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Centennial notes ...

1957 earthquake rocked Daly City an "awesome rumble"

THE GREAT SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE and Fire of 1906 was an important milestone in Bay Area and Daly City history, while the "Great Daly City Earthquake of 1957" is all but lost to history.

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Stonemason workers replace glass broken by the 1957 earthquake.

Fifty-five years ago, on March 22, 1957, on the 46th anniversary of Daly City's incorporation, residents of the Bay Area were reminded that they live in earthquake country. The morning started ominously. Eight foreshocks gently shook the region on what appeared to be a glorious spring day. Then, at 11:45 a.m. the "Big One" struck. A quake registering 5.3 on the Richter scale jolted Daly City. As it turned out, it wasn't the "Big One" at all – but it was a frightening experience for those who felt it.

It was "a distant, awesome rumble that tightened throats with fear" according to the San Francisco

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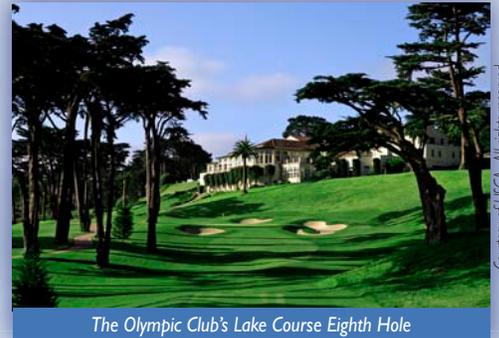
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200,000 visitors expected, June 11-17 Olympic Club hosts U.S. Open ... major traffic impacts expected

WHILE GOLF FANS throughout the world anticipate a week of unparalleled professional competition at the U.S. Open, Daly City residents are bracing for the onslaught of visitors to the famed Olympic Club beginning June 11. Officials from the United States Golf Association (USGA) expect 200,000 spectators – far more than it experienced in 1998 when the U.S. Open was last at the Olympic Club. What does that mean to Daly City? In a word, traffic.

Most spectators travelling to the Olympic Club for the U.S. Open will pass through Daly City. The USGA is operating 150 shuttles from locations throughout the area – including Westmoor High School, Serramonte Shopping Center, and the Colma BART station. Some well-travelled routes may be inaccessible during the event. Lake Merced Boulevard will be closed to southbound traffic between John Daly Boulevard and John Muir Drive. Skyline Boulevard will be closed to northbound traffic (other than shuttles going to the Olympic Club) between John Daly Boulevard and John Muir Drive.



The Olympic Club's Lake Course Eighth Hole

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The worst traffic delays are expected for the weekend rounds, Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17. Motorists delays while driving in the area of John Daly Boulevard and Lake Merced Boulevard during the U.S. Open – especially on the weekend. Popular local destinations, such as the Westlake Shopping Center, will remain open during the week. Shoppers might consider accessing Westlake Shopping Center from Park Plaza Drive or via Southgate Avenue.

Due to unusually high traffic volume expected on Lake Merced Boulevard, the Doelger Senior Center and the Pacelli Events Center will not be open from Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17. Both centers will re-open Monday, June 18 (barring any play-off rounds).

Although the U.S. Open will undoubtedly generate increased traffic for a few days, visitors are expected to patronize Daly City's restaurants and retail centers. Depending on your perspective, the influx of tourists could be a good or bad thing. In either case, it may be another 14 years before the Olympic Club hosts another major tournament. **100**

Building our community — past and future.

California redevelopment agencies dissolved ...

... revitalization era ends.

DALY CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ceased to exist on January 31, 2012. A decision handed down by the California State Supreme Court on December 29, 2011 upheld the legislature's ability to dissolve redevelopment agencies across the state. The full consequences of the court's action remain to be seen, but it is clear that Daly City's chances of attracting a neighborhood serving development to the Bayshore area has greatly diminished.

It is hard to imagine what Daly City might look like if the Daly City Redevelopment Agency hadn't existed. Pacific Plaza, home of the 20-screen Century Theater, would probably still be a collection of ramshackle buildings and weed strewn lots. Mission Plaza, which includes a Lucky supermarket, Starbucks, and Jollibee restaurant, might instead be the site of the festering Mission Bell Motel. The War Memorial Community Center would not have been rebuilt and the John Daly branch library would still be housed in the 1920's-era building that currently serves as the Daly City History Museum.

The Daly City Redevelopment Agency had a track record of partnering with nonprofit agencies to build affordable housing projects. Without the involvement of the Daly City Redevelopment Agency, Hillcrest Gardens, Schoolhouse Station, and Vista Grande Apartments – all 100% low-income units – would not have been built. The Redevelopment Agency also partnered with Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco to facilitate the construction of more affordable housing - including the 36-unit condominium development currently under construction at 7555 Mission Street.

Now that California's redevelopment agencies have been abolished, major development in Daly City may come to a standstill. It is highly unlikely that Pacific Plaza will be completed in the near future. It is equally unlikely that any meaningful development – including the addition of a much needed supermarket – will occur in the Cow Palace area of the Bayshore neighborhood. The end of Daly City's Redevelopment Agency effectively concludes an era of ambitious construction activity. 100

Neighborhood-specific social network launched ...

... neighbors sharing with neighbors.

NEXTDOOR (www.nextdoor.com), the first neighborhood specific private social network, launched in Daly City at the end of December. Facebook and Craigslist users are familiar with online social networking. The main difference with **Nextdoor** is that the universe of "friends" is limited to people in your neighborhood. The interactive site was established to foster neighbor-to-neighbor and city-wide communication. Now Daly City residents can use Nextdoor to create content specifically for their neighborhoods. Topics of discussion on **Nextdoor** are as varied as local events, school activities, plumber and babysitter recommendations, disaster preparedness tips, upcoming garage sales or even lost pets.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another to help build stronger communities. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on **Nextdoor** is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on Google or other search engines. In addition, **Nextdoor** never shares personal information with any third parties.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood's **Nextdoor** website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If **Nextdoor** is available in their area, they can immediately sign-up. More than 130 Daly City residents joined **Nextdoor** in recent months. 100



Pacific Plaza redevelopment project.

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Building a healthy community.

Dog licensing — a requirement for public safety licensing reduces the risk of a rabies outbreak.

LICENSING YOUR DOG is not optional, it's required by law. All Daly City dog owners must ensure that their pets are vaccinated against rabies and licensed by the age of four months. New residents must license their dogs within 60 days. A penalty may be imposed for late license renewals or failure to comply with the licensing requirement. Dog licenses are processed by the San Mateo County Health System.

Dog licenses can be obtained in person from the Peninsula Humane Society, 12 Airport Drive, San Mateo, or at the San Mateo County Health System, 225 37th Avenue, Room 11, San Mateo. If you choose to apply for a license in person, remember to bring copy of the dog's rabies certificate and proof of spay/neuter if applicable. A link to new dog license applications can be downloaded at www.dalycity.org/dogs. The fee for a one year license is \$30.00 for an unaltered dog, or \$12.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered. Senior discounts are available and three year licenses may be purchased if your dog received a three year rabies vaccination within the last five months.



A dog license protects the pet you love.

Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. If a dog is involved in a bite incident, the animal must be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days to ensure the animal has not been exposed to the rabies virus. The Peninsula Humane Society offers low-cost vaccinations on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. You can call the **Humane Society** at (650) 340-8200 for more information.

Your dog's license tag can help animal shelter workers identify your pet if he or she is ever lost. The rabies vaccine will lower the risk of your pet being infected during an encounter with wildlife (such as skunks, raccoons, and possums). If your dog is not licensed or vaccinated, you are subject to a citation, you will be required to vaccinate the animal and purchase a license, and you will pay a penalty that will be greater than the cost of purchasing the license initially. If you have questions about licensing your dog, please call the **San Mateo County Health System** at (650) 573-3726. 100

1957 earthquake ... from page 1

Chronicle. It wasn't so "distant" to Daly City residents. The epicenter of the earthquake is believed to have been just off the Daly City coast. Homes in the Westlake subdivision sustained moderate damage, but no lives were lost.

Panic ensued in the moments during and just after the quake struck. School children were instructed to duck under their desks – a skill many youngsters had perfected in the Cold War era. Mild chaos followed when the shaking stopped. Daly City's then Chief of Police, Roland Petrochi, made a call to San Francisco's emergency headquarters with a plea for help. When the call was answered, Chief Petrochi's first words were allegedly, "Things are in a heck of a mess out here." The fact that his call went through was somewhat astonishing; phone service was disrupted for much of the Bay Area in the hours after the quake.

Although most of the structural damage from the earthquake seemed to be confined to Daly City's Westlake subdivision, the jolt was felt strongly throughout the Bay Area. According to the Chronicle, the clock atop San Francisco's Ferry Building stopped for the first time since the 1906 earthquake. Large

panes of glass shattered at the Stonestown Shopping Center and at San Francisco State University. A 1959 report compiled by the California Division of Mines stated, "damage was greatest in the Westlake area, particularly in Westlake Palisades, where about half the houses were damaged."

The damage in Daly City was mostly superficial. Some of the Doelger built houses in the Westlake area sustained cracks in the plaster, but no homes were destroyed. A few underground water mains failed, sidewalks buckled, and concrete driveway slabs separated at the joints. Westmoor High School, still under construction at the time, suffered minor damage. Perhaps the most dramatic effect of the quake was on the Daly City coastline. Highway 1 used to run along the coast between Pacifica and Daly City. CalTrans abandoned that section of the old highway because it was so severely damaged by the quake. Remnants of the roadbed can still be seen near Thornton Beach and Avalon Canyon.

The 1957 earthquake proved to be far less dramatic than the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 and the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989, but to those who lived through it, it was a memorable seismic event. 100

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Daly City by the numbers ...

101,920
Population

(California Dept. of Finance)

24,490,000
Gallons

(Water Storage Capacity)

38.3

Median Age

(2010 US Census)

6,390,000

Gallons

(Avg. Daily Water Distribution-2011)

32,588

Total Housing Units

(2010 US Census)

5

Fire Stations

3/22/1911

Date of Incorporation

1

Police Station

7.66

Total Area,
Square Miles

4

Libraries

70,978,768

Dollars, General Fund
Operating Budget

(2011-2012)

41,079

Daly City Library
Card Holders



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

Parent/Child Water-Wise Workshop

Saturday, April 14 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Serramonte Library

40 Wembley Drive, Daly City

FREE - to register:

www.bawasca.org (650) 349-3000

CPR, AED & First Aid Class

Saturday, May 19 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Training Room

333 90th Street, Daly City

\$35.00 to register:

(650) 991-3138 e-mail esolis@dalycity.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, June 9 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Main Parking Lot – City Hall

333 90th Street, Daly City

By Appointment Only: <http://events.smhealth.org/events>

Relay for Life Daly City

Saturday, June 23 to Sunday, June 24

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (24 hours)

Westmoor High School

Register at www.RelayForLife.org/DalyCityCA

