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MAYOR'S Message

THE SEARCH BEGINS

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

The time has come--After 25 years of service to Brisbane, our beloved City Manager Clay Holstine has set a retirement date for December 2023. Clay started with the city in 1998, relocating to the Bay Area after a career as the City Manager for Reno. He is currently the longest standing city manager in the county and is the longest serving city manager in the city's history. At county events, I constantly hear from other council members and staff from neighboring cities, "Brisbane has the best city manager." And it's true; Clay's abilities and wealth of knowledge are evident to us here in Brisbane and throughout

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SUPERVISOR'S Message

COUNTY COMMITS TO FIGHTING FENTANYL CRISIS

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

The growing public health threat posed by cheap opioids and Fentanyl was the subject of a special San Mateo County Board of Supervisors study session that prompted the board to direct county staff to develop a comprehensive plan that focuses on public education, treatment options and increased access to life-saving medications such as Naloxone that can reverse overdoses.

San Mateo County Health and Sheriff's Office officials presented a detailed report and findings on "The Opioid and Fentanyl Crisis: An Overview."

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LEAVE WITH A SMILE

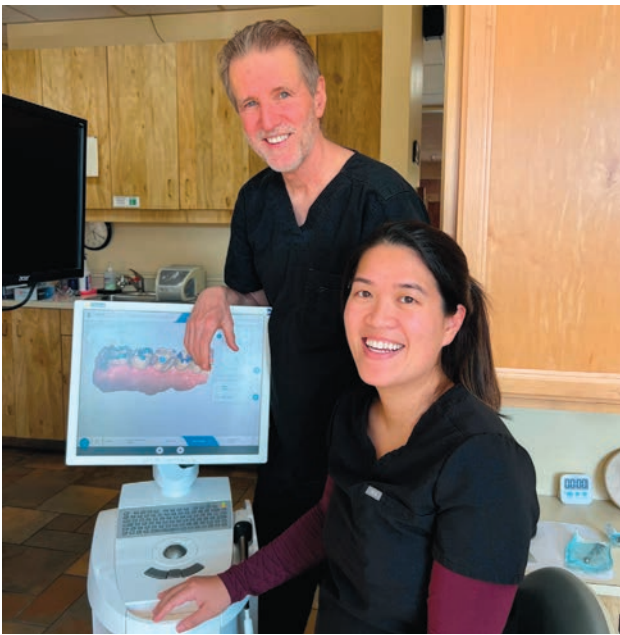
By: **DAN CARTER**, Board Chair, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, Lyon Medical Construction

Businesses come and go from the Brisbane Village Shopping Center, but one has remained a fixture since 1981, James Fitzgerald DDS. Dr. Fitzgerald opened his dental practice in Brisbane a year after dental school at UCSF and has been here for 42 years, longer than any other tenant. Initially, Dr. Fitzgerald didn't know much about Brisbane but appreciated the easy parking, new construction, and mountains in view. It didn't take long for him to fall in love with the city, moving to Brisbane a year after opening his practice.

Along with Dr. Fitzgerald, the practice employs two other dentists (Dr. Wu and Dr. Esmaili), several dental hygienists, and an office team. Some staff members are also Brisbane residents, while others celebrate 25 and 35 year anniversaries with the practice. Staff members are long standing, so patients can expect to see a familiar face when they visit.



Dr. Esmaili



Dr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Wu

or Dr. Esmaili to learn about the patient's dental goals, concerns, and medical history on the first visit. X-rays and cleanings on the first visit are also commonplace. In addition to cleanings and fillings, the team can take care of implants, veneers, crowns, dentures, partials, extractions, and tooth whitening. They also do their best to accommodate emergencies on the same day.

The office has standard X-ray machines and more advanced technology like three dimensional and panoramic X-rays, which allow dentists to see more advanced images to diagnose more complicated cases. Dr. Fitzgerald explains that through this technology, they have solved dental issues that patients have been struggling with for years. In addition to extensive X-ray systems, Dr. Fitzgerald ramped up sterilization protocols due to COVID including developing an ozone water delivery system and a negative air pressure system for each area in the office that removes any particulate matter in the air. They are constantly staying current on the best treatment methods and technologies.

The practice treats adults and children, although they don't specialize in pediatric dentistry. They recommend that young children observe their parents getting a cleaning, allowing them to become familiar with the process. Those with no cavities get their picture taken for the "no cavity club" board in the lobby.

In addition to Dr. Fitzgerald, Dr. Wu, and Dr. Esmaili also treat patients. Dr. Esmaili is a clinical assistant professor at the University of the Pacific, Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry, and places implants for James Fitzgerald DDS patients. He has decades of experience as a professor, teaching at renowned dental schools internationally and domestically. Speaking of his experience he says, "I have built my career on basic principles: transparency, innovation, and resourcefulness."

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Patients are long standing too. Many have been attending the practice since it opened. While several patients are also Brisbane residents, some have come from as far away as Germany to get their teeth taken care of by Dr. Fitzgerald and his team. The power of referrals is how most people hear about James Fitzgerald DDS. "It's easy to tell a friend about a great restaurant, but it's less common to rave about a dentist. So when someone refers us, that means something," Fitzgerald notes.

The team prides itself on excellent communication, a friendly environment, top notch work, and an honest approach regarding what is needed. As dental offices become more and more corporate, they also become impersonal. At James Fitzgerald DDS, patients encounter a friendly family environment. Staff provides solutions as options, and patients are encouraged to take their time to make a decision rather than being pressured, as is the case at other practices. "We aim for people to leave with a smile" Dr. Fitzgerald explains.

New patients can expect Dr. Fitzgerald, Dr. Wu

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I utilize the highest quality material in the market, coupled with the latest technology, while making scientific based decisions with the latest techniques to provide the best possible care to my patients.”

Dr. Wu has worked all over the Bay Area, from public health facilities to high end private practices. “There’s a sense of integrity here, which is rare. Most dentists stay somewhere for three to five years and move on, but the staff has longevity here. I love the community feel and our commitment to creating the ideal treatment plan,” she says. Dr. Wu explains, “We focus on a functional mouth and teeth. I had a patient who was not prioritizing herself and came in with many decayed teeth. We were able to get her mouth functional, and that was

transformative for her.”

Dr. Wu also shared some interesting facts, including a rise in tartar due to stress and an increase in cavities due to sparkling waters. Many patients think cavities are caused by sugary drinks when in reality, the acidity of sparkling waters can also cause them. She recommends that after you drink something acidic (sparkling waters, energy drinks, coffee, etc.), wait at least an hour before brushing. Otherwise, you brush the acid right into the teeth. She also notes that grinding and clenching have increased significantly among her patients since the pandemic and that night guards are becoming more common.

Recently Delta Dental, the number one dental insurance provider in the U.S., adjusted its rate structure which has caused many dental offices to drop out of their network. However, James Fitzgerald DDS has decided to remain in the network as a preferred provider so patients can still use their insurance.

For readers of *The Luminary*, James Fitzgerald DDS has a few specials. For new patients, schedule a new patient exam with cleaning and X-rays and receive a Professional Strength “Burst Teeth Whitening Kit at your appointment. Existing patients can also receive a whitening kit by referring a new

patient (receivable once they have completed the first visit). This promotion is valid until the end of 2023. Please mention this article to take advantage of the offer.

The team encourages patients to say hi when visiting the Brisbane Village. They’ll gladly offer you coffee or water when you stop by. Email info@jamesfitzgerald DDS.com to make an appointment or call (415)468-5353. The practice is open Tuesdays Fridays 9am-5:00 pm and two Mondays a month are available by appointment only. If you stop by James Fitzgerald DDS, mention reading about them in *The Luminary!*



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The report included presentations and discussions by local public health experts as well as by a Pacifica mother, Bonnie McNamara, whose son died of a fentanyl overdose.

Sadly, we know that just one pill can kill. But imagine when you flood the nation with millions of these pills. You get death by overdose. This county has spent millions of dollars for expenses related to drug treatment, visits to the emergency room, on social services and police who care and protect children whose parents are addicted to opioids. This is a public health crisis and a silent epidemic.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 107,375 people in the United States died of drug overdoses and drug poisonings in the 12-month period ending in January 2022. Two-thirds, or 67 percent, of those deaths involved synthetic opioids like Fentanyl, which is often mixed with other drugs.

It is also imperative that we keep these drugs out of the hands of children but to also ensure

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the county. Clay will be sorely missed.

Honoring Clay and his legacy with the city is coming in a future article. However, today, I will use this opportunity to tell you how we will find our next city manager. The council appointed Mayor Pro Tem O’Connell and me as the subcommittee to work with staff on this process. The city council has already approved the request for proposal for executive recruitment firms to aid us in this effort. We expect a handful of firms will apply, and the entire council will interview them before deciding who to select.

The council will work with the executive recruitment firm to describe the kind of city manager we are looking for and the dynamics at play in our city that this person must manage and oversee. While Brisbane is small, we have significant issues with the Baylands, High Speed Rail, and proposed development at the Quarry and Sierra Point to address in the near future. Equipped with our guidance, the firm will reach out to candidates in their network whom they think meet our qualifications. Our website will list the application so anyone can apply, including existing city staff.

The council will then interview the candidates and make a determination. Ideally, we will hire someone to start mid fall to allow for an overlap period with the new city manager and Clay. The overlap will give Clay time to train the next manager and get them up to speed on the several projects on our horizon.

Clay will be an integral part of the process

that schools are equipped to provide life-saving medications such as Naloxone that can reverse overdoses of Fentanyl.

The Board wants to see the following actions included in a comprehensive plan: Launching public education and awareness campaigns, including billboards and targeted messaging toward youth and families in multiple languages, that build upon successes in other areas of public health; Improving data collection to help public health experts identify specific at-risk areas or populations; provide test strips that can identify the presence of Fentanyl;

Enhance communication and cooperation among a host of organizations, including County Health, public safety officials, school representatives and others that would measure the problem and make recommendations.

Sadly, this crisis is likely to grow but the more steps we take to combat the epidemic and educate the public on the risk of opioids the more lives we can potentially save.

as we search for the next city manager. He has valuable insight into the role, our staff, and the traits necessary for our future manager to succeed. “It has been my privilege to serve this community these last 25 years, and now, it is my goal to work with City staff and the Council over the next seven months to lay the foundation for a smooth transition,” Clay says.

While we would love to keep Clay as city manager forever, his retirement is well deserved. The council is thankful for his 25 years of service and hopes he will now have even more time for relaxation, traveling, and time with family. For questions about this article or any other concerns, please email me at madison@davis@brisbaneca.org or call me (415) 706-5276.



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By: TERESA MONTGOMERY, Chamber Board Member and Sustainability Manager at SSF Scavenger, and ADRIENNE ETHELTON, Sustainability Manager at City of Brisbane

True or False?

All unwanted glass items belong in the blue recycling cart.

The answer is “false,” but however you answered, please read on!

Not all glass items are made with the same ingredients. Some are made from soda-lime, some from borosilicate. Some are coated to prevent shattering. Some are meant to withstand extreme temperatures.

Only empty bottles and jars can be recycled through the curbside program. This includes wine, beer and soda bottles, jam and pickle jars, and similar. The glass can be any color. Labels and lids do not need to be removed and a little bit of food/beverage residue is okay.

It's important to put empty glass bottles and jars under the dark blue lid of a split recycling cart or inside a larger blue bin labeled “Containers Only.” If placed in the other side of a split recycling cart, or in a larger bin meant for paper, the glass and any food/beverage residual will contaminate the paper and prevent it from being recycled.

Kitchen glassware, glass vases and photo frames, Pyrex, mirrors, windows, and similar glass items do not belong in your blue recycling cart. If they are in good shape, please sell or donate them. Otherwise, they belong in the grey garbage cart. Broken incandescent and LED light bulbs too.

Questions about other glass items? Please visit www.ssfscavenger.com/sort-smart, email info@ssfscavenger.com, or call 650.589.4020.

BLAST FROM BRISBANE'S PAST

The following article is taken from the *Brisbane News Bulletin*, a Brisbane Chamber of Commerce newspaper, printed March 8, 1948.

Now Is The Hour!

Now is the time for the people of Brisbane to decide for themselves whether we are to become a respected community and a part of the peninsular life, or whether we are to remain as we have been, just a spot on Bayshore Highway that is ignored by the county officials and looked upon with contempt by all other residents of adjoining communities.

In the forth coming elections you are going to be asked to decide on the men who will administer your police authority to administer not only the law and ordinances of the civil code but also the power to ENFORCE the Public Health and Safety Code of this county. Conscientious enforcement of this code by men who have the knowledge and ability coupled with the authority and DESIRE to do this job properly, promises benefits to the better element of Brisbane to a remarkable extent. We mention a few outstanding evils that are within the power of this commission to correct: The use of Visitacion and San Bruno Avenue as impromptu race tracks by unmuffled cars at all hours of the day and night; the nuisance of stray cows in your yard, goats in your flowers and chickens in your garden; the shabby look of some of our streets caused by abandoned sheds, chicken coops and junked cars and trucks (which beside being eyesores, are definite fire hazards). In short: any and all things that apply directly to the health and safety of Brisbane come under the administration of this commission.

The results of this election promise to be a major step toward determining whether we are able to become a city of people who are capable of working together for the betterment of ourselves and our surroundings, or whether we will continue to be a wide spot in the road, devoting all our energies toward squabbling amongst the few controversial factions in our midst, which does nothing but enrich the people who have chosen Brisbane for the center of their activities because it is ungoverned, unpoliced, and practically unnoticed by the authorities.

Shall the establishment of a police district in this area be the beginning of an era of Health, Safety and Public Protection for the people of Brisbane? Shall it be the stepping stone toward incorporation and the establishment of ourselves as a recognized city with all the advantages that will accrue to the people who pay the taxes and support the merchants of our town? Or shall we decide once and for all to remain the derelict of the peninsula?

At the coming election you will be asked to decide on this issue. The list of candidates for administration of the newly formed police district includes the names of men who have worked long hours and days on their own initiatives and unpaid time for the betterment of Brisbane it also includes the names of men whose chief interest is the continued inflation of their already over filled pockets. The future of Brisbane depends on how YOU vote. THINK! DECIDE! VOTE!

THINK of the candidates: are they for Brisbane or for themselves?

DECIDE which you want: a respected city, or a continuance of what we now have.

VOTE so the town as a whole will know your decision. Don't waste your time saying “I told you so” when YOU are the one who is responsible.

THINK! DECIDE! VOTE!

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BRISBANE CHAMBER'S STUDENTS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM IS NOW IN ITS 26TH YEAR

By: CRISTIAN CABRERA, Brisbane Chamber Board Member, J Style at Home

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce hosted its 26th annual Students in Business and Government Program Luncheon at the Mission Blue Center on Thursday, June 1st. In attendance were Lipman Middle School eighth graders and members of the business community.

This program, which partners businesses with students, has been a joint effort with the Brisbane School District and has exposed over 1100 8th graders to Brisbane, South San Francisco, Daly City, and San Francisco businesses. Students choose a chamber business to visit and spend a few hours shadowing and engaging with community leaders and business owners about their roles.

Before their visit, students research the company and craft tailored questions, which they send to the businesses in advance. Upon arrival, students know a little about how the business operates and can engage in meaningful conversations with their host. Students aim to learn how the company or arm of government functions, its impact on the community, what education is needed to work in that field, if and how the business respects the environment, the main competitors, and how it differentiates itself.

Through this experience, students can gain insight into an industry and the careers that exist within it. The program aims to expose students to work environments they may be unfamiliar with, such as waste management, restaurant supply, or a blood bank. We hope that through this experience, students come away inspired and have learned valuable skills related to professionalism, such as how to dress for a business event. This opportunity provides a unique learning experience, non replicable in a classroom environment.

Equipped with the knowledge from their shadowing day, students work together for a month to prepare a presentation of what they learned. In groups, students work together on slides and determine who will deliver each segment. Students practice in advance at school and get feedback from their teacher to improve their presentations. At the luncheon, the students sit with representatives from the businesses they visited and then present to the room. Giving presentations helps them develop oral speaking skills, and sitting with their business hosts challenges them to converse.

The businesses and city departments that participated this year were: Recology, South San Francisco Scavenger Co, Voyage Real Estate, Baylands Development Inc, BiRite Foodservice Distributors, City of Brisbane, North County Fire Authority, Brisbane Police Department, US Bank, J Style at Home, Vitalant, Golden State Lumber, and Furnish.

This event is made possible by our longtime sponsor, Recology, who hosts students and funds the catering of lunches from Julie's Deli for all attendees. We are deeply thankful to them for their support.

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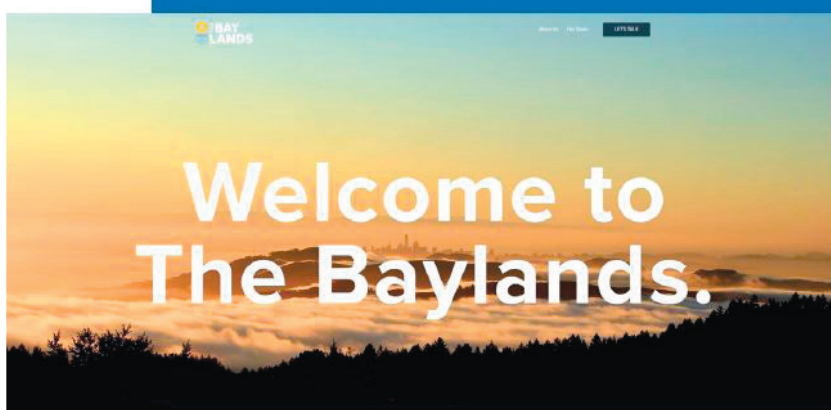
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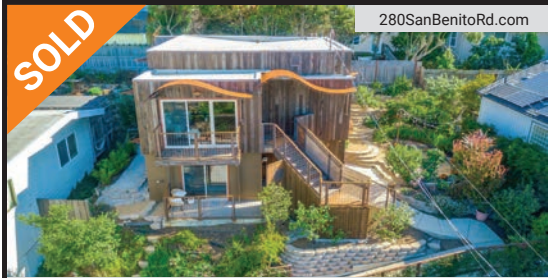
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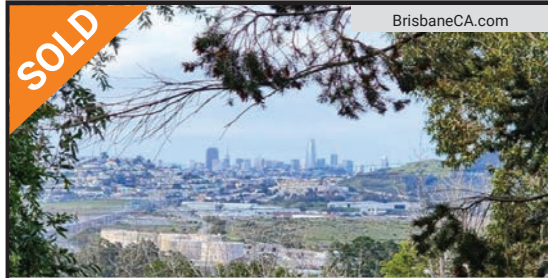
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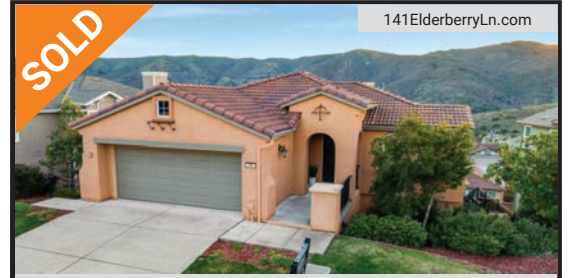
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On June 24th at 6PM Lyrical Opposition will host its Lyrical Festival at the Mission Blue Center, featuring music, film, fashion, and food. This fundraising event celebrates the arts and raises funds for arts programming and for continued admission-free events! Tickets are free, get them at lyricalfestival.com

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State Farm, Allstate, and many other insurers are currently “closed/not taking new policies” for this line of business. Other insurers who are open, are further restricting eligibility, so in Brisbane for example, less than half of all homes will be able to find coverage in the standard market. Those unable to find it are being directed to the California Fair Plan Association which offers only basic coverage at higher rates, with a difficult sign up process. DIC Homeowner policies that fill in the gaps are still generally available. Farmers Insurance is still open, for those who need coverage now. Next month their rates go up. Verreos Insurance can help Brisbane Homeowners make their best choices. Email Tony at info@verreos.com or call 415-467-9600 to learn about your options.

Water and Sewer Rate Change

At the April 20th City Council Meeting, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2023-17, increasing the charges for water and sewer services and setting the discount rate for the City's low-income rate assistance (LIRA) plan at 25% for all services. The new rates go into effect June 15th, so customers will see the change on their August bill (which captures the June 15 – August 15 billing cycle). Learn if you qualify for LIRA at brisbaneca.org/lira, or the State's Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIWAP) at csd.ca.gov/waterbill.

City Blast Now Out on Wednesdays!

The City Manager's Weekly Update, aka, The Blast, recently went from being sent out on Fridays to Wednesday afternoons. It's a one-stop shop for all your City news, events, and meetings. Plus a Quote of the Week! Sign up for it at: brisbaneca.org/blast

Doing some work on your property and want to speak with a City Planner?

A Planner is available Mondays and Thursdays during City Hall's Public Walk-In Hours: M, Tu, Th: 9-4, W: 9-7, F: 9-12. Planners are also available virtually by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Book your appointment here: brisbaneca.org/planner

New and Improved Website for SFO Aircraft Noise Office

The SFO Aircraft Noise Office has a new and improved website which has a Noise and Flight Tracker that allows you to see all arriving and departing planes; if you wanted to submit a noise complaint about a specific aircraft, you can click on the comment icon. See the new site at: noise.flysfo.com

Summer Concerts in the Park Series Lineup Announced

The Brisbane Parks and Recreation Commission and Parks and Recreation Department have offered a summer concert series at our Community Park for more than a decade. It has become a summer staple for many residents, and we certainly appreciate the community support as reflected in both event attendance and sponsorships. This year the series will be held on select Fridays in July and select Sundays in August.

2023 Concerts in the Park line up:

Friday, 7/14 Pride Joy

Friday, 7/21 DJ Sharon (sponsored by Lion's Club)

Friday, 7/28 Livewire Band

Sunday, 8/6 Local Brisbane Bands

Sunday, 8/13 Houserockers

LAGOON PARK AT THE BAYLANDS

By: **Stephanie Shakofsky** | Vice President Government Affairs, Baylands Development, Inc., sshakofsky@thebaylands.com

In last month's Luminary, we wrote about the restoration of IceHouse Hill, a 24-acre open space program and an integral part of The Baylands Specific Plan. Continuing with that theme, this month we will take a closer look at Lagoon Park, an expanded and ecologically restored open space that will connect to the Lagoon's natural surroundings and be fully accessible to Brisbane residents.

Closest to central Brisbane neighborhoods and Brisbane's downtown is the 29-acre Lagoon Park, situated along the northern edge of Brisbane Lagoon. This new park will connect to a larger open space corridor serving multiple functions, including enhancing habitat connectivity, wildlife connectors/crossings, pedestrian circulation, and a green pedestrian and bike connection.

Lagoon Park will remain primarily a natural oasis but could potentially include amenities that provide educational and recreational community spaces. Community priorities for this space are captured by walking/biking paths, curated access to the waterfront, wildlife habitat (including tidal plantings at the lagoon edge), and spaces for outdoor education, wildlife observation, and water views. Proposed uses include a discovery garden, play area, multi-use paths, parking, community space, overlooks, picnic areas, migratory bird-watching platform(s), and educational signage.

To learn more about The Baylands Specific Plan, please visit the City's website www.brisbaneca.org/baylands. To keep up-to-date on The Baylands development, check out our website www.thebaylands.org.



BRISBANE School District News

CHANGES

By: **RONAN COLLVER**, Brisbane School District Superintendent, rcollver@brisbanesd.org

“Often when you think you're at the end of the something, you are at the beginning of something.” Fred Rogers

There is a pace to the changes we experience throughout our life. When we are younger, the pace is very fast with changes coming quickly and often without warning. Our physical features change at an incredible rate during our youth compared to our time beyond adolescence. While in school we change classrooms and teachers once a year whereas our work environment in adulthood remains relatively constant for many years.

Soon we will have transitional kindergarteners attend a school for possibly the first time. In just a few months our 5th graders will be leaving their elementary years at Panorama and BES behind and be thrust into the world of middle school at Lipman. Let's not forget our 8th graders will leave the life of grammar school and join the ranks of the high schoolers. Not only do they change schools, but many also change the city that they go to school in and in no time flat some will go from passengers in a car to driving a car.

Changes can be scary and terrifying as the unknown has so many uncertainties. Changes can also be exciting and exhilarating as well. Our approach to an upcoming change sets the tone and impacts the outcome of that change. No matter what change we face, we control our attitude about that change.

Perhaps with so many changes that occur in our youth, we strive to change as little as possible once we settle into the rhythm of life. One advantage that children get before their annual grade change is the advantage of a summer to prepare for the change. Summertime can be used to reflect on the school year they just experienced and time to imagine what life will be like in their new grade or new school. More importantly, it is time to relax, have fun and enjoy being a kid before embarking on the beginning of something new.

FINANCIAL Focus

CAN YOU BUILD AN ESTATE PLAN LIKE A HOUSE?By: SVEN GEFFKEN, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, Sven.Geffken@edwardjones.com, (650) 355-1365

If you've ever been involved in building a house — or even if you've just heard about it — you know that there's a well-defined process to be followed. But here's something to think about: Some of the same steps connected to constructing a home are the same as those needed to build an estate plan.

What are those steps? Here are some to consider:

- **Get the right “builder.”** Unless you're an experienced do-it-yourselfer, you'll probably have to hire someone to build a house for you. Of course, you'll make your wishes known about what you want your house to look like, but you'll be relying on the builder's expertise. And the same is true with estate planning — you'll want to share your goals and vision with a legal professional who's experienced in creating comprehensive estate plans.

- **Build a strong foundation.** “Every house needs a strong foundation” isn't just a metaphor — it's true for every house that's built. And when you create an estate plan, you also need a foundation that includes whatever basic elements are appropriate for your situation — a will, a living trust, power of attorney and so on.

- **Make the necessary additions.** Even if you're pleased with your new house, you may eventually decide to make some changes, such as adding on a new bedroom or bathroom. And the structure of your estate plan may need to undergo some modifications, too. For example, if you drew up a will two decades ago, but haven't looked at it since, it may be out of date — especially if you've experienced changes in your life, such as new children or a divorce and remarriage. That's why it's a good idea to review your estate plans at least

every few years.

- **Protect your investment.** Of course, when you build a new house, you'll have to insure it properly. And while there's no actual “insurance policy” for an estate plan, you do have ways to protect it. For one thing, you need to make sure beneficiary designations on retirement plans, investment accounts, insurance policies and other assets are correct. These designations are powerful and can even supersede the instructions in your estate-planning documents. So, as mentioned, if you've had significant life changes involving your family, you need to ensure your beneficiary designations are updated if you want to protect how insurance proceeds, investments and other assets are distributed.

- **Watch for mistakes.** It's unfortunate, but mistakes do happen in home construction. Water stains can indicate that water is seeping through cracks in the foundation. Or cracks in retaining walls and garage floors could be a sign that the concrete structures were installed improperly. Estate plans can also contain errors or bad choices. Some are inadvertent, such as failing to put intended assets into a trust, but others are done with the best of intentions, such as naming adult children as joint owners of your assets. Even if your children are quite responsible, this move could give their creditors access to your money. If you want your children to be able to step in as needed, you could find other methods, such as giving them power of attorney.

Following these “construction” techniques can help you create an estate plan that can last a lifetime — and beyond.

MOZZETTI'S AND THE HISTORY OF THE BRISBANE PARKBy: DOLORES GOMEZ, Longtime Brisbane Resident, brischic@sonic.net

In 1996 after Brisbane's Community Park was dedicated, I wrote to the City Council saying this was one of the best things that ever happened for Brisbane.

In 1916, the Mozzetti Family had a dairy farm on San Benito and Glen Park Way. When their cousins, Pep and Charlie Mozzetti, came to Brisbane, they said that San Bruno Mountain reminded them of their homeland in Locarno, Switzerland. They stayed and also became early pioneers of Brisbane.

In 1930 Charlie managed the gas station on Bayshore Old County Rd. Pep and his wife, Nina, worked hard on establishing a Motel, now the site of our Community Park.

The Motel business wasn't doing well; it was the height of the depression. Nina Mozzetti told me that they advertised free nights parking to encourage business. The Mozzetti home was in the middle of this large open property, raising chickens in their yard. A group of transients came to take advantage of free nights parking. Soon chickens began disappearing and the transients were asked to leave.

Mozzetti's held meetings in their basement for the Brisbane improvement Club, helping the fledgling town to bloom.

The first school was in the basement of their home.

Pep and Charlie donated the lots for the Brisbane Catholic Mission.

For many years the Mozzetti's were hosts to the town after the Fourth of July parade. The parade ended at Mozzetti's property to enjoy a huge barbeque, games for the kids and dancing.

There was a large area for these events, as there were no trailers in the Motel in the early 1930's.

During World War II, folks came from the mid west to work in the nearby shipyards: trailers packed Mozzetti's Motel and Trailer Park. After the war, returning veterans had a difficult time finding lodging. Newly married, Johnny and I rented one of the back cabins, two small rooms, with a hot plate and sink, until we could find a place in which to live. The cabins had a garage for a car, but no sanitary facilities. There was a washhouse, with a washing machine, and lines to hang clothes in the sun, toilets and showers, for tenants of cabins.

In the mid 1950's I worked in the store. I remember making sandwiches for the drivers of huge earthmovers when the bay was being filled for the freeway. It was a busy place as the trailer park was full of permanent residents that stayed in California after the war. Nina Mozzetti was pleased the City purchased the property for the people. She said, “Brisbane is a town where nothing bad ever happened.” “Brisbane is in my heart.”

The Mozzetti Family were kind, if there was a car with kids, Pep would come in, get candy bars for them. They kept the Motel and Trailer Park well maintained, always painted and clean. The Cabin Club served tasty and hearty Italian dinners for locals.

I was renting cabins in the early 1950's and one day, in came this fellow, wide chaps, spurs on his well worn boots, it was Slim Pickens, the well-known cowboy actor. He asked if he could leave his horse and trailer across the street for the

night. I looked outside and his horse was grazing peacefully. They both went to the Cow Palace to participate in the events the next day.

After the Mozzetti's sold this property, it was named The Cozy Cove and soon became blighted and an eyesore to Brisbane. Negotiations began and the City acquired the Motel property. In April 1986, the fire department used the deserted cabins for their fire practice. In December 1986, there was a ceremony to finalize the clearing of the land. Many attended, there was a jazz band, hot dogs were sold and we all said goodbye to an era of Brisbane History.

If you are interested to see what the land looked like in 1986, thanks to my son-in-law, there is a CD in the history collection. For years the land sat there; weeds and dust. It was an uphill struggle: some wanted a city hall on the old Motel site, designed by a known architect, Michael Graves. Others felt the people needed a well-deserved park for the whole town to enjoy. Ed Schwenderlauf, a resident here since childhood, became one of the first councilman and then mayor, doggedly spearheaded the plans for a park. Thanks to Ed and others it was successful. Ed was delighted and just wanted it to be the “People's Park.” The park was dedicated April 12, 1996.

I still think this park was one of the best things that ever happened for Brisbane.

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