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Transportation Options for Older Adults

In late 2022, City staff was informed by SamTrans of a Call for Projects to help fund the free midday community shuttle in the Bayshore/Brisbane area, which is also referred to as the Bayshore Brisbane Senior Shuttle. Including this shuttle in the Call for Projects for fiscal years 23/24 and 24/25 was based on recommendations from the Peninsula Shuttle Study adopted by the SamTrans board in September 2021. Among other things, it proposed SamTrans and Caltrain no longer sponsor shuttles. Brisbane's midday shuttle was the last shuttle being sponsored by SamTrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

In speaking more with SamTrans staff and reviewing ridership reports, it was discovered that the cost to maintain service levels for the next two years would be \$151,000 in FY 23/24 and \$155,000 in FY 24/25, and that the average cost per shuttle rider was \$55 per day. The Call for Projects required the City, as a project sponsor, to contribute 25%, or approximately \$40k for this first two-year funding cycle.

Since January, City staff has been researching alternative transportation services for our older adults, and though they don't directly replace the shuttle, they do serve as viable, secure, and personalized transportation options, a couple of which are FREE.

Brisbane Village Helping Hands – Helping Brisbane Residents 55+ Age in Place

Brisbane Village Helping Hands (BVHH) is a local nonprofit organization whose volunteers provide services – transportation, minor home repair/maintenance, friendly visits, technology assistance – to its members to help them "age in place" and remain in their homes and community as long as possible. In order to receive services from the Village, you must be a member. Become a part of the Village today by emailing brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com, or leave them a voicemail at (415) 508-2185. They welcome new members and make every effort to fulfill member requests. You can also find out more information about Brisbane Village Helping Hands on their website, brisbanevillage.org.



Get Up & Go – Free Transportation for Adults 50+ Bayside of San Mateo County



Two Brisbane residents are already utilizing this service, provided through the Peninsula Jewish Community Center (PJCC) weekdays, 9:30am -3:30pm. This program is for current residents bayside (280 going east, towards the Bay) 50 or over who are unable to drive either permanently or temporarily. Membership is not necessary and there are no income or religious affiliation requirements. Call (650) 378-2750 to find out how to register for Get Up & Go. It's a simple phone interview and a signed waiver from you. Note: requests for rides to medical appointments can be made up to 1 month in advance and

the service even goes to Stanford Hospital & Clinics in Palo Alto, the VA Hospital, and Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

Got Wheels! - Affordable Transportation Service for Adults 70 and Older

Seven Brisbane residents are signed up currently for *Got Wheels!*, a Caltrans-funded program of Peninsula Family Service. Got Wheels! members can arrange for a \$5 one-way cab ride (they've partnered with Serra Yellow Cab) on-demand 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Each month, participants are able to take up to 6 one-way trips or 3 round trips for only \$5.00 per one-way ride. Destinations must be within the geographic area (Daly City, Colma, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, Half Moon Bay, Montara, Moss Beach, and El



Granada) and San Francisco International Airport. Currently, Got Wheels is closed due to their funding limit being reached, but they have opened a wait list. Please call Program Manager Cherie Querol Moreno at (650) 403-4300 Ext. 4329 if you'd like to be added. City staff is speaking with Peninsula Family Service about the possibility of contributing some funding (\$5-\$10k) to allow Brisbane residents to come off of the waitlist and get set up with a Got Wheels! membership card.

Redi-Wheels – A Paratransit Service Designed to Meet the Needs of the Mobility-Impaired



Redi-Wheels serves the bayside of the county, plus the towns of Woodside and Portola Valley and is for persons with disabilities who cannot independently use regular SamTrans bus service. Redi-Wheels operates seven days a week, including holidays, from 5:30am to midnight. Each one-way trip costs \$4.25 and riders may call to reserve a trip up to 7 days in advance. To apply for Redi-Wheels paratransit, please call (650) 366-4856 to request an application. The Transit Evaluator will contact you to schedule an interview.

SamTrans Route 292 – Serving Riders 7 days/week between the Embarcadero and Hillsdale Mall

The 292 runs through San Francisco, Daly City, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Francisco International Airport, Millbrae, Burlingame, and San Mateo with weekday and weekend service. Its stop in Brisbane is at the Park & Ride lot on Bayshore & Old County Rd. with connections along the route to BART, Muni, and AC Transit. See the full route schedule and map at samtrans.com/routes/292. The Senior fare is \$1.10 with cash or, \$1 with a Clipper card, with a Day Pass being \$2. A monthly Clipper card is \$27. Get Clipper on your phone, buy a card online, or in-person at a retailer. More information can be found at clippercard.com.



Given the fact there are alternative transportation options available and the

high level of cost to keep the midday shuttle operating, the last day of Brisbane's midday community shuttle is June 30, 2023. City staff has been meeting with the shuttle's current riders that live in Brisbane so that they are aware of the above transportation options and have time to make arrangements prior to the end of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions about the midday community shuttle's operations ceasing, please contact Michael Stevenson, Associate Operations Contract Administrator – Shuttle at (650) 508-7979 or Caroline Cheung, City Manager's Office at (415) 508-2157.

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Summer in Brisbane – The Fun is Here!



The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that our Summer Camp programs have been selected to receive a 2023 San Mateo County Summer Enrichment grant in the amount of \$35,000! The Brisbane Parks and Recreation Department was honored to be a recipient of the 2022 San Mateo County Summer Enrichment grant last year for \$8,255. The 2022 grant provided hands-on learning opportunities for program participants, increased access to science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) materials, advanced staff trainings, and scholarships. Specialty contractors were brought on-site to present educational sessions and full scholarships were offered to families in need of financial assistance to support their child's participation in our program. We anticipate utilizing this year's grant funds to continue providing onsite enrichment opportunities, purchase updated STEAM supplies, and offer additional scholarships to the community. We will also be expanding staff trainings to emphasize mental health and wellness, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage the youth of our community, provide resources to those who need them, and to make some memories along the way. We look forward to another great Summer in Brisbane! And thank you to the County of San Mateo for their support!

Rental Assistance Still Available for Residents Impacted by COVID-19

The State's Housing is Key program to assist renters and landlords with rent and utility payments came to a close last March, but the City's Rental Assistance Program is still available; the Brisbane City Council has made \$100,000 in rental assistance available to those that need it. And funds are still available, over \$66,000 worth! We're glad that 12 families in Brisbane so far have benefitted from this program, which is being administered by Samaritan House, with the YMCA Community Resource Center processing the applications.

Contact the YMCA Community Resource Center at (650) 276-4101 ext. 4, or email them at crc@ymcasf.org to get the application process started.





2023-2031 Housing Element Update

At the February 2, 2023 City Council Meeting, the City Council adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element following a public hearing during which they considered all submitted written and verbal testimony. The adopted Element contains revisions made to the Element since the first draft was approved by the City Council in October 2022. The adopted Element is available to review in both "redline" and "clean" (redlines removed) formats on the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update webpage, brisbaneca. org/housingelementupdate, as well as in hard copy at City Hall and the Brisbane Library. The revisions shown in the adopted Element address comments from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in January 2023.

The Community Development Department has a specific Housing Element email list if you'd like to subscribe to get updates, such as any future public meetings that may be required following HCD's review of the adopted Element.



Please sign up at <u>brisbaneca.org/subscribe</u> if you're interested! The City will continue to work with HCD to ensure the adopted Element is certified by HCD to be in compliance with State law.

Yes, You DO Have to Sort Your Trash...

In mid-February, the City sent notices and citations to those not yet in compliance with state and local laws requiring organic waste service. California's SB1383 **requires** diversion of organic waste from landfill and tasks local governments with ensuring all residences and businesses have service. It builds on prior laws which require businesses to have recycling and organics service and for which local businesses have received notices from the City for several years. As such, businesses which records indicate did not have appropriate service received an Administrative Citation, while residences received a Notice of Violation. In either case, the fix is simple: call South San Francisco Scavenger at (650) 589-4020 and add the service by March 10! Waivers are available for limited circumstances; visit <u>brisbaneca.org/waste-recycling</u> for more information and a waiver request form.

Scavenger has also started "lid flipping," checking bins at the curb to ensure that waste materials are being sorted correctly. If your bins contain improperly sorted materials, you will receive



a tag and your waste may not be picked up until it is corrected. This is also a requirement of state law. Please help the City achieve high levels of compliance and keep organics and recyclables from going to the landfill by sorting your trash properly. Check Scavenger's Sort Smart guide if you need help determining where something goes: ssfscavenger.com/sort-smart.



Brisbane Library Calendar – March 2023

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1 at 3:30pm - Mindful Yoga Storytelling

This fun, interactive movement class is for stretching into more confidence during new situations, embracing your unique self-expression, cooperating with others, and enjoying what it's like to relax. We'll connect through yoga poses, storytelling, music, and songs to take home skills in stress release, mindful attention, and compassionate communication. Come boost your joy, patience and healthy self-care with new friends! For students ages 7-11.

Monday, March 6 at 12:30pm - Intro to Watercolor Painting

In this workshop, we will be learning the basics of modern watercolor painting. We'll learn watercolor washes, color blending, various mark making techniques and more. In the process, we'll observe how water and paint move around, and most importantly have fun! For adults only. Register at smcl. org/events

Wednesday, March 8 at 3:30pm - Holi Festival of Color

Welcome the beginning of spring with Hindu Festival of Colors, Holi! Join us at the Brisbane Community Park for color throwing with gulal (powdered paint) and make a beautiful mess with your friends. You may want to bring towel or extra clothes. We'll also have some colorful craft activities at the library.

Wednesday, March 22 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 & SPCA's Paws for Tales program. Registration is required, and space is limited, so register early at smcl.org/events

Monday, March 27 at 3:30pm - Go With The Flow Virtual Author Visit

Join Karen Schneemann and Lily Williams for this special behindthe-scenes look at look at how they created their graphic novel Go With The Flow. A dive into friendship, periods, puberty, menstrual equity, and what it means to be an activist. This will be an interactive live stream at the library. Recommended for 5th grade and up.

Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30pm - Paint Like: Alma Thomas

Use your creativity to make a painting at our Paint Like Alma Thomas event. Christie from Christie's Creative Cupboard will provide the 8 x 10 canvas, acrylic paints, and brushes, you

bring the creativity. Christie will bring examples of the artist's work to inspire you as well as encourage and provide tips while you paint. Sign up for a relaxing artists' salon with other adults in your community. Seating is limited. For ages 18 and up only. Register 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, March 8 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.

POWER UP AFTERNOONS

Join us for Power Up Afternoons! We have fun drop-in experiences available for kindergarten through high school students every day after school. Take a study break to relax with free-form art or experience hands-on STEAM activities.

Starting March 7, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3:30pm – Science Action Club

Come to Science Action Club and join our Bug Safari for Power Up Afternoon! You'll learn all about the arthropods that live in your local community through local field expeditions and make contributions to nature research through community science projects. For students grades K-6.

Mondays from 3-5pm - Maker

Discover what you can make using our library maker tools. Sometimes techy, sometimes crafty, always fun!

Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm – Game On

Solve a lockbox Challenge, puzzles, board games and more.

Fridays from 3-5pm - What Will You Create?

Ease into the weekend with a fun, creative activity.

Peninsula Clean Energy Electric Appliance Rebates & Financing Support

Peninsula Clean Energy is providing homeowners in San Mateo County **interest-free** financing and **new rebates** to install electric water heaters and heating and A/C equipment.

Zero Percent Loan Program

This new program will provide interest-free financing of as much as \$10,000 per home for projects that include installation of electric heat pump equipment, including water heaters and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) units.

The loans will range from two to 10 years and be repaid on monthly electric bills. They do not require a credit check but do require the customer to have a zero past-due balance on their previous three PG&E billing statements. Find out if you're eligible & what upgrades qualify: pencleanenergy.co/zero1

New Rebates for HVAC Equipment

Residents can get a \$3,500 rebate for installing an electric heat pump HVAC system. If an electrical panel upgrade is required, they may get up to \$1,500 to assist with that cost.

They may also qualify for a BayREN rebate of \$1,000 (this requires that they work with a BayREN contractor).

Residents who participate in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) programs qualify for an added \$1,000 rebate. Get started at: pencleanenergy.co/hvac1

Expanded Rebate for Heat Pump Water Heaters

Heat pump water heater rebates are increased to \$3,000. If an electrical panel upgrade is required, they may get up to \$1,500 to assist with that cost.

They may also qualify for a BayREN rebate of \$1,000 (this requires that they work with a BayREN contractor).

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Holi Festival of Color, March 8th



Welcome the beginning of spring with Hindu Festival of Colors, Holi (pronounced "holy")! Join staff from the Brisbane Library, City, and IDEA Committee Members at the



Community Park at 3:30pm on Wednesday, March 8th for color throwing with gulal (powdered paint) and make a beautiful mess with your friends. You may want to bring towel or extra clothes. The Library will also have some colorful craft activities that day.



The City's **Meals for Seniors Lunch Program** takes place **Mondays** from **12-12:45pm** outside the Senior Sunrise Room (2 Visitacion 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** (3-7pm after Daylight Saving Time) in the Community Park (5 Old County Road, Brisbane).

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

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.

01, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, B

02, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting, B

08, Wednesday, 3:30pm

Holi Festival of Color, Community Park

08, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

09, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, B

15, Wednesday, 4:30pm

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

16, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting, B

22, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

23, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, B

31, Friday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of César Chávez Day

B = Broadcast live on Comcast 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.



Interested in being a sponsor for the Concerts in the Park series? Contact Jeff Franco at jfranco@brisbaneca.org



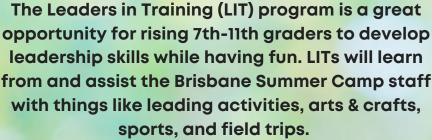


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