



## 2021 State of the City Recap



Brisbane City Council Unanimous Vote

## Urgency Ordinance No. 668 Passed

*To Impose Higher Administrative Fines for Violations of the City's Short-Term Rental Ordinance*  
*Non-Urgency Ordinance also passed on 11/18/2021*

First Time Violation: Fines up to \$1,500  
Second Time Violation: Fines up to \$3,000  
Third Time Violation and above: Fines up to \$5,000

It's been an extraordinary year for the City of Brisbane. Those who attended the hybrid State of the City on November 17, 2021 got a taste of that. Mayor Cunningham highlighted the importance of relationship-building, teamwork, as “nothing great is made alone”, and went through a list of all that was accomplished in 2021 due to that collaborative, “can-do” attitude and approach. Here is a partial list of all that was achieved, in no particular order:

- The Brisbane Library Celebration and the City's 60th Anniversary Party
- Extended fire safety, with a 100 ft. perimeter around undeveloped parcels
- SamTrans Route 292 continuing into San Francisco
- Airbnb regulations and enforcement
- Our new electronic signboards
- Injecting JOY wherever we could throughout the pandemic
- Completion of the Roadway Fuel Reduction Project by North County Fire Authority working closely with Public Works
- Voted in favor of 5 new Diversity Caucuses at Calcities in Sacramento
- C/CAG Board members taking a very strong NO position on SB9 AND SB10
- The great comeback of the Brisbane Garden Show
- The return of the Summer Concerts in the Park Series, which included a Lions DJ Dance Party to kick off things off
- The Brisbane Derby and Day in the Park Community Festival

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- The San Mateo Credit Union Ribbon-Cutting for the ATM at City Hall and subsequent on-site branch visits, the first of which took place in early November, with two more happening on December 7 and January 11. The latter was an on-the-spot idea from the Mayor at the SMCU ATM ribbon-cutting that took hold immediately and was implemented in less than two months
- The Ribbon-Cutting for Chef Reina, a hot new vegan spot on Visitacion
- Brisbane Chamber Mixers Starting Up Again In-Person
- The creation of IDEA (the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accountability Committee, the City's newest Committee, which is currently accepting applicants
- EPIC (Equity Plus Inclusion Committee) Driven Proclamations including those for Native American Heritage Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, etc.
- BRISBANE 101, which took place on November 6th at City Hall with attendees whose ages spanned 8 decades (the youngest of which were 15!)
- Small business grants, with applications and distribution of funds managed by the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce
- LUNAFEST, which celebrated its 20th anniversary of films made by and about women

Following the Mayor's remarks, Finance Director Carolina Yuen gave a financial overview of the City. We exceeded the budgeted amounts in regards to Sales Tax, Property Tax, and Licenses & Permits, but were below revenue expectations when it came to Transit Occupancy Tax or Hotel Tax. A recording of the State of the City, as well as a separate 2021 Accomplishments video which was played as part of the event, can be found on the City's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/brisbaneca](https://www.youtube.com/brisbaneca). Thank you to the Brisbane Chamber for hosting this annual event as well as SSF Scavenger for sponsoring it!



*BDW's Eleventh Annual:*



# Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Featuring a huge assortment of wonderful handmade items by over 30 local artists and craftspersons.

**SUNDAY · DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> · 11AM-4PM**

Concession stand with homemade locally-sourced sweets and treats, as well as lunch items and beverages!

**MISSION BLUE CENTER  
475 Mission Blue Drive · Brisbane**

Just south of SF on 101 — near the Cow Palace and (what was) Candlestick Park.  
Easy access over Guadalupe Canyon Road from Daly City.

*Free admission and parking!  
We will be following all city/county Covid mandates.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ARTIST LINKS, VISIT [WWW.BRISBANEDANCEWORKSHOP.ORG](http://WWW.BRISBANEDANCEWORKSHOP.ORG)

# Meet Lise Dumont, Volunteer for Brisbane Village Helping Hands

Some may remember Lise Dumont as a photographer whose works were featured in the 2020 Artists' Evening of Sharing. Her photographs of sunsets, sunrises, plant life, wildlife and waterways – taken while commuting via bicycle from Brisbane to Genentech and back along the marina – were captivating.



Others may recall that Dumont and her pet parrots were vividly captured by artist Rosanna Lyons in a painting titled Goddess of Birds. Lyons' work has been featured through Artists' Evening of Sharing events and at Madhouse Coffeehouse, the Brisbane Marina and our City Hall (where Goddess of the Birds was among the paintings displayed).

These days, Dumont can also be seen helping local seniors as a volunteer with Brisbane Village Helping Hands (BVHH), where she is making a difference in her community. Dumont was looking for a way to volunteer after retiring from Genentech in April, and discovered that BVHH offers an easy and convenient way of doing so.

"I liked that it's a simple way for people to help each other," she shares. "You don't have to commit to more than you can handle. It's kind of genius the way it's structured."



She appreciates that emails are sent out to vetted volunteers like herself, who can "accept" requests by simply checking a box if the assignment fits in with her schedule or interests. Volunteers can offer assistance for as much – or as little – as they have time for.

"I try to pick up at least one request a week," she says. "I love the flexibility. I enjoy driving, and if someone needs a ride to the doctor or someplace, I'm happy to do that."

Dumont is a people person. She was a communications professional for Genentech for 20 years and has also worked as a professional photographer. BVHH lets her enjoy meeting more people who reside in the town she loves.

"The village has definitely helped me to get to know more of my neighbors," she says.

Dumont fell in love with Brisbane years ago, when she came to a Toastmasters' meeting at Madhouse. She recalls thinking to herself, 'I could live here.' About eight years ago, she and her husband Graham Douglas bought a home in Brisbane, where they live with their two parrots, Gizmo and Cricket.

"One thing that was clear shortly after I moved here is that people here take care of each other," says Dumont. "I love that, and this is an easy way for me to contribute to that spirit. I find that helping people is one of the keys to happiness. Also, as someone who plans to stay in Brisbane, I know I may need the services of BVHH one day, so I'm happy to support it."

The goal of BVHH is helping older residents "age in place" and remain in their homes as long as possible by providing volunteer services like transportation, minor home maintenance and repair, help with technology and "friendly visits." When the pandemic lifts, social functions will resume so members and volunteers can mingle.

BVHH is currently welcoming new members and volunteers and has waived the \$20 membership dues in 2021 because of the pandemic.

For more information on becoming a member or volunteer, call (415) 508-2185 and leave a message, visit the website at [Brisbanevillage.org](http://Brisbanevillage.org) (where membership forms and volunteer applications can be downloaded) or email [brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com).

# Senior Resource List

Brisbane Village Helping Hands has compiled a list of resources for seniors regarding help at home, food services, transportation and emergency alert services.



## RESOURCE GUIDES

**The San Mateo County Commission** on Aging publishes a booklet, updated every year or two, called “Help at Home”. The booklet is a directory and reference guide containing information about resources and services available to older San Mateo County residents. The Help at Home website and a PDF of the booklet can be found online at: [smchealth.org/helpathome](http://smchealth.org/helpathome)

**Peninsula Family Service** have created a website as a resources guide for seniors in San Mateo County. Some of the resources listed are available for residents of Brisbane.

(650) 780-7547 | [peninsulafamilyservice.org/our-programs/older-adult-services/70-strong](http://peninsulafamilyservice.org/our-programs/older-adult-services/70-strong)

**Network of Care** Resources for San Mateo County: [smcgov.org/senior-resources](http://smcgov.org/senior-resources)

## FOOD SERVICES

**The City of Brisbane** is partnering with **Samaritan House** to offer lunches to Seniors on Mondays. Reservations must be made by Friday for the following week. Drive-by or walk-up pick-ups are available between 12-12:45pm at the Senior Sunrise Room (2 Visitation Ave). Home delivery is available.

(415) 508-2144

**Brisbane Food Share** (food delivery once or twice a month, depending on need).

(650) 291-2400

**Second Course Program** (thru San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services) provides home delivered meals for older adults who meet income eligibility requirements.

(800) 675-8437

**Meals on Wheels** San Mateo County delivers a hot meal Monday-Friday to homebound seniors and people with disabilities who are unable to prepare their own meals.

(800) 675-8437 | [penvol.org/mealsonwheels](http://penvol.org/mealsonwheels)

## TRANSPORTATION

**San Mateo County Transit (SamTrans)** provides Redi-Wheels, public paratransit for persons with disabilities who cannot independently use regular SamTrans bus service some of the time or all of the time.

(650) 366-4856 | [samtrans.com/Accessibility/Paratransit](http://samtrans.com/Accessibility/Paratransit)

**Go Go Grandparent** allows older adults to utilize on demand transportation companies like Lyft while keeping family and loved ones notified.

(855) 464-6872 | [gogograndparent.com](http://gogograndparent.com)

## PERSONAL EMERGENCY ALERT DEVICE

Personal safety devices are used to connect seniors with emergency personnel to get the help they need. These can be life saving for seniors living alone or those without daily contact with friends and family.

### Sutter Health

(650) 265-0566 | [sutterhealth.org/services/senior-geriatric/sutter-safe-at-home-mpmc](http://sutterhealth.org/services/senior-geriatric/sutter-safe-at-home-mpmc)

### Bay Area Medical

(866) 816-2130 | [bayalarmmedical.com](http://bayalarmmedical.com)

*The above information is provided as an informational convenience; it does not constitute an endorsement by Brisbane Village Helping Hands.*

# The CRC invites you to: The Annual Holiday Food and Gift Distribution!

South San Francisco, San Bruno, & Brisbane Residents  
(Gift Distribution for South San Francisco and Brisbane  
residents ONLY)

- ❖ WHEN: Starting October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- ❖ WHERE: 1486 HUNTINGTON AVE. #100 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO,  
CA 94080
  - Monday 8AM-12PM & Tuesday/Thursday 12PM-4PM in  
person
  - Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM via phone/email
    - [crc@ymcasf.org](mailto:crc@ymcasf.org) & 650-276-4101 ext. 4

**Requirements to register:** Please bring  
ID's, proof of residency and birth certificate/or  
school registration/or ID card for minors in  
households.



❖ **Day of the event: Monday, November 22, 2021 & Monday, December 20, 2021  
from 10:00am-2:00pm**

○ Fernekes Building in Orange Park 781 Tennis Dr. South San Francisco, CA for the food  
distribution on November 22, 2021.

○ Brisbane City Hall located 50 Park Pl. Brisbane, CA for the food and gift distribution on  
December 20, 2021, from 3-5PM.



**\*\*Please come during your time slot given at registration and bring your ticket\*\***



YMCA Community Resource Center  
1486 Huntington Avenue, Suite 100  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
Phone: (650) 276-4101  
Fax: (628)-239-0525  
[crc@ymcasf.org](mailto:crc@ymcasf.org)



# Trash Into Treasure

The Second Annual Brisbane Recycled Arts & Crafts Contest came to a close with roughly 20 submissions. Projects were judged on their creativity and material use by sustainability and Parks and Rec staff from the City and SSF Scavenger Company, as well as last year's grand prize winner and Parks and Rec Commissioner Leesa Greenlee.



Barbara Ebel's "Pumpkin King" was selected as the 1st Place winner. Judges felt the piece was creative, well-crafted, and very resourceful with an array of materials reused, saying "it's much better than something store bought, and is a good alternative for seasonal decorations."



Receiving 2nd Place was Cindy Rudolph's "Wall Hanging", a beautiful and well-executed piece, with judges noting that textile scraps are often difficult to recycle.



Dana Dillworth's "Small Images" were selected as 3rd Place winner as judges appreciated the "fun use of hard to recycle items" as a good way to keep items in circulation rather than the landfill.



A Youth Award was given to Silvio Santana for his "wind chimes" which embodied the spirit and intention of the contest. As he explained: *"While making my art piece, I had the recent California wildfires in mind. The wood serves as a symbol of the land and wildlife that has been affected. Wind is often a deciding factor in the course of these fires, so I thought a wind chime was appropriate. The keys represent all that has been lost..."*



Two Honorable Mentions were also recognized: Luis Logon's "Things Made of Waste" bench and the Coriano family's "ALL CAPS". The former utilized treated wood waste, which is very difficult to properly dispose of, while the latter involved a thoughtful family exercise of collecting and recognizing the amount of single-use containers, by way of their caps, over a short time and representing it with artwork.



This year's contest also attracted international participation from India! Raiganj Ramchandra submitted several very intricate projects and has already received several awards in his home country. While not eligible for our contest awards, we appreciated his participation and hope his projects can both inspire future project ideas here in Brisbane as well as highlight the global challenge of excess waste.

Thanks to everyone that participated in this year's contest and congratulations to all the awardees! To the rest of the community--take a good look at your trash over the next several months and you too may find that there are treasures to be created. We look forward to seeing them next year! 🧐

# Check out our newest ATM and open a new SMCU account.

Come & Join Us on Tuesday, December 7, 2021,  
or Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Brisbane's City Hall.

SMCU representatives will be available to open new accounts and answer any questions you have about banking with San Mateo Credit Union. **Plus, when you open a new checking account, you'll be eligible to earn a \$100 bonus\*.**

**When:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 or Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
1:00 to 5:00pm

**Where:** Brisbane's City Hall  
50 Park Place  
Brisbane, CA 94005

Open an SMCU checking account on December 7, 2021, or January 11, 2022,  
and you'll get a \$100 bonus in just a few easy steps.\*

- Conduct 10 or more debit card purchases in the month following the account opening date
- Make at least one direct deposit, payroll deposit or external ACH transfer

(650) 363-1725 | [smcu.org](http://smcu.org)

\*Open a new San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU) Free or Premium Checking account (no other account types eligible) on December 7, 2021, or January 11, 2022. During the full calendar month immediately following the month in which the account is opened, conduct 10 or more personal identification number (PIN) or signature-based purchases or payments using the SMCU debit card(s) associated with the new checking account. ATM and ACH transactions are not eligible. In the case of a joint account, purchases and payments from multiple debit cards will be added together. Membership eligibility requirements apply. Must be age 18 or older. Offer is not available for existing SMCU members who have an open checking account as of December 6 and/or January 10. Existing SMCU members who do not have a checking account as of December 6 and/or January 10 may qualify for the offer. Conditions and restrictions may apply. Limit one (1) bonus per individual membership account. Federally issued by NCUA.



*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 Karen Cunningham  
for her service

**Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:30PM**

Via Zoom Webinar:  
**[brisbaneca.org/cc-zoom](https://brisbaneca.org/cc-zoom)**

**Meeting ID: 991 9362 8666 | Passcode: 123456 | Call In Number: 1 (669) 900-9128**

For More Info contact Ingrid Padilla, City Clerk, at [ipadilla@brisbaneca.org](mailto:ipadilla@brisbaneca.org) or call (415) 508-2113



# December City Calendar



The City's **Meals for Seniors Lunch Program** takes place **Mondays** 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 or adjust your participation.

The **Brisbane Farmers' Market** takes place **Thursdays** from **2-6pm** in the Community Park. Masks are currently required for all shoppers.

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

**No-Cost COVID-19 Testing** is safe, easy, and available at the Community Park **Thursdays from 11am – 5pm**. Sign up at [cur.tv/Brisbane](https://cur.tv/Brisbane) as early as the Monday before. Walk-ups are welcomed, but we recommend signing up in advance so as to limit your time on-site.

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

## 01, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

## 05, Sunday, 5:00pm, Festival of Lights

[brisbaneca.org/FOL2021](https://brisbaneca.org/FOL2021)

## 06, Monday, 6:30pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, B

## 08, Wednesday, 4-4:30pm

Dog Park Reopening

## 09, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Special Meeting, B

## 12, Sunday, 11am at Mission Blue Center

BDW Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

## 16, Thursday, 7:30pm

Special Planning Commission Meeting, B

## 20, Monday, 3pm

Annual Holiday Food and Gift Distribution in Brisbane

## 23-24, Thursday-Friday

City Hall Closed for Christmas

## 30-31, Thursday-Friday

City Hall Closed for New Year's

**City Hall Open Hours:** M, Tu, Th: 9am – 4pm, W: 9am – 7pm, F: 9am – 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](mailto:ccheung@brisbaneca.org) or (415) 508-2157.

## Lighting Up City Hall



You may have noticed that City Hall has been lit up with various colors starting in May 2020 for Mental Health Awareness Month (Green), Pride in June (Rainbow), and November for Native American Heritage Month (Yellow and Orange).

To celebrate the holidays, City Hall will be lit up on the following schedule:

- Hanukkah: blue & white from 11/28-12/6
- Christmas: green & red from 12/7-12/25
- Kwanzaa: green & red from 12/26-1/1

**Note:** The green & red lights will remain the same, but signify both winter holidays.

# Housing Element Update News

Whether you'll be looking for housing in Brisbane in the future or you already live in Brisbane, the City's Housing Element affects us all. The Housing Element provides the direction for how the City will provide for its future housing needs. It's the one element of the City's General Plan that is required by the State to be updated on 8 year cycles. As indicated in the State government code, "*The availability of housing is a matter of vital statewide importance and the early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living environment for every Californian...is a priority of the highest order*".

The next update cycle is in process for the years 2023-2031 and broad-based community input is needed to help ensure that it fairly addresses the City's projected housing needs. There have been several housing element educational sessions that have recently happened through our partnership with 21 Elements; "Let's Talk Housing" is the collaborative planning effort of San Mateo County



and the cities within the County. These sessions have including topics such as "Why Affordability Matters", "Housing and Racial Equity", and "Housing in a Climate of Change". If you missed any of these sessions, it's not too late to view them by simply following the weblinks from the City's 2023-2031 Housing Element Update webpage: [brisbaneca.org/housing-element-update](https://brisbaneca.org/housing-element-update).

**Additionally, the Planning Commission will be hosting a virtual workshop on Thursday, December 16th, at 7:30 pm. In this workshop, we'll discuss our local demographic trends and how those trends tie into our housing needs. We'll also be introducing the "Balancing Act" tool.**

Balancing Act is an online tool designed to gather input on preferences for potential areas of the City for development of new housing where housing may not be currently zoned.

Brisbane is small, but we have an obligation to accommodate a comparably large number of housing units. Through a process called the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA), Brisbane has been allocated a need of at least 1,588 housing units in this next housing element cycle.

Please join us online for this upcoming workshop at the Planning Commission on December 16th. More information will be provided in advance of this workshop, including how to join the meeting via links from the Housing Element Update webpage the Friday before meeting. A link to the Balancing Act tool will also be provided via a link from that same webpage.

Also, stay tuned for future workshops in 2022 for even deeper dives into the housing element and adoption hearings. To subscribe to the email list, go to [brisbaneca.org/subscribe](https://brisbaneca.org/subscribe). If you have questions, you may also email the Planning Department via [brisbaneca.org/email-cdd](https://brisbaneca.org/email-cdd) or reach us by phone at (415) 508-2120.

# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.

! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.





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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Apply for Open Seats in the Following City Council  
Commissions & Committees



- Planning Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Open Space and Ecology Committee
- Complete Streets Safety Committee
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accountability Committee

FOR MORE INFO GO TO [WWW.BRISBANECA.ORG](http://WWW.BRISBANECA.ORG)  
OR EMAIL [CITYCLERK@BRISBANECA.ORG](mailto:CITYCLERK@BRISBANECA.ORG)

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 AT 5PM

City of Brisbane Parks & Recreation

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Sunday, December 5th | 5pm-8pm

This year's event will begin with a vehicle light parade around town that ends at Community Park. Once there, tradition includes the lighting of the holiday tree by our Volunteer of the year and Mayor. Event-goers can also enjoy a tasty cup of hot cocoa and holiday cookies.

### Light Parade Volunteers

We need volunteers to drive their decorated vehicles in our parade!

#### Volunteer Requirements:

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

Details at [brisbaneca.org/FOL2021](http://brisbaneca.org/FOL2021)

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE  
OAKLEY FAMILY FOR THEIR  
TREMENDOUS DISPLAY OF  
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT!



## Annual Winter Clean Up 2021

Thank you to everyone who raked up their leaves and got their yard waste to the dumpsters located throughout town in mid-November!

SSF Scavenger collected 23 tons of green waste (3 more than the previous year)!



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