

# STAR



City of Brisbane Monthly Newsletter  
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## Brisbane Rattlers Take Home the Championship!



**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to the 8U Brisbane Rattlers for beating the previously undefeated SSF Angels on Saturday, May 20th in the Championship Game! They didn't have much time to rest before they gave it their all, winning the Championship 14-12. Thank you to Head Coach Rob Larson, Asst. Coaches Lawrence, Ky, Jomar, Fred, Riko, Rob, and Zack, and Team Moms Liz, Deb, and Dorrie for being such a positive support for these young athletes!

## Supervisor Canepa's Citizens of the Year



At the District 5 Resource Fair at Serramonte Mall on Saturday, May 3rd, Supervisor David Canepa recognized several Citizens of the Year, two of which were from Brisbane – Beth Grossman and Michele Salmon.

Beth was honored for being a dedicated community arts and environmental activist for 35 years, who collaborates with local governments, universities, and non-profits to raise awareness around the arts and its relationship and value to our environment. Michele was also honored for her environmental work as she has served on the board of directors for San Bruno Mountain Watch for over 15 years and on Brisbane's Open Space and Ecology Committee for 11 years. Congrats to you both!



# The City of Brisbane has its First-Ever AAPI Heritage Month Celebration

On May 20, 2023, the City held its first-ever Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration in the Park! It truly was a “watershed moment”, as remarked by Councilmember Cunningham. Billed as the first event of the new #WeAreBrisbane Series, the event was first brought to the City's IDEA Committee by residents who hoped for an event to take place in the town during AAPI Month (May). Judging from the food that was handed out from Asian-owned restaurants in town, 7 Mile House, Brisbane Lunch Truck, and Chef Reina, it's estimated about 100 people were in attendance.

Many went home with gift cards to local restaurants; we thank all our sponsors KTSF and SSF Scavenger and gift card and gift basket donors – 7 Mile House, Brisbane Lunch Truck, Chef Reina, Mama Mia Pizza, Pho de Nguyen, Round N Round Pot, and Tangle Creations, not to mention our talented artists and performers – Tai Chi Yuen, Shirley Lim, Yoshi Photo, Elian Fontanilla, 64 Movements, and Peejay Estay – for making this a fabulous first-time event in Brisbane!

Thank you also to the Brisbane Youth Advisory Committee for all their help day-of, along with city staff who were also out volunteering! If ever you want to contact the IDEA Committee, please send an email to [idea@brisbaneca.org](mailto:idea@brisbaneca.org).

See more photos from the day at [flickr.com/brisbanecalifornia](https://www.flickr.com/photos/brisbanecalifornia/)



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## Upcoming dates:

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November 16, December 21**

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# Budget Workshops Scheduled for June 15th and 29th

Each spring, it's customary for the City and City Council to begin considering budgetary needs for the next fiscal year, which runs from July 1st – June 30th. It's also a time for the Council to consider any requests, or indicate what they're seeing to be of great, community-wide need.

Looking out to San Bruno Mountain, with the poppies and wildflowers in bloom, it's almost hard to recollect that just 4 months ago, we were experiencing the worst mudslides down the Mountain in decades. There is still work today being done to clear sediment and debris from our storm inlets and mains, and more left to do before the rainy season starts again. So much so that the City is currently submitting claims to three various agencies, FEMA included, to recover the bulk of the cleanup costs (estimated to be about \$1.5M).



Interested in hearing more about what projects and programs the City's next budget will cover? Join the June 15th and June 29th City Council Meetings, either in-person at City Hall (50 Park Place, Brisbane), or remotely via Zoom at [brisbaneca.org/cc-zoom](https://brisbaneca.org/cc-zoom). Both meetings start at 7:30pm and will be livestreamed on the City's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/brisbaneca](https://youtube.com/brisbaneca) and broadcast on Comcast Ch. 27.

## Wildfire Awareness Event Recap

Thank you to everyone who came to this year's Wildfire Awareness Day event in the Park on May 6th. Do you know your zone? Check it today at [brisbaneca.org/emergency-services](https://brisbaneca.org/emergency-services). And if you're not yet signed up for emergency alerts from the County and the City, please register now at [smcalert.info](https://smcalert.info)!



## BDW Returns to the Stage After 4 Years!



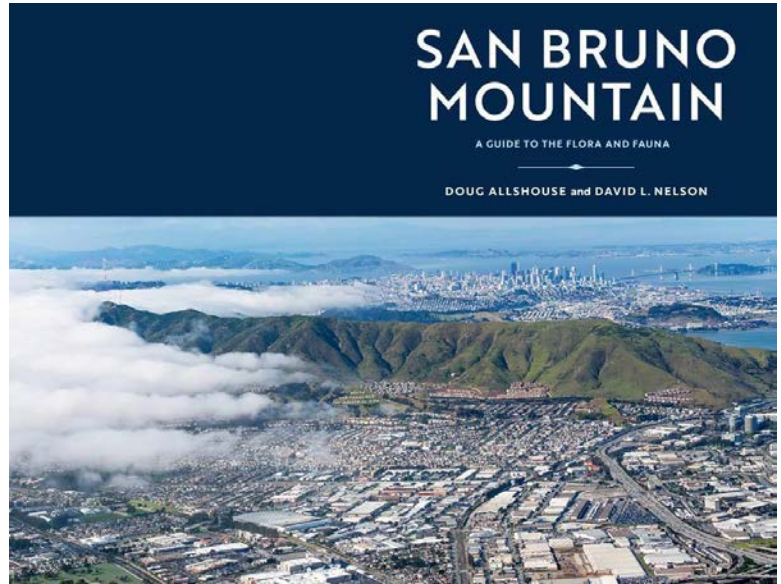
After a 4 year hiatus due to the pandemic, Brisbane Dance Workshop was back inside Mission Blue for their spring performances the weekend of May 20-21, 2023. Even though the shows themselves may be over, donations to BDW are always very much appreciated at: [brisbanedanceworkshop.org](http://brisbanedanceworkshop.org).

## Tech Help with Teens – Every Wednesday, 4-5pm



One of the items that's come out of the Age-Friendly focus groups is that Seniors could use more help when it comes to technology. Enter Brisbane's Youth Advisory Committee! Every Wednesday from 4-5pm at the Sunrise Room, you'll be able to come with your questions and receive hands-on support. Come and check it out!

## Get the Ultimate Guidebook for Hiking San Bruno Mountain



Detailing a total of 528 plant species (among them 316 natives), "San Bruno Mountain: A Guide to the Flora & Fauna" will have you becoming an expert on all you're seeing while out hiking on the Mountain. And it's small enough to take with you! You can find the book on the non-profit publisher site, HeydayBooks, at: [heydaybooks.com/catalog/san-bruno-mountain](http://heydaybooks.com/catalog/san-bruno-mountain), where the authors are donating all the royalties to San Bruno Mountain Watch.

*Walking Group to  
San Bruno Mountain*

LED BY VOLUNTEER, PAUL BOUSCAL

Intended for participants: Ages 55+  
Days/Times: Mondays, 9:00am-11:00am  
Dates: 4/17, 5/15, 6/12, 7/17, 8/21  
FREE! Meet us at City Hall. 415-508-2140.

We've got two hikes under belt so far, with 3 more to go! Participants will meet at City Hall and will be driven in the city van to the drop-off location. Participants are encouraged to dress in layers, bring water, and wear comfortable walking apparel, shoes, and a hat. A signed waiver is needed to participate. Note: Space is limited to 7 participants per trip! To sign up, please call the Parks and Rec Front Office at (415) 508-2140.

# What We're Missing When We Light Up the Night

By Glenn Fieldman, OSEC

Inexpensive LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) have lit up our skies as never before, perhaps due to the common belief that bright lighting makes neighborhoods safer. But experts say that it's not necessarily so – and that our LED habit is costing us in ways we may not be aware of. Seeing the star-spangled night sky was something that countless generations of our ancestors enjoyed as their birthright, but 80% of Americans can no longer enjoy it: artificial light pollution has rendered it invisible in most of the US. And the costs of light pollution don't end there.

The American Medical Association supports efforts to reduce light pollution, especially of the harsh bluish light that's emitted by many LEDs, because it affects human melatonin production, and insufficient melatonin interferes with our sleep. Sleep deprivation is serious! It increases the risk of accidents and suicide and numerous health problems, perhaps even including cancer. Excessive lighting at night is not the only causal factor, but it is certainly helping to make the US a sleep-deprived nation.

Other living things are also suffering from light pollution. Journalist Dana Milbank of the Washington Post was called out by his neighbors because of excessive outdoor light coming from his own house. Looking into the issue helped him realize why excessive night lighting is the target of criticism. He summarizes, "In the evolutionary blink of an eye, artificial light has altered migration, mating, foraging, pollination, and predation rhythms that developed over eons." Light at night may attract prey species, such as insects, and make them more vulnerable to predation, while migratory species of birds, butterflies, and turtles are likely to be disoriented by artificial light and go off course. If migrations are synched to the length of days, species may mistime their migrations because artificial light appears to make days longer than they actually are.

Light pollution is just one of the multiple threats to the insects, animals, and birds that populate our planet. Fortunately, though, it is one of the easiest to fix: by using only the quantity and brightness of light that we really need; by shading fixtures so that light doesn't shine upward or outward; by turning lights off or installing motion sensors so that they only shine when needed.

What about safety? Studies of the effects of lighting on crime are inconclusive, with some studies saying that lighting reduces crime; others, such as the Chicago Alley Survey, show little effect or even an increase. It is clear, though, that excessively bright, unshaded fixtures do more harm than good: they can blind drivers and, by casting dark shadows, they actually obscure hazards and provide hiding places.

The beauty of the night sky and the health and ecological benefits of darkness have inspired a number of cities to take steps to protect it – by passing ordinances or seeking certification as Dark Sky communities. An Open Space and Ecology Committee (OSEC) subcommittee is working with City Sustainability and Planning staff to develop a proposed ordinance customized to Brisbane's needs and looks forward to community input on a draft ordinance later this year.



Image: International Dark Sky Association

**DID YOU KNOW...** You can stay connected with us on Instagram and other social media outlets?



# Brisbane Library Calendar – June 2023



Summer Learning Challenge starts June 1st! Sign up on [summerlearners.org](https://summerlearners.org) or visit the library for a reading log.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Friday, June 2 at 3pm – Creative Chalk Art for Pride

Decorate the library patio with chalk to creatively celebrate Pride Month.

### Saturday, June 3 at 10:30am – 12:30pm – Self-Defense Basics

The Urban Combat Self-Defense Basics seminar is a 2-hour reality-based crash course in both the physical and psychological response to violence. The focus is on basic awareness skills, boundary setting strategies and instinctive combative. A key element of this training is teaching people how to function during a sudden and violent attack. For teens and adults. Register at [smcl.org](https://smcl.org)

### Sunday, June 4 at 2pm – The Will Roc Project

Join us for a musical performance by The Will Roc Project, a 6-piece band performing blues, jazz, soul, rock, and other genres which demonstrate African American music and its influence on modern American culture.

### Wednesday, June 7 at 2:30pm – Middle Scholars: Recycled Paper Making

Learn about the process of remaking recycled paper into new paper and the challenges engineers might face when designing recycled paper making facilities. For grades 6-8. This project is provided with guidance from the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability. Middle Scholars program is led by the Urban Council with the Institute of Museum and Library Services as a source of support.

### Saturday, June 10 at 2pm – Polynesian Dance: Tahuli E Kakala Tau'olunga

Our roots traces us to the beautiful South Pacific from the Kingdom of Tonga, located to the north of New Zealand and east of Fiji. The dances we are performing are the Tongan tau'olunga, solo and in group dance, the boys Fijian mako, a group mix of boys and girls sitting dance, the ma'ulu'ulu Samoan Siva from the Island of Samoa. Rarotongan dance from the Island of Rarotonga, Cook Island dance and of course a dance from the Island of Hawaii. Hope you will

enjoy a snippet of the different cultures from the beautiful South Pacific. Thank you, Malo 'aupito!

### Sunday, June 11 at 2pm – Pride Art Workshop with Ginger

Come draw and create pride buttons with artist Ginger (@Komunhorangi). Learn tips and tricks on shading, coloring and more! Create your own button or use a template. For Teens and Adults. Register at [smcl.org](https://smcl.org)

### Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - Thursday, June 15, 2023 – AARP Driver Safety Course For adults age 50+ only and attendees must go to both days.

This two-day course, presented by AARP, will cover topics such as defensive driving, ways to reduce crash risks, rules of the road, and the different kinds of driving challenges that come as we age. Upon completion of the course, attendees may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. You may call 1-833-937-7625 to register or go to [smcl.org](https://smcl.org) to sign up online.

### Wednesday June 14 at 2:30pm – Creative Pride

Creatively design your own sticker and button for Pride Month in the Makerspace. For youth and families.

### Wednesday June 21 at 3pm – Find Your Inner Painter

Join local artist Cassie Levy for this painting workshop where you will learn about color theory, texture, and perspective to create a work of art.

### Thursday, June 22 at 1pm – 2:30pm – Paper Mosaic Art

Paper mosaics are a great way to explore color and pattern and can be a fun project for teens and adults! They can be made into cards, wall art, or even used to decorate objects like picture frames or boxes. Come and join us for this creative and relaxing activity!

### Saturday, June 24 at 11am – Book Arts Roadshow

Make your own Origami Book in a Box! It's an expandable book made from folded origami pages that collapses down to fit in a little box ready for you to take home and fill with haiku, family recipes and stories, and more. Register at [smcl.org](https://smcl.org)

### Monday, June 26 at 3:30pm – Middle Scholars: Escape to the Library!

Wishing you could try an escape room this summer? Try to crack open the library lockbox challenge instead! Work together to solve scientific puzzles, explore our library, and unlock prizes. Capacity limits may apply.

### Wednesday, June 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 & SPCA's Paws for Tales program. Registration is required,

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and space is limited, so register early at [smcl.org/events](http://smcl.org/events)

### Friday, June 30 at 3pm – Bats at the Library

Become a bat expert and hang upside down at the library! Join us for a fun, educational program featuring varieties of rescued Northern California bats. You will learn about their habitats, physical features, diets, behavior and average lifespans and get to meet some too.

Keep an eye out for more fun events that we're planning to bring to Brisbane Library at [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)!

### RECURRING EVENTS

#### Mondays from 3-4:30pm – Maker Monday

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

#### Mondays at 6:30pm – 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. Space is limited. Register at [smcl.org/events](http://smcl.org/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.

#### Wednesdays at 6pm – 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.

### 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.

### 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm - Tech Troubleshooting with Digital Navigators

Digital Navigators is an online resource that connects you with experts to help you troubleshoot technology and to assist in locating low-cost internet prices. A Digital Navigator always responds to you within 24 hours. Staff will work with you one on one to demonstrate basic troubleshooting techniques, all the while showing off Digital Navigators! Register at [smcl.org/events](http://smcl.org/events)

### Fridays from 3pm – Fun Friday

Ease into the weekend with a fun, creative activity at the Art Table in the Makerspace.

Please note the Brisbane Library will be closed on Sunday, June 18 and Monday, June 19 in honor of Juneteenth Independence Day.

## Fall Soccer for Kids 4-13



Registration for AYSO fall soccer in Brisbane is now open and is filling up quickly! Brisbane AYSO had 199 players and 22 teams last season, and they hope to have a great turnout again this year.

AYSO soccer is a fun, exciting program whose main goal is to get kids on the field, provide them with good coaches, and teach them to play the game. No previous soccer experience is needed – the focus is on developing players and cultivating good sportsmanship at all ages.

Brisbane AYSO soccer welcomes participants from Brisbane and surrounding areas and offers generous scholarships for families in need. For more information, email [brisbaneayso@gmail.com](mailto:brisbaneayso@gmail.com) and register now at: [brisbanesoccer.org](http://brisbanesoccer.org)!

## Rita the Recycling Cart is a picky eater!

She likes boxes and bottles, but not when they're mixed together. Please put clean, dry boxes under her lighter colored lid, and empty bottles under the darker lid.



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# Revised Water Shortage Contingency Plan



The City of Brisbane/Guadalupe Valley Municipal District is in the process of developing a revised Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) to manage future droughts by implementing more proactive drought planning and be better prepared for future water shortage events. The revised WSCP will comply with Senate Bill (SB) 552 requiring small water suppliers to have an abridged water shortage contingency plan developed and adopted by its governing board no later than July 1, 2023.

The Council will consider adoption of the revised WSCP at the **June 15th, 2023 City Council Meeting**. A public hearing is scheduled to be held during this meeting. A copy of the City's draft WSCP will be made available for review on the City's website, [brisbaneca.org](http://brisbaneca.org), by June 2, 2023. Until then, if you have any questions, comments, or input, please contact the City of Brisbane Department of Public Works at (415) 508-2130.

## Clay Holstine Retiring at the End of 2023 as City Manager

In mid-May, Clay Holstine, after nearly 25 years as Brisbane's City Manager (the longest-serving one in the City's 62-years since incorporation, as well as the longest-serving City Manager in San Mateo County currently), announced that he would be retiring at the end of this year, in December.

"It has been my privilege to serve this community these last 25 years, and now, it is my goal to work with City staff and the Council over the next 7 months to lay the foundation for a smooth transition," said City Manager Holstine. Fun fact, Clay started in his role on his birthday, and was sung

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# Secret Garden Tour

Join us Saturday, June 10th from 10am-2pm to tour some of Brisbane's stunning gardens! Pre-registration required and space is limited. To learn more and sign-up visit [brisbaneca.org/GardenTour](http://brisbaneca.org/GardenTour)

Donations benefit the Brisbane Lions Club!  
\$20/Adult 18+  
\$10/Senior 55+

After last year's Garden Show, the Parks and Recreation Commission thought it would be a great idea to have a tour of people's gardens prior to the next show. And it's coming right up on June 10th! Sign up to see 10 of the most fabulous gardens in town. All donations go to the Brisbane Lions. Sign up at: [brisbaneca.org/gardentour](http://brisbaneca.org/gardentour)



"Happy Birthday" at the Council Meeting later that evening. A colorful start to an amazing career with the City of Stars.

The City is now commencing the search for an Executive Recruitment firm to assist in the selection of the City's next City Manager. It is anticipated there will be a near two-month overlap so that the new City Manager can get well-situated before Clay's retirement at the end of December.

Stay tuned...



# June 2023 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 **3-7pm** in the Community Park (5 Old County Road, Brisbane).

See [brisbaneca.org/calendar](https://brisbaneca.org/calendar) for more information on all the above and the following items.

**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.

## June is Pride Month

**01, Thursday, 7:30pm**  
City Council Meeting, B

**07, Wednesday, 6:30pm**  
Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, B

**08, Thursday, 7:30pm**  
Planning Commission Meeting, B

**14, Wednesday, 6:30pm**  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

**15, Thursday, 7:30pm**  
City Council Meeting, B

**19, Monday, All Day**  
City Hall Closed in Observance of Juneteenth 

**21, Wednesday, 6pm**  
Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accountability (IDEA) Committee Meeting

**22, Thursday, 7:30pm**  
Planning Commission Meeting, B

**26, Monday, 4:30pm**  
Special Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

**28, Wednesday, 6:30pm**  
Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

**29, Thursday, 7:30pm**  
Special City Council Meeting, B

B = Broadcast live on Comcast Ch. 27 and YouTube

**City Hall Walk-In Service Hours – 5 days/week:** M, T, Th: 9am – 4pm, W: 9am-7pm, F: 9am – 12pm. Please see all services that can be conducted remotely at [brisbaneca.org/online-services](https://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](mailto:ccheung@brisbaneca.org) or (415) 508-2157.



**CLUB REC**  
2023-2024  
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AND  
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**FUN & GAMES**

**FOOD & DRINKS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Silverspot Nursery School  
20th Anniversary Celebration

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH**

**12-5 PM**



Stay tuned for more information about  
our fundraiser event on our website  
[www.silverspotcoop.org](http://www.silverspotcoop.org)

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**NOMINATE  
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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR**



Do you know someone who has tirelessly given of their time for the betterment of the community? We want to hear about them! Please send your submissions for the 2023 Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year to Noreen Leek at [nleek@brisbaneca.org](mailto:nleek@brisbaneca.org) These special individuals will be announced at the 2023 Day in the Park event.