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# Concerts in the Park

## *Remaining Line-Up*

We enjoyed having Stompy Jones kick off the series on August 24th and the California Cowboys are back in town on August 31st. Concert time is 5:45 - 8:30 pm. Some of you have been lucky recipients of a Concert T-Shirt that have been thrown out into the crowd, and many have enjoyed the Lions' hot dogs and refreshments from the Women's Club. Get ready for more Friday concerts, with the series wrapping up on Sunday, September 30th with a Sunday Jazz Concert in the Park from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. See below for the remaining line-up:

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| August 31st | California Cowboys |
| September 7th | The Cocktail Monkeys (80s and Funk) |
| September 14th | The Houserockers (Rock and Soul) |
| September 21st | The Hot Rods (50s and 60s) |
| September 28th | The Sun Kings (Premiere Beatles Tribute Band) |
| September 30th* | The Al Molina Sextet Featuring Jeff Oster (Jazz) |

*(Sunday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm)





The Women's Club served free cookies, hot cocoa, and lemonade.



And when folks weren't sitting enjoying the music, they were up in front dancing with the band.



Dancin', Dancin', Dancin' the night away.

# OES/CERT Program seeks Special Skill Responders

The Brisbane Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has created a new volunteer program designed for individuals with specialized skills and equipment. The OES/CERT Program is seeking individuals with life-saving skills, such as medical professionals (doctors, nurses, paramedics…), who could respond - if available - in the event of an emergency in our community. In addition, we are also looking for skilled construction professionals such as electricians, plumbers and owners of heavy construction equipment (specialized for rescue).

This program provides a great opportunity for these individuals to assist the community in the event of an emergency. The Special Skills Responders are requested to attend one general orientation meeting per year to receive specific instructions from the director of OES on how their special skills would be utilized in the event of a disaster.
If you are interested in participating in this unique life-saving program, please contact Elizabeth Solis at 650-746-8350.

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# Community Park Playground




KaBOOM! it starts with a playground.

If you pass by the Community Park on a regular basis, you've seen the old play structure come down (thanks to the Brisbane Lions Club and Mike Glynn Construction Inc.), and the site preparation get underway soon after. It is now time for the hardest part yet – waiting for the playground equipment to arrive! Due to a back-order on this equipment, there will now be several weeks before you see new activity at the playground site. Posts will be dug and installed on Friday, September 28th, with Build Day being Saturday, September 29th. That gives us some time to prep now as the playground will be built by way of a community-build model. Thanks to the City being awarded $20,000 from national non-profit KaBOOM!, it's time to show them how well we can work together in getting this playground built. If you've ever wanted to be a part of a great Community Volunteer Event, volunteering on Build Day is your chance. We are looking especially for those who have experience using power tools and who aren't afraid of doing some heavy lifting. If you're interested, please contact Caroline at ccheung@ci.brisbane.ca.us or (415) 508-2157. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for Saturday, October 6th Day in the Park! Stay tuned for more details.

# Where does your dollar go?

When you write your bi-annual check to the County, do you ever wonder just how much of your money goes to Brisbane? As the graphic to the right shows, only about 20% of your property taxes go to your community. The rest is split between a number of other government agencies, all of whom provide different services for you and your fellow citizens. Jefferson Union High School District gets the largest percentage: 24. The County gets 23% and the Brisbane Elementary School District gets 18%. These tax rates don't include any special parcel taxes which may have been approved.

What does this mean for Brisbane? If your house is assessed at $400,000 you pay $4,000 in property taxes. Of this $4,000 only $800 goes to the City of Brisbane. $800 roughly covers one-tenth of the cost to operate the Police Department for one day. The combined property tax generated for the City of Brisbane is about $1,900,000, which is less than it costs to operate either the Police or Fire Department for a year. This is the reason the City relies so heavily on other sources of revenue including Sales Tax, Transient Occupancy Tax, and Business Licenses.



23.05% General County Tax

3.42% Free Library

20.00% City of Brisbane

18.54%Brisbane Elementary General Purpose

24% Jefferson High General Purpose

6.71% Sm Jr. College General Purpose

0.20%Bay Area Air Quality Mang.

0.35% County Harbor District

3.49% County Education Tax

# City of Brisbane Budget Overview

Many of us have heard about the desperate financial shape a number of cities are in throughout the State. Two of the latest cities in financial crisis are Stockton and San Bernardino. Both are contemplating bankruptcy protection. Hearing about these cities, you may wonder how your hometown is doing. Brisbane's City Council recently completed and adopted a budget which maintains reserves above $5,000,000 on a $12.5 million budget. Reserves are similar to the assets individuals have. To further bolster confidence that our City can continue to weather the financial storms, our revenues come from fairly secure sources. We project that next year, our yearly property tax will produce about $2.2 million, Sales Tax $2.6 million, Business License $2.4 million, and Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel room stays) $1.5 million. These are all relatively stable sources of income.

City Council and Staff have continued to work their way through these difficult times by reducing staffing costs through reductions in staffing levels, elimination of pay increases, and exploring shared services with other agencies while still maintaining the quality of services our community has come to expect. The major challenge the City Council faced while going through the budget process was to figure out how much revenues the City would have to spend. As reported throughout last year, VWR (Van Waters and Rodgers) was anticipated to leave in July of 2012, causing a loss estimated to be slightly over $2 million a year. In the last election, the voters of Brisbane approved a Business License Tax for recycling companies bringing in more than 100,000 tons of recycling material within Brisbane's City limits. This Business License Tax would generate the amount lost through VWR leaving Brisbane once fully implemented.

At a more "micro" level of budget issues, Council approved continuing to provide a wide variety of services and programs for the Community. The Parks and Recreation budget was approved as proposed, which means there will be no reduction in hours at the pool or services provided to our youth or seniors. Council did ask the Parks and Recreation Commission to review all of the services provided and the fees charged to ensure we are providing programs which are most needed by the community in a way which makes good financial and public policy sense. As such, staff has reviewed the option of working with San Carlos to provide Parks and Recreation Services similar to how they work with Half Moon Bay. However, it was determined this would be a more expensive option considering that we already eliminated the Parks and Recreation Director position and one Supervisor position.

# "Sharing Artists Sharing - The Movie"

*Photo Display at the Brisbane Library*



On the evening of July 17, the Brisbane Public Library was filled to capacity for a special event - an evening with the filmmaker Keith Moreau and Brisbane Artists featured in the upcoming feature-length documentary, "Sharing Artists Sharing."

The event included discussion, presentations of new material and 'behind the scenes' footage. During the evening, the Brisbane Library also unveiled a photo display depicting scenes from the upcoming film.

Stop by the Brisbane Public Library and check out the display, feel free to take home a memento of the film and the display at the library counter, and enter a contest to win a 20" x 30" mounted poster.





# Paperless Permits

## Paperless Building Permits On Their Way!

Effective October 1, 2012, the City of Brisbane Building Department will be implementing a paperless building permit system. You will be able to file your building permit applications electronically from your home or office, and to track your permits and schedule inspections on-line. Don't have access to a computer? Don't worry - there will be a computer terminal available at the Building Department Counter for public use as well. Check the Building and Planning Department website at http://www.ci.brisbane.ca.us/departments/building-and-planning/building/about-building for more information.




## Library September Calendar

Knitting Night - Second and Fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. Join knitters of all skill levels and share knitting tips or swap patterns with others. Limited supplies will be available.

Lawyers in the Library: September Topic is Divorce and Family Law - Third Thursday of every month from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The library, in partnership with the San Mateo County Bar Association, holds free legal clinics. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Baby Sign Language Class: Tuesdays through September 25th. CLASS IS FULL. Please contact risley@smcl.org if you are interested in future classes.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time Every Thursday at 1:15. Join us for our biweekly baby series—fun and relaxed and perfect for babies up to 18 months.

Preschool Storytime. Every Monday at 1:00 PM. All Ages Welcome.

Toddler Storytime. Every Tuesday at 12:30 PM. All Ages Welcome.

Police Storytime. First Wednesday of every month at 12:30 PM.

Firefighter Storytime. Third Monday of every month at 1:00 PM.

**Celebrating another Successful Summer Reading Program:**
Children Dropped Off Their Stuffed Animals for a Night of Rambunctious Fun at the Brisbane Library Stuffed Animal Sleepover http://www.flickr.com/photos/smcl/7605944496/in/set-72157630657927658

# September Calendar

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

3 City Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day

3 Monday, 7:30 pm - Labor Day - No City Council Meeting

7 Friday, 5:45 pm Concerts in the Park
The Cocktail Monkeys (80s and Funk)

10 RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING
2nd Monday of Every Month

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

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

12 Wednesday, 7:30 pm
City Council Meeting, City Hall T

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

14 Friday, Concerts in the Park
The Houserockers (Rock and Soul)

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

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

21 Friday, Concerts in thePark
The Hot Rods (50s and 60s)

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

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

28 Friday, Concerts in the Park
The Sun Kings (Premiere Beatles Tribute Band)

29 Saturday, 7:00 am Community Build Day
Community Park, San Francisco and Old County Road

30 Sunday, Concerts in the Park
The Al Molina Sextet Featuring Jeff Oster (Jazz)

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

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