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October 10th San Bruno Mountain/Kings Fire





Thankfully, the wind conditions were extremely mild at no more than 10 mph on Thursday, October 10th when a fire broke out on San Bruno Mountain at 10:50am. Named the "Kings Fire" by the Incident Commander, it burned 11 acres (about 8 football fields) and whose forward progress up the mountain was stopped within 30 minutes due to the firefighters that came from as far as Santa Cruz County Fire Dept. to help fight the grassfire, in addition to crews from North County Fire Authority, with Station 81 first on scene. They all worked together extremely quickly to form two firebreaks which prevented the fire from spreading.

The request for a voluntary evacuation for upper streets was lifted by 1pm, with all roadways open by 2:30pm. Two engines remained on-site last night to patrol the area. There were no injuries to firefighters and no structures were affected from the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by CAL FIRE.

The North County Fire Authority reminds all residents to maintain clearance of vegetation a minimum of 30 feet away from homes and in order to be prepared for wildfire, go to the North County Fire Authority website at www.northcountyfire.org and see the Ready-Set-Go information provided.

Please get yourself signed up for SMCAlert if you haven't already done so: www.smcalert.info. The City used this alerting system during the fire as well as social media to send a series of alerts in order to keep the community informed. You may register up to five addresses in SMCAlert such as your home, work, child's school, or a relative's residence. You may also register by texting the zip code (i.e. "94005") to 888-777.

A collection of photos from the fire which Councilmember Cunningham captured and shared with us is available here: www.brisbaneca.org/news/oct-10-kings-fire-brisbane.

Thank you to all who worked hard to keep our city safe!

2019 Brisbane Derby & Day in the Park Recap

















The 13th Brisbane Derby provided a fun-filled and thrilling start for Brisbane's 33rd Annual Day in the Park Festival, which took place this year on October 5, 2019. For the Derby, 29 home-built derby cars raced down San Francisco Street in best 2 out of 3 elimination heats until only two racers remained in each age bracket. In the 6 & 7 year old bracket, Jadon Picazo took home the 1st the place trophy, and Jack Larson took 2nd place. The 8-12 year old bracket started with 19 racers and after many close and exciting heats, the final pairing was set. In his green and silver car, Alejandro Coriano won 1st place, while the black and red race car driven by Rohin Patel took 2nd place. Congratulations to the winners and all the racers and their families (aka "pit crews") for making this such a wonderful, fun family event each year.

As for the Day in the Park, a total of 22 vendor booths and a variety of inflatables filled the Park. When the Kindergarten and 1st Graders toured City Hall on 10/8, we heard so much about how they loved the ball pit! The ninja wall was also a hit. The food trucks were happy, as were the Lions Club, who SOLD OUT. BEST/PTO served beer/wine and were busy all day. Family games and the pie-eating contest were both huge successes, where Madelyn Smith won the youth competition (as she has the last 3 years it's been a Day in the Park addition!).

The Brisbane Parks & Recreation Department thanks the volunteers whose time and efforts create a successful and memorable event for our community: Sebastian Bousquet, Dan Carter, Sue Cochran & Ricardo Holbrook. We hope to see everyone again in 2020!

Brisbane Village Helping Hands reaches new milestone - Brisbane Village Helping Hands has joined the 500 Club!











The nonprofit organization recently completed its 500th service request to assist Brisbane seniors, proving that its volunteers are truly making a big difference in this small community.

Members, volunteers and others interested in learning more about BVHH celebrated this milestone at BVHH's Fall Fiesta, held on September 14th in the Sunrise Room. Along with fun, food and beverages, entertainment was provided by members of Brisbane Dance Workshop's Adult Voice Class.

Launched in March 2016, BVHH's mission is to promote aging in place by providing volunteer services to seniors including transportation, minor home repairs, companionship, help with technology and social interaction through events such as the Fall Fiesta. It now includes 58 members (residents 55 and older who pay just \$20 per year) and 59 volunteers.

Among those enjoying the festivities was Frances Harrison, a BVHH member who just happened to have the 500th request filled by volunteer Paul Bouscal, who brightened her home by replacing hard-to-reach light bulbs in her kitchen and bathroom. In subsequent visits, he fixed her shower curtain, which kept falling down, and replaced her smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

"I'd been walking around my house in the dark, and now I have both light and safety," says Harrison. "The Village is the best thing to happen to Brisbane with exception of the Marina and the park. It's an absolute godsend. Other people feel the same way too. I am very, very happy to have been given such help. And I enjoyed the social at the Sunrise Room very much."

BVHH is an excellent way to give back to your community – and receive assistance from local, caring, trusted volunteers who have undergone a background check. Volunteers may accept assignments that fit in with their schedule and interests. Many of those involved in BVHH – which is supported by the City and Lions Club – are members and volunteers.

For more information please call (415) 508-2185, visit the website at <u>brisbanevillage.org</u> or send an email to <u>brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com</u>.



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GOFELECTRIC

SAVE \$ THOUSANDS ON AN ELECTRIC CAR!

Peninsula Clean Energy is offering San Mateo County residents significant discounts on the purchase or lease of select new electric cars at participating dealerships from October 1 until December 31st.

Go to peninsulacleanenergy.com/ev for details

PARTICIPATING DEALERSHIPS

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Putnam Chevrolet

650-342-9500

Nissan of Burlingame

650-263-4707

Serramonte Ford

855-394-3186

Peter Pan BMW

650-753-6060

Stewart Chrysler

866-305-7069

Toyota 101 650-464-0925

Peninsula Clean Energy is again offering a popular electric vehicle (EV) discount program that saves thousands of dollars for San Mateo County residents through a partnership with seven participating local auto dealers. The program combines guaranteed savings from dealerships with Peninsula Clean Energy rebates of \$1,000 for all-electric cars or \$700 for plug-in hybrids. The time-limited discounts are available from October 1 through December 31, 2019.

Buyers may stack these savings with manufacturer discounts and state and federal EV tax incentives, potentially saving an additional \$10,800 or more per purchase. The program also offers significant savings on leases. See www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/ev for details.

Sunterra Solar Completes High-Efficiency Sunpower System

For City Of Brisbane Atop City Hall



Sunterra Solar recently announced the completion and successful operation of a 168-kilowatt (kW) solar energy system for the City of Brisbane. The SunPower rooftop PV system was installed on Brisbane's City Hall as part of the City's comprehensive sustainability and energy efficiency program.

In its first six months of operation, the City's solar energy system has outperformed expected estimates, producing 166,900 kilowatt hours (kWh) of clean power to date. On an annual basis, the system is expected to offset nearly all of the electricity used by the City's administrative offices. According to estimates provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the system will displace approximately 9 million pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) over the next 20 years – the equivalent CO2 emissions from nearly 10 million miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.

The City sought bidders for its solar project through a competitive process that took a novel approach, asking bidders not just to provide pricing but to estimate annual system production and degradation rates over a 20-year period. Sunterra was selected due to its ability to demonstrate higher performance of SunPower systems. SunPower Maxeon panels produce up to 55% more energy than conventional solar panels in the same roof space over 25 years. SunPower also has the industry's lowest degradation rates, a measure of a solar panel's reliability over time.

"Although we are a relatively small city of 4,700 people, we take sustainability very seriously," said Randy Breault, Director of Public Works, City of Brisbane. "Sunterra did a great job of understanding that our intent in the bid process was to maximize energy production, and they were awarded the project because they had the highest production-to-bid cost ratio. The team has been a pleasure to work with throughout the process."

"Brisbane is a great example of what local communities can do to advance sustainability and take action on climate change while also being fiscally responsible," said Chris Bunas, President/CEO of Sunterra Solar Inc.

Brisbane has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability by adopting a Climate Action Plan in 2015 and implementing several innovative strategies including rainwater catchment, solar thermal heating for the community pool, and a city-wide commercial building energy-efficiency program. For its efforts, Brisbane became the first city in California to win the Institute for Local Government's Gold-Level Beacon Award in 2015 as well as subsequent Platinum Spotlight Awards for its holistic approach to addressing climate change.

About Sunterra Solar

Sunterra Solar is a one of California's premier commercial solar power contractors, with more than a decade of experience planning, engineering, building and maintaining cost-effective solar energy systems for business, government and nonprofit clients statewide. Sunterra utilizes a "veterans first" hiring policy in its goal to help support, retrain and hire returning military veterans. For more information, visit www.sunterrasolar.com.

Two Volunteers of the Year Awarded at Day in the Park

Each year, the City recognizes a Brisbane resident as its "Volunteer of the Year", who the ad hoc City Council subcommittee selects after carefully reviewing letters of recommendation from other community members. The Volunteer of the Year award is bestowed upon a dedicated community member that has demonstrated ongoing commitment to the City of Brisbane. They act with the purpose of community in mind and give selflessly to others.

Nancy Lacsamana was awarded the City's 2019 Volunteer of the Year award at the annual Day in the Park by Mayor Madison Davis. Nancy has volunteered her time towards numerous efforts both in-town and to support surrounding communities. She is a regular volunteer for Bike to Work Day in May, a frequent contributor towards City beautification efforts, a volunteer for CASA of San Mateo County advocating for children in the foster care system, supports Hope House assisting women in need, and much more. Nancy is giving of her time, energy, and effort to improve the quality of life for people of all ages and demographics. She truly is a selfless individual and represents the spirit of this award. Thank you,



Nancy, for your dedicated service and for improving the quality of life for others!

This year, the ad hoc City Council subcommittee also decided to recognize a Youth Volunteer of the Year and bestow an award upon a deserving individual. The Youth Volunteer of the Year award is presented to an outstanding young person who has demonstrated a strong commitment to helping others and who serves as an example to their peers.

Chaya-Bella David was the recipient of the inaugural award for Youth Volunteer of the Year. She has strengthened the community through service, encourages environmental preservation, and social equity. As an annual volunteer for the San Francisco Fire Department Toy Program, she is an advocate of Books and Dolls for All. The mission of Books and Dolls for All is to have every child see someone in power that they can relate to because it shows them "Who they are, where they came from, and what they're capable of becoming." Chaya also serves as a youth member of the Friends of the Brisbane Library Board, fundraised \$1,500 for the New Brisbane Library, is a part of Emerge, volunteers at the SF Zoo, climbed 54 flights of stairs at the Bank of America building to raise money for first responders coping with PTSD, and is a friendly neighbor to all. The City feels a great sense of pride in this young Brisbane resident and would like to express our gratitude to both Nancy and Chaya for their contributions to the Brisbane community!



A Note From Brisbane PD Fentanyl Epidemic

What is Fentanyl? It is a synthetic opioid which is 50-100 times stronger than morphine. It was originally developed for cancer patients to assist them with pain management but is now vastly abused causing numerous overdoses in the United States.

Fentanyl related harm, overdose and deaths in the U.S. are mostly linked to illegally produced fentanyl which is sold on the illegal drug market. Fentanyl is purchased illegally due to its heroin-like effects. It has been mixed with heroin and/or cocaine with/without the knowledge of the user causing an increased euphoric effect.

Overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids including fentanyl has increased nearly 46% from 2016 to 2017, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2017, the Drug Enforcement Administration issued a national alert stating that "drug incidents and overdoses related to fentanyl are occurring at an alarming rate."

Common signs and symptoms of someone using fentanyl are; intense but short term high, euphoria feelings, slow respiration/reduced blood pressure, nausea, fainting, seizures and/or death.

If you believe that someone is overdosing on fentanyl please dial 9-1-1 as fire, medics and police are all equipped with naloxone (opioid antagonist) to counter the effects of opioid overdose.

Brisbane City Hall Is Your Vote Center

The City of Brisbane is holding an election on November 5, 2019. Included in this election are two City Council seats for shortened terms of three years each, as well as three City measures, which are:

Measure C - Liquid Storage Facilities Business License Tax Measure

Measure B - Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax Measure

Measure E - Cannabis Business License Tax Measure

Head over to any San Mateo County Vote Center to vote in person, drop your ballots at a drop ballot box at City Hall, or vote by mail to make your voice heard.

The San Mateo County Vote Center in Brisbane is located at Brisbane City Hall, Community Meeting Room, 50 Park Place, Brisbane. The Brisbane Vote Center will be open on November 2nd – 4th from 9am-5pm and November 5th from 7am-8pm. Also, if you haven't yet registered to vote, you can do so at any open Vote Center, on or before Election Day.

For more local information on the 2019 November Election, please visit the City's website at: www.brisbaneca.org/
november-2019-election-information. To find more election information and to get election results, please visit: https://www.smcacre.org/





Fall School Tours at City Hall





With school back in session, we were delighted to be visited by Ms. Dalmacio's Kindergarteners and Miss Kibbe's 1st Graders, who came on October 8th for tours of City Hall. During our time together, we snaked through City Hall and the various departments (while keeping our voices low, of course) had a recycling quiz, received a custom signboard sign from Parks and Rec, met with Mayor Davis in the Community Meeting Room where the kids practiced civic engagement and let the Mayor know what they liked and didn't like about the Derby and Day in the Park (and where one gal overcame her fear of public speaking, right before our eyes), got a tour of the Police Dept. (even spotting a teddy bear in the suspect holding room, who had stolen honey!), and had a quick visit with the Brisbane Firefighters before they headed back up the hill to BES. Thank you for joining us, and we hope to see you back at City Hall soon, or speaking into the mic at a future City Council Meeting!

Selection of Artist for Skatepark Quarter Pipe Wall

At their Oct. 3rd meeting, the City Council directed staff to sign a contract with the firm Science and Company to paint a mural on the quarter pipe wall at the Skatepark, which will be seen along Old County Rd. The Public Art Selection Committee reviewed eight proposals before selecting Gaelen Smith as the artist. Of great importance to the Committee was for the artist to get a better understanding of what is important to the community so that the artwork would be reflective of the town.

To that end, Gaelen will be making 5-7 trips to Brisbane from San Francisco to speak with community members at the Skatepark as well as in the Community Park prior to submitting his proposed concept plan to the Committee. From there, it will go to the Parks and Recreation Commission and then to the City Council, who would have final approval before it's painted on the wall.



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You can stay connected with us on Instagram and other social media outlets?















November Library Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, November 1 at 3 pm - Día de los Muertos

Let's celebrate Día de los Muertos by painting our own faces like calaveras (skulls)! Learn the traditions and symbols of this festival while creating your own unique, skeletal look.

Wednesdays, November 13 and November 27 at 4 pm - Teen/Tween Hang

Gather at the Brisbane Library for games, snacks, movies, and other fun activities.

Saturday, November 16 at 11 am – Beaded Medallions for Native American History Month

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by creating your own beaded rosette or medallion. Participants will be introduced to Native American beadwork and create their own rosette design. Rosettes display symbolic colors and images important to a person's family or culture. They're typically attached to clothing, pouches, dance regalia, or displayed for decoration. This activity is best for adults, teens, and tweens.

Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30pm - 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.

Friday, November 22 at 7:30 pm - Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist

Discover American classical guitarist Peter Fletcher, who is on a nationwide tour, offering an audience-friendly, solo recital including repertoire that runs the gamut from the Renaissance through the 20th Century.

Saturday, November 23 at 1 pm - Drop-In eMedia Help

Get one-on-one help with using Library eBooks, eMagazines, streaming video, and more. If you bring your device, please bring appropriate passwords.

Tuesday, November 26 at 4 pm – Flute Playing and Storytelling with Juliet Small

Flutist Juliet Small will talk about different kinds of flutes. She will play the Native American flute along with telling the creation story of the native flute. Juliet's tribes are Navajo, Apache, and Cherokee.

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays at 10:30am - Preschool Storytime

Join us for a fun morning of stories, songs, movement, and play! Ideal for ages $2\frac{1}{2}$ and up.

Tuesdays 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.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Toddler Storytime

Join us for a fun morning of stories, songs, movement, and play! Ideal for ages 18 months to 3 years.

Wednesdays at 11:30 am - Drop-In Tech Help

Come to this one-on-one tutoring session to have your technology questions answered. First-come, first-served.



Please note the Brisbane Library will be closed on Monday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day.

We will also be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in honor of Thanksgiving.



A Note from SSF Scavenger Co.

Do Your Part - Sort Smart! Garbage like aseptic (Tetra Pak) boxes & pouches cannot be recycled. Please put your garbage in the correct collection cart or bin and please help spread the word!





Mountain Plant Sale SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

MISSION BLUE NURSERY

3435 BAYSHORE BOULEVARD BRISBANE. CA 94005

TALK AT 11AM: AN EASY WAY TO ADD WATER TO YOUR GARDEN FOR PLANTS THAT THRIVE IN DAMP AREAS

"WATER FEATURES IN THE GARDEN



WWW.MOUNTAINWATCH.ORG

Bring home super local native plants sourced from San Bruno Mountain!





November City Calendar



Check the City's online calendar for the latest:

www.brisbaneca.org/calendar.

Residential Street Sweeping: 2nd Monday of Every Month Commercial Street Sweeping: Every Weds. AM (Visitacion Ave. enforced 3-6AM)

04, Monday, 6:30pm

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

07, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting, B

08, Friday, 8am @ the Community Park Gazebo

Veterans Flag-Raising Ceremony

11, Monday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

13, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

14, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, B

20, Wednesday, 6:30pm

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

21, Thursday, 7:30pm

City Council Meeting, B

28 & 29, Thursday & Friday, All Day

City Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

B – Meeting broadcast on Ch. 27 and on www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming

City Hall Regular Hours of Operation:

M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-8pm, F 8am-1pm

Do you have questions about the STAR or have an article to suggest? Articles are due by the 15th of each month.

Contact Caroline at ccheung@brisbaneca.org or call her

at (415) 508-2157.



December 8, 2019

CAROLING BEGINS 5:45PM AT THE TOP OF VISITATION

EVENT BEGINS AT 6PM
IN THE COMMUNITY PARK

Festival of Lights

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IS A CELEBRATION FOCUSING ON THE HOLIDAYS AS A SEASON OF GIVING AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE EVENT BEGINS WITH CAROLING FROM THE TOP OF VISITATION AVE. TO THE COMMUNITY PARK. ONCE THERE, YOUTH COMMUNITY MEMBERS PERFORM MUSIC AND DANCES. TRADITION INCLUDES A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS AND THE LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY TREE BY OUR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND MAYOR. EVENT-GOERS CAN ALSO ENJOY A TASTY CUP OF HOT COCOA AND HOLIDAY COOKIES.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE
LIGHTING OF THE STARS FOR

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SUNSET.

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TO ARRIVE WILL
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GIVEAWAY!

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Veterans Flag-Raising

Friday, Nov. 8

8:00am | Community Park

The Brisbane Community is invited to join Councilmember Conway under the Gazebo for the annual Veterans' Day Flag-Raising Event. We'll have special music, medals on display, and light refreshments as we salute those that have honorably served our country. Brisbane school-age children are invited to attend this once-a-year ceremony!

Light refreshments provided.

BDW's Tenth Annual:



Featuring a huge assortment of wonderful handmade items by over 30 local artists and craftspersons.

SATURDAY · DECEMBER 14TH · 11AM-5PM

Live musical entertainment all day! Get your photo taken with Santa! Concession stand with homemade locally-sourced sweets and treats. as well as lunch items and beverages!

MISSION BLUE CENTER 475 Mission Blue Drive · Brisbane Just south of SF on 101 — near the Cow Palace and (what was) Candlestick Park. Easy access over Guadalupe Canyon Road from Daly City.

Free admission and parking!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ARTIST LINKS, VISIT WWW.BRISBANEDANCEWORKSHOP.ORG



SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 2 P M - 4 P M MISSION BLUE CENTER \$10/ADULT = \$5/CHILD



One only needs to take a short walk around town to realize why Brisbane is known as the "City of Stars". The wooden stars perched atop houses and in front of businesses are hard to miss! Many of these stars are decorated with holiday lights to shine throughout the Winter season. The result is a magnificent starry hillside which residents and cars driving along 101 can admire. This year, we want to encourage every home in Brisbane to participate in this long-standing tradition and we're going to help you make it happen! In partnership with the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce and Star Maker Bob Wilson (who provides the wood-framed stars at no cost) we are offering a star-decorating workshop. The workshop will include free wooden star frames, light fasteners, craft supplies, and staff to assist you with attaching your lights. To keep event costs to a minimum, we encourage you to bring your own light strands if desired. We will also have miniature stars for kids to decorate and place proudly in their homes. Have a star already? Consider decorating one for a neighbor who doesn't! Or heck... no one's saying you can't spread cheer by having more than one!

TO REGISTER: BRISBANECA.ORG

EMAIL: SNAHASS@BRISBANECA.ORG

STAY ALERT **8** SIGN UP



Sign up to receive Emergency Alerts from the City. You may register up to five addresses in SMCAlert (www.

smcalert.info) such as your home, work, child's school, or a relative's residence. You may also register for SMS alerts only by texting the zip code (i.e. "94005") to 888-777.

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