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Daly City retrospects ...

... Daly City mobilized for World War II.

by Bunny Gillespie

70 YEARS AGO, in the winter of 1943, Daly City was among countless communities across the United States, and worldwide, that were coping with vast changes brought on by World War II.

Many of Daly City's most bitter memories were created in that year, and many have never been forgotten.



WWII Civil Defense Day parade on Mission Street, 1942

Then, entering their third year of previously unimagined lifestyle adaptation, local families watched with fear and trepidation as their young men and women presented themselves for unpredictable action on primarily foreign soil as they answered the nation's call to military service. On the home front, the mood of the time was typified by quiet confidence mingled with anxiety and apprehension.

As the war wore on, the list of Daly City residents lost in hostilities was being compiled. Eventually, the names

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24/7 virtual access to City services ...

Mobile app to serve Daly City

DALY CITY iHELP. Reporting neighborhood issues in Daly City just became much easier. Daly City **iHelp** is a new mobile app available on all iPhone, iPad, and Android devices that allows residents and businesses to connect with City Hall to report problems, access services, and receive important city news and information. Best of all, the app is free, easy to use, and can be accessed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week from any location. Daly City **iHelp** is also available online at www.dalycity.org/iHelp.

The service request and civic engagement platform that supports Daly City **iHelp** was built by PublicStuff, the same company that created Philadelphia's successful mobile reporting tool, Philly311. Residents can download the free app on most mobile devices to report a variety of service requests, including conditions such as potholes, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles and street light outages. The same reporting tool is available online through the City's website. Service requests are mapped and reported directly to the city officials responsible for resolving the issues. **iHelp** users can also choose to share their requests with neighbors and friends, upload photos, provide comments, and follow the progress of their service requests up to the point of resolution. City employees respond directly to each request, providing status updates to the reporting party and documenting service request trends.



Daly City's new **iHelp** mobile app

Daly City **iHelp** was officially launched April 8, 2013, to empower the community's tech savvy residents. In addition to submitting service requests, users can access City news and announcements, browse the City directory, and find information about City officials. The City Council anticipates that the **iHelp** platform will make it easier for residents to connect with the City on all levels at any time of day. Users can report neighborhood issues on a Sunday afternoon or in the middle of the night – and City staff will generally respond the next business day. The requests can be a simple written description of a problem, or include photographs that are easily uploaded using the app. Once a service request is submitted, users can easily track the request, support and comment on other requests, and receive status updates from the City.

The app is intended for reporting non-emergency issues only. Emergencies should always be reported by dialing 9-1-1.

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Joining other cities to protect the environment.

Daly City acts to ban single-use plastic bags ...

... answers to questions about the ordinance.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013, single-use carry out bags will be prohibited at retail stores within Daly City. Reusable bags or bags made of recycled content paper may be provided, but only if the store charges a minimum of 10 cents per bag. Most other cities in San Mateo County have adopted similar ordinances, and others are expected to follow.

Why was this ordinance adopted? The *Reusable Bag Ordinance* was adopted by Daly City City Council and other cities to decrease the number of bags going to landfill, reduce litter in local waterways, and save cities money on litter and storm drain cleanup. By encouraging customers to bring their own bags, the ordinance will help reduce costly and unnecessary waste, environmental contamination, and harm to marine life.

How can I learn more about the ordinance? Up-to-date information can be found on San Mateo County's website: www.smchealth.org/bagban.

Which stores are affected? All retail establishments, including grocery, convenience, and pharmacy stores in San Mateo County are affected. Restaurants and 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable reuse organizations are not impacted.

Why aren't all stores in the county included? The ordinance includes the stores that traditionally distribute a high volume of single-use carry out bags. Additional stores may be included in the future.

What will the retailer do with their excess plastic bags? Retailers have a few options, including returning the bags to the manufacturer or sending them to stores in locations without such an ordinance. Alternatively, bags can be donated to a non-profit charitable re-user (with a tax write off) and, bags can be recycled through appropriate service providers, some of which can be found on www.plasticbagrecycling.org.



What types of bags are allowed if I can no longer use single-use plastic bags? You can use recycled paper bags marked with the words "reusable" or "recyclable," printed on the outside, or reusable bags made of cloth or machine washable fabric or a durable plastic material with handles that are designed for multiple reuse.

Are biodegradable/compostable bags allowed? Not at this time, because conditions to break them down properly are not typically found in the environment.

Can plastic be used to wrap products (i.e., light fixtures, paintings, etc.)? Yes.

Are retailers required to charge? Businesses are required to charge a minimum of 10 cents per paper checkout or reusable bag. A retailer can choose to charge anything above the 10 cents, especially for the sturdier reusable bags. The charge must be listed as a single line item on the customer's receipt.

Are all bags provided by stores subject to a charge? No. Produce, bulk items, meat bags, protective bags (for baked good or nails/screws or wine), garment cleaning bags, and bags used to hold prescription medications from the pharmacy are all exempt.

Does everyone have to pay the bag charge? Customers purchasing food with Women, Infant, Children (WIC) or CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Programs can, at the discretion of the retailer, be given a waiver for the bag charge.

Who gets the bag charge fee? Stores keep the entire fee to offset the cost of allowable bags. The charge must be a line item on the receipt and records kept for three years.

How will the Reusable Bag Ordinance be enforced? San Mateo County Environmental Health inspectors will enforce the ordinance on a complaint basis only. The County will be taking an education first approach to ensure that retailers understand the requirements of the ordinance.

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

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Looking ahead ... and recalling our past.

Discounted SamTrans Summer Youth Passes

Available Tuesday, May 21

SAMTRANS' 2013 SUMMER YOUTH PASS goes on sale May 21, and SamTrans is reaching out to cities, schools, and other partners to help spread the word about the transit system's seasonal bargain. A SamTrans Summer Youth Pass costs \$40 and is good for unlimited travel from June 1 through August 31 for children under the age of 17 years. The discounted pass offers young bus riders a significant savings compared to purchasing a regular monthly pass.

To purchase the pass:

- Download the order form at www.dalycity.org/youthpass.
- Or visit SamTrans headquarters (1250 San Carlos Ave. in San Carlos), open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The *Summer Youth Pass* provides kids and teens with safe and affordable transportation to summer destinations. Details about this year's Summer Youth Pass program are online at www.samtrans.com/syp.



Discounted summer passes for youth on SamTrans

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would be cast in bronze and displayed within the walls of Daly City's then-proposed War Memorial Building on Mission Street.



Daly City's support of WWII National Aluminum Drive, 1941

In homes throughout every part of Daly City, small flags were displayed to honor sons and daughters then in service to their country, a national custom dating from 1917. Flags emblazoned with blue stars represented each uniformed member of the family. Gold stars on the white field honored those who died during their service.

While the Army patrolled local beaches, and staffed long-range gun emplacements on Daly City hilltops and coastal sites, constant surveillance for enemy intrusion was maintained by additional military personnel and Civil Defense volunteers. Navy aircraft were flown over our coastal waters in search of invaders that might intrude from the sea.

In the Bayshore section of the city, the newly completed Cow Palace, erected by the State of California to house agricultural exhibitions, was commandeered by the United States government to serve as an embarkation facility for recruits.

The sight of uniformed enlisted men and officers was not uncommon on Daly City streets. Near the Top-of-the-Hill on Mission Street an entertainment and hospitality club for service men and women was staffed and catered by local volunteers.

Throughout the city, curfews were enforced nightly by Civil Defense workers wearing bump hats and definitive armbands. Restrictions extended to after dark use of public streets and sidewalks, as well as residential and commercial lighting. Throughout Daly City, street lights were dimmed by partial painting of outer globes to discourage possible raids by marauding enemy aircraft.

Many of Daly City's current residents came to this area from across the country to participate in Bay Area industries that supported the nationwide war effort. Many war-workers decided to make their permanent homes here. Some of them, or their descendants, are still here. Without a doubt, 70 years ago was a memorable period in the history of our city.

(Bunny Gillespie has been Daly City's official historian since 1987.)

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Using Daly City's **iHelp** is easy! Here is how it works:

1. Download the app at the Apple Store or Google Play Store (formerly the Android Market). Search "Daly City iHelp" to find the app.
2. When you see something that needs to be fixed, submit a request using the app.
3. City staff will receive the request.
4. City fixes the problem or refers it to the proper jurisdiction.
5. You get notified via email when the request is completed.
6. Give yourself a pat on the shoulder for making Daly City a better place.

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Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers ...

... join their Volunteer Corps, and make a difference!

BECOME A REGULAR VOLUNTEER. Are you a trained engineer who's looking to use your hands to build? Are you someone who's always been handy around the house but has no formal building experience? Do you like putting things together and seeing the tangible results? Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco invites you to be part of a unique volunteer group and become a Regular Volunteer.

Why does Greater San Francisco's Habitat for Humanity have Regular Volunteers? Habitat utilizes volunteer workers to perform as many of the trades as possible in order to minimize the use of subcontractors and therefore keep costs down so they can build more homes. They have a great group of Regular Volunteers who perform trades such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC, finish carpentry, and lead projects for Habitat day volunteers.



Habitat for Humanity volunteers at work on a recently completed 36-unit condo project at 7555 Mission St. in Daly City.

What will I do as a Regular Volunteer? Regular Volunteers come at least once per week and receive training from their experienced staff and other trained team members. Habitat will provide all the tools you need, but you are also welcome to bring your own. Join our team and meet new people, learn new skills, and give back to the community by volunteering to build new homes for low income families. You will work alongside an AmeriCorps team and a multitude of Habitat's day volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a Regular Volunteer and would like to learn more, please contact Habitat at **(415) 625-1029** or sign up for a new Regular Volunteer orientation here: <http://habitatgsf.volunteerhub.com/>.

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

Edible Gardening – FREE!

Saturday, April 27 • 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Serramonte Library – Community Room
40 Wembley Drive
Register Online: www.bawsca.org
or call **(650) 349-3000**

Streets Alive! Parks Alive! **San Mateo County**

Saturday, May 4 • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Seton Medical Center
1900 Sullivan Avenue
More info: www.streetsalivesmc.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection *by appointment only*

Saturday, June 8 • 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Main Parking Lot – City Hall
333 90th Street
Register Online:
<http://events.smhealth.org/events/>

Daly City: Growing Up in America **Free Screening**

Tuesday, June 18 • 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – City Hall
333 90th Street

