



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year, more than 51.5 million adults in the United States face the reality of managing a mental illness every day. During May, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Here are some more stats that may surprise you:



- Fewer than half of the adults in the U.S. who experience mental illness get the help they need in a given year.
- 1 in 6 youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health condition each year.
- Half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24.
- 1 in 20 adults in the U.S. experiences a serious mental illness every year.

The Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA) is a nonprofit organization helping people of San Mateo County navigate through the challenges of mental illness and homelessness. MHA began as a volunteer organization over 60 years ago providing services to children, and has increased in scale and scope of their services over the years. View their video story here: youtu.be/EQBZuKT5FJ8

Leading up to May, MHA is presenting a free virtual three-part speaker series about schizophrenia; what it is, how it is treated, and its effect on families. Three authors will share their experiences, speak about their published books, and answer your questions. The final one is taking place on May 6th from 12-1:30pm. Register from their website, mhasmc.org. The speakers' books are also available for purchase from their partners, Reach and Teach Books, here: shop.reachandteach.com/storytellers-schizophrenia.

Please join MHA for this informative and inspiring series and share it with others. Because, we ALL need to be reminded every now and again, that we are not alone.



Lastly, you may notice lime green lights adorning the windows of some offices at City Hall. This request came from the County's Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission, to collectively show County residents that they are not alone facing mental health and substance use challenges. In addition, a Proclamation of the Brisbane City Council declaring May as Mental Health Month is scheduled for May 6, 2021.

Celebrating What Shapes Us for Cultural Diversity Day (May 21)

Over the course of the last year, we've had to look inward for strength, as we strived to be flexible, resilient, and positive in the wake of a devastating pandemic that shifted all of our lives. One thing that doesn't change though is our upbringing, heritage, and culture...and how they can, and perhaps are, our source of resilience and recovery. We wanted to highlight just that in a story submitted by Karen Cunningham.

What Shapes Us

What happens to us as small children, who influences us, who comes into our lives – shapes our hearts and minds, forever. For me, this happened all before the age of five...I have a story to share. My early childhood. I hope you will take a minute to read it. It is very personal, and has had an



enormous effect on my entire life and how I see the world and the enormous richness that diversity showed me...

As a 3 year old white Aussie kid, I moved with my family to Malaysia (Malaya back then). My parents were based at the joint Australian/American military base on the beautiful island City of Penang, in George Town to be precise. Big change for a little kid. New weather, all tropical. New food, all spicy. New people, all looking different from all over the world. We had an "Amar"; she was like my nanny, who would come to fiercely protect my life as a tomboy and would often make me a Malaysian version of chicken noodle soup, only mine was laced with tiny spicy sliced red chili peppers, which would never have happened in Australia (funny that I love spicy food today).

There also was a wonderful old Indian (from India) man who was our gardener and with whom I became besotted, following him around the garden endlessly, limping just like him with a bucket in my hand too. Not to mock, I was only 3, but to be "just like him". He was the first person to show me how to dig in the garden. He was such an amazing early influence on my life and I followed him everywhere, every day that I could. I loved him, he fascinated me; he taught me so much that I still attribute to my love of the garden and all-things-dirt.



Then there was the Chayamangkalaram Buddhist Temple, which still, to this day houses the world's longest reclining Buddha. It was in George Town where I lived and I loved visiting Chayamangkalaram. For the four and a half years that I lived there in George Town, Penang, this was a place that I loved to visit regularly with my Amar, or friends and family. The Monks delighted in taking me through



the passages of the reclining Buddha and it is still a powerful positive energy that stays with me today.

And then School started and it was off to the combined Royal Australian Air Force (RASF)/USAF School in Penang, which was such a treat. All my Malay friends and I, speaking mostly Malay. Off to school I went where they only spoke Australian and American English. So, many new lessons were learned and enjoyed.

So these are some of the things that shaped my life as a small child that have carried forward through my life into this state of adulthood. What an incredibly rich experience.

The joy, the beauty, the education, and the wonder of experiencing different lifestyles, different cultures, different foods, and different attitudes in life, back then, before I was even five years old, has been such a blessing...And you, what has shaped you?

If you'd like to comment on Karen's story, please send a note to creatingcommunity@brisbaneca.org. And if after reading her piece, you'd like to share your own, please send it to the same email. Thank you!

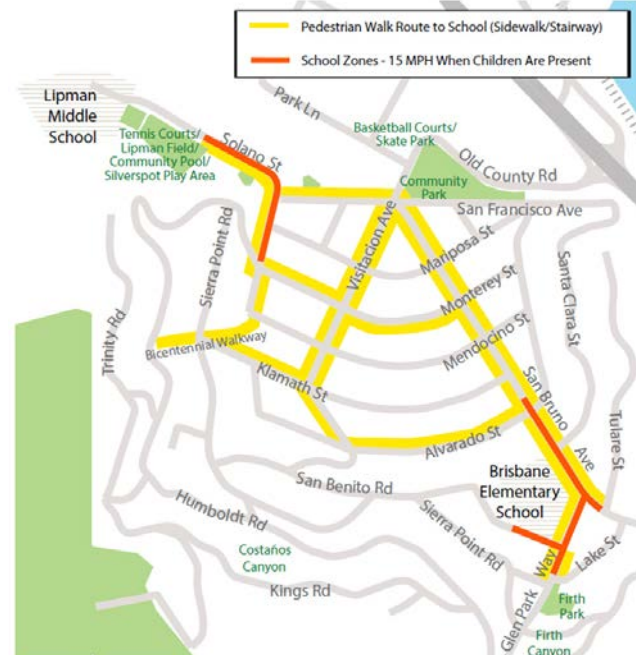
Welcome Back to In-Person Learning, BESD!

SCHOOL'S OPEN
Drive Carefully

With the hybrid learning model in full effect now, we wanted to remind you look for the inset blue medallions and use the Safe Pedestrian Walk Routes! When you're doing so, please be aware of your surroundings (off your devices; walk, don't run, across the street).

Per the California Vehicle Code, the speed limit on the areas in red is to be 15 MPH only when children are present at the start and end of the school day. Outside of those hours, the speed limit will remain 25 MPH when traveling through a school zone. Brisbane Police will start with a warning period before citing drivers for violations.

Thank you for your attention and travel safely!



New BES Childcare Modular - NOW OPEN!



The Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the new childcare modular on the Brisbane Elementary School campus is officially open! Staff welcomed the first kids onsite last Monday as part of the afterschool Pod Squad program.



In 2016/2017, enrollment numbers and waitlists for the City's preschool and afterschool programs demonstrated that the

community's need for childcare had outgrown the 960 square foot modular on the BES campus. City Council prioritized replacement of the outdated modular during their review of Capital Improvement projects. As an interim solution in 2018, the City rented a second portable unit allowing for expanded enrollment capacity. In the summer of 2020, the City began construction for the new and improved unit. The new modular boasts twice the amount of indoor space for programming, in addition to two all gender accessible restrooms.

A portion of project costs were covered by Measure K funding through San Mateo County in support of their Shared Vision 2025 outcome of providing educational opportunities for youth to thrive, evolve, and develop social and emotional skills.

Thank you to the Brisbane City Council, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Brisbane School District, and the City's Project Team for making this possible. (There are BIG smiles under those masks.) 😊

Reimagine SamTrans Alternatives Survey

Have you been a regular SamTrans rider at some point in the last two years? Even if you haven't, the public transportation network NEEDS to hear from you by May 31st as they evaluate and refresh the entire SamTrans bus system.

Please take their short survey here: reimaginesamtrans.com/alternatives



Note: In Alternative 1, Route 292 bus that runs from Hillsdale Mall in San Mateo, to SFO and through Brisbane on Bayshore to San Francisco, would turn around just north of the city limits and no longer travel into San Francisco (it would instead run between Millbrae and Bayshore at a frequency of 15 min. or less). See the current route of the 292 here: samtrans.com/schedulesandmaps/timetables/292.html

SamTrans is also holding a North County Community Meeting (Daly City, Colma, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae) on Tuesday, May 18th from 5:30-6:30pm.






- Meeting Link: bit.ly/reimaginenorth
- Call in Option: (669) 900-6833
- Zoom Webinar ID: 939 1238 2301
- Languages: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese

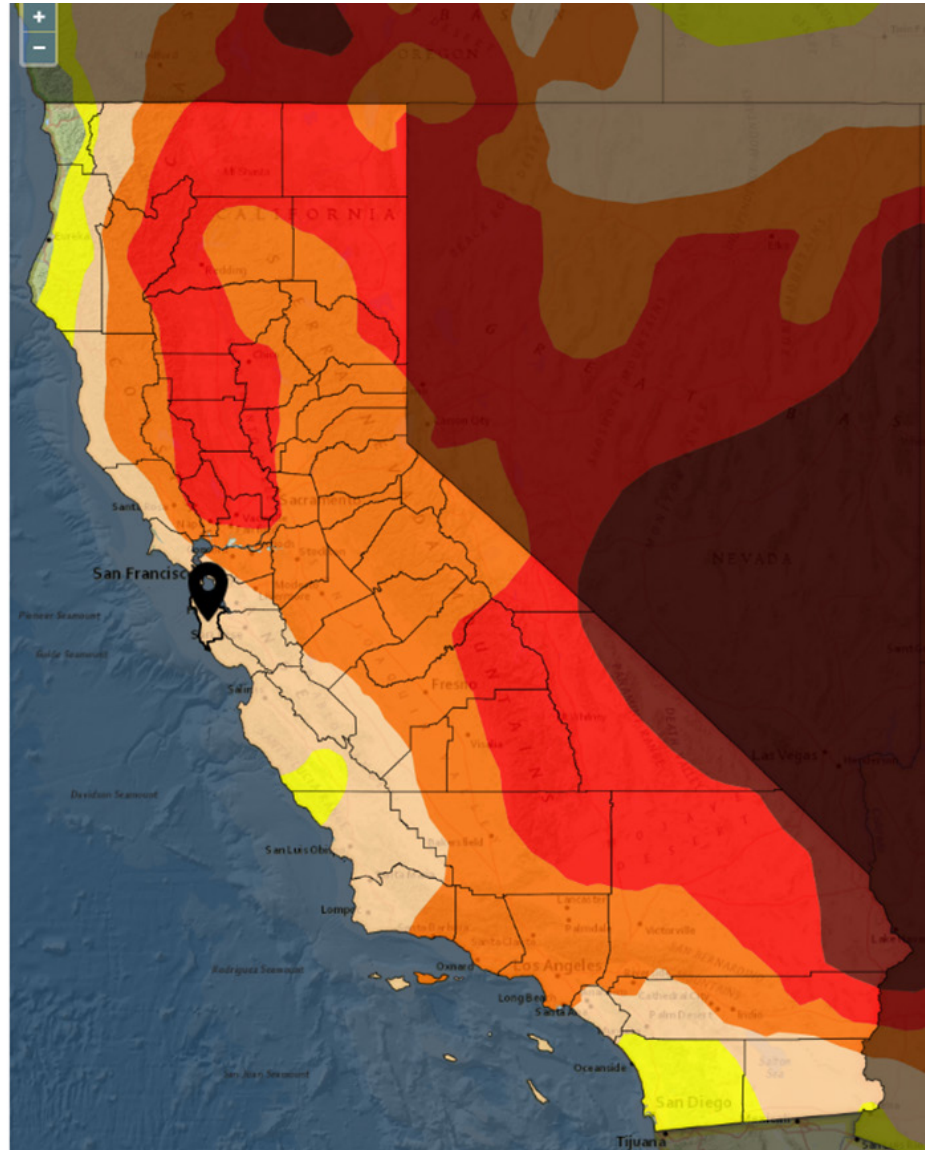
Wondering about the City's Drought Contingency Charge?

Look No Further!

In 2018, City Council adopted a Drought Contingency Charge to ensure that we can maintain our water rates during a drought event. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, drought.gov, all of San Mateo County is currently experiencing a Moderate Drought. Some researchers believe the region is actually more than two decades into an emerging “megadrought” – a hydrological event that is on par with the worst dry spells of the past millennium. Except this time, they say, human-caused climate change is driving its severity – and will make it that much harder to climb back out of (Source: watereducation.org).

The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) is updated each Thursday to show the location and intensity of drought across the country using a five-category system, from Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions to Exceptional Drought (D4). The USDM is a joint effort of the National Drought Mitigation Center, USDA, and NOAA. [Learn more.](#)

	D0 - Abnormally Dry <ul style="list-style-type: none">Soil is dry; irrigation delivery begins earlyDryland crop germination is stuntedActive fire season begins	100.00% of San Mateo County (D0-D4)
	D1 - Moderate Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dryland pasture growth is stunted; producers give supplemental feed to cattleLandscaping and gardens need irrigation earlier; wildlife patterns begin to changeStock ponds and creeks are lower than usual	100.00% of San Mateo County (D1-D4)
	D2 - Severe Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grazing land is inadequateProducers increase water efficiency methods and drought-resistant cropsFire season is longer, with high burn intensity, dry fuels, and large fire spatial extent; more fire crews are on staff	0.00% of San Mateo County (D2-D4)
	D3 - Extreme Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none">Livestock need expensive supplemental feed, cattle and horses are sold; little pasture remains, producers find it difficult to maintain organic meat requirementsFruit trees bud early; producers begin irrigating in the winterFederal water is not adequate to meet irrigation contracts; extracting supplemental groundwater is expensive	0.00% of San Mateo County (D3-D4)
	D4 - Exceptional Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fields are left fallow; orchards are removed; vegetable yields are low; honey harvest is smallFire season is very costly; number of fires and area burned are extensiveMany recreational activities are affected	0.00% of San Mateo County (D4)



In the City of Brisbane, approximately 70% of the cost of providing water to our customers are fixed costs and only about 30% is based on the actual amount of water being provided to the customer. You may wonder, what are fixed costs? They include: maintaining the system, ensuring water quality, completing repairs, and reading meters. These fixed costs are spread out amongst the number of accounts we have.

When a severe drought hits and customers are urged to use less water, our fixed costs continue. Other agencies increase their rates during period of drought to cover their costs. The City has instead chosen to create a reserve to use and thus avoid raising rates during a drought. The benefits of this are:

- Customers who decrease their water usage will pay less (as opposed to other agencies who raise rates during a drought to continue to pay for the maintenance of the system), and
- Landscape and Irrigation accounts, which would turn off their sprinklers and thus not pay during a drought, would continue covering an appropriate share of maintaining the system.

By putting this money aside each 2-month billing cycle, the City Council decided it would be the most fair to all of our customers. In case you're curious, the rates paid are \$2.32 per bill for customers who use less than 12 units every two months, \$6.99 for customers who use more than 12 units every two months, and \$102.14 for all Landscape and Irrigation accounts.



Now that you know more about the Drought Contingency Charge, please help share that knowledge with your neighbors. We also wanted to make sure you knew that the City has **four different methods of paying your Utility Bill**, in addition to in-person. They are:

• ACH Auto Pay

Payments are automatically charged to your bank account on a recurring basis. To sign up for ACH autopay, please return the Checking Account Authorization Form found on brisbaneca.org/utility-billing along with a voided check to iferreira@brisbaneca.org or mail it to Brisbane City Hall at: 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA, 94005.

• Online

To pay your bill online, visit the same Utility Billing page on the City's website. You can pay as a guest, or you can register to have access to additional account information and features. To register, you will need:

- Email address
- Utility account number (found on your bill)
- Last payment amount (found on your most recent bill)

Currently, you can make a one-time payment. Recurring payments will be available later this year.

• Mail

You can make a payment by check or money order using the blue envelope provided to you with your Utility Bill every other month. Please send your payment via regular mail or you may drop your payment off at one of the Utility Payment Drop boxes in town, located at the corner of Mendocino & Visitacion by Midtown Market and at City Hall in front of the Community Meeting Room.

• Over the phone

Please call the Utility Billing Department at (415) 508-2154 during our regular business hours to pay using an attendant or you can make payments 24/7 using our automated phone payment line by dialing 1 (833) 273-7450, Option 1. Please contact Ligia Ferreira at (415) 508-2154 in our Utility Billing Department if you have any questions and she will be happy to assist you. Thank you!

Step 1: Search

Step 2: Hit "OK"

Step 3: Report

GORquest

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

1. Search in your app store for "Go Request".
 2. Allow "GORquest" to Use Your Current Location (the app won't work otherwise.)
 3. After downloading the app successfully, you will see the City's logo. Start reporting!
- Note:** No smartphone? No problem! Simply visit: brisbaneca.org/gorequest to submit a service request.

Police Non-Emergency: (415) 467-1212
For Emergencies, Dial 9-1-1



HOW TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH URBAN COYOTES

Tips from the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife include:

- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes.
- If followed by a coyote, turn & shout.
- If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction; pick up small dogs.
- Put away pet food bowls at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Have your cats come in at dusk/nighttime.
- Provide secure enclosures for chickens.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Share these tips with your neighbor!

Please respect & protect wild animals; keep them wild. To report an **aggressive coyote**, please call dispatch at (415) 467-1212.

Image: Kevin Fryer

recycled arts & crafts contest

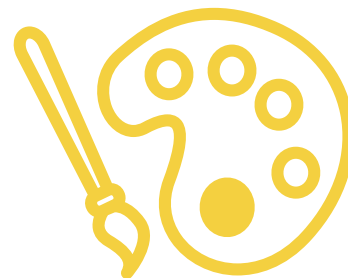


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Department and the Open
Space and Ecology Committee

May 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-thru 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. Face coverings and social distancing are required.

Brisbane Community Calendar link: brisbaneca.org/calendar

Residential Street Sweeping: 2nd Monday of Every Month

Commercial Street Sweeping: Weds. 3-6am

No-Cost COVID-19 Testing is safe, easy, and available are now at the Community Park **Thursdays from 10am – 4pm** as long as there is a need for testing. Sign up at cur.tv/Brisbane the Monday before. Walk-ups also welcomed!

Public Meeting Agendas 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.

03, Monday, 6:30pm

Regular Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, B

06, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular City Council Meeting, B

12, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

13, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular Planning Commission Meeting, B

19, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Regular Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

20, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular City Council Meeting, B

27, Thursday, 7:30pm

Regular Planning Commission Meeting, B

28, Friday, 1-6pm

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

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

City Hall Walk-In Service Hours: Mondays and Thursdays only, 9am-1pm (see our What's Open Guide: brisbaneca.org/whatsopen)

Staff available by phone or email: M – Th: 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 Cheung at ccheung@brisbaneca.org or (415) 508-2157.



DID YOU KNOW...

A Note from San Mateo County Libraries

The San Mateo County Libraries reopened (in Brisbane's case, opened for the **FIRST TIME**) for limited in-library services on Thursday, April 22nd. Express service is available on Thursday, Friday & Saturday. We will be open from 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm (please note that we will be closed between 1pm-2pm).



New Brisbane Library
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by the people who serve them

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W. Clarke Conway, Councilmember
Madison Davis, Councilmember
Cliff Lentz, Councilmember

Clay Holstine, City Manager
Randy Breault, City Engineer
Stuart Schillinger, Director of Administrative Services
Lisa Macias, Police Chief
John Swiecki, Community Development Director
Ingrid Padilla, City Clerk
Thomas McMorrow, City Attorney
David Canepa, County Board of Supervisors
Adrienne Tissier, Former Member of County Board of Supervisors
Mike Callagy, County Manager
Peggy Jensen, County Deputy Manager
Anne-Marie Despain, County Libraries Director of Library Services
Rachel McDonnell, County Libraries Library Project Manager
Friends of Brisbane Library

Residential Parking Survey (3-5 minutes)

The Complete Streets Safety Committee has been studying parking trends in Central Brisbane for the past year. Many residents have long expressed concern about the challenging on-street parking availability. Your participation in this survey will help them as they consider recommendations to address this issue.



If you would like to further discuss the on-street parking situation, we encourage you to attend the next Complete Streets Safety Committee meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom

([zoom.us/cssc-zoom](https://zoom.us/j/912345678)). More information about the meeting can be found here: brisbaneca.org/meetings.

Thank you for taking the time to participate; your feedback is extremely valuable!

Please return your completed survey by **Friday, May 21, 2021** by either mailing it to City Hall (50 Park Place, c/o Justin Yuen) or dropping it into one of the utility payment drop boxes. You can also take the survey online (preferred) at tinyurl.com/brisbaneparking or by scanning this QR code:



1. Do you feel that there is a parking shortage problem in Central Brisbane as a whole?
 - Strongly Agree
 - Somewhat Agree
 - Somewhat Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

2. Do you feel that there is a parking shortage problem on your block?
 - Strongly Agree
 - Somewhat Agree
 - Somewhat Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree

3. If you answered “Strongly Agree” or “Somewhat Agree” to #2, what do you believe is the cause of the issue? (Select all that apply)
 - People on my block have too many cars
 - People do not use their driveway or garage for car parking
 - Not enough physical space on the street
 - Suspected non-residents/visitors parking on my block
 - Overflow parking from nearby businesses or other streets
 - Other: _____

4. Please indicate your opinion about the following potential parking management strategies for Central Brisbane.
 - A permit program allowing only residents and their guests to park on their street during certain times of the day
 - Strongly Support
 - Somewhat Support
 - Somewhat Opposed
 - Strongly Opposed
 - Discourage individuals from parking multiple cars on the street for long periods of time by enforcement of expanded street sweeping program
 - Strongly Support
 - Somewhat Support
 - Somewhat Opposed
 - Strongly Opposed



- A one-time financial incentive for residents who clean out their garage and use it for car parking
 - Strongly Support
 - Somewhat Support
 - Somewhat Opposed
 - Strongly Opposed
- Higher citation fees for parking violations
 - Strongly Support
 - Somewhat Support
 - Somewhat Opposed
 - Strongly Opposed
- No action from the City needed
 - Strongly Support
 - Somewhat Support
 - Somewhat Opposed
 - Strongly Opposed

5. Do you have any alternative suggestions to the strategies listed in #4?

6. Do you have any other suggestions or comments?

7. Knowing the geographic distribution of the responses will help us greatly. What block do you live on? (For example, if you live at 23 Alvarado, please write "00 block Alvarado." If you live at 827 Humboldt, please write "800 block Humboldt")



Please remember to take your valuables, roll up your car windows, and lock your vehicles.

Don't give suspect(s) an opportunity to take your belongings. And if you see anything suspicious, please contact the Brisbane Police Department at 415-467-1212 or 9-1-1.



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- ➔ Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- ➔ Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- ➔ Always lock your vehicle
- ➔ Notify the police of any suspicious activity



Community Connector: Dan Carter



Whether you've lived in town a few months or a few decades, Dan Carter is a name you probably recognize. That's because he's always willing to lend a hand, volunteers his time as a member of the Brisbane Lions Club (he was Volunteer of the Year for two years), welcoming new members to the Residents of Brisbane Facebook page, and since the start of the pandemic, he's been organizing regular hikes on San Bruno Mountain. This not only gave those who joined him a great workout, but also lifted their spirits; getting out in nature with others will do that! With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, we thought it fitting to put the spotlight on Dan as he's helped countless community members connect in safe ways during a year that's taken a tremendous toll on so many of us.

When did you start doing these hikes up the Mountain?

The community hikes really picked up with the start of the pandemic last year. I have been hiking the mountain ever since we moved to Brisbane in 1991 though.

What do you enjoy the most about them?

On a community level, I love seeing others accomplish the trip to the top. Also the first time someone sees those views. That never gets old. On a personal level, 100% mental health and stress unloading. The great conversations, too.

Do you have any guidelines or ground rules set out before the hike?

We do have a couple. We leave right on time based on the proposed time, unless you text or call and let us know you are on your way. We wear masks as required and once on the trail, keep a safe distance and remove the masks. We pace on the slowest person who is with us each day.

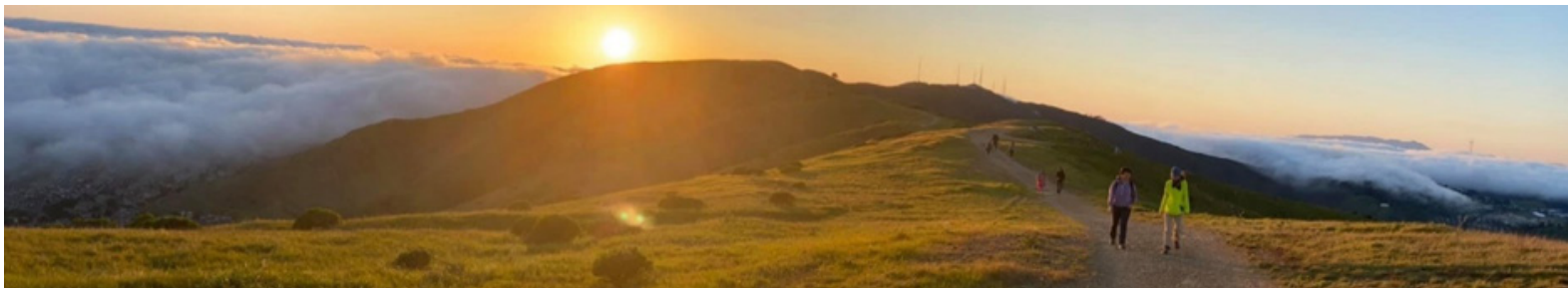
How have you seen them make a difference in those that join you?

Yes, for sure. That is the most rewarding part. I have seen people change their fitness levels and it really helped folks' mental state during this pandemic. Made new friends and met lots of neighbors.

Do you have a set schedule of what hike is done what day?

We do have a schedule. Monday and Friday at 3:30pm, we leave from Madhouse. Wednesday at 3:30, we depart from Firth Park. Wednesday's hike is called The Ladder. Definitely the steepest and most challenging. I post on the Residents' and Brisbane Reach for the Stars Facebook pages on each of the days. So in case something comes up and we need to change something or I can't be there, I ask someone else to lead. We do a different path on each day to try and have a nice variety.

There you have it. Maybe Dan will see even more new faces on a future hike! Thank you, Dan, for all that you do to help keep Brisbane connected, active, and kind! ★



Community-Led Crocker Park Trail Cleanup a Success!



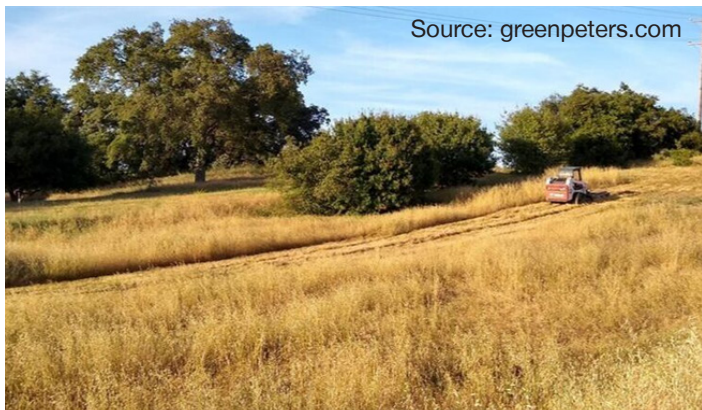
Resident Rebecca Holloway (pictured above in the hat, with her friend Anne Pradenas) approached the City in March with an idea. Being a frequent user of the Crocker Park Recreational Trail, she wanted to help organize a trash pickup day. She enlisted the help of Dan Carter (because, well...see p. 10) and April 17th was selected, the Saturday before Earth Day! Over 25 volunteers showed up to lend a hand, who divided themselves into three teams and conquered half of the 2.5 mile loop Trail, Quarry Rd. Trail (including the old Skatepark), and the old railroad tunnel. In addition to all the miscellaneous bulky items (i.e. computer desk chair, wooden pallet, tires, etc.) they uncovered, they also trimmed back the branches and vines growing out into Quarry Rd. Trail and loaded up nearly two dozen trash bags of refuse and litter. For those that missed the event and wanted to partake, you're in luck! The organizers are planning another cleanup for later this year, date TBD. Details will be announced on Facebook, Nextdoor, and the City Manager's Weekly Update. Subscribe if you haven't already so you stay in-the-know with all the happenings going on in town: [brisbaneca.org/subscribe](https://www.brisbaneca.org/subscribe).

Fire Prevention Code Update

At the April 15 City Council Meeting, Urgency Ordinance No. 661 was unanimously passed, concerning the removal of invasive species, waste material and combustible vegetation, and requiring fire breaks, aka crosscuts, on unimproved properties. NCFCA Deputy Fire Chief Biermann presented the staff report. Here is a link to view his presentation, which gives a pictorial view of the ordinance: [brisbaneca.org/ordinance661presentation](https://www.brisbaneca.org/ordinance661presentation).



North County Fire Authority personnel worked closely with the Council Subcommittee as well as staff to look at ways to better ensure fire safety for residents. The ordinance focuses on undeveloped parcels, where all need to have a 100 ft. perimeter firebreak. This perimeter firebreak is a fire suppression tactic which provides firefighters an area of reduced fuel load and which will reduce the intensity of a fire. For parcels greater than 2 acres, the same rules apply, *along with* a 100 ft. crosscut through the parcel so that no parcel is greater than 3 acres without being crosscut. In both perimeter firebreak and crosscut areas, all current vegetation must be removed that can carry fire. Therefore, trees will need to be limbed up to 6 ft., brush will need to be cut to several inches from the surface, dead or dying grass will need to be cut within 4" of the ground, and dead trees along with trees under 6 ft. will need to be removed.



As part of his presentation, Deputy Chief Biermann highlighted the characteristics of highly flammable plant species this ordinance is geared to remove. Did you know that vines, such as blackberry vines, are considered very flammable and burn extremely rapidly due to the accumulation of dead material in its thickets? Or that eucalyptus have a highly combustible oil content found throughout their leaves, which can easily catch ablaze during a wildfire. They also have a lot of accumulation of fuels under the tree, aka leaf litter, which allow the fire to run up and into it extremely quick. Broom, Juniper, and Gorse are (continued on next page)



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similar to Eucalyptus in that they're also invasive and extremely flammable because of their high oil content. Pampas or Jubata grass can easily grow as tall as 20' x 12' wide and can quickly ignite and spread, especially if it is dried out.



If a property is located in a location with sensitive habitat, or included in the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), the property owner will still need to go through a process to ensure their properties are being well-maintained, in that they're not providing a means of transmitting fire rapidly from nearby trees or other vegetation, pruned periodically, and not dead or dying. Owners of sensitive acres will also need to work with the County to get a Site Activity Review Permit prior to starting work. More info is here: parks.smcgov.org/san-bruno-mountain-habitat-conservation-plan.

Look for Weed Abatement notices that are being mailed out by NCFAs Division of Fire Prevention for further compliance and deadline information in May. May is also Wildfire Prevention Month; there's no better time to ready your property! Thank you for helping to keep Brisbane fire-safe.

Thank you

No Cost COVID-19 Mobile Testing



Quick and easy oral swab test at no cost to you
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Thursdays
10 am - 4 pm

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