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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hope your year is off to a good start! I wanted to let you know about important recent State legislation that under certain circumstances requires cities (including Brisbane) to make changes regarding when we hold local elections. I am grateful for the amount of dialogue this law has generated in our city.

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HELLO 2017
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It’s hard to believe but here we are in 2017. The New Year is upon us and with that we have sworn in a new President in Washington, and a new County Supervisor in Redwood City.

What you may not know is how busy the California legislature was in 2016, and some of the new laws and statutes that have taken effect as of January 1, 2017. The busy members of the State Assembly and State Senate sent a whopping 1059 pieces of legislation to Governor Jerry Brown’s desk for signature in 2016. Of those, the Governor signed 898 bills into law, vetoed 159, and let two become law without his signature. While many of the laws are fairly esoteric or a small tweak to an existing measure, there are several that could have a big impact if you run “afoul” of them.

First and foremost is the new law regarding cellphone use while driving in a vehicle. While is has been against the law for several years to talk without using a hands free device in your car, the new law (aimed at those who text) takes it one step further; Californians are no longer allowed to use a handheld wireless telephone or wireless electronic device while driving, unless the device is mounted on the vehicle dashboard or windshied in a way that doesn’t inhibit the driver’s view of the road. Drivers are only allowed to activate or deactivate a feature or function on the device with a single swipe or tap and cannot do that while holding the device. Hold your phone in your lap and look down at the screen at your peril. The fines are high (exceeding $200) and are being strictly enforced, according to the CHP.

Another new law affecting you and your car is SB 838, which increases the vehicle registration fee from $43 to $53 beginning on April 1.

AB53, passed in 2015 but just now going into effect requires that all children under the age of 2 be fastened into near-facing child safety seats. There is an exception for children who weigh at least 40 pounds or are at least 40 inches tall. Children under the age of 8 are required to ride in the back seat.

SB3 raised the California minimum wage from $10 per hour to $10.50 per hour for all businesses that have over 26 employees. Those businesses with fewer than 26 employees have another year before being required to raise their wages. This is a step that the legislature is taking as they move toward raising the state minimum wage to $15 per hour by the year 2022.

Per SB 819 alcohol in a powdered form (yes it does exist) is now illegal to possess, sell, manufacture or use. It includes and powdered alcohol that can be combined with water or other liquids to be reconstituted but does not cover “vaporized” alcohol. Speaking of alcohol, beginning on January 1, it is now legal for beauty salons and barbershops to serve free wine and beer to their clients until 10 PM.

Other important legislation:

Voter registration and mail-in ballots: AB1436, passed in 2012, but just now taking effect allows people to register to vote on Election Day, with county election HQ serving as election hubs starting two weeks prior to Election Day. It allows for “conditional voter registration” which means the ballots aren’t counted until officials verify that the voter is eligible and hasn’t cast a ballot elsewhere. Current law cuts off voter registration 15 days prior to an election. SB450 also make casting a ballot much easier, as voters can now return mail-in ballots to any county elections office in the state, not just in the county that issued the ballot.

AB 386 allows businesses to stock “EpiPens” in case there is a need to treat people suffering from life-threatening allergic reactions. The law allows pharmacies to give the devices to college, private businesses and other venues that have a plan in place for using them.

AB1732 requires that all single-user toilet facilities in any business or public place to be “all-gender” facilities.

Youth Sports Health Protocol: Just like a previous law aimed at protecting high school students who may have suffered head injuries, youth sports organizations will now be required to notify the parent or guardians of athletes younger than 17 years old who have been removed from an activity because of a suspected concussion. It also requires athletic organizations to offer concussion and head injury education to coaches and administrators on a yearly basis. The organizations will also have to comply with animal removal provisions and return-to-play protocols. This will affect all youth sport organizations such as soccer, volleyball, football, rugby and other types of activities where the possibility of concussion is part of the activity.

Homeless students at Community Colleges: Under AB 1995, all community college campuses with shower facilities on campus must allow homeless students who are enrolled, paid, and in good standing to use the facilities.

Another law, AB 1747, requires public and private institutions that offer food services, to apply for a state-funded program that provides food for homeless students.

Assault Weapon law: Voters passed a law that will require all Californians who own gun magazines with more than 10 rounds to give them up, starting July 1. Buyers must undergo a background check before buying ammunition and will be barred from buying new weapons that have a “bullet button,” which were developed by manufacturers to circumvent the state’s assault weapons ban. A bullet button allows a gun user to quickly disloge the gun magazine using the tip of a bullet.

AB 30 bans the use of the name “Redskins” from all California public school sports teams.

Sexual assault clarification: A person who sexually assaults an unconscious or severely intoxicated person will become a crime that is ineligible for probation, under SB 2888.

Right-to-die legislation: Terminally ill patients in California will now be allowed to use experimental drugs, which do not have full regulatory approval, to decide when they want to end their lives. It authorizes, but does not require health plans to cover investigational drugs and protects physicians from disciplinary actions if they recommend them once other treatment options have been exhausted.

These are just a few of the 898 laws that were passed. To see more of the new legislation go onto the website of the State of California.

Do you have an idea of what you would like to see in the Luminary, or in my column? Just shoot me an e-mail at: mitch@brisbanechamber.org or leave a message at (415)467-7283, and we will consider it. Remember to shop local – it helps our businesses and our community as a whole.
YEAR END CUT OFF
BY: CURTIS ROE, Treasurer and Board Member Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, CPA Director - Finance, Purcell Murray, croe@purcellmurray.com

2016 is gone from the calendar. For the accountants, it still continues. For most companies and people, December 31 is the end of both the calendar year and the fiscal, or financial year for business operations. The year cuts off and ends so that a final report can be prepared that represents performance. Most typically, this is a governmental requirement. It is such a standard that I don’t think we even give it a second thought today.

At the lemonade stand, we use the accrual method of accounting. Remember, for tax reporting, we use a cash basis for reporting. Under accrual accounting, we recognize expenses as they are incurred, not when they are paid for. On December 30, we received a shipment of cups. We didn’t have to pay for them until the end of January. In this situation we would need to increase our cup inventory which is an asset. We also need to increase our liabilities.

This is where a clear account comes in handy. After we have increased the inventory, we need to off set that entry with an increase to something along the lines of payables not invoiced. Another name might be purchases clearing. Then in January when the invoice is received, we reduce the purchases clearing account and increase accounts payable. Under this process our assets and liabilities are properly stated in December and January.

Imagine for a moment that we did not accrue for the invoice for the cups. If we performed a physical count of our inventory at year end, we would have more cups than we show on the books. So we would true this up and recognize a gain on the books for the cost of the cups we hadn’t yet paid for. Then in the next year, we would probably catch that error and have more expense.

SAY HELLO TO BYE BYE MATTRESS
BY: TERESA MONTGOMERY, Brisbane Chamber, Board Member, Sustainability Manager, South San Francisco Scavenger @sstscavenger.com

Thanks to the Mattress Recycling Council’s Bye Bye Mattress Program, Brisbane residents can now recycle mattresses and box springs for free at Blue Line Transfer Station! To avoid charges, bring no more than one load per day and bring only mattresses/box springs. Up to 4 units accepted for no-charge.

South San Francisco Scavenger Company and Blue Line Transfer are proud to join the Program’s growing collection network and to be helping the MRC to reach its goal of diverting 1 million mattresses from California’s landfills each year.

The mattresses and box springs collected at Blue Line will be hauled to an East Bay facility for recycling.

THE MATTRESS RECYCLING PROCESS
Most recyclers currently use the following process to dismantle a mattress:
1. The top mattress layer (including the outer fabric) is cut, peeled and separated from the mattress’ interior materials (which can include fiber, polyurethane or latex foam and steel springs).
2. The interior materials are pulled apart and separated by type.
3. Foam, fiber and other soft commodities are baled and compressed for transport to scrap dealers or companies that will consume them to make new products.
4. Metal springs from mattresses and box springs are extracted and sent to scrap recyclers that will sell them to steel mills and foundries.
5. Wood is chipped or shredded.

USES FOR OLD MATTRESS COMPONENTS
More than 80% of a used mattress’ components can be recycled — the metal springs, foam, wood and fibers — and made into new useful products. For example:
- The steel springs are recycled as metal scrap and can be melted and used to make new appliances, building materials and other steel products.
- The foam can be turned into carpet underlayment or animal bed padding.
- The wooden frames can be shredded to produce landscaping mulch.
- The cotton and other fiber can be used in industrial oil filters and other textile applications.

Senate Bill 415 - the California Voter Participation Rights Act - requires that under certain circumstances a plan be put in place by January 1, 2018 to change odd-year election cycles to a statewide even-year cycle. The plan must be implemented by November 2022. SB 415 is aimed at boosting voter participation in local elections that take place on odd years where turnout levels are often far below state and national elections. Such is the case for Brisbane, where the City Clerk, in consultation with the County Registrar of Voters, has determined that indeed there has been a significant decrease in voter turnout when elections were held in odd years as opposed to elections held in even number years that coincide with statewide and national elections. In Brisbane, voter turnout was 48% in 2015, compared to 71% in the elections of November 2014, 2012, 2010 and 2008, equating to a 32% decrease in voter turnout in 2015, when compared to the statewide elections since 2008.

Currently, Brisbane City Council elections are held in November of odd years. Within San Mateo County, prior to this legislation, eleven other municipalities also conducted their Council elections in odd years and therefore, assuming their voter turnout in those elections is similar to that of Brisbane, must bring their election cycle into compliance with this new state law. To date, five of these cities have extended their current members’ terms by one year such that the next Council election in those jurisdictions will be in 2018 rather than 2017, and members whose terms would have ended in 2019 will now end in 2020. The remaining cities have not yet taken action and will be considering the issue in the near future. One of the main reasons cited for these decisions in other cities is maintaining fiscal responsibility, as County officials have indicated election costs for the few cities and school districts remaining on the odd year schedule will likely rise significantly as fewer voting bodies participate on the same timeline.

Based on information provided by the County, if Brisbane holds a standalone election in November 2017, the estimated cost to Brisbane would be significantly higher than in the past for each election cycle until the schedule is changed to comply with SB 415’s mandate. Additionally, city councilmembers throughout the County have been assured there is no potential conflict of interest associated with a standing council making decisions regarding the existing lengths of terms, as the issue has been vetted by the State Fair Political Practices Commission.

On December 8, 2016, the Brisbane City Council considered an agenda report that explained why the City is required to hold its municipal elections in even numbered years, beginning no later than November 2022. After listening to the feedback from the public, the Council had the item brought back in January 2017, with a number of options. On January 5, 2017, in order to comply with the State mandate, the Council voted to introduce Ordinance No. 614, extending the term for Council members elected in 2013 by six months to June 2018, and those elected in 2015 by six months to June 2020. The Council directed staff to research the cost of holding an election in June, and will consider the second reading of the ordinance at a future meeting.

It is important for your voice on this matter to be heard. If you have any questions or comments about this recent State legislation and its impact on Brisbane, please feel free to reach out the City Council or city staff. Happy January and many thanks to Mother Nature for bringing more water to reduce the drought!
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EVENT NEWS:
January 25, 2017 5-7pm is the “2017 Kick Off the New Year Mixer” at Historic 7 Mile House Sports Bar and Grill. This is an ideal venue for business and community leaders to share ideas and welcome in the new year. Register by phone (415) 467-7283, e-mail mitch@brisbanechamber.org or on-line at https://brisbanechambermixer.eventbrite.com. See you there!

Question? Would you like to be on our e-mail news/event blasts? If so, please e-mail Alison Wilson at alison@brisbanechamber.org and let her know.

MEMBERSHIP
The growth and success of your Chamber is possible with the continued support of Chamber members. If you are not already a member, I invite you, personally, to join. Together we prosper and grow our businesses.

In January and February membership investment forms are being sent out to the business community and Chamber members. We thank those who have renewed and/or joined the Chamber for 2017.

If you have not received your investment form or you would like to join or renew your membership application and benefit information contact the Chamber office at (415)467-7283, by e-mail at mitch@brisbanechamber.org or join on-line at https://brisbanechambermembership.eventbrite.com.

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**CALENDAR**

Brisbane is a vibrant city with many clubs, businesses, restaurants, and civic activities that enhance the community’s quality of life through service, education, leadership, and economic growth. To list your event in the Community Calendar, e-mail alison@brisbanechamber.org.

**Date** | **Time** | **Description**
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1/24 | 7:30pm | City Council Mtg
1/25 | 3-6am | Commercial Street Sweeping
1/26 | 3pm | Brisbane Farmers Market
1/27 | 10am | Board of Supervisors
1/27 | 7pm | City Council Special Meeting
1/28 | 10am | Brisbane Baylands Site Tour
1/29 | 3pm | Brisbane Farmers Market
1/30 | 3pm | Parks & Recreation Commission
1/31 | 4:30pm | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
2/1 | 7pm | Complete Streets Safety Committee
2/2 | 3pm | Brisbane Farmers Market
2/2 | 7pm | Community Prayer
2/3 | 3-6am | Commercial Street Sweeping
2/6 | 8am-5pm | Residential Street Sweeping
2/7 | 6:30pm | City Council Mtg
2/9 | 7pm | City Council Special Meeting to Discuss
2/14 | 7-10pm | Jazz Night
2/15 | 3-6am | Commercial Street Sweeping
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2/18 | 6:30pm | Financial 101 – Building Wealth
2/19 | 7pm | City Council Mtg
2/20 | 10am | People’s State of the Union Story Circle
2/21 | 7:30pm | Artists Evening of Sharing
2/22 | 3-6am | Commercial Street Sweeping
2/23 | 7:30pm | Star Awards
2/24 | 7:30pm | City Council Mtg

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THEATER IN BRISBANE
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The Brisbane Theater was a mini version of the larger movie houses that existed “way back then.” There was a box office, with two doors leading to the inside of the small lobby. We could buy a “Black Cow” or fresh popcorn for a nickel that would last for most of the double feature, cartoon and Movietone news. Young girls earned pin money being an “usherette,” using a flashlight to lead patrons to their darkened seat! Saturday was a must for kids so they could find the results of the serial the week before, where the hero fell from a cliff or some monster had hold of them.

Wednesday was dish night, filled with women collecting a dish. Most homes in town had the same set of dishes; gold rimmed with a couple in Colonial dress, bowing to each other. When a dish was heard breaking, moans followed, but there was always a “make up” night to replace a broken dish. Spino night was crowded. A large colorful numbered wheel spun until it stopped at a number. Someone in the audience excitedly shouted out “me” and they might win a flashlight, bag of groceries, or a five dollar voucher for the Hardware Store. Everyone loved the black and white movies of the “Bowery Boys” with their New York accents and attitudes. They taught us about the “good guys” versus “bad guys.” Residents packed the show when Huntz Hall, an original “dead end” kid came to Brisbane. Hall was honored with a reception after one of his movies at the 23 Club, shaking hands and talking with delighted fans.

The theater was popular before, during and after WWII, providing needed entertainment, filling good times and outings for many Brisbane families. The show closed because of something called “television” that had folks staying home, and deserting the theater. It was the death knell for a wonderful fun area of Brisbane years ago.

LIVE AT MISSION BLUE, continued from page 1

that fundraising plays in the Arts. These experiences and connections to the classical music community served Kevin well when he decided to undertake the creation of Live at Mission Blue. One of the early intentions for Live at Mission Blue was to pay respectful fees to the artists, while keeping ticket prices affordable. This meant that the series needed strong support from both the business community and individuals. In those first few years Hitachi was a significant underwriter. Mitch Bull was behind their early support, and he continues to be an advocate through his work on the Chamber. Mike Pacelli, also stepped forward, bringing Live at Mission Blue significant support from Expeditors, and UPC. Early supporters also included Recology, South San Francisco Scavenger, Brisbane Hardware, BiRite, and the Brisbane Village Shopping Center, and they remain so to this day. These businesses along with the many individual donors, and many volunteers are vital to the continued success of Live at Mission Blue.

Kevin says, “It is hard to point to a single concert as the “best.” Most concerts have at least a moment or two, when the audience and artist, are perfectly in tune with each other. When a community listens with a collective ear, to a vocabulary of sound that speaks to who we are, to what is common, as individuals and our collective humanity. This is the aim, and what makes live performance vital to our lives.”

Brisbane has a strong commitment to the arts and arts education. As a voting community, we have passed a parcel tax three times now, that insures that music and arts are taught in our public schools. Brisbane Dance Workshop is a cornerstone in teaching young children the joys of movement and dance, as well as the experience of performance. In addition to Live at Mission Blue, the City sponsors the annual Concerts in the Park, which bring a wide range of live music to our summer activities. Our annual Evening of Sharing, showcases many artists who live in our community. The recent passage of the Public Arts Ordinance, of which Kevin Fryer played an integral role, will guarantee that public arts installation will become a part of Brisbane’s landscape in the future.

The 13th season of Live at Mission Blue opens on February 11th with the extraordinary string ensemble, Archetti. There are three more concerts to follow. Tickets are easy to purchase online at www.LiveatMissionBlue.com or in person at City Hall.
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