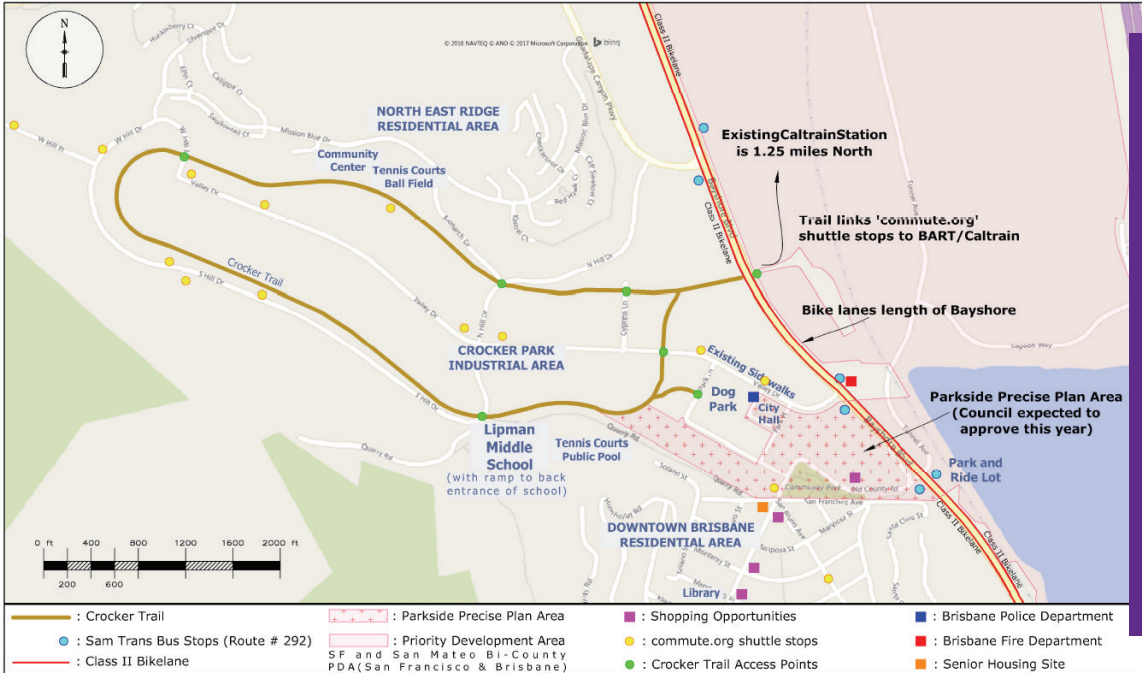


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## Grant Funding Received for Crocker Park Trail

Have you taken a stroll along Crocker Park Trail before? It’s a 2.25 mile existing former railroad right-of-way located in the Industrial Park, passing directly behind many of the businesses along Valley Drive, the “spine” of the industrial park. The trailhead is located on Park Lane directly across the street from the Dog Park and adjacent to the Purcell Murray business. There are also five street intersections where you can hop onto the trail, designated by the green dots on the map above.

The City recently applied for and were recommended to receive grant funding from the federally funded One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG 2) to install stabilized decomposed granite surfacing over the railroad ballast rock to make the trail passable to pedestrian and bicycle commuters/users, including those using wheeled transportation and parents with strollers.

Project criteria included proximity to a Planned Development Area (PDA), as designated by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the regional planning agency that is complementary to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission or MTC (who administers the federal grant for our area), and location of a project in or in close proximity to a Priority Development Area (PDA) with affordable housing

preservation strategies. Project selection for our county was administered by C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments). At first, the C/CAG Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommended not funding the Crocker Trail project, but Brisbane Councilmember Cliff Lentz made an appeal to the C/CAG Board to fund the project despite the recommendation, with the information that Brisbane’s Parkside Precise Plan (which plans for 228 units) would very likely be adopted by Council this year, and that the Plan will also meet the city’s RHNA allocation for affordable housing sites.



Deputy Public Works Director Karen Kinser presented information about the project to the C/CAG Board at their March 9th meeting, and how it meets many of the funding criteria. Also in attendance at that meeting were Lipman Middle School’s Safe Routes to Schools Program Manager Michelle

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Chan, Brisbane Parks and Recreation Commissioner Renee Marmion, and a representative from the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, who all spoke in favor of the project. For instance, Michelle Chan spoke about how an improved path would provide a safe connection between a residential development (Landmark and Altamar subdivisions of the Northeast Ridge) and Lipman Middle School, where a low percentage of students currently walk or bike. In the end, a majority of the C/CAG Board voted to fund the project for \$885,300 (total

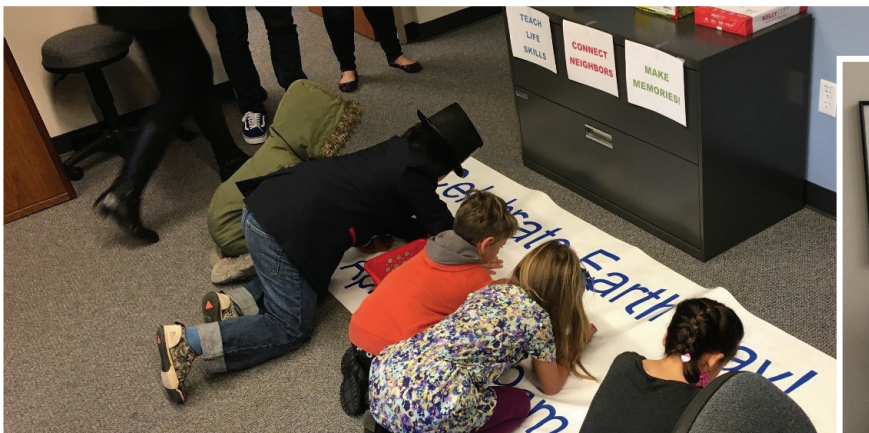
estimated cost of the project is \$1,000,000).

The improved path will facilitate short trips from residential areas to the center of town and activity centers, such as parks, the library, transit stops, and future development in the Priority Development Area. The funding process will allow for construction to take place in the coming year. Kudos to all those involved in the city receiving this funding and for improvements to Crocker Park Trail able to take place!

## “Mayor for a Day” Edgar Song Gets a Grand Tour of City Hall

On Friday, April 7th, BES 1<sup>st</sup> Grader Edgar Song got a grand tour of City Hall thanks to winning the raffle item at Silverspot’s Annual Luau. He brought along a few friends with him for his special day, and the group embarked on a behind-the-scenes tour of City departments, which included decorating a signboard sign for Earth Day, sitting on the Police

departments motorcycles, taking sewer cam selfies, and more! The morning concluded with a pizza party and Edgar and friends writing their very own Proclamation, deeming the week of April 24-28, 2017 as “Happy Week.” To check out more photos from Edgar’s special day, visit the City’s Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/brisbane94005](http://www.facebook.com/brisbane94005).



# Meet Brisbane Village Helping Hand Volunteer Paul Bouscal

When Paul Bouscal moved to Brisbane in 1983, he was struck by the small-town feel and strong sense of community he encountered.

“In other towns and cities, you have neighborhoods,” he explains. “But in this town there is like just one big neighborhood. I liked that.”

He also liked the idea of a “village” that would connect volunteers in the community with older residents who need a helping hand. When he heard that Brisbane residents were planning to form such a “village” he thought it would definitely add to the neighborhood feeling. And he was right.

After Brisbane Village Helping Hands (BVHH) launched in March 2016, he decided to become a volunteer. Since then he has assisted BVHH members needing small repairs or help with tasks at home, such as hanging curtains, moving a large box from someone’s driveway to their backyard (with the help of a second volunteer) and helping move a large bookcase for a village member recovering from surgery.

“Helping others makes me feel good,” says Bouscal. “There is a lot of appreciation. The resident that I moved the box for was so grateful. He said he needed help, but didn’t want a ‘stranger’ offering assistance. He wanted someone he could trust, and he felt reassured because all volunteers in the Village are vetted, meaning they undergo a background check.”

Bouscal likes the flexibility that BVHH offers, so volunteers are notified of opportunities by email, and he can accept requests based on his availability.

“I work full time, so it helps that I can volunteer according to my own schedule,” he says,

Bouscal has worked for the San Francisco Water Department for 30 years and before that, he was a member of the Brisbane Fire Department. He lives in town with his wife, Kathryn. He has two daughters, two stepsons, plus five grandchildren and one on the way.

He is a longtime volunteer in Brisbane, and BVHH is just one of the organizations he is involved with. As a longtime board member and the vice president of San Bruno Mountain Watch, he leads hikes on San Bruno Mountain for school children and adults. During these educational outings, he points out native plants and wildlife to hikers. He and other



volunteers created a 4000-square-foot “native plant nursery” near the Brisbane firehouse and he is working with second- and third-graders at Brisbane Elementary School to create a native plant vegetable garden at the school.

BVHH Board President Nancy Colman is very appreciative he has made time for BVHH.

“Paul was Brisbane’s volunteer of the year in 2015, and we feel very lucky to have such a stellar volunteer joining BVHH when he is already so busy helping others,” she says. “And I know that the people he has helped are very appreciative.”

Steve Goodwin, for example, asked BVHH for someone to help move a bookcase when he was recovering from surgery. Paul accepted the request and gave him a hand.

“I really appreciated it,” says Goodwin. “We’re lucky to live in a town where neighbors are willing to take the time to help each other, and also that we have people willing to organize the logistics of such an endeavor, so that people who need assistance can be matched with those who can help.”

While Bouscal helps with home repairs, BVHH also provides assistance to seniors in the areas of transportation, technology, companionship and more. Social events are also scheduled.

For more information about becoming a BVHH volunteer, a member – or both – please visit the website at [www.brisbanevillage.org](http://www.brisbanevillage.org); email [brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanevillagehelpinghands@gmail.com); or call (415) 508-2185 and leave a message.

# Bike Rodeo



Saturday, May 6th  
9am to 12pm  
Brisbane Elementary

For Kids up to age 14

bring the following:

- Bike
- Helmet
- Parent

### Major events:

- Bike Safety Check
- Bike Skills
- Helmet fitting

### Bike Skill events:

- Hand Signals
- Stopping/Braking
- Riding a Straight Line
- Intersection - Crossroad
- Rock Dodge
- Quick Turn
- Tight turn Bay
- Slow Race - Balancing at Slow Speed

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The Complete Streets Safety Committee,  
Beeline Bikes and Summit Bicycles.



Contact Officer Malone for registration @ [rmalone@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:rmalone@ci.brisbane.ca.us)

# Brisbane's got Talent

June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at Mission Blue!  
Winner Kicks Off



July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Community Park

All details @ [starcityfest.com](http://starcityfest.com)



## JOIN THE 2017 COMMUTER CHALLENGE

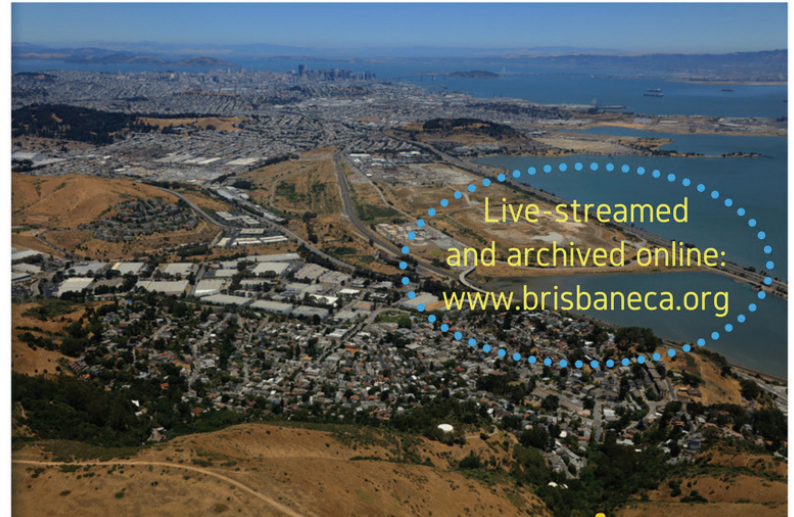
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All Brisbane Electrical Accounts Have Now Been Enrolled in Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE)



There's still time to opt up to ECO100, a 100% renewable energy option.  
Questions? Call 866-966-0110 or visit [www.peninsulacleanenergy.com](http://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com).

Next Brisbane Baylands  
Study Session: 6:00pm  
Public Hearing: 7:30pm



Live-streamed  
and archived online:  
[www.brisbaneca.org](http://www.brisbaneca.org)

## Thurs., May 4th

At City Hall in the Community Meeting Room –  
50 Park Place, Brisbane

The Brisbane City Council has set aside the Baylands Public Hearing of May 23, 2017 to allow for the applicant and community groups to make presentations prior to Council beginning its formal deliberations. The start time for this meeting is 6:30pm. For any questions, please contact Ingrid Padilla at (415) 508-2113 or [ipadilla@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:ipadilla@ci.brisbane.ca.us)



# WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR TEENS THIS SUMMER IN BRISBANE?

## CAMP COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

**Ages 11-15**

Is your teen stuck in between camper & staff? If so, the Counselor in Training (CIT) program is a perfect fit! The CIT program is a great way for teens entering 7th-11th grade to develop leadership skills and have fun this summer! The program is a 4 week-long commitment. CITs are trained in supervision, game creation, arts & crafts, and sports. CIT's will still get to enjoy all the fun of camp such as field trips, but will also shadow staff to learn the skills needed in order to become a Counselor in the future. The CIT program may be used towards fulfilling community service requirements (please check with your school). Space is limited and CIT's will be interviewed before selected. Applications will be available inside the Parks and Recreation Department office and online.

Location: Mission Blue Center

**\$175 Residents, \$210 Non-Residents (per 4 week session)**

**Monday-Friday | 8:00am-4:00pm | 6/19-7/14**

**Monday-Friday | 8:00am-4:00pm | 7/17-8/11**

## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Ages 12-18** The Brisbane Parks & Recreation department is seeking dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated teens to join the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Committee members have the important duty of advising the Parks & Recreation Commission and Recreation staff as to the concerns and interests of the youth and teens in the Brisbane community. YAC members can also help plan special events, field trips, dances, and enrichment programs & classes for teens. You get to decide! Joining the YAC is an excellent way to learn and develop leadership skills. YAC members may be nominated to serve as one of the elected positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary), and all YAC members are expected to participate. If interested, please contact Ricardo Monroy at 415-508-2143 or [rmonroy@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:rmonroy@ci.brisbane.ca.us) for an application.

## JUNIOR LIFEGUARDING CAMP

**Ages 11-14**

Junior Lifeguards will be introduced to the fundamentals of rescues, first aid and CPR skills. Jr. Guards will also develop the leadership skills necessary to become successful lifeguards including effective communication, how to make informed decisions, how to work as a team and provide quality customer service. They will even get a chance to train and shadow with current lifeguards.

Location: Community Pool

**\$90 Residents, \$112 Non-Residents (per session)**

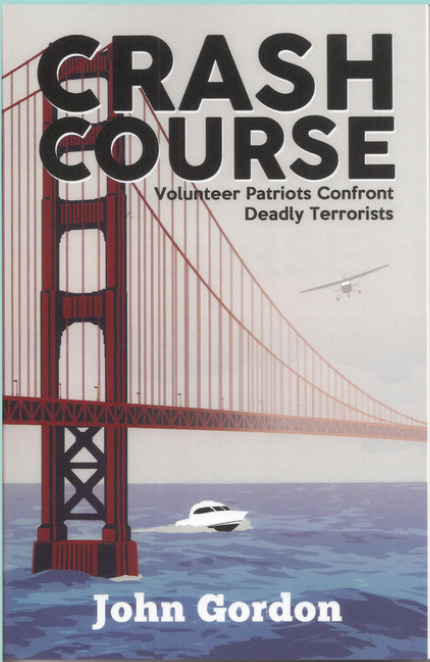
**Monday-Friday | 10:00am-4:00pm | 7/10-7/14**

**Monday-Friday | 10:00am-4:00pm | 7/17-7/21**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (415) 508-2140 OR VISIT [WWW.BRISBANE.CA.ORG](http://WWW.BRISBANE.CA.ORG)

MEET JOHN GORDON  
BRISBANE MARINA AUTHOR



CRASH COURSE is the story of three disaffected twenty-somethings and determined terrorist wannabes from Des Moines who intend to carry out a large-scale attack on San Francisco. They know the best day and the most effective method to create massive casualties and a long-term ecological disaster. Only Colin Hennessy, a downtrodden vagabond writer and a small flotilla of aging Coast Guard volunteers led by Jackson Boyd are positioned to thwart the lowans' plans. But the odds greatly favor the terrorists in a white-knuckle showdown pitting brute force against courage and guile.

"A fine sea story that ranges from Alaska to the Golden Gate, it's about courage and the search for self."  
Grant Fjornisdal - Literary consultant, author of the award-winning book, *The Tommen Makers*.

"CRASH COURSE is very hard to put down especially as it hurtles toward a tense and deadly confrontation between cowardice and courage."  
Joseph Kirby - highly decorated Vietnam Army Ranger, retired Army Major, retired Captain in the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

"A thrilling story that will captivate you with its unique characters, realistic details, and twisting plotlines."  
Hugo Viklen - fighter pilot, career airline pilot, two-time record-setting transatlantic sailor.

"A compelling story reflecting our dangerous world. The twists, turns, and increasing suspense will captivate you."  
David Neumann - 40-year boater, search and rescue instructor, security specialist.

"Mariners have a physical and spiritual bond. CRASH COURSE is an intriguing story of potential terror and how U.S. Coast Guard volunteers are called upon to respond."  
Ted Brown - Coast Guard Academy graduate, retired Coast Guard Reserve Captain, *Victims/Mitigants Program* management team.



John Gordon has been a member of the Brisbane Marina community since 2013.

He divides his time between Brisbane and Key Largo, FL. You can find out more about John here:

<http://www.johngordon.org/about.php>

MAY 11TH, 6:15-9:30AM

# BIKE TO WORK DAY

THE 23RD ANNUAL BIKE TO WORK DAY IS AROUND THE CORNER!

TWO BRISBANE ENERGIZER STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED AT:  
BAYSHORE BLVD. & OLD COUNTY RD.,  
AND TUNNEL AVE & LAGOON WAY

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL JOIN THE MASSES TO HOP ON A BIKE AND PEDAL TO THE OFFICE. THE SF BICYCLE COALITION HOSTS THE MOST ROBUST BIKE TO WORK DAY EVENT IN THE BAY AREA WITH 25 ENERGIZER STATIONS, URBAN BIKE SAFETY CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS, PARTIES, RAFFLES AND GIVEAWAYS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT TO CELEBRATE BIKING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BIKE TO WORK DAY 2016, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.COMMUTE.ORG](http://WWW.COMMUTE.ORG). IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF BRISBANE'S ENERGIZER STATIONS, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO [BIKE2WORK@COMMUTE.ORG](mailto:BIKE2WORK@COMMUTE.ORG).

BRISBANE DANCE & THEATRE WORKSHOP  
**BDW**



General Admission \$11.00  
Children under 5 & Seniors \$8.00  
Gala, Saturday 7:30 PM Wine & Appetizers \$20.00

Ticket sales start online Monday, May 8 and end Friday, May 19\*

Purchase tickets online at <http://www.brisbanedanceworkshop.org>

For additional information visit us online or phone 415.467.8751

\*After May 19 available tickets will only be sold first-come/fist-served at the door prior to each show

BDW PRESENTS

# Wendy & Peter

May 20 & 21

Saturday, May 20  
3:30 PM & 7:30 PM Gala

Sunday, May 21  
1:00 PM & 3:30 PM



# May 2017 Library Calendar

## Special Events

### Lego Drive

The San Mateo County Libraries are proud to be a partner in the Big Lift Inspiring Summers program. This program provides literacy support and enrichment STEM activities for children in low income families to prevent learning loss over the summer. This program employs two hundred local college students at 11 schools county-wide, serving 1,500 children. If you have any Legos, K'Nex, zoobs, pattern blocks, dominoes, or board games suitable for children ages 4-8 that need a new home, please bring them to your local library for the Big Lift Inspiring Summers program. For additional information about this program, please see <http://www.thebiglift.org/inspiringsummers>

### Ditch Your Device Week

Join us for a technology free afternoon!

**Monday, May 1, 3:30pm - Ditch Your Device Week: Button Making**

**Tuesday, May 2, 3:30pm - Ditch Your Device Week: Mini Potted Plants**

**Wednesday, May 3, 3:30pm - Ditch Your Device Week: Monster Bookmarks**

**Thursday, May 4, 12-5pm - Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt**

**Friday, May 5, 12-5pm - Puzzlemania!**

**Thursday, May 4, 7pm - Connected or Disconnected: Technology and Your Family**

Discuss the multiple benefits of unplugged time and learn practical strategies and fun ideas for communicating and connecting with kids in a world of screens and instant access to information and entertainment.

**Monday, May 22 - Primavera Chalk and Oil Pastel Craft**

Celebrate the Primavera Book Festival with a special craft!

## Recurring Events for Children and Families

*Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am*

**May 6 - Lego Building.** Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

**May 20 - 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, 10:30am - Preschool Early Learning**

Centered around parent/caregiver-child interactions, this participatory experience engages everyone in creating developmentally appropriate fun and the early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing. \*NOTE: There will be no Preschool Early Learning Program on Monday, May 29.

**Mondays, 3:30pm-4:30pm - Afterschool Crafts**

Join us every Monday for a fun craft. Best for ages 8-13 years. \*NOTE: There will be no Afterschool Craft Program on Monday, May 29.

**Tuesdays, 11:30am - 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.

**Wednesdays, 10:30am - Toddler Early Learning**

Centered around parent/caregiver-child interactions, this participatory experience engages everyone in creating developmentally appropriate fun and the early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing.

**Saturdays, May 6 and May 20, 11am - Sensory Storytime**

This storytime welcomes all children with special needs and children without special needs. It goes at a slower pace to engage and stimulate their senses with visual aids, songs, and more. For ages 2 and up.

**Friday, May 5, 7pm - Mom & Me Book Club**

Girls ages 9-12 and their mothers are invited to attend our Mother Daughter Book Club! We will be discussing *The Georges and the Jewels* by Jane Smiley at our May meeting. Aunts, grandmothers or other adults are also welcome to attend with the girls. Please contact Stephanie Saba if you have any questions or need help ordering a copy of the book ([sabas@smcl.org](mailto:sabas@smcl.org)).

## Recurring Events for Adults

**Mondays, 11:30am & Tuesdays, 10:30 am- Drop-in Computer Help**

Drop into this relaxed and welcoming tutoring session with all your technical questions for one on one help. \*NOTE: There will be no Drop-in Computer

# May 2017 City Calendar

All Public Meetings take place at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Occasionally meetings are canceled or changed; please call 508-2113 to verify. You can also check the City's online calendar for the latest: [www.brisbaneca.org/calendar](http://www.brisbaneca.org/calendar).

Brisbane Farmer's Market: Thursdays, 3-7pm in the Community Park  
Residential Street Sweeping: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month  
Commercial Street Sweeping: Every Weds. AM (Visitacion Ave. enforced 3-6AM)

4, Thursday, 6pm (Study Session-B) | 7:30pm (Hearing-B)  
Special City Council Meeting to Discuss the Brisbane Baylands, B

6, Saturday, 9am-noon  
Bike Rodeo at BES

10, Wednesday, 6:30pm  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

11, Thursday, 7:30pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, B

18, Thursday, 7:30pm  
Regular City Council Meeting, B

20 & 21, Saturday & Sunday, 9am-noon  
Fire Hydrant Painting & Restoration Weekend  
Meet at Brisbane Community Park

23, Tuesday, 6:30pm  
Special City Council Meeting to Discuss the Brisbane Baylands, B

24, Wednesday, 6:30pm  
Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

25, Thursday, 7:30pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, B

29, Monday Monday, All day  
City Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day

B - Meeting broadcast on Ch. 27 and on [www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming](http://www.brisbaneca.org/live-streaming)  
City Hall Regular Hours of Operation: M, T, Th 8am-5pm, W 8am-8pm, F 8am-1pm

For questions or comments about The STAR please call  
Caroline Cheung at (415) 508-2157 or [ccheung@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:ccheung@ci.brisbane.ca.us)

Help Program on Monday, May 29.

**Wednesday, May 3, 7pm - Adult Book Club**

Join us for a lively book discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We will be discussing *Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers at our May meeting.

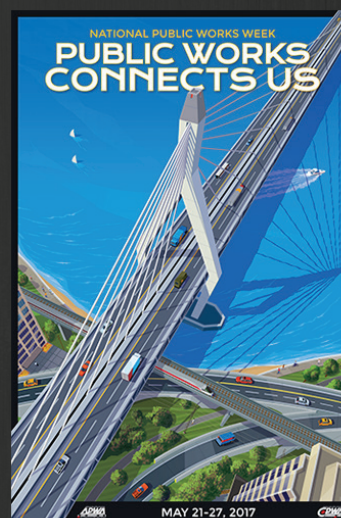
**Tuesdays, May 9 and May 23, 6pm - Craft Time & Coloring for Grown Ups**

Join us for this new and exciting drop-in program!

**Tuesday, May 16, 7:00pm - 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.

**THE BRISBANE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29 IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY.**



May 21-27 is National  
Public Works Week

Take the opportunity to thank those that keep Brisbane looking beautiful and a great place to live! They plan, manage, and operate in the heart of this community to improve your everyday quality of life.

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# 2017 CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Friday nights from 6:00-8:30pm  
@ Brisbane Community Park



- JULY 14 **ANDRE THIERRY**  
*(Zydeco)*
- JULY 21 **JOURNEY UNAUTHORIZED**  
*(Classic Rock)*
- JULY 28 **SANG MATIZ**  
*(Latin/World)*
- AUG 4 **LOST DOG FOUND**  
*(Soul, Jazz, Rock & Roll)*
- AUG 11 **TOM RIGNEY**  
*(Cajun)*
- AUG 18 **POP FICTION**  
*(Party Music)*

This summertime tradition is only made possible due to the generous tax-deductible donations from Brisbane businesses and families. We wish to thank all of our sponsors from last year and look forward to their continued support in 2017. Sponsorships begin as low as \$100, so if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2016 concert series, please contact Jeff Franco at 415-657-4321 or [jfranco@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:jfranco@ci.brisbane.ca.us).

## FIRE HYDRANT PAINTING & RESTORATION WEEKEND MAY 20TH & 21ST, 9:00AM-NOON BRISBANE COMMUNITY PARK



Come join the Parks & Recreation department as we continue the tradition of painting Brisbane's historic hydrants. You too can make Brisbane history by participating in this great community event. All supplies will be provided to participating artists courtesy of the Brisbane Parks & Recreation department. Just show up, ready to paint, and wearing clothes you don't mind getting messy...because it's bound to happen!

**NOTE:** We require that you reserve a hydrant in advance. All new hydrant designs must be formally proposed and approved by the Fire Department no later than Friday, May 12th. Reservations will be accepted until May 12th for both new designs and restoration requests. For a complete list of hydrants and additional information regarding the event itself, please call Noreen Leek at 415-508-2141 or email [nleek@ci.brisbane.ca.us](mailto:nleek@ci.brisbane.ca.us).

