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## VINYL RECORD STORE OPENS IN BRISBANE, INTRODUCING: LYRICAL VINYL

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Nestled in the heart of Brisbane, Lyrical Opposition is a force for change, harnessing the power of art to drive social awareness and systemic transformation. This 501(c)(3) non-profit artist collective found its home at 132 Visitacion Ave a few years ago, when Christian Bustos (aka Cross Allan) and Shannon Price-Bustos saw a for rent sign on their way to The Burrow. Lyrical Opposition's lease was ending in San Francisco and Brisbane eventually became their new home.

### Preserving Arts and Culture: The Non-Profit Arm

At its core, Lyrical Opposition serves as a beacon for artists and creators, offering a platform to bring awareness to societal issues. Their mission is clear: cultivate lyrical artists who oppose injustice through creative expression. Through a diverse ensemble of rappers, poets, filmmakers, musicians, and therapists, they harness their unique skill sets to ignite change and challenge the status quo. The organization's activities extend far beyond traditional performances; they have become champions of education and activism.

### A Haven for Vinyl Enthusiasts

Creative Director Fego Navarro and Founders Cross Allan and Shannon Price-Bustos are excited to announce a new venture that expands their mission. The organization has split its space into two distinct focuses, reflecting its dedication to non-profit operations on one side and a new venture called Lyrical Vinyl on the other.

Inspired by the beloved film High Fidelity, Lyrical Vinyl is a testament to the enduring allure of vinyl. Located within their space at 132 Visitacion Ave, the record shop offers a curated selection of records and carries items crafted from vinyl, including Funko Pops and more. They also have a rack of vintage jerseys worth browsing, including some Bay Area sports teams.

Lyrical Vinyl has found strong support from the esteemed Stacks Record Shop in Hayward, a collaboration that ensures a steady supply of quality vinyl. On Saturdays music aficionados and



From Left to Right: Fego Navarro, Cross Allan, and Shannon Price-Bustos Host a Chamber Mixer in the Lyrical Vinyl Space. Photo by: Bryan Flores

collectors can explore Lyrical Vinyl's catalog, boasting a diverse range of classics from The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Motown legends, and jazz treasures. They have plans to expand displays and offerings over time.

### Celebrating Local Artistry

Lyrical Opposition's dedication to the local arts community shines through in their collaborations with local artists. When an artist releases a record, Lyrical Opposition invites the community to intimate listening sessions, fostering a deeper connection between creators and their audience.

In addition, the organization aims to provide a platform for Brisbane artists, hosting events that showcase talents ranging from book and poem readings to other artistic expressions.

### Creating an Inviting Space

Lyrical Opposition envisions their space as more than a shop—it's a sanctuary for creativity. They aim to cultivate an intentional environment where visitors can immerse themselves in the art and culture that defines their mission. Curious passersby often stop

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### MAYOR'S Message

## BRISBANE'S MILESTONES IN SUSTAINABILITY: A BEACON FOR A GREENER FUTURE

By: MADISON DAVIS, City of Brisbane Mayor, [madisondavis@brisbaneca.org](mailto:madisondavis@brisbaneca.org), 415-706-5276

On October 2nd, against the backdrop of the breathtaking views of San Bruno Mountain, the Mission Blue Center witnessed a historic event, marking a giant leap toward sustainability in our city.

The centerpiece of this celebration was the inauguration of an 8.5-kilowatt solar system,

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### SUPERVISOR'S Message

## COUNTY GRANTS \$1M TO PREP FOR COW PALACE FOR DISASTERS

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The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors approved a \$4.4 billion revised budget for fiscal year 2023-24 Sept. 26 that includes \$1 million for renovations to the Cow Palace in Daly City. The grant that I championed will now allow the iconic arena to be used as an evacuation, care and shelter site for county residents and livestock when disaster strikes.

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## TICKETS SELLING FAST FOR MOONLIGHT MADNESS: A SPOOKTACULAR REVUE

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

What a treat we have for you on October 28! Grab a costume or your favorite festive attire and join us for a night of spine-tingling excitement as the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce presents: "Moonlight Madness... A Spooktacular Revue!" Get ready to be thrilled and have a howling good time as The Mission Blue Center transforms into a spooky cabaret club for ONE NIGHT featuring acclaimed circus performers Coventry & Kaluza, comedic magician Robert Strong, bubble artist Sterling Johnson, and juggler Jefferson Freire, who will leave you on the edge of your seat. Hosted by Cabaret Chanteuse: Leanne Borghesi and featuring the sizzlin' Ross Gualco Trio, this evening will also star Brisbane's own vocal powerhouse: Lafi Faletoesé-Ma'u.

Last November, The Chamber partnered with



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The Cow Palace has proven invaluable during emergencies, especially during the CZU wildfire when it became a Noah's Ark for county residents scrambling to find shelter for horses, cows, goats and even llamas. With this \$1 million, the Cow Palace will now be equipped to serve thousands of meals a day and keep the lights on with new emergency generators during power outages. This is another investment in emergency preparedness that highlights the county's continuing commitment to public safety.

The \$1 million investment in the Cow Palace supports substantial emergency preparedness renovations. Specifically, the Cow Palace will use the funds toward (1) remodeling the kitchen, freezer, and dining hall to facilitate the provision of thousands of meals per day; (2) installing additional permanent emergency

generators to sustain power during outages; (3) acquiring and appropriately storing care supplies including blankets, cots, and comfort kits; and (4) repairing and renovating large animal/livestock evacuation and care areas.

For the investment, San Mateo County was the recipient of the Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award for exemplary service and support, which was presented to myself presented in the arena during Saturday opening night of the 75th annual Grand National Rodeo, one of the most iconic annual events in all of California that showcases why this arena is truly the Cow Palace. This family-friendly rodeo harkens back to our state's rich agricultural history.

The budget also prioritizes funds designated for farm labor housing, affordable housing, expanding fire mitigation measures and increasing funding for crisis response teams, Mental Health Services Act and reaching functional zero in homelessness.


**Mayor's Message, continued from page 1**

Left to Right: Adrienne Etherton, Councilmember Mackin, Councilmember Lentz, Councilmember Cunningham, Mayor Davis, Rafael Reyes, and Dr. Gupta cut the Ribbon at Mission Blue

a powerful symbol of our collective commitment to cleaner, more resilient facilities. This system is projected to generate 95% of the energy the facility needs annually, equivalent to driving 11,252 fewer miles, drastically reducing the facility's carbon footprint.

Beyond being an event space and an emergency shelter, the Mission Blue Center stands as a testament to our community's resolve to adopt cutting-edge solutions for sustainability. The celebration was also a tribute to Clean Air Day, an initiative in collaboration with the CA Coalition for Clean Air and Peninsula Clean Energy, emphasizing the importance of clean air for our well-being.

Electric vehicles and rooftop solar systems play pivotal roles in our fight against climate change. These initiatives are instrumental in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and improving air quality.

Upgrading the Mission Blue Center would not be possible without our partners - Peninsula Clean Energy, Intermountain Solar, Charge, and CALeVIP.

In attendance at the ribbon-cutting were dedicated city staff and Council Members Lentz, Mackin, and Cunningham, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in realizing this milestone. Additionally, we were honored to have representatives from Peninsula Clean Energy and Charge.

In July 2021, our City Council declared a climate emergency, emphasizing the urgency of the climate crisis and our commitment to swift and decisive

**Moonlight Madness, continued from page 1**

Brisbane Residents: Leanne Borghesi, JoeJoe Martin (LumiGeek) and Sharon Boggs (Sound Productions) to help produce the first-of-its-kind cabaret- "Mood Swings." The sold-out night was a rollicking success & knocked the audience's socks off...so we're doing it again, this time with a variety of friends!

Tickets start at \$60 for standard seating and \$95 for VIP cabaret table seating with complimentary treats & cocktail potions. We anticipate the show will sell out and only a handful of VIP tickets remain, so get yours now at [brisbanechamber.org/cabaret](http://brisbanechamber.org/cabaret) or on Eventbrite.

Make this a true date night! The city is offering childcare at the Brisbane Elementary modular from 5-10pm. Kids will enjoy games, crafts, dinner, and a movie with Rec Leaders while you enjoy the cabaret. Pajamas, blankets, and stuffed animals are encouraged! For more information, please reach out to Nicole at (415) 508-2144 or [nhoughton@brisbaneca.org](mailto:nhoughton@brisbaneca.org).

Proceeds from the show benefit the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and the show will start at 7:00 p.m.

So, mark your calendars for **October 28th** and prepare for a howling good night!

Leanne Borghesi has been entertaining audiences with her bold comedic brassy style, received the 2022 New York Manhattan Association of Cabaret MAC Award for "Musical Comedy Performer" & "BORGHESI'S BACK" Hostess- 5 years with San Francisco's Circus Center Cabaret, Borghesi has performed from New York to San Francisco in premiere concert venues (Rose Hall-Jazz at Lincoln Center; Weill Hall-Carnegie Hall, Palace of Fine Arts, The Herbst Theater) Nightclubs & Cabarets (Feinstein's at the Nikko, Birdland Jazz Club, 54 Below, The Triad, Don't Tell Mama)

action. This declaration highlighted the need for environmental and social justice, ensuring that the shift to a greener economy benefits all, especially those most affected by the toll of our extractive fossil fuel economy, including polluted air.

Brisbane has taken strides to reduce our climate impact. Joining hands with Peninsula Clean Energy, we've saved our residents and businesses over \$1.4 million while drastically reducing emissions from electricity by 98%. Embracing progressive building codes and mandating new construction to be more efficient and lower-emitting, we're driving continuous improvement in efficiency over time.

Our efforts extend beyond policy and into our very own facilities and operations. By participating in the PCE GovPV program, we installed solar at Mission Blue and electric vehicle charging stations at Mission Blue and City Hall. The transition to heat pump water heaters at five facilities is underway at no cost to the city. Additionally, we added electric vehicles to our fleet, reducing air pollution and saving costs.

After enduring 3.5 years of a global pandemic and grappling with climate-driven wildfires, we do not take clean air for granted. During the ceremony, Brisbane resident and pulmonologist at Highland Hospital, Dr. Sachin Gupta, emphasized the critical importance of clean air and its profound impact on our health. His words resonated deeply, reminding us of the inherent link between a sustainable environment and our well-being.

In addition, Rafael Reyes from Peninsula Clean Energy shared exciting news - our ribbon-cutting ceremony is just the beginning. This event marks the inaugural celebration of twelve planned ribbon cuttings, all dedicated to energy-efficient upgrades of city facilities throughout San Mateo County.

We are leaving no stone unturned in our pursuit of cleaner energy and reducing the fossil fuels that drive climate change and air pollution. Together, we forge ahead, united in our mission to create a sustainable, thriving Brisbane for generations to come. For questions about this article or other topics, call me at 415-706-5276 or send me an email: [madisondavis@brisbaneca.org](mailto:madisondavis@brisbaneca.org)

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## BLAST FROM BRISBANE'S PAST

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### PROGRESS.

Today, Brisbane can proudly look back on two years of substantial progress. It's building and population is slowly and consistently growing. The "squatter" era is now ancient history, Brisbane is now taking its rightful place alongside other Peninsula cities.

Probably the most important sign of progress, at least the most needed, is the signal lights being installed on Bayshore Highway and the old entrance to Brisbane. When the lights are turned on, it will be the culmination of several years work on the part of a few civic minded workers in our town. The ever present hazard due to the lack of traffic control, has, in the past, deterred many persons from buying property in Brisbane.

Another sign of progress are the many new buildings which have added to our business district. Among these are, the Krampert Building, Fountain of Youth, Westcraft Industries and the new U.S. Post Office. The Krampert building houses six apartments and four new businesses. The Fountain of Youth is the oasis for our young and not so young, in

search of fattening delicacies. Westcraft Industries is our only manufacturing plant and is owned and operated by Don Harford, a long time Brisbane resident. The Post Office at present, is rated Second Class. However, according to Postmaster Margaret Tann, the people of Brisbane may have a pleasant surprise in the near future. In addition to all these, there are now plans for several more buildings, among them the Memorial Building sponsored by the American Legion. It won't be long before the business district will be chaffing at its bounds and will have to be expanded.

Home construction shows a definite upswing. Many new homes are now in various stages of construction and as materials become available we may see a definite building boom.

One of the most accurate barometers to measure growth and welfare of a city, is the activity of its churches. Brisbane churches are on the march. They all report a growing membership. The Church of the Nazarine has a new building, combining church and parsonage. The Bethel Baptist church has recently begun construction of an imposing edifice and parsonage. The Catholic Mission is contemplating the building of new quarters in the near future. While the First Baptist church has its building, it is reported that the Church had its most successful vacation Bible school in its history. With the churches progressing and flourishing, it is a positive sign that our little city is definitely going ahead.

## FINANCIAL Focus

### WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT RMDs?

By: SVEN GEFFKEN, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, [Sven.Geffken@edwardjones.com](mailto:Sven.Geffken@edwardjones.com), (650) 355-1365

You may spend decades contributing to various retirement accounts. But for some accounts, such as a traditional IRA and 401(k), you must start withdrawing funds at a certain point. What should you know about this requirement?

To begin with, the rules governing these withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — have changed recently. For many years, individuals had to begin taking their RMDs (which are based on the account balance and the IRS' life expectancy factor) when they turned 70½. The original SECURE Act of 2019 raised this age to 72, and SECURE 2.0, passed in 2022, raised it again, to 73. (If you turned 73 in 2023, and you were 72 in 2022 when the RMD limit was still 72, you should have taken your first RMD for 2022 by April 1 of this year. You will then need to take your 2023 RMD by Dec. 31. And going forward, you'll also need to take your RMDs by the end of every year.)

Not all retirement accounts are subject to RMDs. They aren't required for a Roth IRA, and, starting in 2024, won't be required for a Roth 401(k) or 403(b) plan. But if your account does call for RMDs, you do need to take them, because if you don't, you could face tax penalties. Previously, this penalty was 50% of the amount you were supposed to have taken, but SECURE 2.0 reduced it to 25%.

When you take your RMDs, you need to be aware of a key issue: taxes. RMDs are taxed as ordinary income, and, as such, they could potentially bump you into a higher tax bracket and possibly even increase your Medicare premiums, which are determined by your modified adjusted gross income. Are there any ways you could possibly reduce an RMD-related tax hike?

You might have some options. Here are two to consider:

- Convert tax-deferred accounts to Roth IRA. You could convert some, or maybe all, of your tax-deferred retirement accounts to a Roth IRA. By doing so, you could lower your RMDs in the future — while adding funds to an account you're never required to touch. So, if you don't really need all the money to live on, you could include the remainder of the Roth IRA in your estate plans, providing an initially tax-free inheritance to your loved ones. However, converting a tax-deferred account to a Roth IRA will generate taxes in the year of conversion, so you'd need the money available to pay this tax bill.

- Donate RMDs to charity. In what's known as a qualified charitable distribution, you can move up to \$100,000 of your RMDs directly from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity, avoiding the taxes that might otherwise result if you took the RMDs yourself. After 2023, the \$100,000 limit will be indexed to inflation.

Of course, before you start either a Roth IRA conversion or a qualified charitable distribution, you will need to consult with your tax advisor, as both these moves have issues you must consider and may not be appropriate for your situation.

But it's always a good idea to know as much as you can about the various aspects of RMDs — they could play a big part in your retirement income strategy.

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**Next Chamber Mixer: Wednesday, October 18 at BiRite**

Join us on Wednesday October 18, from 5pm-7pm at BiRite Foodservice Distributors, 123 S Hill Drive, for a mixer! This is an excellent opportunity to network with local business professionals and community leaders while enjoying refreshments provided by our host. Please RSVP to [madison@brisbanechamber.org](mailto:madison@brisbanechamber.org)

**The 2023 State of the City will Take Place In-Person on Wednesday, November 15th at City Hall.**

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

**Brisbane Chamber to Host Moonlight Madness: A Spooktacular Revue on October 28th at Mission Blue, Featuring Famed Brisbane Cabaret Star, Leanne Borghesi**

Join us for a night of spine-tingling excitement at Moonlight Madness: A Spooktacular Revue! Chanteuse Madame Borghesi and her sizzling

3-piece jazz combo with Musical Direction by San Francisco's one and only Ross Gualco will entertain with mischievous songs and stories. The revue will also feature mesmerizing performances by world-class circus and variety artists, including chilling juggling feats and jaw-dropping magic tricks. Brisbane's own Lafi Faletose-Ma'u will also take center stage, belting out tunes that will take your breath away. We anticipate the show will sell out, so get your tickets now at [brisbanechamber.org/cabaret](http://brisbanechamber.org/cabaret) or on Eventbrite. Doors open at 6:15, and the show will start at 7:00 p.m.

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

The City of Brisbane has partnered with HdL to administer the business license program commencing with the 2024 renewal season. More information on renewals will be available in late November. The City's current partner, Avenu (formerly MuniServices), will be handling business licenses through the remainder of 2023 and questions on the program should be addressed with Avenu at (866) 240-3665 or [muniblsupport@avenuinsights.com](mailto:muniblsupport@avenuinsights.com) until further notice.

**This year's Annual Winter Clean Up Weekend is November 4 & 5, 2023.**

This is the time to clear your property of fallen leaves and branches which could find their way into one of the City's storm drains and cause flooding during the rainy season. Dumpsters will be placed throughout town for residents to dispose of their yard waste. Please place your yard trimmings and

branches (less than 4 inches in diameter and NOT within plastic garbage bags) into the nearest-located dumpster, which will be placed the Friday before.

If you need assistance, we will have limited staff available to transport your yard waste to one of the dumpsters. For assistance, please call (415) 508-2147 during the following times:

**Saturday, November 5: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Sunday, November 6: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Please remember that this is for YARD WASTE ONLY (leaves, branches, grass). NO GARBAGE OR OTHER WASTE is to be disposed of in these dumpsters. Doing so will make the entire load unrecyclable.

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

Did You Know? Brisbane is now an Age-Friendly City! The City received this designation from AARP in June 2023. An AARP Age-Friendly community survey is out now for residents to provide additional feedback about how Brisbane can continue to be a great place to live for our older adults. Kudos to the Age-Friendly Task Force and all of their hard work this past year to get Brisbane to this point. Please fill out the AARP Age-Friendly Survey here: [www.brisbaneca.org/aarp](http://www.brisbaneca.org/aarp). There are hardcopy versions of the survey available at City Hall (50 Park Place, Brisbane); please turn in completed surveys to the Sunrise Room or City Hall. The survey will be open through the end of this year. For more information or how to get involved, contact Nicole Houghton at (415) 508-2144 or [nhoughton@brisbaneca.org](mailto:nhoughton@brisbaneca.org).

### BRISBANE School District News

## BEING THERE EXPERIENCES

By: **RONAN COLLVER**, Brisbane School District Superintendent, [rcollver@brisbanesd.org](mailto:rcollver@brisbanesd.org)

The Brisbane School District feels very strongly about the educational benefits of taking our students to locations off of our campuses and away from our classrooms to enhance our students' educational experience. The District is one of the few Districts on the peninsula who owns and operates its own school bus and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our classified employee, Martin Gonzalez, for his continued training as a school bus driver.

Our district's vision statement is Building **Thoughtful Citizens**. Getting out of the classroom and seeing the world that we are a part of is the best way for the students to experience what it is like to be a citizen of a community. Part of our Mission Statement is that students will engage in and learn from the real world, participating in and contributing to their communities.

“Being There” experiences are rich in sensory interaction in real-world locations where our senses and neurons can be activated. “Being There” locations anchor the curriculum for students by illustrating how the concepts and skills appear in real life and how those who work at or visit the location interact with the environment and perform tasks with resources that are available to them.

We have an exciting lineup of trips across all grades in our district already this school year with many more to come.

Some of our outdoor adventures include an overnight camping trip to Pie Ranch in Pescadero, an overnight stay at Marble Quarry RV Park and Cabins; day trips to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, SF Botanical Gardens, Los Trancos Open Space Preserve, Folger Stable Historic Site,

Coyote Hills Regional Park, and of course our very own San Bruno Mountain.

A list of field trips would not be complete without exploring many of our local museums such as De Young Museum, Children's Discovery Museum, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Oakland Museum of California, Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito and San Mateo County History Museum. Many of these locations offer hands-on experiences; however, we also go to some locations that are all hands-on such as The Tech Interactive for a Roller Coaster Workshop, the Exploratorium in San Francisco or CuriOdyssey to study the science standard of sound.

Not all of our trips require getting too far away from our classrooms as we regularly take trips to the Daly City Government Center and Theatre, Brisbane Police and Fire Departments as well as our very own Town Hall.

I hope many of you get the opportunity to discover some of the local resources with your child's class; these experiences are very rewarding and become a cornerstone to many of their childhood school memories.

## FAREWELL TO DICKY WAN: A FIXTURE OF THE BRISBANE POST OFFICE

By: **MADISON DAVIS**, City of Brisbane Mayor, [madisondavis@brisbaneca.org](mailto:madisondavis@brisbaneca.org), 415-706-5276

There's a first time for everything, and the Mayor writing two articles for one Luminary could be a first. However, both topics are timely and important.

For the past 35 years, the residents of Brisbane have had the pleasure of experiencing the exceptional service and infectious good humor of Dicky Wan at the post office. Holding the position of Lead Sales and Service Associate, Dicky has been a fixture at the Brisbane Post Office, bringing a touch of sunshine to every interaction. Unfortunately, September 28 marked the end of an era as Dicky bid farewell to his beloved role and the community he has served so diligently.

In an age where long lines and Covid-related anxieties became commonplace, Dicky stood out as a beacon of cheerfulness. His quick wit and impeccable comedic timing transformed mundane visits to the post office into delightful experiences. It's not an exaggeration to say that whenever Dicky worked the front desk, the atmosphere was extra positive. Smiles were contagious as Dicky's talent for crafting funny one-liners became legendary among the Brisbane community.

Dicky's commitment to his role extended beyond his jovial demeanor. Hailing from Union City, he undertook a daily commute through rain and

traffic for decades to serve the residents of Brisbane. This level of dedication is a testament to his unwavering commitment to his community and the post office.

As Dicky embarks on a well-deserved retirement, the Brisbane Post Office will undoubtedly feel the void left by his departure. As he takes his final bow, Brisbane bids farewell to a treasure who leaves behind a legacy of warmth and positivity.



Mayor Davis presents a commendation from the City of Brisbane to Dicky Wan on his last day at the Post Office

# LONG SUMMER'S EMBRACE: A DAY IN THE PARK TO REMEMBER!

By: Stephanie Shakofsky | Vice President Government Affairs, Baylands Development, Inc., [sshakofsky@thebaylands.com](mailto:sshakofsky@thebaylands.com)

Beneath the clear skies of a warm, summer-like day, Brisbane's Day in the Park unfolded on Saturday, October 7th, delighting everyone who joined the day's festivities. The ideal weather provided the backdrop for the gathering that welcomed residents of Brisbane as well as visitors from nearby neighborhoods. Among the many appealing and educational booths, the Baylands booth was a definite crowd-pleaser. Attendees were drawn to our booth by our irresistible SWAG: pure raw honey from Icehouse Hill and local native plants from Mission Blue Nursery.

For nearly 20 years, the Baylands has provided the Nursery with land free-of-charge because we strongly support Mission Blue's goal of propagating local native plants and restoring Brisbane's local habitats and ecosystems. Their tireless efforts, aligned with the Baylands's commitment to sustainability and eco-restoration, ensures that the natural habitat and unique ecosystems of our region will endure for generations to come.

Curiosity about the Baylands project was

strong, and the most common question asked was, "When will this project get started?" Brisbane residents expressed support for the new housing proposed around the Bayshore Caltrain station and there was a lot of discussion about the need for affordable housing in Brisbane. But excited anticipation about the project didn't stop there; residents were also captivated by the planned biking and hiking trails that will weave through the emerging new and old neighborhoods and parks, promising new and undiscovered outdoor explorations. Lagoon Park sparked great enthusiasm, especially among the young school-age attendees, who spent a lot of time excitedly discussing the park's future and incredible potential.

As the sun set on this year's Day in the Park, BDI staff departed with tons of gratitude for the community's warm embrace. For details on the project's Specific Plan and planning process visit the City's website at [brisbaneca.org/Baylands](http://brisbaneca.org/Baylands), and to explore more details about The Baylands visit our website at [thebaylands.com](http://thebaylands.com).



Local Icehouse Hill honey and local native plants.

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by, wondering what's inside. Lyrical Opposition looks forward to opening its doors regularly so the curious can finally see inside. Don't be shy and have a look.

### Re-entrification: A Powerful Documentary

The culmination of tireless dedication, Lyrical Opposition's documentary, "Re-entrification," delves into the stories of unhoused individuals transitioning into tiny homes in the Bay Area. The documentary aims to humanize the stories of people grappling with homelessness and explore the causes of displacement. With several screenings in the Bay, the film has garnered attention and acclaim, even earning a feature on KRON4 Live in the Bay. The city hopes to

bring a showing to Mission Blue, followed by a panel discussion about housing in the near future.

### Lyrical Festival: Combining Music, Film, Fashion, and Food

In June, Lyrical Opposition orchestrated a memorable music, film, fashion, and food festival, uniting the community to celebrate creativity at the Mission Blue Center. Lyrical Festival featured a silent auction fundraiser, food trucks, and a showcase of local businesses. Live performances spanned across genres, from hip-hop and funk to jazz and R&B, creating an unforgettable experience for attendees. Brisbane residents Tony Press and Kathy Wall opened the space with poems and stories.

As they continue to build their legacy, Lyrical

Opposition welcomes you to bring your favorite record, inviting you to share in the magic of music and stories. With every venture, this collective reaffirms its dedication to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Brisbane and beyond.

For updates and to explore their catalog, visit their website at [lyricalopposition.com](http://lyricalopposition.com) or drop by 132 Visitacion Ave. Don't forget to follow them on Facebook and Instagram @lyricalopposition. If you're passing by, mention reading about Lyrical Opposition in *The Luminary*!



Records for Sale at Lyrical Vinyl  
Photo by: Bryan Flores

# TRASH TALK— TIPS (NO TRICKS!) FOR A LOW-WASTE HALLOWEEN

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

A scary amount of waste is created every Halloween. Candy wrappers, poorly made costumes and decorations, and single-use tableware are to blame.

If you are planning to trick-or-treat or otherwise participate in Halloween fun this year, please consider following these tips:

- Create your costume with materials you already have or can borrow from others. If you must buy something, shop at a thrift or consignment store.
- Use a pillowcase, empty bucket, or reusable bag to collect candy.
- Decorate with whole or carved pumpkins. Resist the urge to decorate them with paint or anything that would keep them from being compostable after the holiday.

- Avoid setting your holiday table with disposable tablecloths, plates, cups, and utensils. Choose reusable alternatives.
- Invest in rechargeable batteries for any decoration that requires batteries.
- 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!

Got more tips? Or photos of DIY costumes or decorations? Please send them to [info@ssfscavenger.com](mailto:info@ssfscavenger.com) so we can share with others.

**Winter CLEAN UP**  
Nov 4-5, 2023

Dumpsters will be placed throughout town for residents to dispose of their yard waste. Please remember that this is for yard waste only! (leaves, branches, grass) No bags please.

[brisbaneca.org/winter-cleanup](http://brisbaneca.org/winter-cleanup)

**JOIN US FOR A MIXER!**  
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