booths. To keep everyone safe, please enter those booths from the entrance only.

Brisbane Community Calendar link: [brisbaneca.org/calendar](http://brisbaneca.org/calendar)

**Residential Street Sweeping:** 2nd Monday of Every Month

**Commercial Street Sweeping:** Weds. 3-6am

**COVID-19 Testing** is safe, easy, and available at no-cost at County-sponsored locations for everyone who works or lives in San Mateo County, regardless of symptoms: [smcgov.org/testing](http://smcgov.org/testing).

**Public Meeting Agendas** may be viewed online at [brisbaneca.org/meetings](http://brisbaneca.org/meetings) at least 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting, and at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting.

## 01, Monday, 6:30pm

Regular Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

## 04, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular City Council Meeting, B

## 10, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

## 11, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular Planning Commission Meeting, B

## 17, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Regular Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

## 18, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular City Council Meeting, B

## 25, Thursday, 6pm

The Samaritan House Main Event/Virtual Gala (Register: [cutt.ly/MainEvent2021](http://cutt.ly/MainEvent2021))

## 25, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular Planning Commission Meeting, B

## 26, Friday, 1-6pm

Blood Drive and COVID-19 Antibody Testing at Vitalant, 400 Valley Dr. ([tinyurl.com/brisbaneblooddrive](http://tinyurl.com/brisbaneblooddrive))

## 27, Saturday, 6pm

2021 Artists' Evening of Sharing LIVE Virtual Event ([youtube.com/brisbaneca](http://youtube.com/brisbaneca))

B – Broadcast on Comcast Ch. 27 and [youtube.com/brisbaneca](http://youtube.com/brisbaneca)

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

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

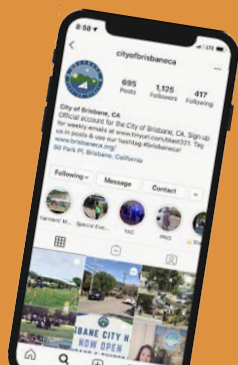
Do you have questions about the STAR or have an article to suggest? Articles are due by the 15th of each month. Contact Caroline at [ccheung@brisbaneca.org](mailto:ccheung@brisbaneca.org) or call her at (415) 508-2157.

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## Did You Know?



The Brisbane Police Department Community Service Officer, Morgan Roller, is certified in child passenger safety installation, of both seat belt and latch systems. Once you have chosen the right car seat for your family, you can make an appointment to come down to the police department to have your car seat installed or inspected at no cost.

Please contact Morgan at [mroller@brisbaneca.org](mailto:mroller@brisbaneca.org) or give her a call at (415) 508-2188 x554 to make an appointment.



**Farmers' Market**  
**Thursdays 2-6pm**  
**Brisbane Community Park**



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SIGN UP TODAY AT:

[tinyurl.com/brisbaneblooddrive](http://tinyurl.com/brisbaneblooddrive)

Brisbane Parks & Recreation

# LEPRECHAUN TRAP CONTEST

All entries will receive a St. Patrick's Day treat!

How to Enter:

1. Build a Leprechaun Trap at home.
2. Share a photo of your creation!



FOR DETAILS VISIT [BRISBANECA.ORG/MARCH](http://BRISBANECA.ORG/MARCH)