



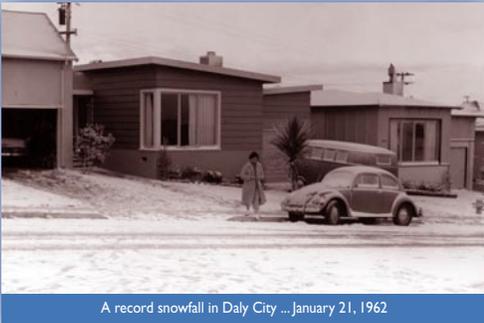
Fog Cutter

Your community newsletter
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Historical notes ...

Winter storms remind us of ... The day it snowed in Daly City ... the winter of 1962

DALY CITY residents witnessed some interesting weather the first month of 2010: rain, hail, thunder, lightning, bone-chilling temperatures, and a few gale-force winds strong enough to topple garbage containers. It was enough for some longtime residents to reminisce about the Great Daly City Snow Storm of 1962. Yes, it snowed in Daly City nearly 50 years ago. According to news accounts at the time, 3 inches of snow accumulated in the Westlake area. It all happened on Sunday, January 21, 1962.



"One of the things I remember about that day was the absolute quiet. Nobody was driving," recalls Bunny Gillespie, Daly City's Historian. "We built a snowman in our front yard. It was only about a foot tall, but we built a snowman."

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Do your part and be counted ...

Census 2010: our City needs your response

Our future depends on it.

NATIONAL Census Day is April 1 and it's important for every man, woman, and child living in Daly City to be counted – every member of your household – regardless of immigration status, living arrangement, or income. More than \$400 billion for local communities across the country is at stake – and those dollars are allotted to cities based on the Census count. Census data will also determine the number of seats California will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 2000, only 71% of Daly City households submitted Census mail-back response forms by the deadline. For every person not counted, Daly City stands to lose thousands of dollars in Federal funding – every year for ten years! Price Waterhouse Cooper recently published a report stating that the undercount in 2000 cost the State of California \$1.5 billion ... money that could have been used for schools, hospitals, public works projects, and emergency services.



Beginning in March, Census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you will likely receive a visit from a census taker who will personally ask you the questions on the form.

The Census is confidential and painless. Census workers are bound by law to protect the confidentiality of your information. Private information is never published or disclosed in any manner, including names, addresses, social security numbers, or telephone numbers. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both. Information obtained during the Census is used for statistics, and the identities of individuals counted cannot be revealed for 72 years. If you would like a preview of the 10 questions on the Census 2010 form, visit <http://2010.census.gov>.

Census Jobs. The 2010 Census will create approximately 1,200 jobs on the Peninsula. If you are interested in working as a Census Taker, visit www.2010censusjobs.gov or call the toll-free jobs line at **1-866-861-2010**.

Recycling today for a better tomorrow.

Recycling report card ...

How are we doing?

THREE years ago Daly City was struggling to comply with state's stringent solid waste diversion mandates. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) closely monitored the City's recycling programs and by mid-2007 confirmed that changes had to be made. A directive was issued by the CIWMB, in the form of a compliance order. Simply stated, Daly City had to drastically improve its solid waste collection programs or face stiff fines – up to \$10,000 per day. Less than a year later, the City and Allied Waste launched an all new, semi-automated curbside collection program. Wheeled carts replaced old style recycling tubs, and separating materials was no longer necessary – “single-stream” recycling had arrived. Allied delivered new containers to every home in Daly City, and increased the frequency of collection to every week.



Things have changed in the ensuing years. The California Integrated Waste Management Board was abolished effective January 1, 2010. The authority of the Waste Board was transferred to the newly created Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in the State's Natural Resources Agency.

The State of California no longer expresses solid waste diversion in terms of percentages. This change happened in 2007 (SB 1016) in recognition of the flawed diversion rate calculation employed under the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939). The State now measures per capita disposal rates and focuses much more on solid waste collection programs, rather than theoretical diversion

percentages. The disposal rate is expressed in pounds per person per day (PIP/D). Daly City's 2008 disposal rate was 3.1 pounds/person/day. The statewide disposal rate for 2008 was 5.1 PIP/D. Daly City residents generate less garbage per capita than the state average. Daly City's 2009 PIP/D disposal rate is expected to be even lower than 3.1 PIP/D when the State releases its annual disposal data later this year.

Daly City remains committed to improving recycling programs while respecting the community's desire to maintain reasonable rates. Daly City's monthly rate for residential garbage collection is \$22.91 for weekly collection of one 32-gallon trash container, plus recycling and yard waste containers. Daly City also offers curbside collection of household batteries, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), and used motor oil. Residents in several San Mateo County cities pay significantly higher rates for lower service levels. For instance, the monthly rate for collection of a 32-gallon container in Pacifica is \$30.19.

The next frontier in solid waste diversion in Daly City is organics (food scraps) composting. Allied launched a commercial organics composting program in 2008 for several Daly City restaurants. If and when it becomes economically feasible to expand the organics composting program to residential customers, Daly City will be among the most elite of environmentally progressive cities in California.

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The highly unusual storm made the front page of both the San Francisco Chronicle and the Daly City Record. Under the headline, “Snowballs Make Big News in Daly City,” the Record reported that “Police received complaints about snowball fights and school kids were actually skiing down the slopes near Westmoor High.” Snow posed enough of a hazard to prompt the California Highway Patrol to close Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35). San Bruno Mountain was draped in snow most of the day. The sun was shining brightly, but daytime temperatures remained chilly.

Workers drained water from the radiators of City trucks fearing the freeze might damage the vehicles. The Public Works Department was ill-prepared for the winter anomaly – lacking snowplows or salt for City streets. As it turned out, few people attempted to drive on the icy roads, and many who tried skidded helplessly. “It must have been a Sunday,” Gillespie said. “Pastor Herb Tweedie at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church wrote the words “Good Morning” in the snow to greet his congregation.”

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For information about Daly City activities and programs, please check our web site: www.dalycity.org

City values survey ... the results.

Resident responses reported ...

Daly City values survey

APPROXIMATELY 1,300 FogCutter readers responded to the Community Values Questionnaire included in the last edition of the newsletter, creating a snapshot of Daly City's core values and budgetary priorities. Nearly 300 more residents participated in one or more of four Community Values Public Forums. The City Council reviewed the results of the survey and forums at a televised budget study session on December 21, 2009.



Daly City residents participated in community meetings to discuss core values and budget priorities.

The economic limitations facing Daly City in 2010 present an enormous challenge to the City Council as they begin to scrutinize budget proposals for Fiscal Years 2010-11 and 2011-12. A widening gap between revenues and expenditures highlighted the need to take a new approach to the budget process. Although the City implemented cost-cutting measures last year, including employee furloughs and other concessions, the City Council will have to consider further reductions in expenditures to avoid future shortfalls. The City Council will use the information culled from the survey and forums as they begin to formulate a performance-based budget that reflects the community's values and priorities.

Results of the community survey are available online at www.dalycity.org. A summary of the responses to the survey questions follows:

Q Identify your connection to Daly City.

A Business owner	3.3%
Property owner	20.4%
Homeowner	69.3%
Renter	16.4%
Employee	3.6%

Q Indicate your age group.

A Under 18-years	0.5%
18 to 30	3.7%
31 to 45	14.9%
46 to 65	40.1%
Over 65	40.8%

... community values and priorities evaluated

Q Is it convenient for you to communicate with the City via the Internet?

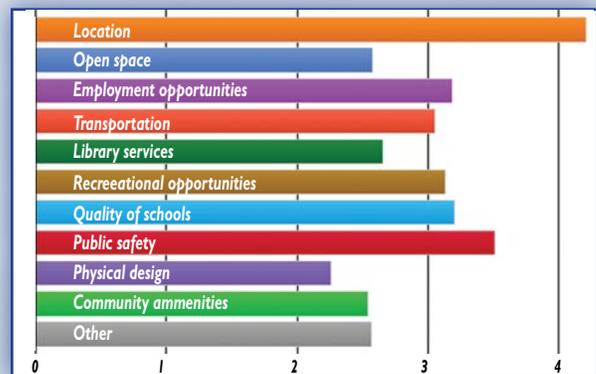
A Yes 56.7% No 43.3%

Q How satisfied are you with Daly City as a place to live?

A Very satisfied 41.5% Somewhat satisfied 48.5%
Not satisfied 5.7% Very dissatisfied 4.3%

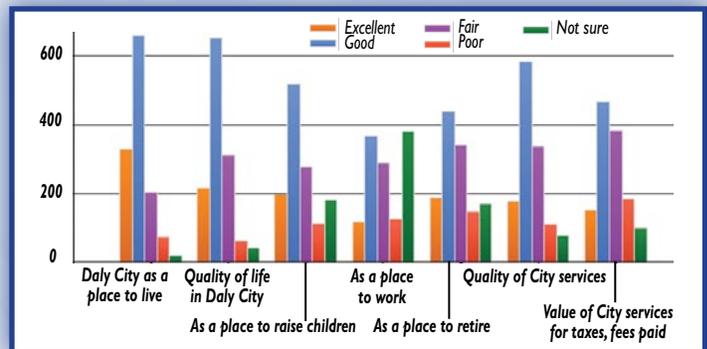
Q Rank the five factors that are most important to you in evaluating your quality of life in Daly City.

A Responses averaged:



Q How do you feel about life in Daly City?

A Responses to questions:



Q To what extent do you believe the City's ability to provide services to the Daly City community has been affected by the current financial crisis?

A Not at all 4.9% Moderately 43.9%
Minimally 20.8% Significantly 23.1%
Severely 7.4%

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**Postal
Customer**



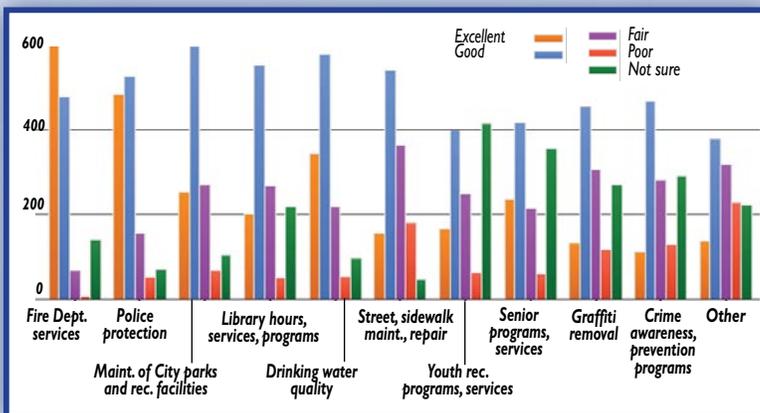
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Q How would you rate Daly City services?

A Responses about various services:



Q What three things are most important to you in making Daly City a great place to live?

A Response Percentage

Removal of graffiti and litter	42.1%
Crime awareness and prevention programs	72.0%
Expanded public transportation	33.0%
Recreation programs and facilities	39.0%
Library programs and facilities	29.1%
Affordable housing opportunities	30.6%
Stricter code enforcement	25.2%
Other	15.9%

Upcoming class. Water Efficient Landscaping.

Plant more water efficient landscaping. Attend a free landscaping class in May. Call **(650) 991-8203** for more information.

*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

By Appointment Only

City Hall Main Parking Lot – 333 90th St.
Saturday, March 13
8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Appointments:

online: <http://events.smhealth.org/events>
or call: (650) 363-4718

5th Annual Daly City Women of Excellence Awards

Women Taking the Lead to Save the Planet

\$10 – Public is invited

City Hall Rotunda - 333 90th Street
Thursday, March 18, 5:00 p.m.

Call (650) 991-8190

for more information.

Bayshore Community Clean-up

Bayshore Community Center –
450 Martin Street

Wednesday, March 24

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration encouraged

Call (650) 991-5757

Spring Camp

Bayshore Community Center –
450 Martin Street

Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 9

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$10 per day, scholarships available

Call (650) 991-5757