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## BRISBANE CHAMBER PROUDLY PRESENTS: 2022 NEW YORK MAC AWARD WINNING "FUNNY LADY" LEANNE BORGHESI'S "MOOD SWINGS"

By: DAN CARTER, Chairman of the Board, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, [dan@lyonmc.com](mailto:dan@lyonmc.com)

Small tables, flickering candles, and flowing cocktails are a standard part of any New York cabaret. Now, imagine this club in Brisbane. On November 12th, the Mission Blue Center will transform into a venue you'd swear was directly from NYC. The first-of-its-kind performance for Brisbane will feature our very own Brisbane resident taking the stage to perform her acclaimed New York Award Winning Comedic Cabaret Show- **Leanne Borghesi's "MOOD SWINGS"**

combo with Musical Direction by San Francisco's one and only Ross Gualco (Teatro Zinzanni, Beach Blanket Babylon, Circus Center Cabaret), Drums, Vince Littleton (Super Diamond, Neil Diamond Tribute Band featured Tonight Show with David Letterman, CNN, VH1, Comedy Central, Rolling Stone Magazine & New York Times) and Saxophone/Flute, Marc Baum. (The Famous Bud E. Love Show) MOOD SWINGS ran for 9 performances at New York's Triad Theater and The Laurie Beechman with original sound design by Sharon Boggs of Sound Productions.

Leanne Borghesi is a fierce, award-winning, actress, singer and cabaret artist and recipient of the 2022 New York Manhattan Association of Cabaret MAC Award for "Musical Comedy Performer" and 2021 Broadway World Cabaret Award for her pandemic hit- **BORGHESI'S BACK!**

Tickets start at only \$45 for standard seating or \$80 for VIP seating at a cabaret-style table with complimentary premium snacks and a beverage. Only a handful of VIP tickets remain and we anticipate the show will sell out. Don't miss out, get your tickets now at [brisbanechamber.org/cabaret](http://brisbanechamber.org/cabaret). Proceeds from the show benefit the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Doors open at 6:30, and the show will start at 7:15 pm. This production has been made possible by Sharon Boggs and Sound Productions who has generously provided all sound engineering and design.

Hailed by Broadway World "A sumptuous feast of outrageousness!" Borghesi has performed to sold-out houses from New York to San Francisco in concert venues, nightclubs (Feinstein's at the Nikko, Birdland Jazz Club, Don't Tell Mama) & theaters, entertaining audiences with her bold & comedic brassy style. She made her 2019 Carnegie Hall Debut in An Evening of Jerome Kern and is a regularly featured guest star at the Mabel Mercer Foundation's New York Cabaret Convention held annually at Lincoln Center's Rose Hall and will return this year for the 33rd Convention on October 26th, 2022 accompanied by San Francisco's very own Nicolas Perez and a 5 piece band, also joining forces in a duet with MAC Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Marta Sanders, accompanied by the incomparable Alex Rybeck and Danny Bacher on the Saxophone.

Are you looking to support local businesses and the arts? The Chamber is seeking sponsors for this show. Email [madison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:madison@brisbanechamber.org) if interested. Some sponsorship levels include tickets.

**Leanne Borghesi's MOOD SWINGS** is a "one of a kind, 75-minute comedic nightclub act of swingin' jazz, bawdy comedy, and over-the-top bling!" Borghesi's robust vocals and comedic chops are accompanied by her sizzling' 3-piece jazz

The Chamber hopes to continue hosting cabarets as an annual series of 2-4 shows starring Leanne Borghesi and a variety of artists benefitting different Brisbane non-profits. Our debut show will help determine if we bring this event back on a more regular basis. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!



### MAYOR'S Message

## TURNING OFF THE STARS

By: COLEEN MACKIN, City of Brisbane Mayor, [cmackin@brisbaneca.org](mailto:cmackin@brisbaneca.org), 415-529-8114

What if we turned off the stars in Brisbane. Sacrilegious you'd say! Stars ARE Brisbane. We're "The City of Stars"!

While it's hard to imagine our mountainside without our holiday stars it's equally hard to imagine not seeing any real stars in the sky. And yet it's happening.

Remember this nursery rhyme?  
*Star light, star bright,  
First star I see tonight;  
I wish I may, I wish I might,  
Have the wish I wish tonight.*

Could be that kids will have to travel hundreds of miles to see some real stars. In the last ten

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### SUPERVISOR'S Message

## NEW BIVALENT BOOSTER RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE 12+

By: DAVID J. CANEPA, President of the San Mateo County Supervisors, [dcanepa@smcgov.org](mailto:dcanepa@smcgov.org),

With new Omicron variants of COVID-19 spreading through the community, it is recommended for everyone 12 and older to get the new bivalent booster, which replaces previous booster recommendations.

But according to our county Health System, only 6 percent or 43,429 county residents have

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years, most of the real stars have disappeared from our sky over Brisbane. And it's the same story all across the country.

The saturation of light in our cities has nearly doubled every decade since the 1970's. Look at a satellite view of earth at night and you'll see blisters of white light becoming more interconnected. Once that light hits the atmosphere and scatters, it obliterates the stars above.

Crime, as you might expect, drives the quest for more light. But when a number of cities and towns in the U.S. and Europe turned off some lights to save energy, many reported a drop in crime.

Despite numerous studies showing that increased lighting doesn't reduce crime, we cling to the belief that the more light we have, the safer we'll be.

Looking at Brisbane at night, you'll see what I mean. LED lights on homes illuminate the entire mountainside and much of the lower streets of Central Brisbane. Businesses are also over-illuminating buildings and parking lots with poorly-aimed lights.

All this light spill is inadvertently broadcast to neighbors, or goes skyward, eliminating our view of stars in the night sky.

But worse yet, artificial light can affect human physiology and throw us out of balance. New studies show that even moderate light exposure during sleep can harm the heart and increase blood insulin levels.

The pervasive use of artificial lighting also disrupts animals, changing their behavior and patterns of waking, sleeping, and activity. Nocturnal animals often become disoriented; bird migration patterns are altered. Some species are more subject to predators and forced to decrease their foraging. Artificial lights confuse reproduction cycles of birds, fish, insects, plants as well as humans.

The disruption of our natural biological rhythms subjects us to constant stress. Entire ecosystems that took billions of years to develop are being disrupted.

What can be done?

The problem has become so acute that several large and small cities have passed Dark Skies Ordinances to reduce light pollution. Flagstaff, Arizona was the first U.S. city to enact an outdoor lighting ordinance way back in 1958; Pittsburgh recently adopted one in 2021.

Downward-pointed lighting fixtures with shields on the sides can often prevent light from inadvertently spilling to neighbors or going skyward. But lighting from a second story might need further alteration to reduce flooding the area below.

Want to help protect our night sky from light pollution? You can conduct a lighting assessment of your house or building to evaluate the impact of your lights. The International Dark-Sky Association has a step-by-step guide you'll find at: [idsw.darksky.org/dark-sky-friendly-home](https://idsw.darksky.org/dark-sky-friendly-home). They also have suggestions on lighting fixtures.

A few simple changes and you'll be doing your part to restore the stars over Brisbane...the real ones. Let's ensure our kids get to see a true starry sky.

If you want to know more about what's being done to reduce light pollution worldwide, check out the International Dark-Sky Association website: <https://www.darksky.org>.

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received the updated COVID-19 booster. With that in mind, the county is offering the updated booster at clinics throughout the county and I encourage you all to take that shot to keep your family protected from this still circulating disease.

A list of clinics and schedules can be found here <https://www.smchealth.org/vaccine-clinic-calendar> and no appointments are necessary.

Broader health care systems – primary care practices and pharmacies across the county – are also offering the updated booster. At many pharmacy locations, you can make an appointment same day or next day, and at some locations flu shots can be obtained during the same visit.

## TIPS (NO TRICKS) FOR A LOW-WASTE HALLOWEEN

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

**Q:** Any suggestions for how to keep Halloween-related waste to a minimum?

**A:** Yes! Here are just a few:

- If you're looking for a costume, avoid buying anything new or poorly made. Create an outfit with items you already have, can borrow from a friend or family member, or buy from a secondhand store. Have a costume from last year that no longer fits or suits your taste? Ask around to see if someone you know would like to swap.

- When decorating your home or office, select reusable items or pumpkins, gourds, and cornstalks that are unadorned with glue, paint, or glitter and can be composted after the holidays. If your decorations require power, make sure they plug in. If they require batteries, invest in reusables.

- If you'll be giving out candy, avoid goodies that are individually wrapped in plastic. Choose treats like Whoppers, Dots, and Milk Duds that are packaged in compostable paper boxes. And, if you have leftover candy, consider freezing it to use for upcoming holiday baking or gingerbread house building. The internet is full of recipes for leftover candy!



The Baylands is committed to a sustainable future. We are proud to provide, free-of-charge, land to local environmental stewards Mission Blue Nursery and beekeeper Russel Morris. We'd also like to share our appreciation with Mission Blue Nursery and Russel Morris for providing visitors to our booth with locally native plants and delicious local honey to enjoy with their families and friends.

The Baylands team had a wonderful time at Brisbane's biggest festival of the year, and we hope you did, too! We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Day in the Park.

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## IT WAS A BLAST AT DAY IN THE PARK!

By: **Stephanie Shakofsky** | Vice President  
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The Baylands team was pleased to join Brisbane residents, community organizations, and city staff on Saturday October 1st to celebrate the annual Day in the Park festival. We had a blast cheering on the derby racers and pie-eating contestants, visiting the delicious food vendors, and trying our luck at the carnival games.

We enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Our team wants to thank the many people who stopped by our booth to learn more about The Bayland's plans to restore the natural promise of 700 acres at the Southern end of San Francisco and the City of Brisbane into new housing, exciting commercial buildings, and nearly 140 acres of parks and open spaces.

**BRISBANE School District News****BSD FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION EXPLAINED**By: **RONAN COLLVER**, Brisbane School District Superintendent, [rcollver@brisbanesd.org](mailto:rcollver@brisbanesd.org)

California has implemented a Universal School Meals program that provides a free breakfast snack and a free school lunch for every public school child that wants one. Many parents question why the District is still asking them to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Application when the meals are already free to all students.

Even though the Free/Reduced application has no bearing on their child's meal, families may qualify other benefits. These include:

- SamTrans is providing a free, unlimited-ride youth bus pass for every child who qualifies as free or reduced. The pass is good through August 2023.
- Families who qualify will receive Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) cards for each child in their household.

P-EBT cards are debit cards that can be used almost anywhere.

Last year, the amount in each card was \$250. (P-EBT cards)

- Students who qualify for Free meals will have a \$500 college savings account started in their name ( CalKids )

The impact on the District of having more children qualify for free/reduced-price meals is that we will receive additional funds from the state ("LCFF Supplemental Funds") and may qualify for additional grants and programs.

The District will receive reimbursement from the National School Lunch Program (US Dept of Agriculture) for every meal served to a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, whereas, California will reimburse the district for the "paid" students.

Please visit the district website [www.brisbanesd.org](http://www.brisbanesd.org) for all the information about the District's lunch program including the F/R application, menu options, and a detailed FAQ page.

**BRISBANE BUSINESS BULLETIN**

"The Brisbane Business Bulletin" allows Brisbane Chamber of Commerce members to communicate brief bits of news to the public such as change of hours, new product offerings, upcoming events, etc. If you are interested in listing a news item next month, please contact Madison Davis at [madison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:madison@brisbanechamber.org)

**Join us for our next Mixer on October 19, hosted by The Mad Moiselle!**

You're invited to our next mixer on Wednesday, October 19 from 5 pm-7 pm, hosted by The Mad Moiselle at 345 Visitacion Ave. RSVP to [madison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:madison@brisbanechamber.org)

**Brisbane Chamber to Host Cabaret Event on November 12th at Mission Blue, Featuring Famed Brisbane Cabaret Star, Leanne Borghesi**

Leanne Borghesi has entertained audiences in major concert venues, theaters, nightclubs, and cabaret rooms from San Francisco to New York City and now we welcome her to the Mission Blue Center for an evening that's not to be missed! Hailed "a sumptuous feast of outrageousness," Leanne is at home whether she's riffing with jazz ensembles, belting it out with big bands, devising comedic 'theatrical cabarets,' or creating bawdy nightclub acts. Tickets start at \$45 and are selling FAST. Purchase yours now at: [www.brisbanechamber.org/cabaret](http://www.brisbanechamber.org/cabaret). All proceeds benefit the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Interested in sponsoring this event? email: [madison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:madison@brisbanechamber.org)

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**You're Invited: San Bruno Mountain Watch's A Guide to The Flora and Fauna Book Release Party- Saturday November 19 from 4pm-8pm at the Mission Blue Center**

Join San Bruno Mountain Watch in celebrating the release of San Bruno Mountain: A Guide to the Flora and Fauna! A \$75 ticket to the event includes a signed copy of the book (retail price of \$55). If you'd like to attend the event without receiving a signed copy of the book, a \$40 ticket price is available. Food is included in both ticket levels. Pre-order your ticket online at: <https://www.mountainwatch.org/bookrelease>

Authors Doug Allshouse and David Nelson will deliver presentations detailing the exciting nine-year journey to produce this beautiful book. Hear riveting stories about rare plant discoveries on the mountain, the photographic process that produced 2,000 color images for the book, and more!

**San Bruno Mountain Half Marathon and Lions Fun Run-Walk Will Be 10/22**

Saturday, October 22nd will be a full day in Brisbane! Registration is still available for Star City San Bruno Mtn. Half Marathon that starts at 9am at the base of Visitacion. Proceeds help fund the Brisbane Lions Scholarship Fund, San Mateo County Parks, and the El Camino High School Cross Country Team! Sign up at: [starcityhalfmarathon.wordpress.com](http://starcityhalfmarathon.wordpress.com). The Brisbane Lions will also be holding their Annual Fun Run-Walk. Sign up for the Run-Walk starting at 9am at the Community Park; enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards! Lastly, the Lions Flu Shot Clinic takes places in the Park from 10am - 1pm. No appointment needed but note: high-dose flu vaccines for 65 years and older will not be offered.

**The 2022 State of the City will Take Place In-Person on Wednesday, November 16 th at City Hall.**

This event is hosted by the Brisbane Chamber and sponsored by South San Francisco Scavenger Co. Refreshments will be served at 5pm and Mayor Mackin will give the address around 5:30pm. A Zoom option will also be available to join starting at 5:30pm at [brisbaneca.org/sotc2022](http://brisbaneca.org/sotc2022).



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### MADISON DAVIS

Incumbent



As a lifelong resident, I am fortunate to call Brisbane home. In my childhood, I attended Brisbane Elementary School and Lipman, participated in Brisbane Dance Workshop, and learned to be a steward of San Bruno Mountain and the lagoon. I graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.S. in Business Administration. Today I am a council member and CEO of The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce.

As a former Silverspot Co-Op Nursery School aide and former Brisbane Dance Workshop board member, I understand the importance of keeping Brisbane safe, creating constructive outlets for youth, and providing services for families. During my tenure on the Brisbane City Council and the Brisbane Parks and Recreation Commission, I improved the city's programming, services, and facilities while striving to keep our Brisbane traditions relevant for future generations. I brought the LUNAFEST Film Festival to Brisbane, using it to raise \$119,000 for the Brisbane Lions Club scholarship program in four years.

I have demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively with our city's staff and my colleagues. I advocated for Brisbane at the county and state level, incorporated citizen feedback into decision-making, maintained an open mind when deliberating, and developed solutions that appealed to many. I listen to understand, not respond, which has enabled me to embrace new ideas and viewpoints. These skills will continue to aid the council as we navigate the Baylands specific plan process, fight for Brisbane's interest with California High-Speed Rail, and determine the future of the Quarry.

The Baylands is ripe with opportunity. I envision a development that harnesses innovative technology and planning techniques to create a sustainable community that embodies Brisbane's small-town charm. I will advocate for extensive transportation and trails, engaging parks and open space, revitalized wetlands, and a thriving retail district.

I will hold Baylands Development Inc. and regulatory agencies accountable, demanding the highest remediation. Ultimately, I want the Baylands to be safe, reflect our values, and incorporate the vision of residents.

However, the future of the Baylands and Brisbane's entrance hangs in the balance. If California High-Speed Rail gets their way, we will have a massive maintenance yard that brings light, noise, and blight, not our desired development.

At this time, it is crucial to elect someone

with extensive knowledge of the issues. I have studied thousands of pages of reports during my terms on the council in preparation for upcoming deliberations and advocacy. With your support, I will continue to make Brisbane a special place to live. I would be honored to serve again and respectfully ask for your vote.

### TERRY O'CONNELL

Incumbent



Brisbane is a special community that I have been proud to serve as your Council Member since 2011.

While things have changed in that time, many of our issues are not resolved. Pressures from political, climate, housing, growth and economics are a constant companion to our day to day lives and decision making. The City has huge projects that are coming upon us in the Baylands, Sierra Point, Quarry, with additional pressure from High Speed Rail that could change Brisbane tremendously if not planned correctly.

Brisbane has potential that outside interests would like to exploit if given the chance, and having a representative that will weigh what is best for the community is vital to Brisbane staying a strong and vibrant place for all.

I strongly feel that Brisbane needs to plan for a future that includes global warming, sea level rise, and uncertain economic needs, while staying true to our goals to retain our small town feel and provide the services that we have all come to expect.

We will need to include resilience planning for not only our infrastructure, but for our long term economic success as well. Continued leadership in green building initiatives, open space retention, as well as reducing our greenhouse gas production is essential.

Representing you as a member of the City Council, I will continue to bring to the table my personal energy, goals, and values to help Brisbane plan for a future that we can all be proud of.

I would be honored to continue to serve Brisbane, and respectfully request your support and your vote.

### ANTHONY WALKER

Design/Business Owner



When my wife and I had our second daughter and began wanting to put down roots in the Bay Area, the first property we visited was in Brisbane. We were immediately enamored by the charming small-town atmosphere set against the stunning backdrop of the San Bruno Mountain, and the thought of our little family flourishing in this safe, welcoming community filled us with great joy.

As a parent, the issue facing our city that weighs heaviest on me is climate change.

We're already seeing the early effects of the climate crisis all around us, in increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, rampant wildfires, ongoing drought and water issues, and rising sea levels to name just a few. I shudder to think of the future we'll be leaving every young person alive today to inherit if we fail to take decisive action now.

Brisbane has much to be proud of when it comes to its past progressive stances on environmental issues, but the climate crisis calls for increasingly bold, concrete action.

We're at the beginning of an ambitious transition at the national level aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and getting to Net-Zero no later than 2050.

Brisbane must stand ready as a proactive local partner in all solutions that will make this transition work for us.

The Baylands must be designed responsibly on Brisbane's terms: as a sustainable zero carbon development that provides for all its energy needs, and creates inclusive, affordable neighborhoods that still feel like they're a part of Brisbane's community.

As our community grows, we cannot waste a single drop of water, and need to build a water treatment facility that recycles gray water for irrigation and commercial use. And if elected, I will champion creative new programs and policies that reduce emissions, limit traffic congestion, encourage EV adoption and infrastructure, and improve bike routes and public transportation for all of Brisbane.

With the long-term habitability of the planet at stake, every problem large and small must be a part of the climate solution. If elected to our City Council, I will do my utmost to always view Brisbane's issues through this lens – and deliver on effective solutions that support a just, sustainable transition and a brighter future for every member of our community.

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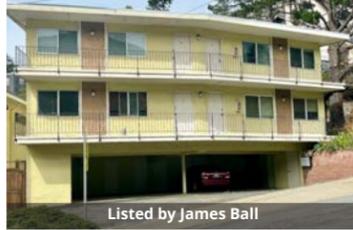
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