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7 MILE HOUSE WELCOMES YOU BACK

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It's no secret that the pandemic impacted some industries more than others. The restaurant industry in particular suffered not only due to lack of diners but also due to the ever changing capacity requirements, and loss of workforce as a result of unemployment pay.



7 Mile House, 7 Mile House 2800 Bayshore Blvd, Brisbane, 94005, 415-467-2343 Bar and Indoor Dining Now Open.

In Brisbane these challenges were heightened as many companies shifted to remote work and the lunch crowd that all but keeps many of our restaurants afloat, dissipated. Needless to say, our restaurants had to come up with solutions to survive and

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MAYOR'S Message

LET'S GET A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE

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This month I would like to focus on two topics that make many people downright uncomfortable. Affordable Housing and Business Licenses

I'll start with the easy one:

WORK FROM HOME? ~ GET A BUSINESS LICENSE

As more of us will have an opportunity to

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CENTRAL BRISBANE STREET SWEEPING

By: KAREN KISNER, City of Brisbane, kkinser@ci.brisbane.ca.us

You may have noticed some changes to the street sweeping on Visitacion in Central Brisbane over the past year. Clean Sweep Services, Inc. began sweeping our city streets last November, upon finding themselves the successful contractor in a Request for Quote process.

Under Clean Sweep's contract, they have found more success in sweeping Visitacion from about 7 to 8am, noting fewer cars parked on the street. At this hour, they use a leaf blower to remove any trash or leaves from under cars, and then sweep everything up with a sweeper. While we are still in a transition phase out of Covid restrictions, they will continue to sweep from about 7 - 8am. When normal conditions resume, it is likely that the City will return to sweeping between 3 to 6am, with visible No Parking signs indicating that violators will be cited. For a couple of weeks before any tickets are issued,

Police will issue warning citations, and social media and public outreach will ensue.

For several months of spring and summer last year we were without a sweeper, as South San Francisco, the City's contractor, found they were unable to continue doing so. Because of this, the City did not enforce No Parking for street sweeping on Visitacion during that time. Maintenance staff turned the signs around facing away from the street to indicate this, and notices were published on social media and in the June Brisbane STAR.

OUR WILD BIRD ADVENTURE

By: DOLORES GOMEZ, Brisbane historian, brisichic@sonic.net

In the early 1940's, the lower, flat part of Brisbane was a vacant, spread out, a free untamed area of native plants, weeds, frogs. Slow meandering clear springs harbored pollywogs, small frogs, field mice and hungry circling hawks. It was a fun and adventurous place for us kids to explore during summer vacation. Fortunately, in the early 1970's, my kids were experiencing the same enjoyment. Two of my young children and their friends came rushing into the house from the area, excitedly telling me about a bird that was in trouble. It wasn't able to fly and resting on the ground.

I grabbed a sheet from the closet and off we went. The bird was a large reddish brown hawk, still sitting on the ground. It was alert, but evident it needed help. The kids sat in the car as I cautiously and carefully wrapped the sheet snugly all around the bird, the face barely peeking out. I told my son to hold the bird tightly as I began the journey for help. Driving down Bayshore to the SPCA, the cloaked bird was quiet, didn't move and just stared ahead, its eyes peeking from the sheet. I was thankful, but suddenly I thought "what am I doing with a carload of kids and a bird wrapped in a sheet!" I was nervous. The kids kept asking "when are we going to get there?"

Upon arrival we were greeted by a staff member who quickly ushered all of us into an examination

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SUPERVISOR'S Message

COUNTY INFUSES \$12 MILLION INTO MIDWAY VILLAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

By: DAVID J. CANEPA, President of the San Mateo County Supervisors, dcanepa@smcgov.org, 650-363-4572

I am proud to announce the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors pledged \$12 million for the Midway Village affordable housing project and an additional \$363,000

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work from home, either permanently or as a hybrid Home Office/Workplace Office situation, this is a great time for us all to embrace the idea that all home office situations will require a local Business License. It is an inexpensive way to ensure that our local services match the needs of our Community. With more people working in home office situations, so too will our request for services such as paramedics, in the event of an accident or increased water services, as well as other services offered by the City such as Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation programs. Additionally, our businesses that generate over \$10 million annually support our Library services and

without our license income we would not enjoy many of the services that we currently enjoy.

Another bonus for those who are now working from home in their own business is to join the Brisbane Chamber and get your Business showcased to the local Community through a marketing piece from them in this Luminary. One recently showcased business mentioned how thrilled they were for the extra business that came from the Luminary article.

SO LET'S TALK HOUSING

Should we be initiating Public/Private Partnerships?

A touchy subject for some people. When the words affordable housing are used in any conversation, they always elicit strong reactions, one way or another. I am going to try and change that narrative as it pertains to us here in Brisbane. We love our beautiful little City and for some, adding even one more human being to the City is too much. The reality is we are bound by the laws of the State and as they are changing so rapidly (and not in a good way at times), we have to abide by the laws that are set forth. And people are entitled to build on their lands and move in and out of our City

Housing IS going to be a huge challenge for us all moving forward. The idea that single family homes could disappear in the future is not something that I am thrilled about in any way, shape or form. Do I like the idea of entities not from Brisbane telling us what to build and how to build it? Again that answer is a flat NO.

But we do have to face the realities that people are entitled to buy homes and live here! But what is actually occurring is that because Brisbane is such a desirable place to live it is starting to price our own families out of here. It is my goal to do whatever I can to try and encourage growth that helps keep families in Brisbane. When you think that an almost tear down in Brisbane is now almost always over \$1M and many homes are going for

several hundred thousand dollars over asking price, it begs the question of who can afford these homes today? Each week we hear of this situation wherein a home sells for cash. This fact takes many of our first time home buyers and young families out of the housing ownership realm of possibility. Worse still, many properties are sold for cash and then left vacant as investments, making our housing availability even more dire.

So, we must address affordable housing for our workers, our young families and our hard working folk who are completely being priced out of Brisbane. Brisbane has an affordable housing fund that we can use to help, we just need to identify where and what to build. It will only be a drop in the bucket even if we find the ideal property to develop for affordable housing. By the way, here is who qualifies for affordable housing in San Mateo County. {San Mateo County Income limits for 2020 (80 percent Area Median Income): 1-person household: \$97,600. 2-person household: \$111,550. 3-person household: \$125,500.}

These figures are staggering and regardless of what you think about affordable housing, these numbers should give pause for thought.

What is the solution? Turning single family lots into multi unit buildings will not, in my opinion, become a panacea for affordable anything. I think it is time for us to think out of the box, way outside the box and really start exploring different ways of building. I am hopeful that the future will bring Public/Private partnerships and zoning changes that make sense. I don't claim to have the solutions, but I can guarantee that we won't find them unless we start challenging our assumptions. In San Francisco, for example, if the pandemic means the skyline will be riddled with empty floors due to work-at-home initiatives, why not convert those floors into desperately needed apartments and condos? I know it's complicated, but it's not impossible!



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"The 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

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Verreos Insurance Agency is Brisbane's oldest serving independent insurer – now in our 65th year. Please check out our updated website, and contact us for deals on Home and Business insurance in Brisbane. Much has changed recently, and now is always the best time to make sure that you have all that you want.

Madhouse Coffee

Madhouse Coffee is now offering 2 new iced drinks! Come in and try our Vietnamese Inspired Iced Coffee and Cold Brew with sweetened condensed milk!

7 Mile House

7 Mile House has new hours! Join us Wednesdays-Mondays, 11:30 AM-8PM on weekdays and until 9 PM on weekends. We are closed Tuesdays. We will also be hosting our first special music event of the year on July 24 at 9:30 PM featuring the LP Band playing R&B music. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on our website soon. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the band.

Baylands Development Inc

Universal Paragon Corporation is now Baylands Development Inc. Check out our new website at: www.BDISF.com

Brisbane Chamber of Commerce

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce will resume hosting in person mixers the third Wednesday of every month. This is the perfect opportunity to network with other members of the business community while enjoying refreshments. For details please sign up for our emails at brisbanechamber.org. If you are interested in hosting a mixer, please email: madison@brisbanechamber.org



Message

25 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Program started in 1996 with three awardees and \$4000 in grants. Since that time the program has made 245 grants totaling \$303,000 (including this year). I would like to thank our donors whom without your support this would not be possible. **Our donors this year include: Recology, South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Integrated Resources Group, Baylands Development Inc, Tri Counties Bank, Golden State Lumber, BiRite Foodservice, Bill Barulich, Lyon Medical Construction, and Sue Cochran Construction.**

COVID-19 forced us to do things a little differently this year. We interviewed candidates via Zoom and had to forgo our usual reception. However, our entire committee (Jennifer Wilder-Smith from BiRite, Rich Borghello from Recology, Freddy Beaman from US Bank, and Teresa Montgomery from South San Francisco Scavenger) thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our applicants, even under these circumstances.

While we cannot celebrate our recipients with a formal ceremony, we would like to honor them within The Luminary and we hope you'll take the time to read about each of our deserving students.

Rachel Carrasco, a resident of Brisbane, graduated from St. Ignatius College Preparatory School with a 3.31 GPA. Rachel is a member of SI's crew team and has served as a camp counselor for Today's Youth Matters where she aimed to provide a fun summer experience for underprivileged children. As a distinguished rower, Rachel was awarded an athletic scholarship at Loyola Marymount University

where we will be attending in the fall. Rachel plans to study Psychology in the hopes of one day becoming a psychologist.

Kaylen Garcia-Brito, also a resident of Brisbane, graduated from Jefferson High School with a 4.17 GPA (ranked 5/308 in her class). The scholarship committee was impressed with the breadth of her volunteer work which includes: volunteering with Mission Blue Nursery, the Peninsula Humane Society and the SPCA, and various service events as a member of "Key Club" at Jefferson High School. In her interview Kaylen described her interest in studying abroad and a particular desire to travel to Costa Rica due to its biological diversity. In the fall she plans to attend UC Davis where she will major in Animal Biology. Eventually, Kaylen plans to pursue a career as a veterinarian.

Isabel Hui a resident of Daly City, graduated from Oceana High School with a 4.14 GPA (ranked 6 out of 138). Also an animal lover, Isabel has worked as a public educator at the San Francisco Zoo and as an intern and farm hand at Pie Ranch. Her work educating visitors about different animals not only provided Isabel with first hand experience working with animals, but also challenged her to refine her public speaking skills. In addition, Isabel participates in Dragon Boat racing through San Francisco's Community Youth Center. In the fall, Isabel will attend UC San Diego and study Biology. She hopes to pursue a career in Biology and animal research.

Ryuya Iwase, a resident of Brisbane, graduated from Summit Shasta School with a 4.27 GPA. A skilled pianist, Ryuya plays

piano regularly at senior homes and church. He has also competed in a number of piano competitions. In addition, Ryuya participated in cross country and soccer while attending Shasta. In the fall, Ryuya plans to attend UC Davis. While he has yet to declare a major, Ryuya plans to study something in the STEM field.

Madeline Wang resides in Brisbane and recently graduated from Mercy High School in Burlingame with an impressive 4.31 GPA. Madeline has a love for the water and competed in Water Polo and on the swim team during her time at Mercy. This also extends to her job, as Madeline works as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor at the Brisbane Community Pool. In the fall, Madeline will attend UC Berkeley and major in Chemical Engineering. She hopes to conduct research in the pharmaceutical field and attend graduate school.

Kimberley Wu, a resident of San Francisco, graduated from Lowell with a 4.00 GPA. A dedicated student, Kimberley took many rigorous AP courses, achieving an AP Scholar with Distinction Award for earning a score of 3.5 or higher on all exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on five or more exams. In addition to focusing on her studies, Kimberley also played on Lowell's Tennis team. In the Fall Kimberley will attend UC Santa Cruz and study Computer Science. She hopes to become a Software Engineer or Software Developer.

The Brisbane Chamber applauds our 2021 Excellence in Education award recipients and wishes them the best in their higher education endeavors.

FINANCIAL Matters

DISCUSS FINANCIAL GOALS WITH YOUR FAMILY

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

June is Effective Communications Month. And it's a good idea to recognize the importance of good communications, because it plays a role in almost every aspect of living – including your finances. You'll want to clearly communicate your financial goals to your loved ones – and you'll want to hear theirs, too.

Let's look at some of the communications you might have with family members:

- **Your spouse** – You and your spouse may have different thoughts about a range of financial topics – how much to save, how much to spend, the level of debt with which you're comfortable and so on. Try to reach some type of consensus on these issues. However, in regard to investing, you don't necessarily have to act in unison all the time. You each may have different investment styles – one of you may be more aggressive, willing to take on more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other would rather invest with an eye toward mitigating risk, even it means accepting a lower return. Of course, there's nothing stopping each of you from pursuing your individual investment strategies in your own accounts – IRA, 401(k) and so on. Still, if you are going to work toward common goals – especially toward a shared vision of your retirement lifestyle – you each may want to compromise in your investment choices. And this accommodation is even more necessary in your joint accounts.

- **Your parents** – If you may someday be involved with your parents' financial plans – which is highly likely – you should know in advance

what to expect. This may not be the easiest conversation to have, but it's an important one. So, for example, ask your parents if they have a durable power of attorney, which allows them to designate someone to manage their financial affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated. You might also inquire if they have protected themselves against the potentially enormous costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. If not, you might suggest that they contact a financial advisor, who can offer solutions. Once you begin communicating about these issues, you may well want to go further into your parents' estate plans to determine what other arrangements, if any, they have made. If it seems that their plans are not fully developed, you may want to encourage them to contact an attorney specializing in estate planning.

- **Your grown children** – Just as you talk to your parents about their estate plans, you'll want to discuss the same topic with your own grown children. Let them know who you have named as a durable power of attorney, what's in your last will and testament and whether you've established a living trust. If you're already working with a financial advisor and an estate planning professional, make sure your children know how to contact these individuals. Of course, you don't have to confine your communications to estate plans – if you want to help your children financially, such as loaning them money for a down payment on a home, let them know.

By talking with your loved ones about key financial matters, everyone benefits. So, keep those lines of communication open.

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they had to do it quick.

7 Mile House, Brisbane's oldest restaurant and likely the oldest business in town, had to adapt. If you're new to Brisbane or just living under a rock, 7 Mile House opened its doors in 1858 along the stagecoach line from San Francisco to San Jose. As the area rapidly expanded due to the onset of the Gold Rush, mile houses were constructed for travelers and their horses to stop and rest. Soon these establishments turned into thriving hotels, restaurants, and saloons. Each mile house was named in accordance to the distance they were positioned from the San Francisco Ferry Building or Mission San Francisco de Asís.

During its 163 year history, 7 Mile House has repositioned itself a few times. In the 80's 7 Mile had an infamous reputation as a sports gambling den. Fast forward to today, 7 Mile House is the last standing mile house in its original location, serving homestyle American and Filipino food that will knock your socks off. Interested in hearing more about 7 Mile's history? Pick up the book "See You At The 7-Stories From the Bay Area's Last Original Mile House" written by owner Vanessa Garcia (7milehouse.com/shop).

Although today I'm not here to talk to you about 7 Mile's past. No, today we're talking about its future. Recently I had the chance to catch up with Vanessa and she filled me in on all the changes afoot in her business. Pre-pandemic, 7 Mile House was known for its food, sure, but its live music 6 days a week is what really put it on the map. A musician herself, Vanessa wanted to create a space for local bands to have consistent gigs. However, with the onset of COVID-19 and the shifts this has required, the 7 Mile House is re-envisioning its music program.

Instead of live music nightly, 7 Mile will host special monthly music events. Attendees will purchase a \$10 ticket in advance online. All of the proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to the band, many of whom have also suffered tremendous losses over the last 15 months. At 9 PM all the tables will turn over to the music event. To book a table, you must purchase a ticket and attendees are asked to spend a minimum of \$20 per person on food and/or drinks. Musicians will play 2 sets of one hour and fifteen minutes each with a 30 minute break in between. The first event will take place on July 24 featuring the LP Band, an old school R&B band with a long history playing at 7 Mile. The following live music event will be held on August 28 with Latin music performed by Rene Escovido. Structuring live music this way allows 7 Mile House to dedicate more space indoors for dancing, ensures that people who come for a meal throughout the week don't have to shout to their friends and family throughout dinner, and better complements the restaurant's new layout.



Facebook cover of 7 Mile House <https://www.facebook.com/7milehousebar>

Speaking of the new layout, 7 Mile House debuted expanded outdoor seating in 2020 along with a spacious patio complete with TVs, heaters, and a fire pit. Lovingly named "Karrine's Happy Place" this patio is dedicated to longtime 7 Mile House employee, Karrine Yee, who passed in 2020. A dedicated employee of 9 years and lifelong Brisbane resident, Karrine called 7 Mile House her "happy place"

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room. A veterinarian appeared and began a strong lecture on having a wild bird in the car, endangering the children. He unwrapped and examined the well behaved hawk.

The Vet promptly announced that the wing had been injured by a gun shot. Our hawk would get care! The wing would heal and finally it would be released back into Brisbane, ready to fly and hunt tiny creatures for a meal again. I was embarrassed but thankful that our native hawk decided to enjoy the ride along with a careful of children and an innocent driver who was trying to do the right thing. The kids were happy and pleased. There are hawks usually seen lazily soaring around the hillsides of San Bruno Mountain, scanning for a tasty morsel of rodent. I have always wondered if it is the one that took a ride with kids, peeking out from a sheet.

BLAST FROM BRISBANE'S PAST

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The following article is from the *Brisbane Bee-Democrat*, September 1968.

7th Birthday for City of Stars

Brisbane the City of the Stars observed its seventh birthday quietly Thursday, September 12th. Hearings were held before the Board of Supervisors in May 1961 to determine boundary lines and to set the election date. On Sept 12 1961 Brisbane residents voted overwhelmingly to become an incorporated city.

The first councilmen to serve the new city with an approximate population of 4,395 were John E. Turner, Mayor; Jess Salmon, Ernest Conway, James Williams, and Edward Schwenderlauf. Two of these men are members of the present city council, Jess Salmon and Edward Schwenderlauf.

Early day residents include the Allemand family, who still reside in Brisbane. In 1910 Elie Allemand erected the Brisbane Hotel. Families settling between 1910 and 1929 includes such family names as the Mozzettis, Sweets, Naughtons and Lindes.

In 1929 Arthur Annis opened a tract office and the town, formerly known as Cañada de Guadalupe, was renamed Brisbane. Whether the city was renamed to honor Arthur Brisbane, the author-journalist, or because of the similarity in appearance to that Australian seaport is still debated by various long time residents.

Nevertheless, numerous visitors and dignitaries from the "sister down under" have made periodic visits to Brisbane which has a present population of approximately 4,476.

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ANNUAL STUDENTS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT RECAP

By: MADISON DAVIS, President/CEO, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, madison@brisbanechamber.org, 415-467-7283

For 24 years the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce has organized an event in collaboration with Lipman School that provides an opportunity for 8th grade students to shadow business owners and those working for public agencies such as city government, police, and fire. Last year COVID-19 forced us to pause the event. This year however, while meeting in person remained a challenge, Lipman Principal Jolene Heckerman and 8th grade teacher Dan Hervé worked with the Chamber to arrange a virtual Students in Business and Government event. We had 14 businesses participate this year including: **BiRite Foodservice Distributors, City of Brisbane, Brisbane Police Department, US Bank, Doubletree Hotel by Hilton SF North, Chef Reina, Arbor Upcycle, Furnish, Skin Body Zen, Recology, North County Fire Authority, Silverspot Graphics, South San Francisco Scavenger Company, and Baylands Development Inc.**

In groups of 2-4, students chatted with business owners to gain a better understanding of what a typical day is like and how businesses benefit the community. Students will then take this information and prepare a presentation about what they learned during their interview.

I want to thank all our businesses for hosting students. I also want to thank the Brisbane School District for partnering with us on this event and ensuring another successful year, even if things look a little different. Lastly, I'd like to thank **Recology** who has sponsored this event for many years. We are looking forward to continuing this tradition next year, hopefully in person!

BDW...DANCING OUT OF THE PANDEMIC

By: KATHLEEN SALVIA, Board Member, ksalvia@comcast.net, 415-606-9697

Heartbreaking personal tolls. Devastating effects on businesses and non-profits of every size. Hunkering down since March 2020. Putting our mission of providing quality performing arts education to Brisbane's children and youth into suspended animation.

From a business perspective, how did Brisbane Dance Workshop survive the pandemic?

The simple answer is that sometimes smaller is actually better: we are a very lean, community-based, non-profit organization and have been so for close to 40 years. We may be small, but we are mighty, mostly thanks to the dedicated eye of our founding Artistic Director, Camille Salmon. You may wonder at the sustainability of a business model like ours, which relies heavily on the continuous dedication of our founder and her merry band of volunteers. That is a discussion for another day, but in this case, it is, in fact, how we made it through the pandemic. We may have temporarily lost our tuition income, but the support of our "working" Board of Directors, you, our fellow Chamber members, and, our beloved Brisbane community, did not dwindle. We thank you for helping us make it this far!

Better days are on the horizon, at last. We are alive, kicking high, and still dancing, singing, and acting!

Here's to better days ahead!

Classes will likely resume this Fall

- October 21 2021 – Halloween Photos
- December 11 – Holiday Craft Fair, Mission Blue
- February 12, 2022 – New "Village" event fundraiser
- May, 2022 - Annual Performance Gala returns!

Find out more about BDW on our website: www.brisbanedanceworkshop.org.

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and always envisioned the restaurant expanding with a patio, urging Vanessa to make it happen. The pandemic pushed Vanessa to finally make the patio a reality. Now she can host more guests without having to alter the original structure of the building, something she has taken great care to preserve due to its historical nature.

With takeout being the only option for restaurants in the early days of the pandemic, 7 Mile House shifted its focus as a bar with live music to a restaurant offering exceptional food. Great time and care was dedicated to reviewing all the recipes for their taste and quality. Today 7 Mile House offers a revamped menu along with new additions such as 25 pieces of frozen lumpia for \$12 that can be enjoyed at home and a \$45 adobo meal with rice for 4 people. Happy Hour is offered daily from 3 PM-6 PM with \$5 specials on cocktails, beer, wine and shots. On Sundays 7 Mile House offers \$1.50 oysters until 4 PM and all day on Mondays. The dog menu is back and with expanded outdoor dining, there's no better place to hang with your pooch. Weekly vegan specials are also back. Wear a onesie or pajamas on a Wednesday to 7 Mile and you'll be treated to free s'mores at the fire pit.

This past year was grueling, especially for small businesses like 7 Mile House. The support of the Brisbane community has not gone unnoticed. Vanessa explained that the relationships she has built over the course of her business "mean so much more" than she originally thought. Saying, "when all of this started, things were really difficult and unpredictable. Immediately though, the Brisbane community jumped in to help. Some people donated masks to our staff, others brought me ingredients from their garden, and many contributed to our fundraisers." Vanessa credits her ability to pivot so quickly to the City of Brisbane's quick action in helping her get approvals to build her outdoor dining spaces saying: "being in Brisbane contributed to our survival. Businesses in other cities were not given the same opportunities to expand outdoors in the way we were and at the rate we did. Our City cares about the community and its businesses." Vanessa also notes that her Chamber membership allowed her to access resources around funding opportunities so she could keep her business financially afloat saying, "I know I have the chamber as a resource and the pandemic has allowed me to see how the chamber contributes to the business community."

From our conversation I walked away having felt Vanessa's immense gratitude for the Brisbane community who has rallied to ensure 7 Mile House's story doesn't end because of COVID-19. After 163 years, it will take more than a pandemic to close 7 Mile House. And while part of that is due to the support of customers and of the city, much of it boils down to Vanessa herself. Vanessa looked at this period of time as an opportunity to make shifts in her business that she had always wanted to execute but was unable to pursue. Now 7 Mile House has come into its own. No longer a dive bar, but a pleasant restaurant with a passion for food at its core. A phoenix rising if you will.

Stop by 7 Mile House at 2800 Bayshore Blvd on Wednesdays-Mondays from 11:30 AM-8 PM on weekdays, and until 9 PM on weekends, closed Tuesdays. For more information visit their website: 7milehouse.com and follow them on Facebook: 7 Mile House-Historic Sports Bar, Grill & Live Music Venue and on Instagram: @7milehouse. Orders can be placed online or over the phone: 415-467-2343. As always, if you stop in, please mention you read about 7 Mile House in *The Luminary*.

TRASH TALK

by: Chamber Member Teresa Montgomery, Sustainable Programs Manager at South San Francisco Scavenger Company

Q: Can all types and parts of fruit be put in the green Organics cart?

A: Yes. Pits, peels, rinds, stems and seeds all belong inside the green cart. They can be fresh, frozen, cooked, or moldy. If you would rather keep some to make your own compost, that is okay too. In fact, we encourage backyard composting! Visit www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/composting/ for tips on how to get started.

Q: Is it better to put food scraps in the green Organics cart or down the garbage disposal in my kitchen sink?

A: It is better to put them in your green cart. Doing so avoids the need for intensive treatment at the local wastewater plant. It protects your plumbing, saves water, generates fuel for our collection fleet, and creates nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Have another question? Interested in more waste-related tips? Have tips to share?

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BRISBANE School District News

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

BY: RONAN COLLVER, Superintendent, Brisbane School District, rcollver@brisbanesd.org

Every year, the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce honors educators and students in the Brisbane School District with a wonderful evening of awards and celebration. Individual student accomplishments are recognized, and an individual educator is celebrated. The 2020-2021 school year has been like no other school year and following that theme, our awards will be like no other. The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Brisbane School District would like to honor two “people” this school year, the student and the educator. As both struggled to find their role in a virtual world, both succeeded beyond expectations.

Educator of the Year:

Thank you educators.

Thank you for diving into new learning opportunities.

Thank you for converting your entire classroom to a digital format, and then back to in person again. And then doing both at the same time.

Thank you for gathering supplies and materials for families to pick up at school.

Thank you for remaining positive, happy, energetic and excited to see your students.

Thank you for showing up every single day, when sometimes every single day there was something new happening.

Thank you for transporting students to school and back home again, ensuring everyone had access to campus and to learning.

Thank you for collaborating regularly with families and students and helping to guide them through the year.

Thank you for attending professional development and collaborating with colleagues to continually grow and learn how to teach in a whole new way.

Thank you for meeting with students in large groups, small groups and even individually to support learning and growth.

Thank you for your patience and forgiveness as we all figured this out together. There were definitely bumps and hurdles!

Thank you for caring.

Student of the Year:

The pandemic showed, unmistakably, that most students learn best in person — in a three-dimensional world, led by a teacher, surrounded by classmates and activities. While this was not possible for most of this school year, students overcame the obstacle of being physically removed from teachers and peers. Some of our students have yet to experience the first day of school and some will be leaving us for high school without ever experiencing the last day of school. Students struggled finding ways to create their own motivation for learning and structure their own time. Some of our students won't see the benefits of their resilience right away; however, these difficult times have inspired growth that they will benefit from for years to come. The great thing about struggles is that it causes growth and our ability to adapt to future situations. Students fought hard to stay positive, stay upbeat and stay motivated while trying to distinguish between home life and school life. Every student in the Brisbane School District is awarded with the title of Student of the Year as some incredible obstacles and challenges were thrust upon them, and their strength and resilience showed up time and time again. Students, you have done well; go out and play this summer, enjoy the fresh air and take the time to be a kid. Preparing students for possible careers that don't even exist yet. We have developed an understanding in education that it is not often what the students learn; the focus is teaching the students how to learn. This ability to encounter a problem and use critical thinking and cooperation to solve the problem at hand is vital in our children's education. We were thrust smack in the middle of a situation that required a real hands-on approach to teaching and to learning. It is my opinion that we tackled this crisis, and our growth in this area is unmeasurable. I am very proud of our students for showing resilience, our educators for showing ingenuity and our parents for showing perseverance in what will be known for many of us as one of the hardest human experiences we faced in our lives.

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for a modular classroom for 39 preschool children at the Bayshore Child Development Center.

Once completed, Midway Village will be the largest affordable housing project in the county's history as it will be transformed from 150 units currently into a village-like complex with 385 units, a play field and a new preschool facility built on site. It's a transformative project that will provide housing for the most vulnerable in our community, including seniors, veterans, families and foster youth.



It will also provide homeownership opportunities. This is an incredible partnership between the county, our Housing Authority and MidPen Housing, who will construct the project in phases so no current tenants are displaced.

Since I've joined the board in 2017, the county has made historic investments in the construction and preservation of affordable housing. We have committed more than \$100 million in Measure K funds toward the construction and rehabilitation of nearly 2,000 units, including the recently opened Colma Veterans Village, a 66-unit project.

The Midway project has been years in the work. When it's done it will be one of the greatest projects MidPen has ever completed. The county has committed free land in addition to the \$12 million for the completion of this project and it will house hundreds and thousands of low-income individuals and families for generations to come.

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



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