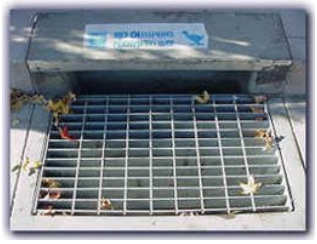
The City of Star's "Adopt-a-Drain" Program



In an effort to improve Brisbane's services and the quality of water flowing into the Bay, the City will be continuing its "Adopt-a-Drain" program this year, modeled after similar efforts in surrounding cities. The City is seeking volunteers to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood. There are over 400 inlets in Brisbane that are maintained by the City's Public Works Department. However during heavy rains, maintaining that many drains becomes more of a challenge. Therefore, the City is asking Brisbane residents to help prevent flooding at intersections, ultimately helping to reduce the potential for flood situations in Brisbane.



Proud participants Dolores Gomez, Councilmember Steve Waldo, Ramiro Ibarra, Karen Evans Cunningham, Rudolf Jeltsch, Marc Salmon, and Jerry Kendall show off their Brisbane Star-stamped rakes.

After signing a simple agreement and liability release, the first 100 volunteers will receive a rake stamped with a Brisbane Star. Volunteers are asked to clean fallen leaves and other debris from the adopted storm drains and dispose of the debris in either yard waste bins or trash cans. If unable to do so, one may also request Public Works staff remove the raked debris. The City requests volunteers commit to maintaining their drain for at least one rainy season.

A clean storm drain prevents flooding, improves traffic flow, reduces pollutant discharges to the Lagoon and Bay, and maintains pedestrian access – especially for children, those with disabilities, and the elderly. Citizens interested in participating in the Adopt-a-Drain program should contact Public Works to determine which drain they want to adopt. To adopt your storm drain, contact Matthew Fabry at (415) 508-2134 or by email at mfabry@ci.brisbane.ca.us.



Darien Lacsamana is ready to help maintain his storm drain.

☆ Adopt-A-Drain Volunteers ☆
(As of 10/25/06)

Gary Apotheker, Bruce Bauer, Tina Breckinridge, Tony Bezzina, Dee Brown, Daniel V. Cappelletti, Billy Del Chiaro, Diane Crampton, Karen Evans Cunningham, Bill Dettmer. Josiane Emorine, Ki Foley, E. Carol Gee, Michael Glynn, Dolores Gomez, Lynne Grant, Tina Hemming, Mary Howle, Ramiro Ibarra, Jerry Kendall, Felix Kertz, Lory & Darien Lascamana, Walt Long, Coleen Mackin, Ray Muffly, Douglas Miller, Travis Papaleo, Ernst Reck, Suzie Rose, Steve Rodrigues, Marc Salmon, Daniel Sorrentino, Amy Titus, Susan & Dale Van Matre, Jaime Virgen, Steve Waldo, Curtis Washington