

Stuart Schillinger to Retire After Storied Career in Local Government

Twenty-one years ago, Stuart Schillinger stepped into Brisbane City Hall for his first day as the City's new Finance Director. He quickly secured Federal dollars for Capital Improvement Projects and began working on getting the City's budget towards being more of an activity- or program-based costing system. Finance was Stuart's forte, but not all that he was capable of.

After three years as the City's Finance Director, Stuart took on the role as Administrative Services Director, overseeing Human Resources, Information Technology, and Communications, in addition to Finance. During his tenure with the City of Brisbane, the City was confronted with three economic recessions; thanks in large part to Stuart's fiscal planning and conservatism, never once did a layoff need to occur. As much as Stuart cared for the City's financial future, he cared for its employees and their own professional growth. Over the next decade, Stuart would go on to lead several internal employee initiatives: the City's Innovation Committee and its Equity Plus Inclusion Committee (EPIC).

During his tenure with the City, Stuart was also at various points the lead staff liaison for a number of advisory bodies: the Open Space and Ecology Committee, as well as the Parks and Recreation Commission. He worked with the Parks and Recreation Commission on what is now the City's Art in Public Places Program, and then with the Public Art Advisory Committee on the Public Art Implementation Guidelines. The City's first public art piece, Michele Gutlove's Kaleidoscope, was installed in the new Brisbane Library, another major capital project which Stuart developed the funding package for, and what allowed the project to become a reality.



"Much of the success of the City over the past twenty plus years is attributable to Stuart's contributions. There are no words that adequately describe my deep appreciation and respect. He will be missed," said City Manager Clay Holstine.

Prior to coming to the City of Brisbane, Stuart was Reno's Budget Manager, where he was responsible for developing and implementing a \$250 million budget, and the principal financial staff member for Reno's Depressed Railway Project where he developed the financial package that resulted in the successful receipt of a \$70.5 million loan from the Federal Government. Just prior to Reno, Stuart worked as a Management Analyst for the City of Encinitas for 6.5 years, where he was the key staff person for the sale of City revenue bonds totaling \$11.7 million for the purchase and construction of Encinitas' new City Civic Center.

Throughout Stuart's career, Stuart's greatest passion was policy; especially policy that allowed City Councilmembers the ability to accurately assess an activity or program's full cost, so that come budget season, they would have a more comprehensive understanding of the City's financial situation and be prepared to make informed decisions that best served the needs of the community.

In March of last year, Stuart was promoted to Assistant City Manager. He delved more deeply into program-based budgeting, which would evolve into priority-based budgeting, affording decision-makers the ability to make financial decisions tied to an organization's goals and values. The Brisbane City Council over a series of workshops and public meetings which Stuart led arrived at five adopted values in 2019, which are: Safety, Community Building, Ecological Sustainability, Fiscally Prudent, and Economic Development. The transition to priority-based budgeting took the stalwart championing that Stuart had provided since nearly Day 1. In August of this

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year, the City of Brisbane was recognized by ResourceX, a software solutions company helping local governments making data-driven solutions.

It was no wonder Chris Fabian, Co-Founder and CEO of ResourceX, would see in Stuart a certain persona that would complement his organization to near perfection. Making sure a community's resources are allocated as optimally and effectively as possible is what drives both ResourceX and Stuart. Come January 2023, Stuart will be joining ResourceX to empower policymakers to pursue meaningful change that impact their communities and society at large. We congratulate Stuart on this pivotal moment in his career, despite his time with us coming to a close, and wish him all the best in this next, most exciting endeavor.

*If you'd like to bid farewell in-person to Stuart, please plan to attend the **December 15th City Council Meeting at 7:30pm** where the City Council will recognize him for his years of dedicated service.*

Trash 2 Treasure Challenge Awards

The "Recycled Arts and Crafts Contest" was born in 2020 out of a desire from the Open Space and Ecology Committee (OSEC) to encourage the artistic community of Brisbane to breathe new life into items that would otherwise be sent to landfill. As we entered the third year of the contest, some very smart advisors (the City's Youth Advisory Committee) suggested renaming the contest to broaden what was included – not just arts and crafts, but also fashion, furniture, and whatever other usable, upcycled items anyone could think of. And so the 2022 Trash 2 Treasure Challenge was born!



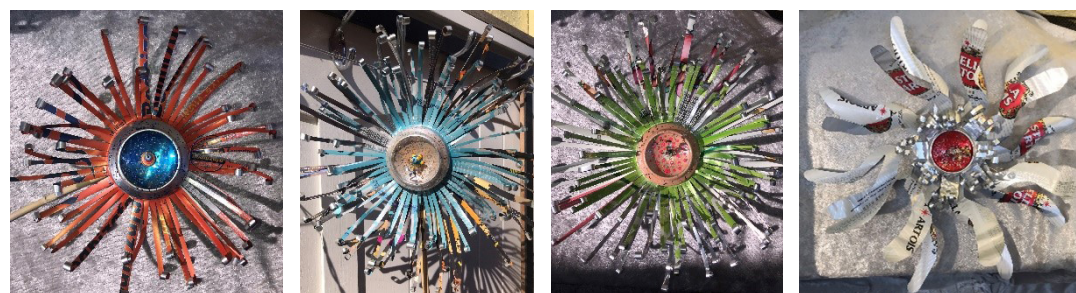
Another new feature for 2022 was the addition of a Trash 2 Treasure display at OSEC's Day in the Park booth – something that had always been desired but stymied by COVID in the early years – and a People's Choice Award. Festival-goers flocked to the booth, drawn in by the interesting creations they could see from across the park, and joined in the fun casting ballots.

As the votes were tallied, a clear winner emerged: Nico Gelormini's "spaceman costume". The youth's costume was created out of food delivery bags, sewn together using a pajama pattern. A jetpack was constructed out of a cereal box and Gatorade bottles, and the costume was completed with a paper mâché helmet made from old newspapers. Watch out NASA, here comes Nico!

Continuing with the contest's history, a group of waste experts including the Sustainability Managers for the City and our waste hauler, South San Francisco Scavenger, selected a winner as well. John Reiter's "slat chair" was selected for this year's "Experts' Choice Award." Rescuing pieces of a discarded oak futon he saw on the curb waiting for its ride to the landfill, John expertly crafted a new chair. A self-proclaimed arborist and "not a carpenter," he recognized the beauty and useability of the wood but held onto it for years before he came up with the idea for the chair which disassembles easily for moving or storage.



Ellen Ambers is a prolific creator of art from waste materials, and this year her "Firework Flowers" were selected as "Runner Up." While the empty beer or soda cans in this project could be recycled, they make very eye-catching art! Ellen created these to have something whimsical to spice up her yard, and which could also withstand the "wind, rocks, and especially the crazy gopher"!



Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to everyone that participated in this year's Trash 2 Treasure Challenge! It was wonderful to see the creativity and craftsmanship of these three Brisbane residents, and we hope they each enjoy the prizes provided by OSEC and SSF Scavenger!

The CRC Invites you to:

The Annual Holiday Food and Gift Distribution!



How to Register:
Brisbane Residents

When: Starting October 10th, 2022

Where: 1486 Huntington Ave. #100 South San Francisco, CA
94080

In Person: Monday 8am-12pm & Tuesday/Thursday 12pm-4pm

Via Phone/Email: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

crc@ymcasf.org & 650-276-4101 ext. 4

Requirements to Register: Please bring your
IDs, proof of address, and birth certificate/or
school registration/or ID card of minors in
household

Day of the event:

- **Monday November 21, 2022 10AM-2PM - Fernekes Building 781 Tennis Dr. South San Francisco**
- **Tuesday Dec 20th, 2022 3PM-5PM - Brisbane City Hall 50 Park Pl. Brisbane**



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December 2022 City Calendar

The City's **Meals for Seniors Lunch Program** takes place **Mondays** from **12-12:45pm** outside the Senior Sunrise Room (2 Visitation Ave.) for drive-thru/walk-up pickup. In-person **Senior Lunch** is every **Wednesday at 11:30am** at the Community Center.

The **Brisbane Farmers' Market** takes place **Thursdays** from **2-6pm** in the Community Park (5 Old County Road, Brisbane).

See brisbaneca.org/calendar for more information on all the above and the following items.

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, Saturday, 10:30am-11:30am

Mothers of Brisbane Cookie Swap at the Community Center (during Play Gym)

04, Sunday, 5:45pm at the top of Visitation or 6pm at the Park

Festival of Lights | brisbaneca.org/FOL2022

05, Monday, 6pm

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accountability (IDEA) Committee Meeting

07, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, B

08, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Special Meeting, B

10, Saturday, 11am-4pm

Brisbane Dance Workshop Holiday Crafts & Arts Fair | brisbaneca.org/BDWFair

10, Saturday, 5-7pm

Boat Decorating Contest at the Brisbane Marina

10, Saturday, 5pm-10pm

Parents' Night Out | brisbaneca.org/PNO

12, Monday, 5pm

Chabot College Winter Choral Concert Senior Trip | brisbaneca.org/SRTrip

14, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

15, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council (Reorganization) Meeting, B

16, Friday, 6pm

Holiday Movie Night | brisbaneca.org/elf

17, Saturday, 11:30am

Gingerbread Cookie Workshop | brisbaneca.org/cookie

20, Monday, 3-5pm

YMCA and BPD Annual Holiday Food & Gift Distribution (see flyer on page 3 for details)

21, Monday, 10am-2pm

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23 & 26, Friday & Monday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of Christmas

28, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

12/30 & 1/2, Friday & Monday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of New Year's

B = Broadcast live on Ch. 27 and YouTube

City Hall Walk-In Service Hours – 3 days/week: M: 9am – 4pm, W: 9am-7pm, Th: 9am – 4pm. Please see all services that can be conducted remotely at brisbaneca.org/online-services.

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.





SENIOR TRIP

CHABOT COLLEGE WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

MONDAY, 12/12

FROM 5PM-10PM

Join the Brisbane Parks & Recreation Department for a trip to Hayward to see a production of the Chabot Performing Arts Center's Winter Choral Concert. The performance will feature beautiful music of the season. Proof of vaccination may be required at facility at time of entry. Van will depart from City Hall at 5pm. We can stop for coffee or hot chocolate. Doors open at 6:30pm. Concert begins at 7pm. We will return to Brisbane after the concert completes.

For more information, please reach out to Nicole at (415) 508-2144 or nhoughton@brisbaneca.org. You can sign up at the Recreation Office, Sunrise Room, or online. Scan QR code below.

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Brisbane Library Calendar – December 2022

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursdays, December 1, 8 & 15 from 3-5pm – Lego Club

During this Power Up Afternoon, design and create from your imagination at Lego Club!

Friday, December 2 from 3-5pm – Create Kindness Clothespins

Spread a message of kindness! We're decorating clothespins with uplifting messages to share with friends.

Monday, December 5 at 11am – Yoga

Interested in learning how to do yoga or already have a practice, and want to join others in your community? Please bring your own towel or mat. Register at smcl.org/events

Mondays, December 5 & 12 from 3-5pm – Calm Corner

During this Power Up Afternoon, study with your buddy or take a brain break in this calm corner of the library.

Tuesdays, December 6 & 13 from 3-5pm – Game On

During this Power Up Afternoon, solve a lockbox Challenge, puzzles, board games and more.

Wednesday, December 7 from 2:30-3:30pm – Uncle Jer's Bee Show

Come learn about the amazing society of honey bees, demonstrated by Ms. Ellen and Uncle Jer through storytelling and puppetry. Learn the bee dance, taste honey and see live bees in a safe observation hive!

Wednesday, December 7 from 3:30-4:30pm – Build Your Own Terrarium

During this Power Up Afternoon, enjoy a little nature for your home by making a mini garden in a terrarium. Space is limited to 20 and will be first come first served at the library.

Friday, December 9 from 3-5pm – Parol Making Workshop

Celebrate Filipino culture by making a parol for the holidays. Parols are star-shaped lanterns that are typically constructed with bamboo and decorated with tissue paper or cellophane paper. Space is limited to 15 and will be first come first served at the library.

Monday, December 12 from 4-5pm – Save Nature: Insect Discovery Lab

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, walking sticks, whip scorpions and more! Our presenters will introduce your group to the extraordinarily diverse world of insects and other arthropods and teach you about their key role in the web of life. Scientific observation, insect identification, and the natural history of bugs' lives are just some of the areas we focus on.

Monday, December 12 from 6:30-7:30pm – HIP Housing Workshop

Come join us to learn about HIP Housing's nationally recognized Home Sharing program for both renters and homeowners!

HIP Housing is a non-profit organization. Their mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in San Mateo County and enable people with special needs, either from income or circumstance, to live independent, self-sufficient lives in decent, safe, low-cost homes.

Wednesday, December 14 from 2:30-4:30pm – Card Making

During this Power Up Afternoon, drop in and create a card for gift to someone this holiday season.

Friday, December 16 from 3-5pm – Wrap Rockets

During this Power Up Afternoon, build a wrap rocket from KiwiCo and test them out.

Tuesday, December 20 at 11am – SkyDome Planetarium

Journey through the universe in this inflatable planetarium as we take a tour of the solar system. Space will be limited to first come first serve.

Thursday, December 29 at 11:30am – Noon Year's Eve

Celebrate the end of the year with our special guest, Hedgie from Hedgie's Surprise and Hedgie Blasts Off! by award winning American author/illustrator Jan Brett.

Wednesday, December 28 at 3:30pm – Paws for Tales

Do you have a reluctant reader? Sign your child up for a 10-minute session to practice reading with a therapy dog at the library. We'd like to thank our partners for making this possible: Pet Assisted Therapy teams and their handlers from the Peninsula Humane Society & the SPCA's Paws for Tales program. Registration is required, and space is limited, so register early at smcl.org/events Keep an eye out for more fun events that we're planning to bring to Brisbane Library at smcl.org!

RECURRING EVENTS

Tuesdays at 1:30pm – Family Storytime

Come along on an imaginary adventure for Family Storytime. Hear new stories, sing songs, and learn wiggles that the whole family can enjoy together, from toddlers to grown-ups.

Thursdays at 11:30am - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time

Bring your bouncing baby to our weekly playtime, full of nursery rhymes and songs you can do together to stimulate your baby's development. Ideal for newborns up to 18 months old.

Wednesday, December 14 at 11am – Tai Chi

Learn about the Chen-style Taijiquan (Tai Chi) form, Silk-reeling Exercises and Wuji Qigong. Chen-style Taijiquan is widely acknowledged as the ancestor of all other styles of Taijiquan.

Please note the Brisbane Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24, 2022 - Monday, December 26, 2022 for Christmas and Saturday, December 31, 2022 - Sunday, January 1, 2023 for the New Year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

GINGERBREAD COOKIE

WORKSHOP

Ages: 7+

The holidays are not the same without cookie baking and decorating! In our hands-on class, you'll decorate delicious gingerbread cookies. All students will receive the recipe to take home. Participants will make the dough, bake, and decorate. Information subject to change.

Instructor: Class led by Junior Chef Stars

Location: Community Center, 250 Visitation Avenue

Day/Time: Saturday, December 17th from
11:30am-2:30pm

Fee: \$65 per person

Sign up by scanning here!



brisbaneca.org/cookie



Fun fact: This event occurs right after the MOB Play Gym event that same day!



BDW'S TWELFTH ANNUAL

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday • December 10 • 11am-4pm

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

Check our FB page for full event/artist details:
www.facebook.com/BDWholidayFair

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Trash Talk: Holiday Waste Reduction

Q: How can I reduce holiday waste?

A: The best way to reduce is to **plan ahead**. Here are several tips:

- If you enjoy sending traditional greeting cards, make sure they are made from recycled content and can be recycled again. Avoid cards and envelopes with glitter and foil.
- Avoid excess packaging by shopping for gifts and groceries locally. Be sure to bring your own reusable shopping bags.
- Give gifts that are durable or consumable (such as performance or sporting event tickets, zoo or museum memberships, a promise to babysit or to make a favorite meal). Stay clear of items that are sure to quickly end up in the landfill.
- Wrap gifts in something reusable. Avoid single-use gift wrap, bags, and ribbon – especially those that are not recyclable.
- If you are hosting a holiday meal, don't over-buy at the grocery store. Need help figuring out how much to buy? Use the dinner party calculator at savethefood.com/guestimator.
- Set your holiday table with reusable linens, plates, cups, and silverware. If you think there may be leftovers, ask guests to bring reusable containers to fill and take home with them.
- Do **not** decorate a live Christmas tree with anything you can't remove when the holidays are over. Trees that have been flocked or covered in tinsel end up in the landfill instead of as valuable mulch.

HOSTING A HOLIDAY FEAST? Please plan to minimize waste!

I love turkey bones and potato peels!

- Don't prepare an over-abundance of food. Have a plan for any leftovers.
- Set your table with reusable plates, cups, utensils, and linens. Avoid disposables.
- Include Ozzy the Organics Cart on your guest list. He's happy to eat what your friends and family won't.

Visit ssfscavenger.com/sort-smart for additional tips.

An important message from



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Ode to Brisbane's Holiday Tree

"How sweet is the blessing of just one tree; a towering gift of divinity."

-Angie Weiland-Crosby

From 1991 to 2022, the residents of Brisbane enjoyed a tree in our Community Park that we would gather around during holidays such as the Festival of Lights. The stately tree provided shade during the warm months and became a focal point for all who visited the park – a symbol of Brisbane's vibrant community.

Resident Lee Panza was instrumental in helping Brisbane acquire the tree. According to Lee, when the idea came about to plant a tree in the Community Park, Lee found a "tree broker," in Gilroy who sold trees that had been saved from somewhere else. Lee decided on a *Cedrus Deodara*, a species of Cedar native to the Himalayas, because he said it was particularly well-suited to Brisbane: the trees thrive in California's warm, dry summers and moderate, wet winters. Lee took the idea of purchasing the tree to the Brisbane Lions Club, which unanimously endorsed buying the tree for the community. As luck would have it, Lee said, the Federated Women's Club was meeting that same night. A woman in attendance heard about the tree from her husband in the Lions Club, and before the Federated Women's Club adjourned that evening, they agreed to support the idea by contributing to the tree's acquisition.



The rest, as they say, is history. The tree was beloved during its time in Brisbane but, after more than 30 years, it became unstable and in danger of falling. Due to safety considerations, and following the recommendations of certified arborists, the tree was removed last year. The community tree may be gone, but it will not be forgotten. Its trunk is being transformed into a park bench that will be placed adjacent to where it originally took root, a memorial to a tree that graced our town for three decades and brought joy to all. Some of its limbs were salvaged during the removal process and are being repurposed as small mementos with a custom brand honoring the original tree. A limited number will be available to residents during this year's holiday season.

Following is a farewell letter **from** the tree, penned by Lee Panza:

"I've enjoyed welcoming people home as they stopped alongside me, as well as wishing people safe travels when they drove past me on their way out of town. It's been a joy allowing Brisbane's children to climb among my lower boughs, and I've been so proud to serve as a symbol of peace and goodwill each year around this time. I was a gift to your community from your own people, and I've tried to serve you well. Please remember me fondly."



For the Festival of Lights on December 4th to 6pm, we will be gathering around a 20-foot artificial tree that was donated to the city by Rigoberto "Rigo" Beltran. We are grateful to be able to celebrate around this interim and festive tree while we work towards replacing our beloved community tree.

Article contributed by Parks and Recreation Commissioners Julie Sims and Trudi Davis, with support from former Mayor Lee Panza.

Festival of Lights



The Festival of Lights is a celebration focusing on the holidays as a season of giving and enjoying the company of each other as a community. The event will begin with singing from the top of Visitation Avenue to the Community Park. Tradition includes a visit from Santa Claus and the lighting of the tree by our Volunteer of the Year and Mayor. Event-goers can also enjoy a tasty cup of hot cocoa and holiday cookies. We will even have an inflatable Toboggan for children to slide down! It's sure to be a wonderful evening!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
5:45PM AT THE TOP OF VISITACION OR
6:00PM AT THE COMMUNITY PARK



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