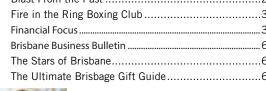




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# **CAMILLE & MARC SALMON** NAMED VOLUNTEERS **OF THE YEAR**

By: MADISON DAVIS, City of Brisbane Mayor, madisondavis@brisbaneca.org, 415-706-5276

These past few weeks have been challenging for many in our community as we mourn the loss of a few incredible individuals. Our unity becomes a source of solace and strength as we grapple with their passing. Coming together in times of sadness to support one another exemplifies what makes Brisbane so special. May this holiday season bring comfort, hope, and brighter days ahead.

Despite the circumstances, on December 2nd, the community gathered for the Festival of Lights. Residents caroled down Visitacion, snacked on

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SUPERVISOR'S

# **HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS**

Message

By: DAVID J. CANEPA, President of the San Mateo County Supervisors, dcanepa@smcgov.org, 650-363-4572

As the holidays draw closer and we approach 2024, I am so thankful to serve as your San Mateo County Supervisor. I am also thankful for my wife Ana and son Piero, who both remind me every day how fortunate I am to have family by my side.

Piero was born during my first year in office and watching him grow up is the joy of our lives. He loves to read, play sports and has a love for life that is truly inspiring. I am also grateful to

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By: TERESA MONTGOMERY, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce Board Secretary, SSF Scavenger Co.



NOVAworks staff assisting a job seeker at the local library

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce proudly welcomes NOVAworks as its latest member. NOVAworks is a nonprofit, federally funded employment and training agency that provides workforce development services. With offices in San Mateo and Sunnyvale, NOVAworks collaborates with local businesses, educators, and job seekers to address the dynamic needs of the workforce.

#### Vision, Mission, and Purpose: Building a Better Community

NOVAworks envisions itself as an effective partner in delivering innovative, high-quality, customer-focused workforce development services, aiming to build a better community. The agency's mission is to offer employment and training services that facilitate skill development, align with the needs of the business community, and enhance the ability of individuals to live and work in Silicon Valley.

The core mission of NOVAworks is to support workforce mobility by providing real-time labor market information, skill-building opportunities, career navigation tools, and advocacy for necessary infrastructure, which includes a focus on interconnected support systems for multiple

operator for the NOVAworks workforce development area, the agency ensures seamless access to resources for individuals seeking career transitions.

#### **Career One-Stop: A Holistic Approach to Career Development**

NOVAworks is part of America's Job Center of California, offering individuals resources to plan, locate, and pay for educational training to start, change, or advance their careers. The agency ensures a whole-person approach to serving job seekers by providing referrals to community-based organizations to address any barriers they may face.

#### Layoff Assistance and Talent Acquisition Services

For over four decades, NOVAworks has supported businesses and outplaced employees by providing comprehensive and customized services funded by public and private grants. They ensure services are at no cost to individuals and companies. Outplacement services include pre-layoff assistance, career advising, resume writing assistance, job search plan development, training and resources to prevent layoffs. Employee services encompass on-the-job training, incumbent-worker training, apprenticeships, and employment training panel funding.

NOVAworks offers free talent acquisition services, including job board access, pre-screened candidate pools, and training in inclusive hiring practices for HR personnel. The agency hosts hiring events and ensures a smooth match between job seekers and employers through its Job Connector platform. Job Connector is a skills-based job search platform that facilitates personalized connections between job seekers and local businesses.

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career pathways.

#### **Operations and Services: A Comprehensive** Approach

Directed by the NOVAworks Workforce Board, representing a consortium of eight jurisdictions, NOVAworks offers a range of services for job seekers and businesses and caters to diverse needs. NOVAworks collaborates with various organizations to provide customized employment and training solutions. Acting as the one-stop

#### Services For Young Adults Ages 16-24

Young adults are the future of our workforce, but it

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# CHAMBER CIRCLE MEMBERS

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If your business would like to become a member of the Chamber's Circle, please contact Madison Davis, President/CEO at 415-467-7283 or e-mail madison@brisbanechamber.org.

#### Supervisor's Message, continued from page 1

my staff for helping me to address the needs of my constituents in San Mateo County and for creating policy that will improve the lives of all county residents.

Some policies I sponsored and are now county law include one of the strictest anti-tobacco ordinances in the state that severely fines retailers for selling prohibited nicotine products and selling any tobacco products to minors; a guaranteed income pilot program for non-minor dependents transitioning out of foster care; and the Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations ordinance which allows home cooks to start their own businesses and legally sell hot food dishes out of their homes with the potential to earn up to \$100,000 a year. I'm proud to say MEHKO has created 32 new businesses in the county.

I am also delighted to announce I awarded



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Published by the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce 50 Park Place, Second Floor Brisbane, CA 94005 (415) 467-7283 the city of Brisbane a \$200,000 grant in Measure K district-discretionary funds to replace the aging boiler at the community pool — a significant consumer of fossil fuels — with cutting-edge electric heat pump water heaters.

As I finish my seventh year in office, I am honored to be a member of a Board of Supervisors that has made historic investments in reducing homelessness, creating affordable housing, removing guns from our streets, protecting women's reproductive rights and protecting our environment.

As the year comes to an end, I'd like to thank you all for taking the time to read my monthly columns and for your support.

Happy holidays and happy new year from my family to yours!

#### Start the New Year, continued from page 1

is estimated that close to 12,000 young adults in the NOVAworks region are not connected to two of the more significant economic stabilizing influences: education and early work experience. NOVAworks delivers an array of services to young adults ages 16-24, including career exploration, job readiness training, educational and career technical training options, and paid work experience. NOVAworks assists youth in understanding all the opportunities available to them and helps them take the steps necessary to succeed in post-secondary education and employment.

# Environmental Technician Training: Paving the Way for Career Advancement

NOVAworks is recruiting participants for a 12-week environmental technician training program in San Mateo and San Francisco. Graduates will earn certificates in Hazwoper, Mold Awareness, Confined Space, OSHA 10, Asbestos Abatement, Lead Abatement, First Aid/CPR, and Traffic Control/Flagger. With potential job opportunities in construction, environmental technology, and inspection, this program aligns with the demand for skilled professionals in the region. Baylands Development Inc. has expressed interest in hiring graduates from this program as environmental technicians, showcasing the practical outcomes of NOVAworks' training initiatives.

The program is free. The orientation is on January 22nd, and classes start on February 5. To learn how to apply for the program, contact: Juanita Pascubello at jpascubello@novasanmateo.org or 650-581-0058. In addition to environmental technician training, NOVAworks partners with training facilities to offer programs in high demand industries including healthcare, biosciences, manufacturing, technology, professional services, and transportation. They also work with labor partners throughout the region.

NOVAworks stands as a beacon of support for San Mateo County, fostering career development and addressing the evolving needs of the workforce. As the newest member of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, NOVAworks brings a wealth of opportunities for businesses and individuals alike, contributing to the growth and prosperity of the region.

Are you looking to transition your career in 2024? Does your business need assistance to hire more staff? NOVAworks can help at no cost. The NOVAworks San Mateo office is located at 1777 Borel Place #500 and is open Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm. Their phone number is 650-581-0058, and their email is sanmateo@novaworks.org. For more information, visit

#### **BLAST** From The Past

The following article is transcribed from *The Brisbane News Bulletin*, a Brisbane Chamber of Commerce publication, printed December 15, 1949.

Gil's drugstore referenced in the following article was in the same place as the former plug preserve, to the right of Julie's Brisbane Liquor and Deli.

In Regards to The Passing of a Landmark in Brisbane By: Gladys Reece

A predawn fire on the morning before Thanksgiving Day destroyed one of Brisbane's landmarks when, at 3:30 AM, the fire siren blew to awaken most of Brisbane's residents to watch Gil's drugstore go up in smoke. Long a meeting place of the town's familiar faces, Gil's place has become the counterpart of the "corner grocery store" in other small towns across the nation, just like this one. The building had been built sometime around 1933—no one seems to remember exactly when—and at the time of the fire, was the oldest established business in Brisbane.

Gil has long been the "Father Confessor" in this little town, and no child with a sick pet was ever turned away. Somehow, the closed doors on this burned-out building has left a gap in our lives—and we still find ourselves running down to "Gil's for that forgotten roll of cotton, or that little gift for Susie's birthday—only to be confronted by closed and locked doors, and a fire-blackened interior. As we peer through the cracked glass, we can see the ghosts of once-lovely cosmetic cases, once-brilliant plastic stands, and all the other interesting items that once made up the interior of Brisbane's busiest store. Even the magazine and books look forlorn, with their over-coating of smoke stains some of them soggy and wet from the drenching they got from the fire hoses on that dark morning.

Gil's has long been the newspaper agency for Brisbane. And Brisbane now faces the Christmas season with only one drugstore doing business. The loss of this meeting place is being felt keenly by the townspeople, and we're all waiting to see if "Gil" will re-open, and if so—when. No plans have been made yet for reopening, or rebuilding.

The building was owned by Gilman and his motherin-law, Mrs. May Fairbanks, while the drugstore itself was operated by Gil and his wife, Frances, prior to the fire. B.F. Glendenning, of National Board of Fire Underwriters, was called to inspect the burned out premises, and found no evidence of arson. Neither did Fire Chief Terry. Cause of fire was unknown, and heavy losses were sustained, and was only partly insured. The Gilmans dropped one of their major policies a short time ago. Let's all hope that "Gil" gets another drugstore, and soon. We need him.



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# FIRE IN THE RING BOXING CLUB: INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE, ONE ROUND AT A TIME!

By: STEPHANIE SHAKOFSKY, Vice President Government Affairs Baylands Development, Inc., <u>shakofsky@thebaylands.com</u>

BDI kicked off this holiday season with a \$10,000 contribution to Fire in Ring, an important Brisbane-based nonprofit boxing club run entirely by volunteers. Dedicated to creating a positive environment for all young people, the nonprofit offers boxing lessons free of charge to all youth. BDI is committed to ensuring that this important local nonprofit remains a community asset for generations, and we are currently in discussions about a permanent home for Fire in the Ring in the Baylands project.

Fire in the Ring was founded in 2004 by boxing veteran Jimmy Ford. Step inside Fire in the Ring boxing club any weekday afternoon, and you'll find punching bags, shadow boxing, rope jumping and, most importantly, smiling kids. The organization is committed to training youth aged 6 to 17 at all fitness levels. Fire in the Ring's volunteers are

people with full-time jobs who donate their time to this extraordinary organization.

According to Ford, the programs are designed to build confidence, sportsmanship, and leadership skills in kids of all genders and backgrounds so they can realize their full potential and excel in all areas of their lives. The program is designed for young people to work out, get a "sense of purpose", and potentially compete in a safe and supportive environment that keeps them off the streets.

We encourage every Chamber organization as well as every Brisbane resident to support Fire In the Ring with your volunteer time or please consider a donation at: <u>https://bit.ly/41SSAv9</u>. All of us at BDI wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a peaceful new year.



Young boxers at Fire in the Ring.

#### FINANCIAL Focus

# STILL TIME TO "MAX OUT" YOUR IRA

By: SVEN GEFFKEN, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, <u>Sven.Geffken@edwardjones.com</u>, (650) 355-1365

As the year winds down, you might be wondering whether you still have time to make some positive financial moves — and you do. One productive action to consider is "maxing out" on your individual retirement account (IRA).

You have until April 15, 2024, to contribute to your IRA for the 2023 tax year. But if you can afford it, why not put in the extra money now and get it working for you as soon as possible?

For 2023, you can put up to \$6,500 into an IRA, plus an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution if you're 50 or older. (This limit rises to \$7,000, plus the \$1,000 catch-up amount, in 2024.) If you already have a traditional or Roth IRA, you may know the benefits, but if you don't have either, here's a quick summary:

• **Traditional IRA** – When you invest in a traditional IRA, your earnings grow tax deferred and your contributions may qualify for a tax deduction. If you and your spouse don't participate in a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you can deduct the full amount of your IRA contributions, up to the contribution limit. But if you or your spouse invest in an employer-sponsored plan, you may be able to take a full or partial deduction if you are married and filing jointly, with a modified adjusted gross income of \$136,000 or less. For single filers, this figure is \$83,000. (For the 2024 tax year, these figures rise to \$143,000 if you're married and file jointly, and \$87,000 if you're a single filer.)

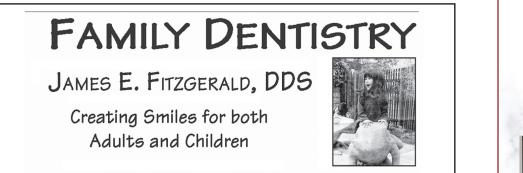
 $\bullet$  Roth IRA – By investing in a Roth IRA, your contributions are not tax deductible, but your earnings can grow tax free provided you've held your

account at least five years and you don't start withdrawing the earnings until you're 59½. And because you're investing with after-tax dollars, you can withdraw contributions — not the earnings — at any time, for any purpose, without taxes or penalties. You may be eligible for a full or partial contribution if your modified adjusted gross income is less than \$228,000 married and filing jointly, or less than \$153,000 if you're a single filer. (For 2024, these figures are less than \$240,000 if you're married and file jointly, and less than \$161,000 if you're a single filer.)

These tax advantages provide a strong incentive to fully fund an IRA each year. Furthermore, you can put almost any investment — stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on — into an IRA, so you can create a portfolio that matches your goals and risk tolerance.

You can still fully fund your IRA for the 2023 tax year, but as you continue to save, you might find a more efficient way to reach the maximum, such as setting aside a regular amount each month. To make it as stress-free as possible, you can have the money automatically moved from your savings or checking account to your IRA. If it's still difficult to come up with these amounts every month, you could put in what you can afford and then add other funds, such as a year-end bonus or a tax refund, when you receive them.

Any time you contribute to your IRA is a good time — but if you can do it early, or have a savings strategy throughout the year, you can avoid the last-minute dash to put in the cash.









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#### Place Your Order for a Holiday Star!

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce began Brisbane's beloved tradition of creating holiday stars for residents and we continue to offer them to the community today. This tradition is made possible due to the generosity of Golden State Lumber, Brisbane Hardware & Supply, and Star Maker Bob Wilson with support from Alison Wilson. To place an order for pick up (after Thanksgiving), please email: madison@ brisbanechamber.org. Stars help us raise funds for our collage scholarship program and we ask that you consider donating (no one will be turned away). Suggested donation amounts are from \$10-\$40 depending on star size.

Lloyd's Jewelry Will Pay The Sales Tax on All **Purchases For Christmas!** 

Lloyd's Jewelry will be open Monday-Saturday from 12-6pm until Christmas and will pay the sales tax on all purchases for Christmas!

#### **Congratulations to the Brisbane Aerie 3255 Eagles** Club For Voting in its First Ever Female Member on Saturday, December 2nd!

#### Brisbane's New Business License Processor for 2024

The City of Brisbane has partnered with HdL to administer the business license program in time for the 2024 renewal season. More information about new applications, renewals and access to HdL's business license online portal will be available in late December. Renewal notices are expected to be delivered in early January. During the transition, businesses can reach out to the Finance Department at 415-508-2150 or through the Contact Us section

on the City's website for all business license related concerns.

#### Your Feedback Needed on AARP Age-Friendly **Community Survey!**

Are you 45 and older and planning to reside in Brisbane for the foreseeable future? Now is time to provide your suggestions on how Brisbane can continue to be a great place to live for older adults. Please fill out the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey here: brisbaneca.org/aarp. There are hardcopy versions of the survey available at City Hall in the Parks and Recreation Department, the Brisbane Library, and the Senior Sunrise Room; please turn in completed surveys at any of these locations. The survey will be open through the end of this year; thank you to those who have already filled it out. For more information or how to get involved, please contact Nicole Houghton at (415) 508-2144 or nhoughton@brisbaneca.org.

### THE STARS OF BRISBANE

#### By: DOLORES HOSKING GOMEZ, Longtime Resident, brischic@sonic.net

Much appreciation to the Brisbane chamber of Commerce for continued support of the 80+ year tradition of five point stars. That's where Brisbane's reputation as City of Stars comes from. The wood-frame stars (lights not included) nowadays range from two to eight feet. Traditionally the stars are lit at 5:30 in the afternoon on this first Sunday in December to announce the annual Festival of the Tree Lighting ceremony.

Thanks to the generosity of Golden State Lumber Company, for their donation of lumber, the Brisbane Hardware for nails, tools and materials for making stars, and to "Skipper" Bob Wilson, the star maker.

This tradition started in the mid 1930's, high up on the hill at 326 Kings Road. Mr. Gagnier put up a lighted star for the Christmas Holiday. Gagnier's star stood out boldly, as there were not many houses high on the hills back then. Soon other residents in town began to put stars on their homes. By the early 1940's, founding Chamber board members Arthur Kennedy and Dick Schroder, with original members, Frank Walsh and Richard "Dick" Hosking started distributing the stars free of charge to Brisbane businesses and residents. Frank Walsh and Dick Hosking assembled the simple 5 point, 10 foot stars in the back of the Brisbane Hardware Store.

My father, Dick, laid out the materials to assemble the ten foot stars in our large cement yard months before December. I had to tip toe through the wood and all sorts of materials in the yard to get to the stairs. He was always dedicated to get stars up for the Christmas season almost to the point of obsession! Leaving early in the morning, many times he'd be gone for the day putting up stars for senior residents. After putting up the star, he would visit. have a holiday drink or two and at times returned home a bit lit up. One year, my husband Johnny was slow in putting up our star, so my father came and took it to give to someone else!

Lighted stars were anchored to balconies or roofs and later stored until the next year. Dad worked constantly with Mr. Walsh and others in obtaining materials to create more stars. All were diligent at promoting and distributing stars during the holiday season.

Thanks to the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce and those who are still contributing their time working to keep the "Star" symbol on Brisbane homes. What a wonderful sight it is to see, those bright colorful stars still shining in Brisbane and to be called "The City of Stars."

### THE ULTIMATE BRISBANE GIFT GUIDE

This year, more than ever, spending money at our local businesses is incredibly important and impactful. Many of our businesses have struggled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting them during this time helps ensure they can stay open. As you plan your holiday gift giving, consider seeking out items from businesses in town. Below are some ideas. Please note, some of these businesses may not offer gift cards or certificates but we encourage you to inquire:

Madhouse Coffee

• Mama Mia Pizza

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- Chef Reina
- Tala Wine Co
- **Personal Care Services**

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• Midtown Market- Grab a bottle of wine or champagne and a card and you're done! Midtown Market may also carry small gifts, pop in and see what they have.They also have stocking stuffers such as small toys or candy for kids and lotto scratchers for adults.

• Mission Blue Nursery- For the gardener in your life, consider gifting them a native plant! All proceeds benefit San Bruno Mountain Watch. Volunteers can give you recommendations about which plant to purchase if you are unsure, or purchase a gift card and allow the recipient to pick their own plants!

• Brisbane Farmers' Market- While many of these vendors may not live in Brisbane, they are still small business owners. We recommend purchasing a jar of honey, artisan handicrafts, or a bag of kettle corn for a gift basket.

• Tala Wine Co- Founded by Brisbane resident Tala Drzewiecki, Tala Wine Co. is bringing you an ever-changing selection of thoughtfully curated wines available for delivery to your door via subscription or a la carte. You can also purchase wine at their Excelsior location where staff can help you pick out the perfect bottle for everyone on your list. All of the wines sourced have a focus on stewardship of the land, agricultural transparency, expression of terroir, food-friendliness, and sometimes a punk rock vibe. Drink what you like, or try something new. Visit their website: tala.wine or email owner Tala Drzewiecki at tala@tala.wine for recommendations. Order a bottle for a holiday party hostess gift, to serve at your next dinner party, or purchase a subscription as a gift for a friend.

Pro Nails

• Beauty Fix Salon- They also have an incredible selection of plants, pots, and other gift items

• Skin Body Zen- Brisbane Spa offering facials, massages, hair & nail treatments, and a spa retail section. Who couldn't use the gift of relaxation? They also carry lip and nail gifts sets, candles, cards, jewelry, crystals, soaps, smudge kits, and other misc items, aka- perfect stocking stuffers!

 Saint Studio- New Brisbane business offering lash, brow, waxing, and tanning services

#### Clothing, Jewelry, Gifts & Handmade Goods

 Stagger Lee Goods- New Brisbane business, Stagger Lee Goods is your source for handcrafted leather goods, custom-made aprons, and artisan products such as candles, body wash, and coffee. Many items can be personalized for free!

• Lloyd's Jewelry- Lloyd's Jewelry will be open Monday-Saturday from 12-6pm until Christmas and will pay the sales tax on all purchases for Christmas!

#### **Misc Gifts**

• Brisbane Hardware and Supply- Think flashlights and multi-purpose tools.



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cookies, sipped cocoa and cider, enjoyed "Jingle Bells" sung by Brisbane Elementary students, and were surprised with a visit from Santa before lighting the Christmas Tree. During the Festival, I had the pleasure of announcing our adult "Volunteer of the Year."

Each year, the City proudly bestows the title of "Volunteer of the Year" upon a remarkable Brisbane resident who embodies the essence of community service and selflessness. Rigorous scrutiny of nominations and recommendations by an ad hoc subcommittee, comprised of City Councilmembers and Parks & Recreation Commissioners, culminates in selecting an individual whose commitment to the City of Brisbane is exceptional. At the Day in the Park event, we celebrated our Youth Volunteer of the Year, the outstanding Sagar Rajan, and at the Festival of Lights, we honored Camille and Marc Salmon.

Marc and Camille are synonymous with the Brisbane spirit and have consistently dedicated themselves to enhancing the lives of our residents, offering a helping hand and a radiant smile whenever needed.

Camille has been an unwavering force in the Brisbane community for over four decades, serving as the founder of Brisbane Dance Workshop. A luminary in her own right, she has devoted countless hours to nurturing the creative spirit of every student and inspiring youth in the performing arts. Beyond her role as a retired program director for the SF Arts Education Project and choreographer for the EVENT Players, Camille has contributed significantly to the Brisbane School District and the SF Arts Providers Alliance. As the Vice Chair of our Public Art Advisory Committee, she continues to shape the cultural landscape of our city and leaves an unforgettable mark. I learned many lessons and skills in my youth due to her mentorship from my enrollment in BDW at three years old. Equally deserving of this honor is Marc Salmon, a lifelong Brisbane resident and devoted member of the Brisbane Lions Club. Often working behind the scenes, he exemplifies quiet dedication and extends a helping hand to friends, family, and neighbors in need. He serves as a chaplain, giving support, words of wisdom, and comfort in times of joy and grief. His craftsmanship shines through in projects like constructing sets for Brisbane Dance Workshop, the covered shelter for the crossing guard at BES, and his commitment to environmental sustainability through volunteering at the Mission Blue Nursery. He steps up to help, never expecting acknowledgment or reward. His unassuming nature and unwavering commitment to the community make him a true asset to Brisbane.



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This powerhouse duo has roots deeply embedded in our community for three generations and epitomizes the values of putting community and children first. Their tireless efforts have touched lives across all age

Mayor Madison Davis with Volunteers of the Year Camille and Marc Salmon just prior to lighting the Community Park Christmas Tree

groups, reflecting the true spirit of the Volunteer of the Year Award. After years of dedicated service, it is with immense gratitude that we honor Camille and Marc Salmon.

As my year as Mayor ends, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you on the Brisbane City Council. While not in the role of Mayor, I will continue to serve as a council member and encourage you to email me at <u>madisondavis@</u> <u>brisbaneca.org</u> or call 415-706-5276 if you have any questions or concerns about the City.



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