# STAR



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#### **New San Mateo Credit Union ATM in Brisbane!**



Earlier this year when the City was officially informed by Bank of America that it was closing its Brisbane branch, City staff started pursuing options for the community to have 24-hour access to an ATM machine within the City.

Staff focused on City-owned property as the City controls its uses. City Hall is centrally located, has available parking, is adjacent to the police station, and provides a well-lit location with 24-hour public access.

San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU) indicated an interest, and since May of this year, staff has been working with the Credit Union on locating a machine on the outside of City Hall. At their July 15th meeting, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with

San Mateo Credit Union, in a form as approved by the City Attorney, to install and maintain an ATM machine at City Hall (50 Park Place, Brisbane).

Construction began on Monday, August 16th, with the ATM expected to be in full operation by the Tuesday after Labor Day! Check out SMCU's or the City's social media accounts for details about a special contest that will run between Tuesday, 9/7 – Sunday, 9/13.

Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new ATM on Thursday, 9/9 at 4:30pm outside City Hall.



#### **Get a Digital Copy of Your Vaccine Record**

To verify vaccination status, the State of California has provided an online portal to display an electronic record of the vaccination: **myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov**.

The State has established its vaccine records website as the source of truth to verify a resident's vaccination status, since it is more secure than a paper document and can't be lost or forged. If you lost your original paper vaccine card and need a new one, you can still print the digital record from the state's website: <a href="mayaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/faq">myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/faq</a>.

Attention iPhone users: You can save your Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record on your iPhone by taking a screenshot (as shown in the image to the right) and saving to your Camera Roll. From there, you can add it to your Favorites so it's more easy to find.

#### Personal Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record



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#### **City Initiates Affordable Housing Strategic Plan**

The City of Brisbane is excited to launch a process to create a comprehensive affordable housing strategic plan this fall! Protecting the City's existing supply of affordable housing and ensuring that new housing is affordable to Brisbane residents and serves a variety of income levels and unique housing needs are critically important to the City. The strategic plan will focus the City's efforts to provide new affordable housing and protect existing affordable housing through the following actions:

- Update and streamline the City's management of existing affordable housing units and programs to better manage existing and future affordable deed-restricted housing units.
- Develop affordable housing strategies specifically for the Baylands.
- Identify city-wide funding priorities for the City's affordable housing funds.
- Evaluate options to create an ongoing revenue stream to fund affordable housing.
- Review the City's affordable housing requirements in the zoning ordinance to make sure they are feasible realistic, and will result in the greatest benefit to the community.

The City has selected economic and land use planning consulting firm ECONorthwest to guide the strategic planning process. Community engagement led by ECONorthwest will be a cornerstone of the strategic planning process. Specific engagement opportunities will be publicized on the City's website, signboards, social media channels, the Chamber's Luminary, and of course, the STAR! Stay tuned for more information this fall. Questions can be directed to Community Development Director John Swiecki at jswiecki@brisbaneca.org or (415) 508-2120.

There are More Days and

More Ways to Vote!



Tuesday, Sept. 14th, 2021, marks the California Gubernatorial Recall Election but you can drop off your ballot at City Hall starting Saturday, Sept. 11th.

Every registered voter in San Mateo County was mailed the Official Ballot for the California Gubernatorial Recall Election in mid-August. Voters can choose to vote by mail, drop off their ballot at an official ballot drop box (there is one located outside of Brisbane City Hall, shown above), vote in-person at any Vote Center in San Mateo County, and in special circumstances, vote by remote accessible vote by mail ballot system.

The Vote Center in the City is located at City Hall: 50 Park Place, Brisbane. The Brisbane Vote Center will be open three days before Election Day starting Saturday, September 11th (hours: 9am-5pm) through Election Day, September 14th (hours: 7am-8pm).

For further information on voting services available for the California Gubernatorial Recall Election, please visit <u>smcvote.org</u> or call or text (650) 312-5222.

#### **Could Your Business Use \$5,000?**

The Brisbane City Council recently allocated \$200,000 of federal relief funds for small businesses in Brisbane impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be divided into grants of up to \$5,000.

To be eligible, businesses must:

- Be able to demonstrate a 25% or more loss in revenues for a recent12-month period from 2019-2020
- Must have been in operation prior to March 19, 2020, still be operational today, and remain operational once funds are distributed
- Be able to provide a valid Brisbane business license
- Be able to provide documentation to prove loss in revenue

The City considers a "small business" one that makes \$5,000,000 or less in gross receipts. First priority shall be given to those with \$1,000,000 or less in gross receipts, then those with \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 in gross receipts will be considered.

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce will administer the grant program on behalf of the City of Brisbane and after evaluating all applications for eligibility, will use a lottery to determine which businesses will receive funds. Financial information will be kept confidential and not shared with the City. The application will open sometime in September. To stay up to date on information related to the grant program and when applications will be available, sign up for the Chamber's emails on their website: <a href="mailto:brisbanechamber.org">brisbanechamber.org</a> and/or the City Manager's Weekly Update at: <a href="mailto:brisbaneca.org/subscribe">brisbaneca.org/subscribe</a>.

Want to run an epic trail race with amazing views? And join a pancake breakfast at the finish?



# STAR CITY SAN BRUNO MTN. HALF MARATHON & 5K

RACE ENTRY AT: STARCITYHALFMARATHON.WORDPRESS.COM

The half marathon registration includes a t-shirt, finishers medal, and a pancake breakfast at Mission Blue Nursery! The 5K entry only includes a t-shirt. Proceeds from both races help fund San Bruno Mountain Watch!

OR RUN THE 5K AT 8:15AM ON CROCKER PARK TRAIL!

SUNDAY SEPT 12, 2021 8AM





The pandemic has worsened the already-dire pollution of the world's oceans. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) estimates that 10 million unrecyclable, un-biodegradable masks per month end up in the environment. Much of this ends up in the ocean, adding to the millions of tons of other plastic waste that is likely to outweigh all the life in the ocean within decades. It's going to be around for thousands of years, although as sunlight and wave action break it down into tinier and tinier pieces, it will become harder to see.

While tiny pieces of plastic won't ring sea creatures' necks or entangle their fins or flippers, the particles are often mistaken for food by creatures at the very bottom of the ocean food chain and make their way up as the smallest animals are ingested by larger ones. Tiny plastic particles have been found not only in fishes' digestive tracts, but in their muscle tissue—the part that we, and marine animals and birds, eat. For smaller creatures that eat plastic, the consequence may be starvation, as it replaces actual food. Even larger creatures, including whales, have died from starvation after consuming larger pieces of plastic trash in the oceans. Marine plastic pollution also provides surfaces that can attract toxic chemicals – a "double whammy" for whatever unfortunate creature ingests the plastic.

Plastic trash litters roadsides and beaches, hangs from trees, and clogs waterways in nearly every community on earth, including Brisbane. Glancing at the ground in a walk around our city reveals it, some of which is destined to end up in the Bay and the ocean. The City combats this in multiple ways, including trash capture devices in the storm drains, frequent street sweeping, and manual litter pickup of heavily traveled roadways, but trash can still be wind-blown past devices and into the bay. Microplastics can be a real challenge given their miniscule size, but the City has installed biofiltration basins that filter out these small bits of plastics along with other pollutants; you may have noticed these sunken planted areas on Visitacion Avenue and San Bruno Avenue.

While these efforts are a start, as a community that takes pride in our environmental record, we can still do better at picking up after ourselves. Besides ensuring that trash ends up where it belongs – in the trash can – here are other things we can do to reduce the tidal wave of plastic trash:

- Use non-plastic substitutes, such as cloth masks instead of disposable/plastic ones, as much as possible;
- Refuse unnecessary sauce packets, disposable tableware, and like items (bring your own!);
- Look for things like refillable ballpoint pens and printer cartridges, toothbrushes with replaceable heads, and other such items that reduce plastic waste;
- Take a critical look at packaging, favoring recyclable glass or metal over plastic as much as possible;
- When plastic packaging is unavoidable, buy a larger container as opposed to multiple smaller ones, which reduces the overall amount of plastic packaging;
- Sign up for the City's Adopt a Storm Drain program where you claim your drain and we provide the supplies
  to help you keep the drain free of litter and debris. Call (415) 508-2106 or email <a href="mailto:kblack@brisbaneca.org">kblack@brisbaneca.org</a> to
  sign up or if you have any questions.

Another way to limit trash entering our waterways? Join us on Coastal Cleanup Day on September 18!



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#### The Deal with Delta

#### **ARE VACCINES EFFECTIVE?**

**Yes!** Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death; it also helps reduce the spread of the virus in communities.

With the Delta variant, vaccination is more urgent than ever.

Protected from	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated
Severe Symptoms	<b>✓</b>	×
Hospitalization	<b>✓</b>	X
Death	<b>✓</b>	X



cdc.gov/coronavirus

We know now that the Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains – it may cause more than 2x as many infections. We also know that the transmissibility or "R nought / Ro" of the Delta variant is 6, vs. the flu, which has an Ro of 2. The best way to slow down Delta is through vaccinations. If you or someone you know hasn't already been vaccinated, there are 19 County-run vaccination clinics, in addition to 60 pharmacies, where you can get vaccinated without an appointment. Just show up. Find the clinic nearest you at: <a href="mailto:smchealth.org/vaccine-clinic-calendar">smchealth.org/vaccine-clinic-calendar</a>.

Please continue wearing a face covering whenever indoors outside of your home or in a crowded space outdoors. Masks are required at City facilities regardless of vaccination status. This includes City Hall, the Senior Sunrise Room, and the Library. Masks are also required at the Thursday Farmer's Market.

Let's continue to do our part, as we did from the start.

## **New 'My Brisbane' App Replaces GORequest App**

Last month, GOGov, the company that created the GORequest app, updated the platform to make it more valuable to residents. It is now a branded app and includes direct links to the City's website, Recreation pages, and the Community Calendar which houses all of City's public meetings and special community events. Here's how to get the new app in less than 5 steps:

- 1. Open the GoRequest app and wait a few moments until you see the prompt to download the new app. Press that icon. If you've never downloaded GoRequest in the past, no problem, just search "My Brisbane" in the Apple App or Google Play Store (it's a free app). Hit "Get" and wait for the download to complete.
- 2. Login or Sign Up. If you have an account but forgot your password, enter your email to have a Reset Password email
  - forwarded to you. Once logged in properly, you should see any previous request you have submitted via GORequest or the webform on the City's Contact page. Feel free to delete the old GORequest app now.
- 3. Choose your topic or browse popular topics. If you are reporting a water or sewer emergency, please call the 24/7 Dispatch Number at (415) 467-1212.
- 4. Upload a photo or take one using your camera within the app and attach it to the service request.

That's it! And note: there are no changes to the web-version, found on **brisbaneca.org/contact**, so keep submitting away there. Thank you for helping us keep Brisbane clean, safe, and beautiful!



GORequest app. This was done at no cost to the City, but it does require you to take some steps before you can start submitting service requests to the City again.

#### **Vaccine Clinic Schedules**





No appointments are needed. Walk-ins are welcome.



smchealth.org/vaccine-clinic-calendar



NO COST COVID-19
MOBILE TESTING

# THURSDAYS 9AM-3PM



EASY SHALLOW NASAL SWAB TEST
WALK UPS AVAILABLE, BUT WE
RECOMMEND SIGNING UP AT
CUR.TV/BRISBANE AS EARLY AS THE
MONDAY BEFORE, SO AS TO LIMIT
YOUR TIME ON-SITE

### LUNA FEST



20 YEARS OF PROGRESS
SPOTLIGHTING FILMS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN

#### THE CITY OF BRISBANE

**PRESENTS** 

LUNAFEST: FILMS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN

#### JOIN US LIVE OR VIRTUALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

12:30PM (MATINEE) & 6PM (VIP GALA & DANCE PARTY)

#### **MISSION BLUE CENTER**

475 MISSION BLUE DRIVE, BRISBANE, CA

TICKETS: \$20 MATINEE / \$60 VIP GALA

#### TO LEARN MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS: brisbaneca.org/lunafest

All proceeds will go to the Brisbane Lions Club scholarship fund for women pursuing degrees in male-dominated fields

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#### **September City Calendar**

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



The Brisbane Farmers' Market takes place Thursdays from 3-7pm in the Community Park. Masks required.

Brisbane Community Calendar: brisbaneca.org/calendar

**No-Cost COVID-19 Testing** is safe, easy, and available at the Community Park **Thursdays from 9am – 3pm**. Sign up at **cur.tv/Brisbane** as early as the Monday before. Walk-ups are also welcomed, but we recommend signing up in advance so as to limit your time on-site.

**Public Meeting Agendas** 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, Friday, 6:30pm

Concert in the Park - DJ Dance Party (Lion's Club)

#### 04-06, Saturday - Monday, All Day

Brisbane Library closed for Labor Day Weekend

#### 06, Monday, All Day

City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day

#### 06-07, Rosh Hashanah

Sundown Monday - Sundown Tuesday

#### 08, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, B

#### 09, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, B

**12, Sunday, 8am & 8:15am** Star City San Bruno Mountain Half Marathon & 5K | Tickets: **starcityhalfmarathon. wordpress.com** 

#### 12, Sunday, 9-noon (Breakfast) & 9-2pm (Native Plant Sale)

San Bruno Mountain Watch Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser & Native Plant Sale | Tickets: mountainwatch.
org/pancakebreakfast2021

#### 12, Sunday, 2pm

Concerts in the Park - The Houserockers

#### 14, Tuesday, 7:00am

California Gubernatorial Recall Election - smcvote.org

9/15-10/15, National Hispanic Heritage Month hispanicheritagemonth.gov

#### 15-16, Yom Kippur

Sundown Wednesday - Sundown Thursday

#### 19, Sunday, 2pm

Concerts in the Park - Club 90

#### 21, Tuesday, All Day

International Day of Peace - <u>un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace</u>

#### 22, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

#### 23, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting, B

#### 25, Saturday, 1pm Matinee (please arrive by 12:30pm) & 6pm

**VIP Gala** 

LUNAFEST® | Tickets: brisbaneca.org/lunafest

#### 26, Sunday, 2pm

Concerts in the Park - The Purple Ones

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

City Hall Walk-In Service Hours: M, Tu, Th: 9am – 4pm,

W: 9am – 7pm, F: 9am – 1pm

Staff available by phone or email: M,T,Th: 8am-5pm,

W: 8am-8pm, 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 Communications Manager Caroline Cheung at <a href="mailto:ccheung@brisbaneca.org">ccheung@brisbaneca.org</a> or (415) 508-2157.

#### **Brisbane Dance Workshop is Back (after Labor Day)!**



Brisbane Dance Workshop (BDW) is thrilled to offer in-person classes again, starting in September 2021. They plan to continue with all present classes and add classes throughout the 2021-2022 school year, culminating in a performance experience on May 14 & 15, 2022.

For complete information on class schedules and dates, class descriptions, artists bios, and to register for classes, see their website: <a href="mailto:brisbanedanceworkshop.">brisbanedanceworkshop.</a> org.

**COVID SAFETY:** All BDW teaching artists are vaccinated. BDW will follow all Brisbane School District COVID-19 policies and require all attending students to wear masks. Class types, sizes, schedule, and availability are limited and subject to change.

# Brisbane Rental Assistance & the State's 'Housing is Key' Program

Do you need local help with eligibility or applying for the <u>CA COVID-19</u>
Rent Relief program?



CA COVID-19 | Local Partner RENT RELIEF | Network



Did you know qualifying renters and landlords are now eligible for 100% of rent and utilities owed?

The Brisbane City Council has made \$100,000 in rental assistance available to those that need it. Brisbane's Rental Assistance Program is being administered by Samaritan House, with YMCA Community Resource Center processing the applications. Please call them at (650) 276-4101 or send them an email at crc@ymcasf.org to get the application process started today!

### GET A FREE HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET, PLUS FREE INSTALLATION!



All Brisbane residents and businesses can take part in the High Efficiency Toilet Replacement Program. To qualify, you must have an active water account and your toilet must use 3.5 gallons per flush (GPF) or greater. It will be replaced with a new high efficiency toilet (1.3 GPF or less). 200 HET toilets are available, secure yours at <a href="mailto:brisbaneca.org">brisbaneca.org</a>!



The **Brisbane Derby** provides a fun-filled and thrilling start for Brisbane's annual "Day in the Park" community festival.

Home-built derby cars race down San Francisco St. in best 2 out of 3 elimination races until only one remains in each racer bracket. Each racer is guaranteed at least 2 races. All racers need "pit crews" to help them make any last minute repairs and also to pull the car back up to the top of the race course after each trip down. The Parks & Recreation Dept. sells the official derby car kits which include plywood, steering and braking components, and wheels. The derby kit is not included in race registration fee.

Derby practice days: San Francisco street will be closed from 9am - 12pm on Saturday Sept. 18 & 25 for racers to practice and test their cars.

# DAY IN THE PARK AND THE BRISBANE DERBY ARE OCTOBER 2ND!

Derby Registration (\$20):

<u>brisbaneca.org/derbyreg2021</u>

Derby Kits (\$40):

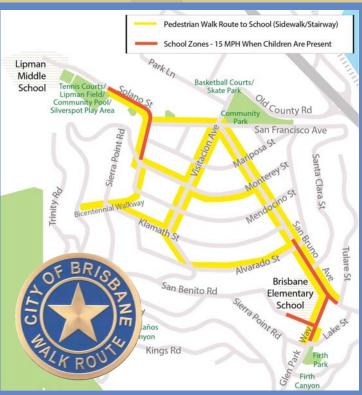
<u>brisbaneca.org/derbykits2021</u>

Free Derby car building workshops: Aug. 28, Sept. 11 & 18, 10am-1pm under the Community Park Gazebo.



# City of Brisbane Tips: Walk Routes to Schools

Walking is a great way to get some fresh air, to exercise and be active, and to get to know our amazing community better. The City of Brisbane and Brisbane School District encourage you to take advantage of the Walk Routes to Schools to walk to school and get around town safely. Please follow these tips so that your walking trip is as safe and comfortable as possible!



#### **Be Alert**

# If no sidewalk, walk on side of street-facing oncoming traffic

This means walking on the left side of the road. That way, you can see them and they can see you!

### Look both ways before using the crosswalk

When crossing the street, try to get to an intersection corner to cross, and use a painted crosswalk when available. Stop at the curb and look both ways for traffic. Look and listen for cars coming. When it is clear, walk and don't run across the street.

#### **Be Mindful**

## Stay on the Walk Routes whenever possible

The sidewalks and stairways that make up the Walk Routes are highlighted in yellow on the map. Keep an eye out for the medallion markers with stars on them – they are placed on the ground and will guide you along the routes if you follow them.

#### Walk with friends or family

Doing so keeps each other safe, but also shares your walking experience with others. Start or join a Walking School Bus so you can walk with friends and stay safe on your walk to school.

### Wear clothing that stands out at night

Consider wearing bright colors or reflectors and using a flashlight so that others can see you when you are walking at night.



Be careful near driveways and watch for cars backing out



Stay Safe!



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#### **ADULT OIL PAINTING CLASSES** START SEPT. 16!



A collection of beautifully painted pieces by Michael Rodman and his students on display in the Large Conference Room at City Hall in 2016.

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT:** BRISBANECA.ORG/OILPAINTINGFALL21

### Pancake Breakfast! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

Mission Blue Nursery 3435 Bayshore Blvd, Brisbane, CA 94005

**Breakfast Fundraiser: 9am-12pm** Native Plant Sale: 9am-2pm

**Entry to plant sale is FREE!** Pancake breakfast tickets available at the door or at www.mountainwatch.org /pancakebreakfast2021



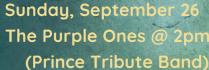


\$20 **ADULT** \$15 KID















**Know how to escape** from your dorm room or off-campus home.

Don't block exits with boxes, bikes or other items.

Take all fire alarms seriously. Never ignore a fire alarm