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Daly City retrospects ...

... San Bruno Mountain, a city landmark.

by Bunny Gillespie

ON ANY GIVEN DAY, or night, San Bruno Mountain, Daly City's largest and oldest natural landmark commands the scene around with the grace and beauty of countless eons. A few months ago, the mountain received a unique salute as NASA's shuttle Endeavour flew over the iconic landmass during the airship's relocation voyage to a Southern California museum.



San Bruno Mountain

Alert photographers captured images of one of the world's newest wonders as it traveled over one of the world's older wonders. Customary morning fog had earlier obscured the highest peaks of the mountain, but vanished to allow mid-day photographic documentation of the event. Commercial and private air traffic was curtailed as Endeavour traversed the local sky. From vantage points, aviation and exploration buffs watched in awe as the ship seemed to flaunt its farewell.

Huge though it is, San Bruno Mountain is often overlooked.
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New ordinance, effective Earth Day ... Single-use plastic bag ban. ... a growing approach to reducing litter.

THE CITY COUNCIL has been considering the possibility of banning single-use plastic bags in Daly City since 2008. In a historic move at its regular meeting on December 10, the Council adopted a re-usable bag ordinance that will effectively ban single-use plastic bags beginning April 22, 2013 – Earth Day. Most people agree that plastic bags are an undeniable source of litter in the community. In recent years, environmentally minded residents have urged the City Council to ban single-use plastic bags, following the lead of many cities across California, including San Francisco to the north and San Jose to the south.

The Council approached the plastic bag ban cautiously due to the looming possibility of lawsuits from the American Chemistry Council and the Save the Plastic Bag Coalition. Several California municipalities that enacted ordinances banning single-use bags were sued or were threatened with lawsuits. The most notable case was the Save the Bag Coalition v. City of Manhattan Beach, et al. The case was filed to overturn the ban enacted in Manhattan Beach in July 2008. The City of Manhattan Beach ultimately prevailed in the California Supreme Court on July 14, 2011, when the court ruled in its favor. The Manhattan Beach verdict allowed cities to pursue local ordinances that would regulate the use of plastic bags in their respective jurisdictions.

The City Council reviewed a reusable bag ordinance written in conjunction with the County of San Mateo last spring and elected to participate in a regional Environmental Impact Report (EIR) coordinated by the San Mateo County Health Services Division. The EIR was undertaken to determine if adopting an ordinance that banned the use of single-use, plastic carry-out bags would have a significant environmental impact.

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City Offices closed for the winter holidays

In response to the continued financial challenges facing the **City of Daly City**, City offices, including libraries and recreation facilities, will be closed from Monday, December 24, 2012 through Tuesday, January 1, 2013. City offices will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. During this period, parking enforcement to accommodate street sweeping will be suspended. Street sweeping and related parking enforcement will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The **Daly City Police and Fire Departments** will remain open throughout the holidays. To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1. Call **(650) 991-8119** to report non-emergencies to the Daly City Police Department.

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City services 2013 Holiday schedule

	City Offices Open?	Street Sweeping?	Garbage / Recycling Collection?
Tuesday, January 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	No	No	No
Monday, January 21 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Tuesday, February 12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	Yes	Yes	Regular Schedule
Monday, February 18 <i>Presidents Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Friday, February 22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	Yes	Yes	Regular Schedule
Friday, March 29 <i>Good Friday</i>	Yes	Yes	Regular Schedule
Monday, April 1 <i>Cesar Chavez Day</i>	Yes	Yes	Regular Schedule
Monday, May 27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Thursday, July 4 <i>Independence Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Monday, September 2 <i>Labor Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Monday, September 9 <i>CA Admission Day</i>	Yes	Yes	Regular Schedule
Monday, October 14 <i>Columbus Day (Indigenous People's Day)</i>	Yes	Yes	Regular Schedule
Monday, November 11 <i>Veterans Day (Observed)</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Thursday, November 28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Friday, November 29 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Tuesday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve Day</i>	No	No	Regular Schedule
Wednesday, December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	No	No	No

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Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, garbage and recycling collection will occur one day later than regularly scheduled EXCEPT for customers with Monday service. Garbage and recycling collection will not take place on Christmas Day, December 25, or New Year's Day, January 1. Customers with regular collection on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays will be serviced one day later than usual beginning December 26 through Saturday, January 5.

Allied Waste's offices will be open during the holidays, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There will be NO service interruptions for Monday customers. Christmas tree collection will take place on regular service days beginning December 26, 2012 through January 20, 2013. Please follow

these collection guidelines when placing your tree out for collection:

- Tree must be cut into 4 ft. sections.
- Stands, lights and decorations must be removed.
- Flocked trees will be collected but not recycled.
- Multi-family residents must call Customer Service to arrange for pickup.
- Place trees next to yard waste cart for removal.
- After January 20, please call customer service for tree pick-up. A fee will apply for trees collected after January 20.

Visit <http://www.alliedwastedalycity.com> for information about recycling and garbage collection services, or call Allied's Daly City office at **(650) 756-1130**.

Managing waste — the right way.

Many cities acting to ban single-use plastic bags ...

... a united effort to protect the environment.

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Eighteen cities in San Mateo County participated in the EIR, together with six cities in Santa Clara County. All of these cities are expected to enact ordinances similar, if not identical to, Daly City's.

Daly City's ordinance bans single-use carryout bags from stores and requires stores that provide reusable bags to charge customers ten cents (10¢) per bag. The intent of the ordinance is to reduce the environmental impacts related to single-use carryout bags and to promote a shift toward the use of reusable bags. The ordinance regulates the distribution of paper and plastic single-use carryout bags by all retail establishments in the City of Daly City, including those selling clothing, food, and personal items directly to the customer. It does not apply to restaurants or non-profit charitable reuse organizations, as defined by the ordinance.

Consumers and retail stores will have several months to transition from single-use bags and comply with the ordinance. The County-

Starting April 22, 2013
22 de abril 2013

 <p>No more plastic bags. No más bolsas de plástico.</p>	 <p>Pay for a paper bag. Pagar por una bolsa de papel.</p>	 <p>Bring Your Own Bag. Traiga su propia bolsa.</p>
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wide effective date of the ordinance is April 22, 2013, which should allow retailers ample time to locate and purchase reusable bags. The Environmental Health Services Division of San Mateo County will enforce the requirements of the ordinance within the City of Daly City. Environmental Health Specialists will respond to complaints and conduct random checks to ensure compliance with the ordinance.

San Bruno Mountain ... from page 1

A somewhat uninformed real estate salesperson once responded "What mountain?" after a prospective Daly City homebuyer listed as a priority a morning view of the scenic treasure. Archeologists have attributed the creation of San Bruno Mountain (elev. 1314') to land eruptions during the Cretaceous Period some 130 million years ago. Historians report that Native Americans lived on the slopes of the mountain for 5,000 years before European explorers "discovered" the gentle peak in 1769. Five years later Spanish explorer Bruno de Heceta gave it its name.

Land speculators, including California railroad and banking tycoon Charles Crocker, coveted the mountain for decades. Crocker purchased much of the area in 1884 for the grazing of cattle and, in

the early 20th Century, for the sale of realty suitable for construction of homes. As the "Crocker Tract" saw the lower slopes selected as sites for residential units, Crocker's land developers carved walking paths along San Bruno Mountain's lower western side. In the early 1920s, stone benches of natural rock were placed on the mountainside. The area became affectionately known as Crocker Park. The paths and benches became popular with those choosing to savor mountainside views of the developing landscape below. Remnants of those amenities may still be viewed.

Crocker Tract residents were highly influential in the development of the City of Daly City after its incorporation in 1911. The municipality's first, and second, permanent City Hall was located on Wellington Avenue. Many of Daly City's pioneer civic and business leaders lived in the Crocker Tract.

Generations of visitors have enjoyed the mountain's flora and fauna, and romantics have ascended higher viewing points to greet the dawn or the dusk. Today much of the mountain hosts a unique park that is adjacent to an ecological reserve on the north Slope. Distinctive broadcast towers at the mountain's highest peak blink in the night skies. San Bruno Mountain continues to be a place of fascination and appreciation for artists, poets, nature lovers, trail hikers, and those who feel mysteriously comforted by enjoying affinity with this uniquely enduring and scenic environmental specimen. A well-traveled Daly City resident once remarked, "When I see the mountain, I know I'm home."

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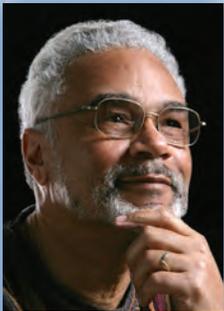
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Black History Month ...

... **Daly City's 21st annual celebration, February 2.**

THE CITY OF DALY CITY will host its 21st Annual *Black History Month* celebration on Saturday, February 2, 2013, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Pacelli Event Center, 145 Lake Merced Blvd. Stanford University historian Clayborne Carson is the featured speaker at this year's event. Carson is the Director of the *Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute*. He was selected in 1985 by the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King to edit and publish the papers of her late husband. Carson has devoted most of his professional life to studying Martin Luther King, Jr., and the movements King inspired. Under his direction, the King Papers Project has produced six volumes of a definitive, comprehensive edition of King's speeches, sermons, correspondence, publications, and unpublished writings. This project is now a component of the *Institute* that Carson founded at Stanford in 2005.



Clayborne Carson

The theme of the *Black History Month* celebration is *At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington*. 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. African-American history highlights, live drumming, and soul food are expected to be the top attractions at the community celebration. An array of ethnic vendor booths, dance, music, and cultural entertainment together with a youth-themed essay display, promise to keep guests engaged.

Originally established as Black History Week in 1926 by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the celebration of African-American history expanded to the entire month of February in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial. Every U.S. president since has signed a proclamation designating February as National African-American History Month to honor the heritage and accomplishments of African Americans. Daly City's Black History Month Celebration is free and open to the public. Ample parking is available at Westlake Park, adjacent to the Pacelli Event Center at 145 Lake Merced Boulevard in Daly City.

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

Library Board of Trustees

City Hall – 6:00 p.m.
3rd Tuesday of each month

Recreation Commission

City Hall – 6:00 p.m.
4th Tuesday of each month

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Wednesdays, January 9 through February 27
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Café Doelger, 101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City
(650) 991-8139 for more information.
Register online: <http://northcountyfire.org/events/>

21st Annual National Black History Month Celebration — **FREE**

Saturday, February 2 • 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Pacelli Event Center
145 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City

7th National Women's History Month Awards

Thursday, March 14 • 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
333 90th Street, Daly City

Spring Fun Day

Egg Hunt and Field Day - **FREE**

(Sponsored by the Daly City Host Lions Club)
Saturday, March 30 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Pollicita School Gym and Field
550 E. Market Street, Daly City

