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## ARBOR UPCYCLE: NOW IN OUR BACKYARD!

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Imagine this, you have a dead tree in your yard that needs removal. You hire an arborist to take down the tree and they haul it away. What happens next? In many cases, the wood is either destined for a wood chipper or a landfill. Arbor Upcycle offers another solution. Founded by two arborists and parent company, Arborist Now (based in South San Francisco), Arbor Upcycle aims to “give new life to some of the oldest residents in San Francisco, long after their time in the ground is over.” This is accomplished by taking the wood from these trees and using it to create stunning tables, benches, cutting boards, and so much more.

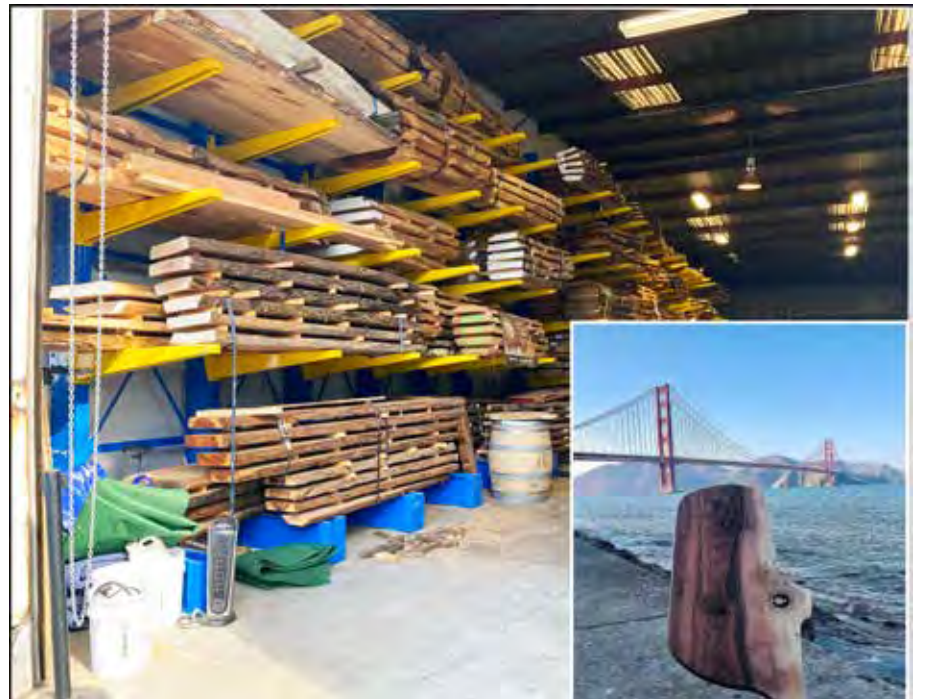


Photo of Arbor Upcycle warehouse, located in Brisbane, California and a sample cutting board against the Golden State Bridge provided by Arbor Upcycle.

While other companies may upcycle wood, Arbor Upcycle

differentiates itself by honoring the story of the tree. Each

item is embedded with a metal coin that is programmed with

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### MAYOR'S Message

## SHAKEN TO THE CORE...BUT MAKING OUR COMEBACK, TOGETHER

By: Karen Cunningham, City of Brisbane Mayor, kcunningham@brisbaneca.org, 415-312-2662

Here we are one year later, shaken to our collective core, standing strong against all odds, devastated by a microscopic monster, holding each other up by sheer goodwill, a can-do attitude, and fierce determination. Yes, we can!!!



### SUPERVISOR'S Message

## COUNTY GREATLY EXPANDS FREE PUBLIC WIFI

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Even though we live in the heart of Silicon Valley, San Mateo County has a significant digital divide between those with high speed Internet access and those with slow speed or no access.

In recognition of this gap, the county's ISD team has built out the infrastructure to

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## CALLING ALL BUSINESSES ALONG THE CROCKER TRAIL!

By: Madison Davis, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, madison@brisbanechamber.org, 415-467-7283

The City of Brisbane is undergoing the Crocker Park Trail Master Plan process. As a reminder, the plan aims to “highlight opportunities desired by the community and stakeholders to improve the connectivity



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Some of our businesses have not fared well and others have thrived against all odds. At the County and City level, staff are working incredibly hard to address the financial and healthy well-being of our entire community and region and are doing just an amazing job. Also at a city level, your City Council is constantly looking at new ways that we can ease some of the burden within our Residential and Commercial communities as well. This has not been an easy task, but with the ongoing cooperation from everyone in Brisbane, we are faring much better than some of our surrounding communities. Kudos to everyone.

So, what is the special something that keeps

us all moving forward? It is that indestructible sense of “we are all in this together” and we will succeed.

I just want to take a moment to recognize our frontline workers again. These people do not have the luxury that many of us have had during Covid-19 of working safely from home. They are right out there in the middle of this melee and taking the full frontal assault of the worst of what has been happening for the last year. Please join me in lauding and celebrating the bravery of our frontline workers in the hospitals, grocery stores, and beyond.

And let's not forget also how our teachers have had to write entire online curriculums in such a short time. It is amazing what has been accomplished. I would be remiss at this point if I did not also give a huge shout out to our parents at home with kids. That brings a whole different perspective on trying to work from home. I am humbled daily by your stories and challenges. And yes, it is amusing to see cats and other animals join in on our endless Zoom meetings.

As we move forward to the vaccination stage and start to think about our new normal, we will have to take some very concerted looks at what does that mean, exactly? For certain, it is going to mean many different things, depending on your industry. Some of the questions that we will have to tackle are:-

- How will our costs for doing business change?
- What does this mean for climate change?

- What will we do with the huge empty malls and commercial spaces?
- How will transportation to and from work change?
- How much and what type of housing do we really need close to cities?
- Telecommuting and salaries

And of course the list goes on and the innovators are already hard at work looking at these and many other “new normal” situations.

We will also have to look closely at our silver linings as well – greenhouse gases are at their very lowest in many years, so how do we continue this downward trend? We are all going to be moving towards using more electricity much faster than anticipated, but how we do this while keeping all segments of our community treated fairly with all the new changes that are coming must always be first and foremost in our minds.

On a completely different and final comment, let me say that at Brisbane's Council of Cities event (we chose January 29th), all Cities in San Mateo County were present and we decided that given the hellacious nature of 2020, that we would try to make it a fun rather than serious event. With the great help from Angel Ibarra at the City and the ever-gracious and wonderful addition of entertainment from Sharon Boggs and Leanne Borghesi, we had a fun-filled cocktail event that ushered in the 2021 Council year with a huge amount of fun and success. Wishing you all a much different and highly successful 2021!



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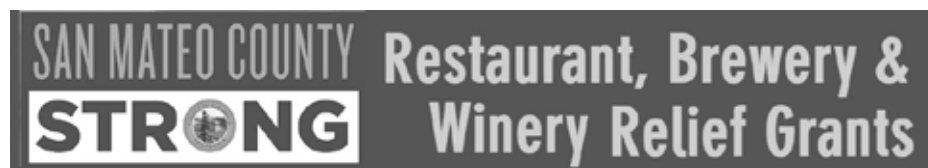
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## RESTAURANT, BREWERY, & WINERY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

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The San Mateo County Economic Development Association announced this week the development of the Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program, facilitated through SMC Strong. This program will provide grants of up to \$10,000 to each qualifying business to cover operating expenses such as rent, payroll, and facility accommodations to allow for indoor and/or outdoor dining.

The grants do not need to be repaid and there is no fee to apply. The application portal at [smcstrong.org](http://smcstrong.org) is scheduled to open on Monday, February 22nd at noon and close on Monday, March 8th at noon. Applications will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Tagalog. Applicants do not need to be US citizens or legal residents to apply. Currently, \$2.3 million in funding is allotted for grants, meaning the program could serve 230 small businesses.

Those who apply will not be prioritized on a first-come first-served basis. Instead, all eligible applications will be placed in a pool with other applications from the same city and recipients will be selected at random until all the grants appropriated for that city are exhausted.

#### Eligibility

To be considered a restaurant, establishments must have a brick and mortar business with a full-service kitchen on site. Corporate-owned franchises, pop-ups, food trucks, home-based businesses, and catering companies do not qualify. Breweries must have an ABC Type 23 license and a brick and mortar location in San Mateo County. A winery must have an active ABC Type 2 license and a brick and mortar location in San Mateo County. Businesses applying for grants must have been operational prior to March 11, 2020. At the time of application, the

business must be providing food service or sale of food or beverage-related goods from the establishment (meaning the business must be operational at the time the application is submitted). Applicants may not own more than five restaurants, breweries, or wineries in San Mateo County. However, if the applicant does own five or fewer of these businesses, separate applications may be submitted for each establishment. Applicants must be in compliance with all other regulations such as having appropriate permits, paying minimum wage, meeting planning and building requirements, etc. Those applicants that received an SMC Strong grant previously or who have received over \$200,000 through the Great Plates Program are not eligible to apply.

For more information please visit [smcstrong.org](http://smcstrong.org)

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information from the tree the wood came from. The coin can be scanned with a phone to see pictures of the tree when it was in the ground, information about the tree including the species and where it was originally planted, how old it was, and details of the removal process with notes from the arborist.

Clint Stewart, Master Woodworker from Arbor Upcycle, walked me through the entire process from tree removal to item creation. If you have a tree that needs to be removed, Arbor Upcycle will send out an estimator to give you a bid. Shortly after, an arborist will remove the tree which can take anywhere from half a day to three days depending on the nature of the job and the amount of trees. The logs will then arrive at the shop and sit for 1-6 months to dry out. The wood is then put on the mill and cut into slabs, the end grain sealed, and air dried for another 1-3 months. At this point the wood can be placed in the kiln for 8-16 weeks. That wood then sits for another 3-4 weeks before it can be worked. For big slabs, rest periods are required each time the wood is worked because of the tension the wood releases. This can take up to 4 weeks. Clint explained that “from the minute the tree falls to the minute there is a table in your house, at the very fastest it could be 7 months to finish but most pieces take a year to complete. Pieces that are only air dried (no kiln) can take up to 3 years. Each inch of thickness takes about a year of drying although this can vary by tree species.”

Arbor Upcycle only works with wood from trees that need to be removed. If a tree has already fallen, they can haul it away and reuse the wood to make something for you or for others. There is no obligation to have your tree turned into something for you if you are not interested. The tree does need to be of a certain species such as Oak, Bay Laurel, Cypress, Acacia, Redwood etc. to be crafted into an item. If you don't have a tree to remove but would still like to have Arbor Upcycle make

you something, they have plenty of wood on hand to do so. Each part of the process from the removal, to the creation of the piece, to the delivery is priced out so customers can find something within their budget.

Clint explained that the sky is the limit when it comes to design. Arbor Upcycle has the ability to craft all sorts of items and also has a network of woodworkers and artisans that they can connect you with to ensure the right artist creates your piece. If you are a woodworker or artist, they would love to add you to their network and feature your work in their showroom so please, reach out.

In addition, those with do-it-yourself capabilities can buy the wood, epoxy, and other items needed to complete the piece at home such as their in-house metal legs. For example, if a customer wants to create a table, Arbor Upcycle can provide you a kit so you have everything you need to build the item on your own. You can visit their showroom for ideas or to shop for a piece that is already finished.

Sustainability is at the core of Arbor Upcycle. Not only are trees repurposed, but all the products used to produce the final creations are environmentally sustainable. This means using only 100% natural and organic epoxy, plant-based finishes, and nothing containing VOCs.

Arbor Upcycle is located at 25 Industrial Way. Clint mentioned that they love being in Brisbane with its small-town charm, convenient location, and the outpouring of support from the community. At some point a post was made on the Residents of Brisbane Facebook page that drove in many new customers, and for that they are so thankful. They are currently making many pieces for people in town including a table for our fire department.



Clint Stewart, Master Woodworker, with Calvin at Arbor Upcycle.

Arbor Upcycle has sales at random which they announce via email and on social media. The sales usually run from Thursday-Saturday. Currently, Arbor Upcycle is offering 10% off on all live edge wood slabs until March 4th.

Make sure to follow them on Instagram @arborupcycle and like them on Facebook. Their phone number is 415-844-0576 and their website [arborupcycle.com](http://arborupcycle.com) has more information, a growing instructional library, and a commerce section so people can shop without leaving home. They ship nationwide.

Again, Arbor Upcycle is located at 25 Industrial Way in Brisbane. Their normal business hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am-4:30 pm and they service most parts of the Bay Area. If you stop by, mention you read about them in *The Luminary!*

## FINANCIAL Matters

### PUT TAX-SMART INVESTING MOVES TO WORK

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We're now well into what's known as "Tax Season." If your income in 2020 was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, your tax return will reflect it. However, if your earnings were fairly normal last year, you might look at your tax situation and wonder how you could improve it in 2022. One area to look at may be your investment-related taxes.

To help control these taxes, consider these moves:

- **Take full advantage of tax-deferred investments.** As an investor, one of the best moves you can make is to consider contributing as much as you can afford to your tax-deferred accounts – your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan – every year. If you don't touch these accounts while you're still contributing to them, you can defer taxes for decades, and when you do start taking money out, presumably during retirement, you may be in a lower tax bracket.

- **Look for tax-free opportunities.** Interest from municipal bonds typically is exempt from federal income tax, and, in some cases, from state and local income tax, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.) And if you qualify to contribute to a Roth IRA – eligibility is generally based on income – your earnings can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you've had your account for at least five years, and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2. Your employer may also offer a Roth 401(k), which can provide tax-free withdrawals. Keep in mind, though, that you contribute after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA and 401(k), unlike a traditional IRA and 401(k), in which your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars.

- **Be a "buy and hold" investor.** Your 401(k) and IRA are designed to be long-term investments, and you may face disincentives in the form of taxes and penalties if you tap into them before you reach 59 ½. So, just by investing in these retirement accounts, you are essentially pursuing a "buy and hold" strategy. But you can follow this same strategy for investments held outside your IRA and 401(k). You can own some investments – stocks in particular – for decades without paying taxes on gains. And when you do sell them, you'll only be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate, which may well be less than your ordinary income tax rate. But if you're frequently buying and selling investments you've held for one year or less, you could rack up some pretty big tax bills, because you'll likely be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

- **Be prepared for unexpected taxes.** Mutual fund managers are generally free to make whatever trades they choose. And when they do sell some investments, they can incur capital gains, which may be passed along to you. If this is a concern, you might look for funds that do less trading and bill themselves as tax efficient.

While taxes are one factor to consider when you invest, they should probably not be the driving force. You need to build a diversified portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. Not all the investments you select, and the moves you make with them, will necessarily be the most tax efficient, but by working with your financial and tax professionals, you can make choices that can help you move toward your long-term goals.



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## CALIFORNIA LAWS REQUIRE WASTE SORTING

➤ California Assembly Bill 1826 requires that all businesses generating 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week implement an organics recycling program.

➤ Assembly Bill 341 requires businesses and multifamily residential complexes with 5 or more living units to separate recyclable materials from their garbage.



**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020**, Assembly Bill 827 amends AB 1826 & AB 341! The new legislation requires the provision of “front of house” organic waste collection bins in all restaurants and cafeterias where patrons bus their own tables.

For more information on AB 1826, AB 341 and AB 827, please visit [www.CalRecycle.ca.gov](http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov).  
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**HAVE A HOME-BASED BUSINESS?**  
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The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce is preparing the 2021-2023 directory and we want to make sure we list your business! Home-based businesses are harder for us to track down and we don't want you to be missed! If you would like to be listed, please send us an email with your business' name and industry and if desired, your website, email, tagline, and/or phone number to [madison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:madison@brisbanechamber.org)

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In addition to servicing unserved and underserved communities, SMC Public WiFi supports educational opportunities for students, spurs local economic development and provides greater access to county services.

Please go to [www.smcgov.org/wifi](http://www.smcgov.org/wifi) to find the libraries, schools, county-sponsored access points and other locations with free and safe WiFi. The portal directs users to the nearest access point via Google maps.

The service, unveiled at the Feb. 9 Board of Supervisors meeting, is the latest innovation to help students plug in to distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also helps the economy by allowing anyone with a smart device to connect with work or to find out about public services and job opportunities.

The service is part of the Digital Equity Portal, the latest example of the Board's commitment to overcome the digital divide. Since 2014 the county has invested millions of dollars to install free and safe public WiFi access points throughout the county.

With the pandemic creating added urgency, the ISD team has added more than 230 SMC Public WiFi access points and extended the public WiFi network at 12 public libraries.

The portal is part of the county's Digital Inclusion Initiative that the Board of Supervisors funded with \$6.3 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding.

The goal is to address the digital divide and challenges COVID-19 created for K-12 students, teachers, and families who had to quickly shift to distance learning.

The digital divide must be eliminated if we want all of our students to succeed academically at the same levels, no matter your ZIP code. We can't let any students fall behind because of distance learning and must provide them and their families with the tools necessary to attain a quality education. Our ISD team has done a remarkable job of bringing free public WiFi to the communities most in need, not just for our children but for adults too.

*David J. Canepa is President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Brisbane.*





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Photo of Crocker Park Recreational Trail (City of Brisbane)

and safety, preserve local sensitive environments, promote recreation on the trail, embrace public art and interpretive education, and plan for the trail's legacy." For those unfamiliar, the trail is a 2.25 mile loop on the former Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. In 2017 the City applied for

and was recommended to receive grant funding to install decomposed granite, making the trail easier to use for pedestrians, bikers, and those using wheeled transpiration or pushing strollers. The trail will also help promote greater connectivity between residents at the Northeast Ridge, Brisbane schools, Central Brisbane, and those working in Crocker Park.

As part of the planning process, the city is engaging with stakeholders to ensure the trail is developed by taking into consideration the input of those that will use the trail and those businesses alongside it. Despite dozens of businesses being located adjacent to the trail, few have given feedback to the city. As these businesses are major stakeholders, it is imperative that the city can develop relationships with these businesses to gauge their thoughts on the trail's future.

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce has long partnered with the City of Brisbane to spread the word about decisions that may impact the business community. Therefore, we are hoping this publication can help the city in their efforts to contact building owners, lessees, and even employees. Buildings along the trail are located on Valley Drive, S Hill Drive, W Hill Drive, N Hill Drive, Cypress Lane, and Park Lane. Myself and the City's Economic Development Director, Mitch Bull may personally reach out to these businesses to help gather feedback. For more information on the trail, visit: <https://www.brisbaneca.org/parksrec/page/crocker-trail-master-plan> and fill out the survey listed there or to provide feedback or ask questions email Noreen Leek, City of Brisbane Recreation Manager at: [nleek@brisbaneca.org](mailto:nleek@brisbaneca.org) or call the Recreation Department at 415-505-2140. The deadline to have your thoughts incorporated is Friday, February 26th.

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**BRISBANE History****BLAST FROM BRISBANE'S PAST**

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This article is from a "Brisbane Bygones" column written by Dorothy Radoff in *The Bee Democrat*, in 1973 or 1974

"January, 1934: "To chase Old Man Gloom 1933 out and welcome a Prosperous 1934 in" the fire bell at Mendocino and Visitacion tolled in the New Year. Folks gathered round their crystal sets to hear President Roosevelt's Fireside Chats, local bus service began and voter registration totaled over 500.

The installation of natural gas into the tract made the snap, crackle, and pop of the homey wood stove just a memory (Electricity made the scene in 1924).

Newcomers In Town: The Robert Gallians and the Alfred Pistohls... Delivering our first newspaper, The Brisbane Sun, was a little newsboy named Johnny Gomez. January ads included Charles and Joe Mozzetti's "Neat, Roomy, Modern Auto Camp;" Brisbane Pool Parlor at 311 Visitacion; Good Coal Delivered, 60 cents/sack; a full acre homesite in the New Deal Acres, \$350; and Jonas Drug Store on the corner of Visitacion and Mariposa (now the Mini Park)

Happy Scene: The empty lots behind the drug store where homeowners cheered Boy Scout Troop 134's football team on to victory over Bayshore 30-6. Playing left end—Billy Strassburger.

"Every resident should plant a tree." So said members of the Garden Club whose motto was "a small club with a big job—making Brisbane beautiful." Taking their advice, C.S. Spaulding of 690 Sierra Point bought a tree, dug a three foot hole and unearthed a 6 inch Indian spearhead over 500 years old.

Down at the Mendocino St. fire station (now the Brothers IV garage) Fireman Felix Schwenderlauf presented his drawing of plans for a new hall on San Bruno Ave which included volunteers' quarters and "plenty of dance floor."

In A Rut: Deputy Sheriff Dick Richards decreed that "old klunks blocking our roads because of the narrow and deep-rutted sections must be removed;" and to her "Sister Brisbanites" Marian Loheit penned an open letter re Brisbane roads. "Isn't it fun, " she asked, "to go slithering and waltzing in a muddling, skiing car hurtling from a ditch into a mud hole and out again into another spin?"

Did you know that way back in 1869 San Mateo County employed only six teachers? But in the good ole' Brisbane days of 1934 our little Alvarado St. school house had 3- Miss Storti, 1st; Natalie Lipman, 2nd; and Clare Bouret, 3rd and 4th. Among the higher grade students scrambling aboard the school bus bound for South San Francisco were Lillian Linde (Mrs. John De Marco), Bernice Lummus (Mrs. Jack Blanchard) and Alice Van Zandt (Mrs. C.W. Hopper). Villagers clamored for a new school. And with a bonding capacity of \$28,000 the Brisbane-Bayshore School District made tentative plans for a four-room frame building.

Where the Action Was: Every Friday night at the Social Hall (now the Catholic Church) where Lorene and Bill Harris joined just about everyone in town to receive warm greetings from Social Club President L.D. "Pop" Blair; play whist, dance the Fox Trot and have refreshments. Added attractions included Vera Blair, Pete Cutney and Nada Van Zandt doing the Russian Dance, Roy Edwards crooning, "It's Only a Shanty in Old Shanty Town," John Tahl Arthurs playing the fiddle and young whippersnappers shouting, "Hubba! Hubba!" at the good-looking "tomatoes."

Adding to the January joy the Highway Dept. installed a stop sign at the town entrance, our library's monthly circulation reached 225 and the unemployed went to work on C.W.A. and N.R.A. projects. Pay? 45 cents per hour.

Happy days were here again and Mary Sailor, our teenage poetess, wrote

"There is only one place for me to stay  
And it's not far from a beautiful bay;  
Don't be afraid to live there- it's tame  
And the name of this cheerful spot is Brisbane!"

**HE WAS A BIG MAN**

By: **DOLORES GOMEZ**, Brisbane historian, [brischic@sonic.net](mailto:brischic@sonic.net)

He was a big boned man, light skin, a bit on the thin side, grey shaggy hair and long fingers. He could usually be found in a corner seat at the kitchen table, pleasant and smiling. He frowned when he told me he had "the miseries," that meant he had rheumatism, causing him to crouch over when he walked. His fingers were stained yellow from constantly smoking tobacco. My mom called him "Pa". We called him grandpa; the only one my siblings and I ever knew. Jim married my divorced grandmother, Minnie, when my mom was five years old. Eventually my mom's stepsiblings; Elsie and Eddie, were born. Mom said Jim's mother was from Ireland and was a "Shanty Irish"; poor and didn't have an education.

It was difficult for a nine year old to believe that a person didn't know how to read or write and it upset me. I brought home my booklet from school, a pamphlet showing how to do cursive writing. I was determined to instruct "Pa" on how to write his own name so he'd no longer sign an X! After school every day we practiced, he learned to hold the pencil steady and very slowly tried what I instructed him to do. Finally after weeks, he did write three shaky letters; "JIM." I know he felt proud and I did too.

I was fascinated watching him "roll his own" cigarette. There was a constant bag of Bull Durham in his shirt pocket; the white tab was always hanging down so he could grab the bag easier. There were small papers in a container that were called "Zig Zag's" with a picture of man's face and a hat on his head. He'd take the paper, curving it in his long fingers, pull the bag open and carefully sprinkle the loose tobacco into it, then folding it over, he'd lick the side to seal the cigarette and finally pinch both ends. When finished he'd put it behind his ear for storage and begin making another. This was not a neat procedure; tobacco particles fell onto the floor and table. Every day my mom swept all around him and the kitchen chair. Jim always smelled like that pungent tobacco from the sack.

Coffee time was another big production. Always on the table was a big saucer and thick mug. Boiling hot coffee was poured into the mug along with a little sugar and some stirred canned cream. The cup was carefully lifted and some of the liquid poured onto the waiting saucer and sipped, sometimes loudly. I thought this was a different way to drink coffee, but it was his way and he called it "saucered and blowed!"

He worked for the City of San Francisco, driving a horse drawn wagon picking up horse dung in the streets. My mom liked to go with him and hold the reigns while he scooped and tossed it into the wagon. What an adventure for a ten year old in San Francisco circa 1920.

Grandpa was kind, and patient, at times we'd take the street car to a 5 and 10 cent store on Market Street. We were delighted when he bought us a coloring book and a small box of crayons. He lived with us when we came to Brisbane and delighted in having his own Victory Garden to tend to. One day he became ill with a heart attack and was taken to the hospital where he died. We all missed him. My mom said he passed because Pa liked to chew on the seared fat from meat. Who knows, he could have died from all of that Bull Durham tobacco cigarettes and "saucered and blowed" coffee.



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**BRISBANE School District News**

**BRISBANE SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
A SAFE RETURN**

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The COVID-19 pandemic, the most serious health crisis to affect our world in the last century, has forced us to modify how we interact with each other and how we engage in teaching and learning. It has challenged us to examine how we support our students during this global pandemic while ensuring the health and safety of our students, staff, and larger community. With the health conditions improving, and as we have learned more about the virus and how to mitigate its spread, the time is near for us to move into the next stage of how we educate our students. [CDC's Newest Guidelines](#) were released on February 12th and these guidelines match the mitigation that BSD has incorporated into our return plan.

The Board of Trustees passed a motion on January 27, 2021 to begin our hybrid educational plan after Spring Break (Spring Break is March 29-April 9) provided that San Mateo County's health metrics fall under the guidelines to reopen schools set by the State of California and the California Department of Public Health AND our staff has begun the COVID-19 vaccination process.

I would like to stress to families and educators to focus on the kids' needs as this change will be an adjustment for those coming on campus as well as those remaining on Distance Learning. In-person classes will be different than the last time they were in school; face covering and social distancing alone might be a shock to their system. Those remaining on Distance Learning may also experience confusion and they should also be closely monitored.

Principals will be contacting families who requested to be a part of the in-person portion of our hybrid program to confirm this is still their desire. This process will be done Feb. 16th through 23rd. Principals will inform families and students of the final class lists and schedules to parents on Mar. 8th for our Hybrid plan that we have developed a plan to return approximately half the students for a hybrid program while the other half of the students remain in the Distance Learning model. Our Hybrid Model will include in-person instruction for 1/2 day sessions, 4 times a week with asynchronous lessons the remainder of the time. The Distance Learning Model will be similar to the current model with students meeting on zoom for their synchronous time and their asynchronous will be identical to the Hybrid Model. We anticipate following this model for the remainder of the school year as many parents still wish to keep their children home until a vaccine is available for them.

**Projected Incremental Return by Grade:**

**April 12, 2020:**

- TK,K, 1,2 grades Districtwide
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Lipman Middle School
- K-1<sup>st</sup> Learning Center at Brisbane Elementary School

**April 19, 2021:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades Districtwide
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Lipman Middle School

We are in a situation where the State has moved to begin the vaccination into the category for educators; however, supply is the key to how quickly we are able to move through educators. We have a plan and a priority list to vaccinate educators and we expect this process to begin in the next two weeks. Kaiser, Sutter and the County Health Department are working closely with the County Office of Education to assist in the

rollout of vaccines. Federal mass vaccination sites have opened in Los Angeles and Oakland. This federal supply of vaccines will assist in our ability in San Mateo County to begin distributing vaccines to educators. I recommend that people register at [www.myturn.ca.gov](http://www.myturn.ca.gov) to get up to date vaccine locations.

All the required plans have been approved by the San Mateo County Office of Education, San Mateo County Health Department and the California Department of Public Health. The two main plans are the [COVID Prevention Plan\(CPP\)](#) and the [BSD Return Plan](#). These are detailed plans on the hybrid program and serve as a guide for staff, students and parents on how we will conduct all in-person classes. California's Safe Schools for All Plan provides the support and accountability to establish a clear path to minimize in-school transmissions and enable, first, a phased return to in-person instruction, and then ongoing safe in-person instruction. The Safe Schools For All Hub consolidates key resources and information related to COVID-19 and schools. New resources will be added to the Hub on a routine basis. The State has posted its school reopening maps on the [Safe Schools for All website](#). The maps reflect the data schools and districts share with the state every two weeks.

If the pandemic has taught me anything, it has taught me to be patient, flexible and know that I don't know every outcome. This Pandemic has truly been an everchanging landscape with new information, new regulations, variants and strong opinions on what schools should or should not do. This journey has not been easy for parents, students, and educators. I see a clear light at the end of the tunnel; I hope that light continues to get clearer and clearer. Please stay safe and continue to do your part in reducing the spread of the coronavirus by wearing a mask, socially distance, avoid gatherings and don't forget to wash your hands.



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