FAST, SAFE AND GREEN

BY: ALISON WILSON, Brisbane Chamber Editor/Marketing Director alison@brisbanechamber.org

The Redshift is already backordered by 15 weeks. Alta Motors promises to be the Tesla of electric motorcycles. This entirely electric-powered vehicle is built and designed from the ground up by this Silicon Valley startup at its home base in Brisbane.

In July, Mitch Bull and I had the golden opportunity of touring Alta Motors cutting edge assembly plant, in-house machine shop, testing facility and office space. We learned and saw firsthand the advancement in battery technology, testing and the new Redshift, that is directly competitive with top-performing 250cc class race motorcycles. Marc Fenigstein, Alta Motors co-founder and

FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY

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Brian Fox’s, General Manager, vision is to create a place that people don’t just pass through, but purposefully go to or as he stated “We want to create a community in our workplace, for our guests, employees and be an integral part of Brisbane.” Ian Moniz, Director of Sales, continued, “Brisbane is a close-knit family. I am fortunate to be able to work for a company that is a part of the Hilton Brand, has a strong community culture, and is located in Brisbane.” We spoke about the beauty of Sierra Point Parkway as Moniz started the interview saying, “The area is a nice escape from the hustle

From the Mayor

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BY: MAYOR CLIFF LENTZ, City of Brisbane

The City of Stars is 55 years young – and you’re invited to the party! On Saturday, October 1st at 6:30 PM, come celebrate the incorporation of our City with your friends and neighbors at the Mission Blue Center. It will be an evening of music, good food, and lively stories of Brisbane’s past.

Although the City was incorporated 55 years ago, our connection to the land goes way back. To showcase some interesting aspects of our past, I want to share with you something that I wrote in the

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PARTNERSHIP

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CEO, started the interview saying, “Alta Motors is an integral part of the growing world of electric transportation. We are part of a worldwide industry that has the opportunity to clean up the air quality both here in the USA and the world.” He continued, “We are standing on the shoulders of Tesla. They have helped create a positive consumer attitude toward electric vehicles. With our advancements in battery technology, electric motorcycles are now sustainable and will help to reduce petroleum consumption and lower greenhouse gases.” Alta Motors has designed and developed two styles of motorcycles, the Redshift MX and SM. The MX motorcycle is designed for MX dinners class racing, without the seconds lost from hunting through gears searching for torque. For the SM supermoto is plated for the street.

While touring the Alta Motors facility, we learned that the idea for the Redshift started in 2007 with founder Derek Dorresteyn who was working on modifying his 450cc race bike to increase lap times. He realized that control, not just more power, was the solution. This led to a discussion with co-founder Jeff Sand about the importance of improving rider control. They quickly realized that electric power could provide the perfect throttle control.

Marc continued, “Derek and Jeff spent a few years’ worth of nights and weekends looking into the state of the technology, experimenting with vehicle architectures in CAD, and making sure the numbers were on par with the best gas bikes.” In 2015 the company transformed from R&D to manufacturing and moved to Brisbane from their machine shop in the Mission district of San Francisco.

Fenigstein, a graduate of Dartmouth College, commented that in his career of developing new products for new markets, Alta Motors is an integral part of the growing world of electric transportation. We are part of a worldwide industry that has the opportunity to clean up the air quality both here in the USA and the world.” He continued, “We developed a suite of technology that drastically reduces the complexity and costs of producing cutting edge electric motorcycles and ensuring our customers have the best ownership experience possible.” To learn more about Alta Motors please visit their website at Altamotors.com; twitter and Instagram at altamotorsusa; or e-mail them at info@altamotors.com.

Back at the old lemonade stand, we have a crew of people working for us at the soon to be minimum wage; $15hr. The day starts at 8 AM. Lunch is an hour. There is a couple of breaks and the day is done at 5PM. It’s pretty straight forward. Since we have a lot of businesses we work with who needs to get their orders in so they can have lemonade at the lunch tables, it is important that we have our team on time and ready to go at 8 o’clock sharp.

There was a good movie called Glengarry Glen Ross. Alec Baldwin says to the sales team, first prize is an El Dorado Cadilac. Second prize is a set of steak knives. Third prize is you’re fired. So, times have been good for lemonade. Some of the employees have gotten comfortable coming in little late. Sometimes lunch extends out. Then sometimes it is convenient to get a jump on traffic and leave a little early. Woody Allen said 80 percent of success is showing up.

Do you remember 2008? What a time that was. Nobody spent any money unless they had to. So many jobs were lost. So many businesses closed. The first people to go tend to be the people who think nobody notices the missing $975. Not always. But they make decisions easy for management.

The beauty of the free market is that we get to buy the best products we can afford. As members of a team, we need to pull together to either beat the competition or at least stay in the game. If the pitcher is late for the game, we might just forfeit. It’s not just the pitcher who matters. Someone has to make sure there is a uniform ready for the pitcher.

A chain is only as strong as the weakest link. Our team of lemonade juicers needs to know that from the juicers to mixers to sales that we need to be a team.
and bustle of San Francisco with the lagoon, palm trees, and the bay front trail. I was excited to work in this area.

I asked Ian Moniz about his background and why he chose to work in the hospitality business. He replied, "As a child I was impacted by a school program, WAVE (Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically), and knew I wanted to be a part of the hospitality industry." Moniz grew up in Guam and Hawaii. He obtained his MBA from U.C. Davis Graduate School of Management and BA in Economics and International Relations. He started his career at the front desk and was soon promoted to sales. Moniz commented, "The values and culture of Sage Hospitality is one of creating a focused and positive experience for both guests and staff. We offer an experience in addition to great service and a place you can call home."

Brian Fox began the tour of Homewood Suites. "I bring the pool, the dining room, the laundry facility, the rooms, beds, and art. I saw first-hand the openness and welcoming atmosphere that has been crafted for visitors to encounter when they first walk in to the lobby. As we were walking, he spoke of the positive and uplifting changes in creating a new and fresh experience for each guest. Fox said, “One of Sage Hospitality’s core values is to engage in our communities. Each of us at Homewood Suites takes seriously our goal of providing a relaxing and vibrant place to eat and sleep while away from home whether for business or pleasure.” I asked Fox about his past experience in the hospitality industry. I learned that he was the General Manager at Bay Landing Hotel Burlingame, Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites San Francisco Airport, and Lanspark Landing Hotel South San Francisco. Fox commented, “I am passionate about providing the best hospitality experience to both employees and visitors alike.” He received his B.S. at James Madison University.

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Fox then said, “We are passionate about good community citizenship. We believe in being a vital part of our community where we live, work and play. That’s why we engage in quarterly community service projects. In the past the hotel has donated backpacks filled with school supplies, read books to children at local schools, and currently have partnered with GatePath, whose mission is to empower people with special needs.”

If you would like to learn more about Homewood Suites by Hilton SFO North, host an event, or book a reservation, please visit the website at: www.sfoairportnorth.homewoodsuites.com. If you are interested in joining the team, you can find open positions at: sagehospitalityjobs.org. Like us on Facebook and contact Ian (shouma.moniz@hilton.com) or Brian (brian.fox@hilton.com) to schedule a visit or to book a group or corporate rate.

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"I came up with a list of 7 items to maximize your membership: (1) take a moment to update your business information found on http://brisbanechamber.org/members/cw.lst.htm so others can find you (email mitch@brisbanechamber.org with updates); (2) meet with Mitch Bull, Chamber CEO/president, to identify opportunities that might be valuable to your business (call (415) 467-7283); (3) advertise in the monthly Chamber newsletter, the Luminary, that is distributed to 4,000 in San Mateo and San Francisco County (call Alison Wilson Marketing and Sales Director (415) 640-9875); (4) showcase your business on the Chamber’s social media sites (Facebook, com/brisbanechambercommerce and Twitter.com/brisbanechamber); (5) generate leads and referrals by attending networking mixers; (6) utilize the opportunity to fund / undertake events / projects for the citizens of Brisbane; and (7) get your brand out there -- host a mixer, advertise, sponsor Chamber events and programs to get your company name in front of hundreds of people. And if you want more! Participate. If you are not sure where to get started or need help recognizing which benefits best suit your business needs, call to meet with Mitch at (415) 467-7283 or email him at mitch@brisbanechamber.org.

PLEASE JOIN US:
Wednesday, September 21 -- Madhouse Coffee is celebrating 15 Years! at the annual Fall Chamber mixer, 402 Visitation Avenue, sponsored by Ron Davis, Broker and Madhouse Coffee from 5 to 7 pm. This is a big opportunity for networking, fostering relationships, and strengthening relations.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions. We live and work in a great community, where ideas are shared to the betterment of all. Give us a call to learn more about how being a member of the Chamber contributes to the economic vitality of business.

Call Mitch at (415) 467-7283 or e-mail mitch@brisbanechamber.org. We are working to enhance and expand economic vitality for Brisbane. Have a prosperous August and September!

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Sustainability Framework for the Baylands, in the “Culture and Heritage” section of the document:

“Brisbane prides itself for being independent, community oriented, and environmentally aware. The citizens of Brisbane manifest a high degree of civic pride and community identity. They strongly support open space, sustainability, education, and the arts. While most cities in the Bay Area favored expansive growth after WWII, Brisbane valued its rural qualities, and incorporated nature into the City’s identity. Because of the community leadership of Brisbane, most of San Bruno Mountain is preserved as permanent open space.

“The history of human habitation in the Brisbane area dates back to the Ohlone people. Shell mounds remain as relics of the first inhabitants who used the plant life of the mountain and bay for food, fiber, and medicine.

“By the 1800’s, most of the territory around Brisbane was ranch land. After the 1906 Earthquake, a few hardy families decided to put down roots and develop the land, calling their new home Visitacion City. Up until 1929, the City of Visitacion was a sleepy, rural community, with only sparse development. However, that year brought to town a man by the name of Arthur Annis, who would later be known as the ‘Daddy’ of Brisbane.

“Mr. Annis was a realtor, who believed the area was full of potential, but lacked proper guidance. According to “A Town Called Brisbane,” Annis’ idea was extremely simple – to permit good citizens of small means to build their homes, without unreasonable restrictions, as soon as they contracted to purchase their lots. The era during the Great Depression saw rapid growth, and established many basic amenities for the city; post office, library, public school, volunteer fire department. Arthur Annis also gave the City its new name: Brisbane.

“Though Brisbane was establishing itself as a city, its affairs were still being managed by the County. It wasn’t until 1961 that the citizens finally decided to become a general law city, voting to become incorporated and electing a city council to help govern them. A year later, the City annexed the unincorporated Southern Pacific Rail Yard, which would eventually be known as the Baylands.”

Over the past 37 years that I have lived in Brisbane, I have seen a lot of changes – the building of our Community Park, the development of the Northeast Ridge, the construction of our Community Pool, and a permanent home for City Hall to name a few. Recently, we built the new skate park, have unveiled plans for our new library, and are currently in the process for envisioning a new entryway into our City.

Though there’s been change, one thing has remained constant through the years – and that is our wonderful quality of life. Our City is safe, our schools provide excellent educational opportunities for our children, there’s always something fun and interesting to be a part of, we’ve stayed connected with nature, and we always have each other’s back.

Our future looks bright because we actively participate in shaping our community. We listen to all perspectives and ideas, and incorporate them into the decision making process – it may take more time, but it produces the best outcomes. One just needs to stop and look around to appreciate the blessings that abound in our City.

When we gather for future anniversaries, we will take pride in what we will accomplish together, while also appreciating the importance of maintaining the character of our rustic beginnings.

I look forward to celebrating our unique part of the world with all of you on October 1st!

Warmest regards,
Cliff Lentz, Mayor Brisbane

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CLEANER ENERGY IS IN YOUR FUTURE

BY: MITCH BULL, Brisbane Chamber President and CEO mitch@brisbanechamber.org

All of us in San Mateo County will soon be contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable future as Peninsula Clean Energy starts to roll out their clean energy program. Peninsula Clean Energy is now San Mateo County’s official energy provider, a program under the County of San Mateo’s Office of Sustainability. Every city within the county voted to join this CCA – Community Choice Aggregation that will provide at least 50% of the electricity for its subscribers through renewable sources like wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric.

This is nearly twice the amount of renewable sources that consumers are currently receiving from PG and E. Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is currently sending out letters to electric customers within the county to inform them of the coming change. All county residential and commercial users will be enrolled into the program over a period within the next 12 months, although users will be given a choice to “opt out” and continue to purchase 100% of their electricity from PG&E.

The public electricity agency aims to purchase renewable energy on the electric wholesale market at a rate lower than what PG and E is charging. Their literature states that the “ECOplus” product is at least 50% renewable and costs less than what consumers are currently paying from PG and E. For those who wish to be even “cleaner” PCE has an “ECO100” option that is slightly higher than traditional electric rates, but results in 100% of the electricity coming from renewable sources and as a result is 100% carbon free.

And the process is easy, at the “ECOplus” level there is nothing that you need to do, you will be enrolled in the county program automatically. There will still be only one invoice per month as PG and E will still be delivering the electricity to your home or business and maintaining the power grid, as well as sending out the monthly invoices. If you want to either “opt out” or upgrade to the “ECO100” option you will have to contact the agency. For more information visit their website at: PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com.

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AUGUST 2016

Date Time Description
6/29 6pm Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) PCE is new San Mateo County’s Default Energy Provider info: Kirstenprisinger@pnce.org
7/30 6:30pm ALL WOMEN’S Empowerment Circle info: Shelia Roneill: snomier@ci.brisbane.ca.us
7/10pm Latino Jazz group, Soul Sauce Dinner Reservations Recommended 7 Mile House – 2800 Bayshore Blvd.
8/31 3-6am Commercial Street Sweeping
Wed 7 Mile House – 2800 Bayshore Blvd.
9/20 7-10pm Jazz On the Mile Michael Zisman hosts the Master & Student Nights Dinner Reservations Recommended 7 Mile House – 2800 Bayshore Blvd.
9/21 3-6am Commercial Street Sweeping
Thurs 7 Mile House – 2800 Bayshore Blvd.
9/10 11am Local Artist Kathy Wall
Sat Reading of Her Children’s Book Brisbane Library, 250 Visitacion Ave 415-467-2900
9/11 9-11am Mission Blueberry Pancake Breakfast Sun and Plant Sale Mission Blue Nursery 3401 Bayshore Blvd Info: www.mountainnatch.org
9/12 8-3am Commercial Street Sweeping
Mon Large Conference Room 50 Park Place
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Date Time Description
7/8-30pm Saving Your Future Academy Financial Literacy & Career Opportunities Mary Wong Insurance and Financial Services 1838 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010 415-793-7979 www.marywonges.eventbrite.com
7:30pm Planning Commissioner Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place Info: Agenda Angel Ibarra aibarra@ci.brisbane.ca.us
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9/14 3-6am Commercial Street Sweeping
Wed Includes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations Information: scannon@ci.brisbane.ca.us
9/15 3pm-7pm Saving Your Future Academy Financial Literacy & Career Opportunities Mary Wong Insurance and Financial Services 1838 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010 415-793-7979 www.marywonges.eventbrite.com
9/16 3pm - Brisbane Farmers Market Thurs West Coast Farmers Market Association Community Park Farmers Market Info: (650) 290-3549
6:30pm Parks & Recreation Commission Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place Info & agenda: brisbaneschools@brisbanesd.org
9/17 8am-12pm Lagoon Clean Up Sat Fisherman’s Park Corner of Tunnel and Sierra Point Parkway Information: shaney@ci.brisbane.ca.us

SEPTEMBER 2016

Date Time Description
9/1 4-6pm Bike to Work Day Commuting by Bicycle is Fun! Info: brisbanecyclists@gmail.com
9/2 5-7pm Celebrating MadHouse Coffee 15th Anniversary Ron Davis and Company Real Estate and Mad House Coffee Info: https://www.facebook.com/events/724729611703694/ 6pm Brisbane School District Board Meeting Panorama School 25 Bellevue Avenue Daly City, CA 94014 Info: brisbaneschools@brisbanesd.org
9/3 6:30pm Open Space and Ecology Committee Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place Info: esseloff@ci.brisbane.ca.us
9/7 3pm - Brisbane Farmers Market Thurs West Coast Farmers Market Association Community Park Farmers Market Info: (650) 290-3549
9/8 8am-10am Blue Flag Day San Francisco Trains Work Day To volunteer, Work Day, Work from Home, or current information, contact Cro Hart ccrofh@sanfranciscotrains.org (415) 554-7931
9/12 3-5pm Brisbane Helping Hands Open House Sunrise Room 2 Visitacion Avenue Info: brisbanehelpinghands@gmail.com
9/19 7-10pm Jazz On the Mile Michael Zisman hosts the Master & Student Nights Dinner Reservations Recommended 7 Mile House – 2800 Bayshore Blvd.
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The Calendar is a comprehensive list of events in Brisbane, including venues, times, and descriptions. It is useful for planning and ensuring that community members are aware of upcoming activities. The Calendar is updated regularly to reflect the latest information and events.
FOCUS ON EDUCATION

THE 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOMS OF LIPMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

BY: KAREN LENTZ, Brisbane Elementary School District Trustee

In preparation for a group project, Lipman Middle School students quickly reconfigure their single desks into a discussion table for four. Chairs and desks glide, and suddenly there is a four-person work station. A student selects a whiteboard from the classroom wall and fits it onto the edge of the table. She begins to take notes with a dry-erase marker as a lively discussion ensues.

Across the room, a similar grouping of desks have become a table, but these are raised for students who prefer to stand. In a corner is another small group, in what could be best described as a family room setting: one on a small loveseat, another in a chair, a third on a rounded ottoman. All groups are engaged in the same project, but in a way that works for them.

This is a 21st century classroom, and Lipman Middle School is pioneering classroom design that reimagines the conventional school space by utilizing the science of active learning. Our two 8th grade classrooms are now fully updated and part of a pilot educational design program in partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education.

The 6th grade classroom upgrade, just completed, was funded by a grant through the Active Learning Center, a program of Steelcase Education. Lipman was one of 13 schools and colleges – out of an applicant pool of over 800 – to receive an active learning classroom grant.

“The Lipman Middle School was chosen for its commitment to utilizing progressive pedagogies and active learning strategies that truly impact student engagement,” says Craig Wilson, Director of Market Development for Steelcase Education. Principal Jolene Heckerman agrees. “We strive to provide students with the most engaging, effective and active learning spaces available so we are excited to be able to continue our mission with the installation of these unique and modern classrooms.”

The three classrooms, designed and installed by Bay Area company One Workplace, are appealing, modern spaces with fresh blue and green chairs, latest-technology electronic whiteboards, moveable whiteboards and easels. More of a start-up environment than a desks-in-a-row conventional classroom model, the configuration and design inspires creativity and collaboration.

We want to thank Principal Heckerman for taking the initiative and working with her staff to procure the highly-sought-after ALC grant. Our District has been recognized as a leader in 21st century educational philosophy and ideology, and now our three Lipman classrooms will help pilot and contribute to an exciting new era in school design.

LAGOON CLEAN UP

Brisbane’s Lagoon Clean Up is held in conjunction with California’s Coastal Cleanup Day. Please join us and help to clear debris from one of the town’s most loved waterways, the Brisbane Lagoon.

On Saturday September 17th from 9am-Noon, meet us at Fisherman’s Park at the corner of Tunnel Avenue and Sierra Point Parkway. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves if you have them. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers following the cleanup. Thanks in advance for your help...many hands make light work! For more information regarding the event, please call 415-657-4320.
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