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ARTIST EVENING OF SHARING

FEBRUARY 2, 2013, 7:30 PM, MISSION BLUE CENTER

The 12th Annual Artist Evening of Sharing with Brisbane Artists is calling for entries! Next year's event will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Artists of all disciplines will have an opportunity to share their talents with the Brisbane Community during an evening of inspiration and enchantment. Artists are invited to present a short slide show, video or performance of music, dance, theatre or spoken word.

To apply, please send your name, street address, home phone and cell number, email address, a short description of your presentation, all technical requests, and a bio of 150 words or less, to Beth Grossman at beth@bethgrossman.com.

The deadline to enter is January 7 , 2013. Artists will be accepted in order of receipt of completed email applications, with preference given to new presenters.



LIVE AT MISSION BLUE TICKETS ON SALE



Eric Zivian

Tickets are available online at www.LiveAtMissionBlue.com or in the City Manager's Office at City Hall for the upcoming chamber concert season. For their 9th season, the Friends of the Brisbane Library are pleased to offer three concerts featuring some familiar faces. The offerings this year are:

Eric Zivian, Piano, January 19, 2013
Tanya Tomkins, Bach Cello Suites
Suite 1, 4 & 5, Saturday, February 23, 2013
Suites 2, 3 & 6, Saturday, March 2, 2013
Les Grâces - April 6 2013
Ticket Prices are $20 for Adults and $15 for Students and Seniors, Series Tickets run $60 and $40 respectively.



Bruce Lamont
Live at Mission Blue
Lecturer and
Program Advisor



Tanya Tomkins



Les Grâces

SAMTRANS PREPARING FINAL DRAFT OF SSP

The SamTrans Service Plan (SSP) public comment period has closed and now moves into the process of incorporating the comments received into the final plan recommendation. The City has met with SamTrans staff recently and learned that Route 292 received the most comments and concerns, thanks to the numerous concerned community members and riders who attended the public meetings. SamTrans staff hopes to have their final plan draft released in January 2013 for public comment, and to conduct their public hearing at their February board meeting. Should this happen, the final plan could be brought to the SamTrans Board of Directors for consideration at their March meeting, with an anticipated implementation during the summer. The City Council and staff continue to work with SamTrans staff to provide information related to promoting the preservation of all routes servicing Brisbane, such as Route 292, 121 and 24. We will continue to provide information on upcoming SamTrans meetings on the City website and encourage concerned citizens to participate in these hearings to help promote public transit options for our community.



Also, SamTrans Route 24 will begin their service extension to and from Westmoor High School effective January 13, 2013. The new schedule and service map is available at http://www.samtrans.com/schedulesandmaps/timetables/24.html. Information on all SamTrans service adjustments and changes can be found at www.samtrans.com/riderinformation/newsletterandnotices/ridersdigest.

And… if you are planning on partying on the peninsula on December 31, 2012, SamTrans is offering complimentary rides for New Year's Eve from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am. So, enjoy yourselves safely with a designated driver!

BAYLANDS EIR UPDATE

Publication of the Baylands Draft EIR is expected in February 2013. The community and all interested parties will have 120 days from its publication date to review the document and provide comments . The City Council is committed to facilitating the community's review of this important document and to maximizing the community's opportunities to provide comments. The City Council has designated the Planning Commission to host a series of public education sessions for the information contained in the Draft EIR to be presented to the community. A subsequent series of meetings to accept public comment on the Draft EIR will also be held. All meeting dates are contingent upon the EIR publication date, which is not yet determined. Advance notice of all public meetings will be provided weeks before the Draft EIR is published.



As a refresher, the sessions held earlier this year on how to review an EIR are available for review on the city's website at http://www.ci.brisbane.ca.us/departments/building-and-planning/baylands/eir-training. Also watch for rebroadcast of these sessions on Channel 27 during January 2013.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Baylands EIR review process!

PLAYGROUND RIBBON-CUTTING

Saturday morning, December 15, 2012, will be remembered as a very happy day in Brisbane... as it marks the day when Brisbane finally got its new playground! A project that has been in the works for the past 5 years, and picked up remarkable steam in 2012 thanks to the involvement of the Mothers of Brisbane with staff, along with the Playground Design Subcommittee of Commissioners Marmion and Bologoff, and of course, the Brisbane City Council, who ultimately approved the project at their meeting of May 7, 2012.

For a playground which consisted of two phases - the expansion of the existing playbox and the build-out of a portion of the grassy area for the new, 3-bay swing set, funding was a major component in moving things forward. The total project cost ended up being approximately $229,000. Sixty-nine percent of that ($158,000) was covered by the Seton Medical Center Foundation, thanks to The Kennedy Trust, a fund which Frank and Mae Walch assumed custody over when Frank was on the Seton Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors. Frank and Mae Walch were former Brisbane residents, and therefore ensured that what came to be known as the Brisbane Community Fund restricted account was only used on items that promoted health-related programs for the citizens of Brisbane. A proposal to use the remaining funds on a new community playground was approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The next largest funding "bucket" is the result of the efforts of Mothers of Brisbane 2012 Fundraising Chair, Jennifer Bousquet and Founding Member, Jessica Aloft. Together they made presentations to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, wrote letters to Brisbane businesses, and tirelessly reached out to community members about buying a gold donor star. The amount raised through their efforts reached a total of $33,400.

The remaining State Recycling Grant monies that the City had ($23,156.56), was also allocated to the playground. This was done after verifying with the manufacturer that the plastic parts of the playground were made from recycled plastic, which qualified the usage of these funds.

Finally, the City also allocated its Dedicated Park In-Lieu Fees account, totaling $25,899.63, to the playground. Only $14,443.44 needed to be used from that account to cover the remaining cost of the playground project, so approximately $11,000 remain for application towards the next project that takes place in town… And we can't wait to get started! But in the meantime, enjoy the photos from last Saturday's Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony; the smiles on those little faces indicate that this playground was one that was worth waiting for!



Group shot of the Mothers of Brisbane. All were pleased to have the playground finally open for the kids.



A surprise Volunteer of the Year ceremony occurred at the ribbon cutting! Jessica Aloft, longtime volunteer in the Community, was recognized as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year for her creation of the "Tiny Tots" play gym program and the "Music with Andrew" program for young children. She saw the need to create a support system for new moms in town, which led to the founding of the Mothers of Brisbane, and of course, to helping guide the playground project through all the various steps of the public process.

LIBRARY JANUARY CALENDAR

Brisbane Library

Like us on Facebook to follow the most current library program information and to get great reading recommendations.

Tentative

Baby sign language classes may begin in the New Year. Call or email the branch to sign up!

REOCCURING PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime - Monday, 1:00 pm

Toddler Storytime - Wednesday, 12:30 pm

Baby Bounce - Thursday, 1:15 pm
Attend our program for children newborn up to 18 months old and receive a new parent kit valued at $75. While supplies last.

Knitting - Thursdays: January 10 and Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm

Lawyers in the Library - New day/time beginning Januaey 19, Every Third Saturday of the Month 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. January's attorney area of expertise: elder abuse.

CalFresh Clinic: every third Saturday 12:30-3:30. Jan 19 The CalFresh program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can augment your food budget and help you put healthy, nutritious food on the table. A representative will be in the branch once a month to enroll qualified individuals.

Paws for Tales - On location at the Brisbane Elementary School, alternating Tuesdays.

Holiday Closures
January 1, January 21

* All programs, classes, and events at the library are free.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Occasionally meetings are canceled or changed. Call 508-2113 to verify.

1 City Hall Closed for Holiday Celebration

9 BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitacion & San Bruno

10 Thursday, 7:30 pm
Planning Commission, City Hall

14 Monday, 7:30 pm
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

14 RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING
2nd Monday of Every Month

21 Monday, City Hall Closed in Observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No City Council Meeting

23 BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitacion & San Bruno

23 Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Parks and Recreation Commission, City Hall T

24 Thursday, 7:30 pm
Planning Commission, City Hall T

26 BUSINESS STREET SWEEPING
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month - Visitacion & San Bruno

30 Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Open Space and Ecology Committee, City Hall T

T - Meeting televised on Channel 27

City Hall - Hours of Operation
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 - 5:00
Wednesday 8:00 - 8:00, Friday 8:00 - 1:00

For questions or comments about CITY NEWS please call the City Manager's Office at 508-2110.

