



Fog Cutter

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Historical notes ...

History Guild commemorates ... Broderick-Terry Duel

... 150th anniversary

IT was nearly 150 years ago that U.S. Senator David C. Broderick and former State Supreme Court Chief Justice David S. Terry became forever entwined in Daly City history. The two gentlemen squared off in a duel near Lake Merced on September 13, 1859. It has been called the "duel that ended dueling" in California. A pair of modest granite pillars mark the spots where the two stood on that fateful day. Subsequently designated as California Historical Landmark No. 19, the secluded corner of Daly City remains a point of interest to local historians.



California Historic Landmark No. 19

The History Guild of Daly City/Colma plans to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Broderick-Terry duel with a reenactment at the site beginning at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13, 2009. The Broderick-Terry duel site is located at 1100 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City. In addition to reenacting the

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Junior Giants dedicate ...

Aaron Rowand Field

... new baseball facility at Panorama Elementary School

HUNDREDS of enthusiastic students at Daly City's Panorama Elementary School were joined by teachers, staff, administrators, and elected officials to mark the opening of Aaron Rowand Junior Giants field on May 29. The field is named in honor of Giants center fielder Aaron Rowand, a principal benefactor of the project. Other sponsors included the Giants Community Fund, Good Tidings Foundation, Brisbane Elementary School District, County of San Mateo, and City of Daly City.

It took just 60 days for a team of contractors to transform a well-worn playground into a state-of-the-art baseball diamond. The jubilant students at Panorama School greeted Aaron Rowand with shouts of approval when he approached the podium situated near home plate. Rowand assured the kids that they deserved the field and said he was happy to be part of the team that made it happen. Other members of the Giants organization participated in the ceremonies, including stadium announcer Renel Brooks-Moon, San Francisco Giants President Larry Baer, former Giants Managing General Partner Peter Magowan, and team mascot Lou Seal.



Giants mascot Lou Seal joins the community celebration at the dedication of Aaron Rowand Field at Panorama Elementary School.

The entire Panorama student body participated in the program and the faculty was well represented, too. Second grade teacher Jenny Zuniga performed a moving rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Principal Robin Pang-Maganaris strummed her ukulele while leading the students in a rousing version of Take Me Out to the Ballgame. The pinnacle of excitement came when students, Danessa Burmudez and Cienna Acosta, threw out the ceremonial first pitches in tandem – officially opening the field.

Aaron Rowand Field is the second Junior Giants baseball field to be built in Daly City. The first was Bobby Bonds Memorial Field (2004) on the campus of John F. Kennedy Elementary School. The Daly City Parks and Recreation Department offers organized youth baseball programs at both facilities.

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Planning the future of housing in Daly City.

General Plan Housing Element Update ...

Community workshops provided valuable input

DALY CITY extends its gratitude to all who participated in the General Plan Housing Element Update workshops held May 12 and June 3. Workshop participants provided City planning staff with valuable input that will be considered as the Draft Housing Element is further refined.



In response to these comments, a Revised Draft Housing Element will be prepared and may be downloaded from the General Plan update website at www.plandalycity.org beginning August 20, 2009. Copies of the Revised Draft will also be available for review at all Daly City public libraries, the Daly City Community Service Center, and the Economic and Community Development Department in City Hall, 333 90th Street.

From September 1 through September 30, the City will open a formal public comment period on the Revised Draft Housing Element. Written comment should be provided to the following address prior to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30:

City of Daly City, Planning Division
333 90th Street, Daly City, CA 94015

Members of the public who wish to provide oral comments may address the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of September 1, 2009 and/or the City Council at its regular meeting of September 28, 2009. Meetings of both the Planning Commission and City Council begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Questions about the Housing Element may be directed to the Planning Division by calling **(650) 991-8158**.

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Meeting the challenge ...

Safe disposal of medical sharps

— and expired medications

It is illegal to dispose of medical sharps (syringes, lancets) in household garbage. Unfortunately, complying with the law has not been especially easy until now. The San Mateo County Health System has created a method for the proper disposal of home-generated syringes and other medical sharps, including lancets used for monitoring blood sugar levels. A secured steel disposal bin was installed in front of the Mike Nevin Health Center, 380 90th Street, Daly City, allowing residents to safely and lawfully drop off their sharps containers as medical waste. The bright red sharps drop-off bin is designed to accommodate syringe containers up to 1-gallon in size. Loose syringes, needles, and lancets must be placed in an authorized container – no loose sharps are allowed in the drop-off bin.

Residents looking for a free and environmentally responsible way to dispose of expired or unwanted prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs (no needles!) are encouraged to use the sturdy drop-off box at the Daly City Police Department (on the second floor of City Hall), 333 90th Street. The drop-off box is available to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Used cell phones may also be dropped-off at the front counter of the Police Department during business hours.



Daly City residents are reminded to refrain from placing medical sharps, pharmaceuticals, household hazardous waste, batteries, fluorescent lights, and electronics in the garbage. Allied Waste collects used motor oil, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), and household batteries as part of the curbside recycling program. Motor oil must be placed in a secure, screw top container for collection. CFLs and batteries contained within a clear plastic Ziploc bag may be placed on top of your recycling cart on collection day. For complete details about hazardous waste disposal visit www.recycleworks.org or www.alliedwastedalycity.com or call the RecycleWorks Hotline at **1-888-442-2666**.

Your community ne

Learn how your City works.

Daly City Citizens Academy II

Community involvement encouraged ... apply now.

DALY CITY is accepting applications for Daly City Citizens Academy II – a ten-week course that serves as an introduction to local government. The 9-week course kicks off Thursday, September 17 at City Hall. Class sessions will continue each Thursday evening through November 12. The course will be taught by several City staff members, including the City Manager.



The curriculum for the Citizens Academy offers participants a chance to learn more about the operations and processes of each City department. Many of the sessions will include a hands-on tour of one or more of the City facilities covered during the course. Students will have the opportunity to visit the sewage treatment plant, tour City Hall and the police department, and examine firefighting equipment up close.



Citizens Academy class in session

The tentative class schedule for Citizens Academy II is:

Session 1 — September 17

Introduction to Local Government and Finance

Session 2 — September 24

Public Safety — Police & Fire Departments

Session 3 — October 1

Parks & Recreation, Libraries, and Economic & Community Development

Session 4 — October 8

Public Works and Water & Wastewater Resources

Session 5 — October 15

Daly City Budget Priorities & Process

Session 6 — October 22

Emergency Preparedness

Session 7 — October 29

Human Resources, Commissions, and Boards

Session 8 — November 5

History, Transportation, and Solid Waste

Session 9 — November 12

Graduation!

Applications for the Citizens Academy are available at the City Clerk's Office and online at www.dalycity.org. To request an application by mail, please call (650) 991-8127. Completed applications are due Friday, August 21, 2009. Citizens Academy II is limited to 35 participants. Apply early!

Historic Duel ... from page 1

duel, the event will feature live music from the period. Admission is free and the festivities are open to the public.

Senator Broderick, who was born in Washington, D.C. in 1820, moved to San Francisco in 1849. His political ambitions lead to his election to the U.S. Senate in 1857. He was an anti-slavery Democrat at a time when his political party was split on the issue. Tensions between abolitionists and pro-slave factions were rising in the years leading up to the Civil War.



U.S. Senator David C. Broderick

Former Chief Justice Terry was an ally of California's other U.S. Senator, William Gwin, a pro-slavery Democrat and a political rival of Broderick's. Terry lambasted Broderick at a speech in front of pro-slavery Democrats in Sacramento. Broderick read about Terry's speech in a San Francisco newspaper. As the summer of 1859 advanced, the feud between Broderick and Terry intensified. Terry resigned from the Supreme Court and challenged Broderick to a duel.

Shortly after sunrise the morning of Tuesday, September 13, 1859, Broderick and Terry stood near the shore of Lake Merced, just south of the San Francisco city limits. They were given identical pistols and detailed instructions. Both men shed their overcoats and took their positions. According to eyewitness accounts, Broderick seemed the more nervous of the two, Terry was more composed.

When the command "Fire one-two!" came, Broderick got off the first shot. The ball from his pistol struck the ground well short of his intended target. Terry fired back, striking Broderick on the right side of his upper torso. Broderick fell to the ground. He was carried away from the scene and died just three days later. Broderick's dying words are reported to have been, "They have killed me because I was opposed to the extension of slavery and a corrupt administration."



Three more intersections now have ... Automated red-light photo enforcement —reducing violations for greater traffic safety

DALY CITY launched an automated red-light enforcement program as part of an overall traffic safety strategy to reduce collisions, improve safety for motorists, raise public awareness, and enhance enforcement efforts. The first camera was placed at the intersection of San Pedro Road and Junipero Serra Blvd. in March of 2008. This summer, the City activated additional enforcement camera systems at three intersections: Junipero Serra Blvd. at Washington Street, John Daly Blvd. at Poncetta Drive/Sheffield Drive, and Hickey Blvd. at Gellert Blvd.

Since the introduction of the first red light camera installation, traffic collisions throughout the city have declined approximately 22%. The system is automated, using cameras that capture four digital images on a twelve second video that records the violation, the photo of the driver, and the license plate of the vehicle. Cameras are activated only when vehicles cross the limit line or enter the crosswalk after the traffic signal has turned red.



Cameras for automated red light enforcement

Similar red light camera enforcement programs seem to be working in other cities, including San Francisco. Knowledge that the fine for running a red light is \$436 should deter drivers from ignoring traffic signals. Motorists are cautioned that right turns at intersections controlled by traffic signals require that vehicles come to a complete stop — rolling through a red light for a right turn will trigger the camera enforcement system. Information about the Daly City Police Department Red-Light Photo Enforcement Program can be found on the Daly City web site at www.dalycity.org. Search “red light enforcement” from the home page. Daly City Police Department’s red light photo administrators may be reached at (650) 746-8322.

Daly City Community Calendar

City Council Meetings

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.
2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Planning Commission Meetings

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.
1st Tuesday of each month

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Free - By Appointment Only
City Hall Main Parking Lot – 333 90th St.
Saturday, August 8
8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Appointments - call: (650) 655-6202 or
online: <http://events.smhealth.org/events>

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Free - Registration Required
Doelger Comm. Center, Rm 5 – 101 Lake Merced Blvd.
September 1 – October 20
(Consecutive Tuesday evenings)
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Call (650) 991-8139 to register.

Reenactment of the Broderick-Terry Duel

Free – Public is Welcome
Duel Site – 1100 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City
Sunday, September 13
2:00 p.m.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

War Memorial Community Center – 6655 Mission St.
Saturday, September 26
5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Pre-registration encouraged
Call (650) 991-8190

Fall Festival

Doelger Center – 101 Lake Merced Blvd.
Sunday, October 4
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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