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Dan Ryan to Open Photography Show

Opening Show, Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

The photography work in my show began as something I did in my free time when I lived and worked in Tokyo, Japan in the late '80s. Though I have lived in Brisbane for over 20 years, my love of Japan's people and culture has never faded, and my particular interest and concern for the homeless and destitute in Tokyo's underclass has grown. These pictures are excerpts from a project I began in 2012 called "Tokyo Panic Stories", a forthcoming book of 'literary-photojournalism' containing photographs, straightforward reporting, fictional narrative, and poetry.

Dan Ryan



Coming May 10
Saturday Farmers' Market!

In an effort to better serve the residents that aren't able to make the Thursday afternoon Farmers' Market, West Coast Farmers Market Association will be opening a second market in Brisbane, starting on Saturday, May 10th, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The market will be located on Park Lane, in-between the post office and the skatepark/basketball courts and will take place every Saturday. Come and check out the new market on the closed block of Park Lane.

Nancy Carpenter Retiring

Since 1997, Nancy Carpenter has been the face of the Brisbane Parks and Recreation Department. As of May 23, Nancy will end her 17 year career with the city. Nancy began as a receptionist and a floater in 1997, filling in for staff members if they went on vacation or were absent. Eventually, she became full time with the Recreation Department in 1999 working in the old Parks and Recreation Office at the Brisbane Elementary School. She eventually moved over to City Hall to work more closely with Jim Skeels, the Parks and Recreation Director at that time. Jim recalls his time with Nancy with great fondness and admiration. "From day one I realized that Nancy was the hub of the Recreation Department. Almost everything ran through her. She is a dedicated professional, believes in what she does, willing to look at new & improved ways to provide services, puts in the quality time necessary to provide excellent results and does all this in her amenable style working with other staff and, of course, the public."



Nancy played a huge role in the department's growth and development of classes and programs and also with the online registration system. Russ Carmick, who was here when Nancy began in the Parks and Recreation Office, says he will miss her sense of humor and her strong work ethic. Steve Beaty has also worked with Nancy a number of years. He says of Nancy's retirement, that the "entire Recreation Department will greatly miss Nancy. She has always been the glue that held all our different programs and operations together. Nancy has always gone above and beyond to help everyone, from brides planning weddings at Mission Blue, to parents signing up their children for their first pre-school experience, and most of all to helping and supporting the staff of the Brisbane Recreation Department." When asked what she would miss most, Nancy replied she would miss her interaction with the community. That is our Nancy. Loyal and true blue to the community she served so well for so long. Our many thanks to you Nancy! Have a great Retirement!

Weed Abatement - Fire Concern

May 1st Deadline for Property Compliance

You recently received a letter from North County Fire Authority asking you to trim down any excessive weeds located on your property. This has been a very low rain year. As the fire season approaches, the Fire Department wants to ensure that Brisbane residents are doing all they can to prevent a fire from having any more fuel than what's already afforded by grasses found on the Mountain.

Please make sure your property is in compliance by the deadline outlined in the letter: **May 1st, 2014**, as this will be the week the **Fire Department will begin inspecting all properties for compliance.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Clyde Preston, Safety Inspector, Fire Prevention Services Bureau 650-991-5741. Helpful information can be found at **http://northcountyfire.org** and look under Public Education/ Community Outreach for Vegetation Management. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and assisting in creating a safer environment for all. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this vastly important effort!

Friends of the Library

City Wide Garage Sale

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014 – 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

The Friends of the Brisbane Library invite you to join the City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, July 26th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. As an incentive to encourage early sign ups, anyone who registers before July 11th will only pay $25!

If you register by July 18th, your household will be listed in the Official Yard Sale Directory, which will include a map of the city and the address of each registered seller. Registrations will still be accepted after this date, but your address will not be in the directory. The Friends of the Library will send out advertisements in local newspapers, as well as on Craigslist. On the day of the sale, volunteers will be posted at the intersection of Visitacion Avenue and San Bruno Street distributing the directory.

Your registration fee will benefit the Friends of the Brisbane Library and many programs it sponsors throughout the year. After you register, you will receive a Registration Packet, which includes a welcome letter, useful tips, suggestions on how to have a successful yard sale, and balloons with an official sponsor of the Brisbane Library sign to post at your sale. If you live on a street with limited access, have a shortage of parking, or are a resident at the Ridge we have a limited number of reserved spaces in town you may reserve for $10. If you reserve a space, please check the box below.

It's a fun day for the entire community! Great bargains, greeting neighbors, cleaning out clutter and making a little extra money in the process. What more could you ask for? Another special treat, the Brisbane Lions Club will again have a BBQ in the community park. This year a Lions Club delivery vehicle will stop by all registered yard sale sites with a variety of menu items for purchase.

TO REGISTER:

1. Complete the attached registration form. 2. Pay your registration fee. (Cash or Check)

WRITE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FRIENDS OF THE BRISBANE LIBRARY

3. Mail/Drop off at the Brisbane Library (250 Visitacion Avenue) 4. Or register and pay online at www.fobl.info

FRIENDS OF THE BRISBANE LIBRARY 2014 CITY-WIDE YARD SALE REGISTRATION

DIRECTORY INFORMATION: ONLY YOUR ADDRESS WILL APPEAR IN THE DIRECTORY.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Registration Fee: **BEFORE July 11** _____ $25 Early Registration **AFTER July 12** _____ $30 Registration

[ ] Yes, I'd like to reserve a space on San Francisco Avenue. Enclosed is my additional $10 for the space.

[ ] Yes, I'd like to become a supporter of the Friends of the Brisbane Library. I have included an extra $20.00 for an annual family membership to help sustain quality Library programs and events in Brisbane.

Please return this form to: Friends of the Brisbane Library, 250 Visitacion Avenue, Brisbane, CA 94005

Visit us at www.fobl.info or email us at friendsofthebrisbanelibrary@gmail.com with any questions!

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Quarry Road Clean-Up Day

Save the Date: Saturday June 21st, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come join the Open Space and Ecology Committee and the Park and Recreation Commission of the City of Brisbane, along with San Bruno Mountain Watch to help clean-up Quarry Road. This area is an ecological preserve that serves as important habitat to endangered species. Debris and litter have been collecting on this road, and it deserves a clean sweep. Meeting places and directions are on the map below.

Free lunch and a t-shirt will be provided. Please RSVP: nmunoz@ci.brisbane.ca.us or (415) 508-2118.

Please bring: gloves, long pants, long sleeved shirt, good walking shoes, sunscreen and water.

Directions:

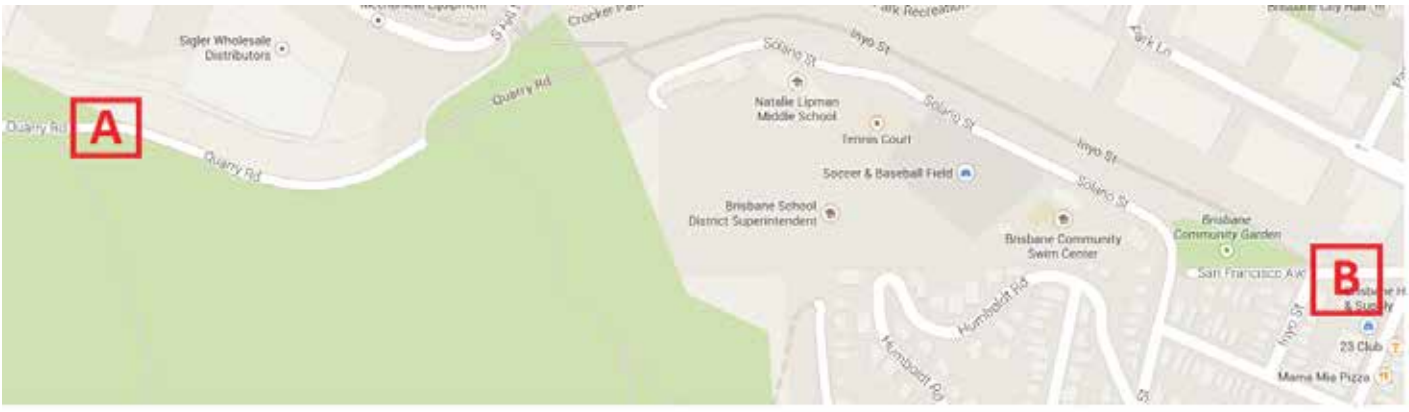
From City Hall to point A: Heading northwest on Bayshore Boulevard, turn left onto Valley Drive. Turn left onto South Hill Drive. Park in the Expeditors' parking lot on the right. Walk up the gated ramp onto Quarry Road.

Alternative Route to point A: Heading northwest on Bayshore Boulevard, turn left onto Old County Road. Continue onto Visitacion Avenue. Turn right onto Mariposa Street. Turn right onto Solano Street. Park in the school parking lot. Walk toward the back of the school and then down the path on the right onto Quarry Road. Turn left on Quarry Road.

From City Hall to point B: Park in City Hall's parking lot is located at 50 Park Place, Brisbane, 94005. Proceed to walk, exiting the parking lot and turn right onto Park Place. Turn left onto Park Lane. Turn right onto Old County Road. Turn right onto San Francisco Avenue. Meet at intersection of San Francisco Ave and Inyo Street.







IS PARKING A PROBLEM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

You don't have to spend a whole lot of time in Brisbane to realize that parking in the residential areas is limited. Understandably, citizens take a very personal interest in the vehicles they see parked in their neighborhood and how they are parked. As a result, the Brisbane Police Department responds to numerous complaints about "abandoned" and "illegally" parked vehicles every day. Often these complaints end up being a matter of personal preference rather than a matter of law where the police can take legal action. In those cases where the law does not apply, we are more than happy to attempt to mediate the problem between the parties involved.

THE FACTS

To help you determine if your parking issue is one where legal action should be taken or if mediation would be a solution, we have put together the following facts to take into consideration:

Parking in front of your residence:

Unfortunately, we have no legal or inherent right to the parking spaces in front of our homes. Parking on city streets is available to anyone, whether or not they reside on your street or not.

People Who Own Several Vehicles:

We realize that there are a great deal of residents that own numerous vehicles without adequate off street parking, or have chosen to use their garages or driveways for other purposes. Although this fact is unfortunate and inconsiderate to others in the neighborhood, we have no legal authority to remove these vehicles if legally parked on a city street and driven on a regular basis.

Vehicles Stored On The Street:

There are two municipal codes that govern vehicles parked or stored on the street. One allows for vehicles to be towed as abandoned after being marked as such for 72 hours. The other allows for a vehicle to be cited if it can be determined that the vehicle has been stored on the street for more than 5 consecutive days.

We receive numerous calls each day for "abandoned" vehicles when someone spots a vehicle that they don't recognize. We find that often times these vehicles are being parked there temporarily due to construction or road work in another neighborhood, or simply because parking was unavailable on an adjacent street. In either case we make concerted efforts to locate the owner by way of a neighborhood check or by phone before taking enforcement action.

REMEDIES

Community Mediation

The Brisbane Police Department offers conflict resolution and mediation through the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC). Go on the Web to: **www.pcrcweb.org** for more information about using PCRC.

Parking Permit Program

The city offers a Residential Parking Permit Program for those citizens that want to regulate parking in their neighborhoods. This program is initiated by the citizens in the neighborhood in which the permit program is to be put into place. Go to the Web at: **http://library.municode.com/HTML/16223/level2/TIT10VETR_CH10.26REPAPEPR.html#TOPTITLE** for more information on how to pursue a Residential Parking Permit Program in your neighborhood.

Police Intervention

The police department will respond to any and all calls for service. If you see a vehicle that you believe to be illegally parked please call us. Please leave your name and phone number with the dispatcher. This allows us to contact you with any questions or to advise you of what we were able to do to resolve the problem. We receive a lot of "anonymous" calls. Without your name and phone number, we are unable to resolve the issue if it turns out to be one that requires mediation or enforcement action.

CONCLUSION

Parking issues can quickly turn great neighbors and neighborhoods into a war zone of Hatfield and McCoys. Please be considerate of one another when parking your vehicles. Consider getting to know your neighbors and speaking with them when a problem arises. We are surprised how many times we respond to a problem and find out that the people involved have never talked despite the fact that they live right across the street from each other.

Whatever the case, we are here to help. If you do call us regarding a problem, you can be assured that we will do everything that we can to resolve it. With the parking the way it is in town, we ask for your patience in dealing with these issues.

New Speed Limits in Crocker and Industrial Park

As required by law to establish speed limits on certain streets, City staff recently oversaw completion of an Engineering and Traffic Study for speed limits. Included were all city streets that do not fall under the "Prima Facie" section of the California Vehicle Code for speed limits. Prima facie speeds are 25 miles per hour (mph) for streets in residential and business districts, as defined by the vehicle code.

With the study completed earlier this year, speed limits will change at the following locations:



Effective with the installation of new signage

- Park Lane and Park Place will change from 25 to 30mph
- South Hill Drive from Quarry Road to West Hill Place will change from 30 to 25 mph and
- Valley Drive from North Hill Drive to West Hill Place will change from 35 to 40 mph.

Concerts in the Park 2014



Our annual summer concert series lineup is taking shape. This year's concerts will be every Friday in August, 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm in the Community Park.



AUGUST 1, "FOREVERLAND"
An electrifying 14 piece tribute to Michael Jackson

AUGUST 8, "POP FICTION"
Northern California's premier party band

AUGUST 15, "THE HOUSE ROCKERS"
A 10 piece rock & soul band.

AUGUST 22, Brisbane Locals Night with "JERRY KUHEL & THE SIDE EFFECTS" and "JEFF COTTON'S GIN JOINT"

AUGUST 29, "CARAVANSERAI"
The Santana Tribute

The summer concerts are supported by tax deductible donations from community members just like you. If you would like to make a donation or need more information, please contact Recreation Supervisor Steve Beaty at 508-2144.

Library Calendar

Special Events

Saturday, May 3, All Day - Free Comic Book Day!
WHAM! Splat! KaPOW! Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the Library! We'll have FREE comics for children & teens to enjoy. Drop in during our regular hours & pick up your free comic from a selection of comics. Don't like the freebies? Check out a book from our graphic novel selection. This event is made possible by Coastside Comics, while supplies last.

May 5-May 10 Ditch Your Device Week
Take a break from our plugged in world and connect instead to your community! Join us for a series of hands-on events all week long.
Monday, May 5, 6:00 pm - **Tai Chi Demonstration Class for Adults**
Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 pm - **Cooking Class for Teens**
Wednesday, May 7, 3:30 pm - **Special Game Day for All Ages**
Thursday, May 8, 3:30 pm - **Cupcake Decorating for Kids**
Saturday, May 10, 1:00 pm - **Carnival of Chaos Variety Show for Kids**

Saturday, May 31, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Family Game Day
Drop by the library for some family fun! We'll have tabletop board games and card games available for all ages. Learn a new one or play an old favorite.

Saturday Family Fun, 11:00 am-1:00 pm Recurring Events for Children & Families
May 3 - **Lego Building**. Bring your imagination & we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.
May 10 - **Little Musicians Jam Sessions**. Bring your own instrument or play with ours and jam with staff. Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.
May 17 - **Block Play.** Playing with blocks develops your child's eye-hand coordination as well as math and science skills. Come play, build, and learn together at a block party - library style! Suitable for children from 3 months-8 years.

Mondays at 10:30 am Preschool University
Preschool University is a weekly opportunity for preschoolers to engage in science discovery, fun and learning in a storytime setting. Together we explore chemistry, fluid dynamics, meteorology, gravitational physics, and more to encourage young children's natural curiosity about their world.

Mondays, May 5 & 19, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Afterschool Crafts
Join us every other Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years.

Tuesdays, 11:30 am Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time
Bring your bouncing baby to our weekly playtime, full of nursery rhymes and games you can play together to stimulate their development. Ideal for children from newborn up to 18 months old. Please note that Baby Bounce has a new start time!

Wednesdays, 10:30 am Toddler Stories and Playtime
Join us for a fun, music-filled storytime designed for your toddler's development. The first Wednesday of every month, we welcome an officer for our special Police Story-time! Ideal for children between the ages of 18 and 36 months.

Wednesdays, 3:30 pm Game Day!
Our popular game day is full of fun, casual play & occasional mayhem! For ages 8+.

Recurring Events for Teens

Monday, May 5, 3:30 pm Magic Tournament
Do you play Magic: the Gathering? Come to the library to show your stuff & play for prizes! For ages 8+.

Mondays, May 5 and 19, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm Afterschool Crafts
Join us every other Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years.

Monday, May 12, 3:00 pm The Lab
The Lab is a bi-weekly experiment in science and technology. Build robots, grow bacteria, solder and program electronic gadgets, and blow stuff up. For ages 13-18.

Monday, May 19, 3:30 pm Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament
Do you play Yu-Gi-Oh? Come show us your stuff & play for prizes! For ages 8+.

Tuesday, May 20, 3:30 pm Teen Movie
Drop by the library to watch a movie projected on our big screen. Have a suggestion for the next showing? Let us know!

Wednesdays, 3:30 pm - Game Day!
Our popular afternoon game day is full of fun, casual play & occasional mayhem! For ages 8+.

The Brisbane Library will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

MAY CALENDAR

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

Farmers' Market Thursday, 2:00 - 6:00 pm & Saturday's 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Farmers' Market, Community Park on Thursday, Park Lane on Saturday

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

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

12 RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING
2nd Monday of Every Month

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

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

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

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

21 Wednesday, 7:30 pm Budget Meeting
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

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

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

26 Monday, City Hall Closed in observance of Memorial Day

T - Meeting televised on Channel 27

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

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

Recurring Events for Adults on Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - Computer Classes:

May 6 - Borrow Free Ebooks
Bring your e-device and learn how to download e-books from the library!
May 13 Free Music Downloads (Freegal)
Learn how to access and download free music from the library to your computer and/or mobile device.
May 20 Free Digital Magazines (Zinio)
Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and learn how to download complete digital editions of your favorite magazines.
May 27 Computer Basics
Learn how to use a mouse, use a keyboard, open/close programs & save files.

Tuesdays, May 6 & May 20, 6:00 pm - Knit With Us
On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, join knitters of all skill levels and share knitting tips or swap patterns with others. Limited supplies will be available. For all ages.

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 pm - Friends of the Brisbane Library Meeting
Do you love your library? Would you like to have a say in its future? Come to a Friends of the Brisbane Library meeting. New people are always welcome.

Thursdays, 1:00 pm - Computer or Device Coach
Have a few questions about how to use Facetime or attach a picture to an email message or other tech issues? Drop-in and we can help!

Saturday, May 17, 1:00 -3:00 pm - Lawyers in the Library
On the third Saturday of each month the library, in partnership with the San Mateo County Bar Association, holds free legal clinics. Participants have a twenty minute free consultation with an attorney. This month's topic is Bankruptcy. Contact the library to sign up ahead of time.

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National Public Works Week

May 18 - 24, 2014

"NPWW" is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. This annual event is meant to call attention to the importance of public works in community life, and to recognize those professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

In the City of Brisbane, our Public Works Department is responsible for storm drain, sewer and water systems, all aspects of public roadway maintenance, traffic signals, public parks, playing fields and landscaped areas, all public buildings, the Sierra Point Landscaping & Lighting District, the city's Office of Emergency Services, administration of federal floodplain regulations, ensuring compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements, and oversight of the Marina.

Our Public Works Director Randy Breault notes, "All of our employees – the maintenance workers, the administrative staff, and the licensed engineers, take great pride in the level of service they provide to our citizens and businesses. It's a peculiar line of work – we know that we've done our jobs properly when no one calls us, because that means everything is running as it should. Please join me in acknowledging these often unsung caretakers of the infrastructure we all rely upon daily."

Brisbane Community Night with SF Giants

Friday, May 23, 2014
7:15 pm at AT&T Park

Section 307, Giants vs. Twins
Tickets: $16.00 Now on sale in the Recreation Office
Must live or work in Brisbane, 4 tickets per person maximum.
Questions: Contact Steve Beaty, Recreation Supervisor, 415-508-2144







Brisbane Community Pool now Hiring Lifeguards

Protecting the lives of all those that use the pool for either recreational or fitness purposes is of high importance to our community. If you are a certified lifeguard, we are looking for you! Please contact Steve Beaty at 508-2144 or sign up through **www.brisbaneca.org**. We are looking for you.