

# STAR



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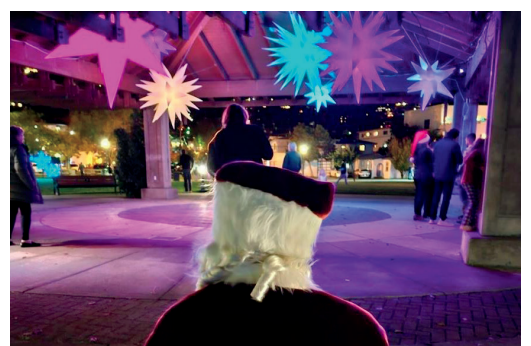
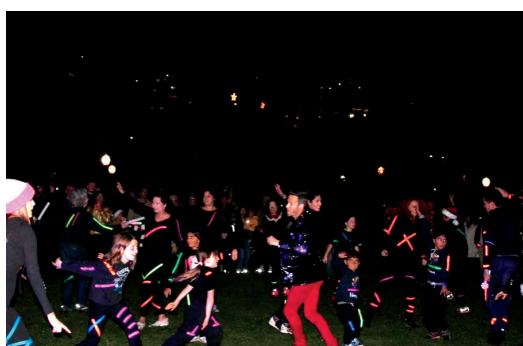
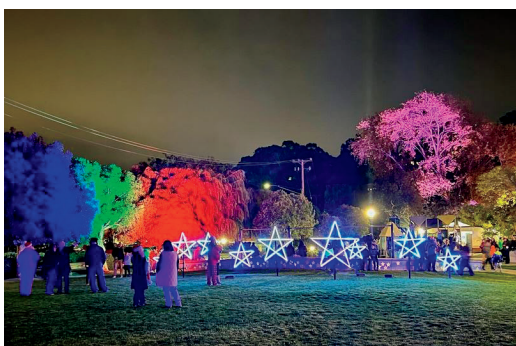
## 2023 Festival of Lights Recap



We hope you enjoyed the beautifully-lit Community Park and all the festivities on Sunday, December 3 (Festival of Lights is always the first Sunday in December)! This may have been the highest-attended Festival of Lights, ever. The night started with caroling down Visitacion, led by Kathy Wall, and ended at our holiday tree for the tree lighting ceremony. The Club Rec Kindergartners performed “Jingle Bells”. Parks and Recreation Commissioners Frank Kern and Natalie Ocampo emceed the evening. Mayor Davis bestowed the Volunteer of the Year Award upon Camille and Marc Salmon for all of their amazing work in the community, notably with Brisbane Dance Workshop and the Brisbane Lions, respectively. Santa joined the festivities by way of fire truck (complete with a Police motorcade)! The tree was lit and the community was welcome to enjoy the park, which was transformed into a winter wonderland by JoeJoe Martin, his wife Erin Becker, and the LumiGeek team. Santa photos were held in the inflatable igloo. There was a fun interactive fireplace photo booth and stars galore, not to mention a fabulous

flash mob led by Brisbane resident and professional Dance Instructor Valerie Cunningham Campbell (check out her studio, [thedanceloftsf.com](http://thedanceloftsf.com)). We can't wait until next year!

At the December 14, 2023 City Council Meeting, Marc, Camille and Sagar Rajan, 2023's Youth Volunteer of the Year, were formally recognized and celebrated for the pathways they've made and continue to make in the Brisbane community. **Congratulations!**





# Brisbane City Calendar – January 2024

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.

Brisbane's Youth Advisory Committee hosts Teen Tech Support for Seniors every Wednesday from 4-5pm in the Senior Sunrise Room.

The Brisbane Farmers' Market takes place on Thursdays from 2pm-6pm in the Community Park (5 Old County Road, Brisbane). California Green Business, The Daisy Refillery, will return on 1/25/24. Be sure to bring your empty containers and bottles!

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.

### 01, Monday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of New Year's Day

### 03, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting, B

### 10, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space & Ecology Committee Meeting, B

### 11, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting, B

### 15, Monday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

### 17, Wednesday, 6 p.m.

IDEA Committee Meeting

### 18, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting, B

### 24, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space & Ecology Committee Meeting, B

### 25, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission 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 online at [brisbaneca.org/online-services](https://brisbaneca.org/online-services).

Have an article suggestion for the STAR? If so, they need to be submitted by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue. Contact Asst. to the City Manager Caroline Cheung at [ccheung@brisbaneca.org](mailto:ccheung@brisbaneca.org) or (415) 508-2157 for any inquiries, as well as for any feedback on the STAR.

## Adopt-a-Storm-Drain Program

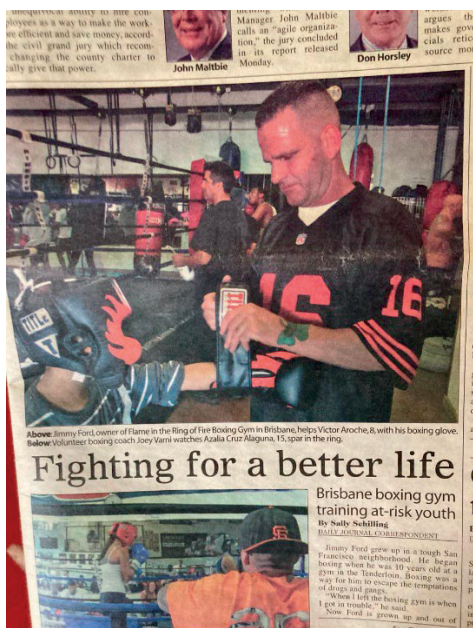


The Adopt-a-Storm-Drain program is going strong, where residents who have "adopted" the storm drain(s) nearest their property are receiving a free landscape rake as a thank you for keeping their newly-adopted storm drains clear of fallen leaves and debris. See if your nearest drains are available at [brisbaneca.org/adoptadrain](https://brisbaneca.org/adoptadrain).



# "Let's Get the Kids off the Street and into the Gym"...FIRE IN THE RING BOXING GYM - Giving Kids a Fighting Chance, One Round at a Time

Fire in the Ring (FITR) is a Brisbane-based boxing gym located at 180 Industrial Way, Brisbane, 94005 founded by Jimmy D. Ford who started boxing at age 10 at a gym in the Tenderloin to keep himself out of trouble. The mission of the gym is *"Making Kids Better, One Round at a Time, So They have Better Opportunities for their Future."* They could use your support to keep doing what they're doing, like allowing kids 6-17 the ability to box for FREE. If residents are interested in joining the gym, please drop in at the gym to sign up. You can do so M-F, 4-6pm or by appointment. More information is available online at [www.fireinthering.org](http://www.fireinthering.org) or by calling (415) 347-9955. Thank you for supporting FITR! Note: **all donations are tax-deductible!** (flip for Donation Form and Tax ID #).





**SAN FRANCISCO / BRISBANE**  
**FIRE IN THE RING INC.**  
 180 INDUSTRIAL WAY BRISBANE CA 94005

**DONATION FORM**

*Please print this form and complete the information below to ensure proper preparation of your tax receipt (please print clearly). Please make a copy for your records.*

Date:

Donor Name:

Organization Name (if applicable)

Address

Suite / Apt No

City

State

ZIP

Email (optional)

Phone (optional)

Mobile phone (optional)

I am a Fire In the Ring (check all that apply):  Member  Volunteer  Parent

**CONTRIBUTION**

I would like to make a contribution to Fire In the Ring Boxing in the amount of:

\$20  \$40  \$80  \$100  \$200  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Select payment option:**

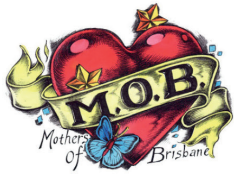
I have enclosed a **check** payable to Fire In the Ring Boxing, Inc.

I would like Fire In the Ring Boxing to charge my **credit card**:

<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	Card number:	Exp Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover		
Cardholder's name and address (if different from above):		
Signature:		

I have made a contribution in the form of a **gift**.

Thank you for your contribution. Please mail completed form to our main office at 180 Industrial Way, Brisbane, CA 94005. If you have any questions, please email us at [FireInTheRingBoxingInc@gmail.com](mailto:FireInTheRingBoxingInc@gmail.com).



# PLAY GYM

BABY, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOLER PLAY GROUP

**AGES:**  
**0-5**  
Infants under 6m free!

## ADMISSION

Costs are per child

**Season Pass: \$33**  
(8 sessions total)

**Drop Ins: \$6**

**\*\*Siblings get 50% off\*\***

Saturdays 9:30 am - 11 am

Winter/Spring 2024 Dates: Jan 20th | Feb 3rd  
March 9th & 23rd | April 13th & 20th | May 4th & 11th

Brisbane Community Center  
250 Visitacion Ave.



For more details contact:  
MobBoardComms@gmail.com

Sign up online @ [www.brisbaneca.org/playgyminfo](http://www.brisbaneca.org/playgyminfo)



Save the date for the 2024

# MoB Shop

Fri Jan 26th, 2024: 12pm - 5pm  
&  
Sat Jan 27th, 2024: 10am - 3pm

Save your gently used women's, men's, maternity, kids' and baby clothes, shoes and toys plus your baby gear to donate at the MoB Shop!

All donations go to the Mothers of Brisbane and local charities.

**Location: Mission Blue Community Center**  
475 Mission Blue Dr. Brisbane, CA 94005

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## 2024 ONE DAY HOMELESS COUNT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH  
5AM TO 10AM

Volunteer for the County's biennial Observational Homeless Count!

The data collected plays an important part in grant funding & local programming to support people experiencing homelessness!



Register now!



QUESTIONS? REACH US AT

[HSA\\_ONEDAYCOUNT@SMCGOV.ORG](mailto:HSA_ONEDAYCOUNT@SMCGOV.ORG)



# Brisbane Library Calendar – January 2024

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Tuesday, January 9, 5 - 7 p.m. – Introduction To Adobe Acrobat Pro DC**

Learn how to use Acrobat Pro DC to create and modify professional-quality PDF documents. You will also get familiar with the Acrobat Pro DC interface, tools, menus, and preferences. Open to any skill level. Registration required at [brisbaneca.org/smcl](https://brisbaneca.org/smcl)

### **Wednesday, January 10 at 3:30 p.m. – Decorate Your Own Mason Jar**

Decorate a mason jar with a fall or winter theme. Take it home and use it to store small cookies or as a votive candle holder.

### **Thursday, January 11 from 6 – 7:15 p.m. – In-Person English Conversation Club**

Improve your English and make new friends at the first English Conversation Club at Brisbane Library! Practice your speaking skills with fluent speakers and other English language learners in a small group. Open to all skill levels. For adults ages 18 and over. Every Thursday. Capacity limits may apply.

### **Friday, January 12 at 3:30 p.m. – Yarn Art**

Explore a way to create mesmerizing artwork out of yarn and sticky paper.

### **Wednesday, January 17 at 2:30 p.m. – Tiny Journal for the New Year**

Do you enjoy doodling, sketching, or BuJo-ing? Create your own tiny journal for the New Year. Add as many pages as you like and decorate its cover.

### **Tuesday, January 23 at 3:30 p.m. – Paws For Tales**

Do you have a reluctant reader? Sign your child up to have their own session to practice reading with a therapy dog at the library? Registration required at [brisbaneca.org/smcl](https://brisbaneca.org/smcl)

### **Wednesday, January 24 at 2:30 p.m. – Paint on Canvas, Listen to Ambient Music**

Paint anything that comes to mind while listening to relaxing ambient music playlist from Hoopla or the Calm app.

### **Friday, January 26 at 3:30 p.m. – Mandala Sand Art**

Create a masterpiece mandala out of colorful sand. Students may follow the mandala patterns available or design their own mandala.

### **Wednesday, January 31 at 2:30 p.m. – DIY Toy Pokémon Parachute 2.0**

A previously 3-D printed Pokémon parachuter will be provided. Keep an eye out for more fun events that we're planning to bring to Brisbane Library at [smcl.org](https://smcl.org)!

## RECURRING EVENTS

### **Mondays from 12:00pm-1:00pm & Thursdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm – Tech Tutors**

Tech Tutors is a service to help troubleshoot your technology issues through a personal one on one appointment. Participants will sit down with a staff member who will walk you through a resolution. To book your one-hour appointment, please visit: [smcl.libcal.com/appointments/techtutors](https://smcl.libcal.com/appointments/techtutors)

### **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 [brisbaneca.org/smcl](https://brisbaneca.org/smcl)

### **Tuesdays at 11:30am – Family Storytime & Little Explorers**

Come along on an imaginary adventure for Family Storytime. Hear stories, sing songs, and learn wiggles that the whole family can enjoy together, from toddlers to grown-ups. At Stay and Play, Little Explorers create, play and learn together with their grown-ups. Please note that we won't have storytime on December 26.

### **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.

### **Thursdays at 2:30pm - Drop-In Sewing**

Complete your sewing project at the library! We have sewing machines and materials ready and available for you to use. Please bring your own fabric. This program is for adults and teens who are familiar with using sewing machines. Minimal instructions will be given.

### Thursdays, starting January 11 at 6 p.m. – In-Person English Conversation Club

**NEW!** Improve your English and make new friends! Practice your speaking skills with fluent speakers and other English language learners in a small group. Open to all skill levels. For adults ages 18 and over. Capacity limits may apply.

### POWER UP AFTERNOONS

Join us for Power Up Afternoons!

Take a study break to relax with free-form art or experience hands-on STEAM activities.

### Mondays at 3:30pm – Maker Monday

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

**January 8: Coding with Scratch Game 1: learn to create your own video game, part 1 of 3**

**January 22: Coding with Scratch Game 2: part 2 of 3**

**January 29: Coding with Scratch Game 3: part 3 of 3**

### Tuesdays at 3:30pm – Maker Exploration

During this two-hour block, come and explore the equipment in the makerspace!

### Thursdays at 3:30pm - Lego Club

Join us every Thursday for LEGOs and creativity!

**The Brisbane Library will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day as well as Sunday, January 14 and Monday, January 15, 2024 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

## Update on Brisbane's New Business License Processor

As mentioned in the October STAR, the City has partnered with HdL to administer the business license program in time for the 2024 renewal season. The City's previous partner, Avenu, stopped handling business licenses on December 14, 2023. More information about new applications, renewals, and access to HdL's business license online portal are available on the City's website at [brisbaneca.org/business-license](https://brisbaneca.org/business-license). 2024 Renewal letters from HdL are scheduled to be delivered (by email and USPS) in early January for the January 31, 2024 deadline. During the transition, businesses can reach out to the Finance Department at 415-508-2150 or through the Contact Us section on the City's website, [brisbaneca.org/contact](https://brisbaneca.org/contact), for all business license-related inquiries or concerns.



## Emergency Storm Drain Cleaning Project Completed



In early January, the City contractor finished up their work on the Emergency Storm Drain Cleaning project, which commenced in the Fall. This work took place in the lower parts of the City's storm drain system, with them working on the parts of the line that were impacted by the sediment debris flow from last year's winter storms. The contractor removed a total of approximately 1,550 tons of debris and sediment! We thank our Public Works Utilities Team for getting this project done ahead of this year's heavy rainy season.

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## Issues with Fire Insurance?



Make sure your home is safeguarded from wildfires. Visit <https://uphelp.org> for resources to help protect your home.

Visit [www.northcountyfire.org](http://www.northcountyfire.org) for more information in safety.



## FIRE SAFETY: Tips & Tricks



### YOU'RE the BEST Prevention Against Fire

2 out of every 3 American Households **DO NOT** have a Plan to Escape a Home Fire

Roughly 2 out of every 3 fire deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms.

The leading cause of kitchen fires is **UNATTENDED COOKING**. Stay in the kitchen while frying, broiling, or grilling.



8%

Americans first reaction to hearing a smoke alarm is to get out.

50%

Of home heating fires are reported in December, January and February

1/3

Candle fires start in the bedroom.