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Threads of yesterday ...

...YEARS OF FOUR in the North County

by Bunny Gillespie

OVER THE DECADES, years ending in the number “four” have been considered by many old-timers to be of unique historical interest.

Throughout the areas that transitioned from prehistoric topography into Daly City and neighboring Colma, fourth year events have been recognized by historians as noteworthy, including local development, civic progress, and quality of life evolution.



Police Chief Jack Doyle - 1924

Historical records include the year of **1774** when explorers Fernando Rivera and Father Francisco Palou ascended the slopes of a hospitable mountain to view the eastern sun rising over San Francisco Bay. Later the peak was named San Bruno Mountain. At its base was a pass called La Portezuela. The mountain remains the area’s

most visible local landmark. Earlier historical records have been discovered. Later historical records will be treasured.

1854 John Donald Daly, age 14, delivered mail on horseback between the large W. D. M. Howard ranch in San Mateo and offices in downtown San Francisco. (Daly would later establish his own ranch in unincorporated San Mateo County near La Portezuela pass. In 1911, newly incorporated Daly City would be named in his honor.)

1864 St. Anne’s Church was dedicated near School

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Easing the impact of the drought ...

... conservation and smart water use are critical to success.

CALIFORNIA IS EXPERIENCING one of its worst droughts ever. Record low rainfall coupled with a Sierra snowpack far below average resulted in severe water shortages for much of the state. Daly City is urging its residents to conserve water when feasible. While Daly City residents reduced water usage by 10.44% between February and May, the driest months of the summer and fall may present challenges. Achieving even greater water savings may be difficult for many Daly City residents already taking measures to conserve. Daly City’s residents, on average, use less than 50 gallons of water a day, one of the lowest consumption rates in the Bay Area, if not the state (Californians consume an average of 196 gallons per day).

Here are a few tips to help save water in your household:

- 💧 **Irrigate gardens and landscaping sparingly, and only during the early morning or evening hours.**
- 💧 **Use a broom to sweep your sidewalk and driveway ... never use the hose.**
- 💧 **Wash full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine ... you could save more than 1,000 gallons per month!**
- 💧 **While waiting for hot water, collect running water and use it to water plants.**
- 💧 **Shorten your shower by a minute or two ... you could save up to 150 gallons per month.**



💧 **Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth.**

Continued voluntary conservation into the summer and fall may help water customers avoid mandatory reductions. For more water conservation tips, visit www.dalycity.org/water.

Now taking applications

Seventh Annual Citizens Academy ...

A RELATIVELY SMALL PERCENTAGE of the more than 100,000 living in Daly City have even a basic understanding of how their local government works. Thanks to Daly City’s Citizens Academy, you have the opportunity to learn about the day-to-day operations of your city. Daly City is accepting applications for its Seventh Annual Citizens Academy. Returning this fall, the nine-week course begins September 25 and continues through November 20. Classroom sessions will take place Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall. Optional field trips will take place on one or two Saturdays. As in years past, the course is free to Daly City residents.

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Daly City — a community rich in resources.

Summer learning at Daly City libraries ...

... our libraries are a great resource for all ages.

SUMMER LEARNING IS THE REMEDY for learning loss – a phenomenon that plagues students during their extended break from school. Some studies have shown that over the course of a typical summer, students may forget more than 30% of what they learned during the school year. Children who read and continue to learn over the summer vacation do much better academically than their classmates who overindulge in video games and television. If your child joins the Summer Learning program at any Daly City Public Library branch, he or she will receive a free book just for showing up (books were purchased by the Peninsula Library System with funds from Measure A). Readers can track their progress with a reading log and earn prizes along the way.

Each branch has plenty of books for all reading levels. When you finish the program, you will receive a ticket to the exclusive end-of-summer party where you will receive another free book. Along the way, you can earn tickets for weekly prize drawings. You could win movie tickets, ice cream, gift cards, or merchandise from Disney's Frozen. One lucky Daly City kid will win \$1,000 for college!

Let Summer Learning be your motivation to explore new or different reading opportunities. Library staff can give you book suggestions, but ultimately, the choice is yours.

Summer Learning is open to all ages. Parents with kids under five can choose to read to their children or participate in one of

the many storytime activities offered at the libraries. Kindergarten through third grade readers are required to complete six activities and read for 30 days. Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are asked to read five books and try six activities. Junior high and high school aged readers also need to complete five books and six active learning experiences.

Adults are also welcome to join Summer Learning! Pick up book review forms at any Daly City library and complete them for other patrons to enjoy. Each book review qualifies you for a prize drawing to be held at the end of the summer. There is no limit to the number of times you may enter, but you can only win once.



SUMMER FUN AT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 21 3:30 p.m.	CRAFT DAY Serramonte Library
July 24 10:15 a.m.	ADVENTURE THEATRE Westlake Library
July 25 3:30 p.m.	MAGICAL MARY Serramonte Library

www.dalycity.org/library

Put an end to learning loss! Join Summer Learning at your local library. For more information about Summer Learning, visit www.dalycity.org/library or call (650) 991-8023.

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House Station. The worship center would later be renamed Holy Angels.

1874 Michael Comerford offered 1000-lot orders of Monterey Cypress for sale. These trees were to be used as wind shelters around emerging agricultural and ranch lands. J.J. Grady opened a tannery at School House Station, processing sheep and goat skins.

1884 Investor-entrepreneur Charles Crocker bought 3,814 acres from Rancho Guadalupe la Visitacion y Rodeo for grazing livestock.

1894 The Jefferson School District bond election passed on a 54-6 vote. Vista Grande School on Mission Street enrolled 350 students.

1904 A feud between settlers Benjamin Greene and Robert S. Thornton was back in court; litigation had started in 1869. Union Coursing Park, the eventual site of Jefferson High School, hosted dog racing and "investment opportunities." Betting was popular, legal, and sometimes rewarding. Local entrepreneur James Callan, described in the local paper as "prosperous," ran for California Assembly. Woodlawn Cemetery was established.

1914 Construction of Daly City's first City Hall started at 75 Wellington Avenue; the cost was \$6,000. Berton C. Ross was Daly City's second Mayor. Superior Kraut Company, owned by Henry and William Fuchs, earned Colma the title of "Sauerkraut Capitol of the World." The Daly City Tattler newspaper expanded to two issues weekly.

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Citizen involvement for a stronger community.

Seventh Annual Citizens Academy ...

... learn how your city works for you.

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City Manager Patricia E. Martel will kick-off the course with an introduction to local government history and practices followed by a general overview of Daly City's municipal services. Department heads and division managers will present more detailed information about specific City operations in the following weeks (tentative schedule at the right).

Citizens Academy students will participate in both classroom presentations and discussions along with hands-on activities. Students will have the opportunity to examine firefighting equipment up close and exercise split-second judgment when battling bad guys in a "shoot or be shot" police training simulator. A behind the scenes tour of the sewage treatment plant is one of the Citizens Academy highlights. Participants venture deep beneath the plant while learning about bio-solids, recycled water, effluent, and discharge protocols.

This nine-week course is perfect for the person seeking to learn more about the community.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory to complete the course. Space is limited, and Daly City residents will be given first priority.

Applications for the Citizens Academy are available online at www.dalycity.org/academy7. To request an application by mail, please call **(650) 746-8367**. **Completed Citizens Academy applications are due no later than Friday, September 12, 2014.**

Citizens Academy 7 Class Schedule

Week 1: September 25 —
**Introduction to Local
Government**

Week 2: October 2 —
**Finance and Information
Services**

Week 3: October 9 —
**Economic and Community
Development, City Attorney**

Week 4: October 16 —
**Water and Wastewater
Resources / Library and
Recreation Services**

Week 5: October 23 —
Police

Week 6: October 30 —
Public Works

Week 7: November 6 —
**Daly City History, Human
Resources, and Boards /
Commissions / Committees**

Week 8: November 13 —
**North County Fire
Authority / Emergency
Preparedness**

Week 9: November 20 —
Wrap-up/Graduation

**Completed applications due by
Friday, September 12, 2014.**

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1924 Jack Doyle was named Daly City's first Chief of Police. Lawndale, later to be renamed Colma, incorporated. The Crocker Tract's vintage water system was to be replaced. Jefferson Union High School was approved as Daly City's first public high school. Biaggio Milano of the Crocker Tract sold his ownership of Daly City Lime & Cement Co.

1934 The Jefferson School District opened new Administration headquarters. Hugh H. Smith continued his record-setting 18 years as Mayor of Daly City. Daly City's Fire Department operating budget reached \$5,000.

1944 Midway Village was established in the Bayshore District for housing WWII US Navy dependents.

1954 Doelger-built homes in the Highlands section of Westlake were selling for \$11,995. Westlake Post #535 of the American Legion organized. Carl Wente, president of the Bank of America, helped dedicate the Westlake branch of the world's largest bank. Westlake Medical & Dental Building was soon to open.

1964 The Serramonte housing and shopping center was launched.

The Republican National Convention met at the Cow Palace. The Beatles performed at the Cow Palace.

1974 The Daly City Council established the Community Service Center. Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst was held captive in a Daly City house on Northridge Avenue.

1984 Tony Giammona retired after 34 years as teacher and athletic coach at Jefferson and Westmoor high schools. He was a five-time Mayor of Daly City, elected to that office in 1973, 1976, 1980, 1985, and 1990.

1994 Daly City's "Petrocchi Palace" police headquarters received a major remodeling in the "new" Civic Center, opened 18 years earlier. Alluding to the spaciousness of the facility, the nickname honored Roland Petrocchi, Daly City's Police Chief from 1954-74.

2004 Thornton Beach Vista was created at the west end of John Daly Boulevard, honoring 1853's pioneer resident, Robert S. Thornton.

2014 As this year evolves, additional *Threads of Yesterday* will be added to the continuing lore of Daly City.

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Social Media now active in City government helping residents become more connected and engaged.

SOCIAL MEDIA have become a daily part of how we interact with friends and community. In fact, it is estimated that nearly 70% of internet users spend more time with social media sites than any other type of site.

Facebook
facebook.com/dalycitygov
facebook.com/dalycitypolice
facebook.com/dalycitylibrary
facebook.com/dalycityrec

Nextdoor
<https://nextdoor.com>

Twitter
@DalyCityGov
@DalyCityPD
@DalyCityRec
@DCAquatics

Instagram
<http://nixle.com>
@dalycitygov
@dalycitypd
@dalycitylibraryandrec

Nixle

Departments across the City have launched social media sites in order to distribute information, reach a broad audience of residents, and increase our community engagement. As an example of engaging the community, the Police Department was able to solve seven crimes by posting the images of suspects on Facebook.

You can connect with the City's general government account on *Facebook*, *Twitter*, and *Instagram* (@DalyCityGov). To learn what other departments and programs have social media accounts, visit www.dalycity.org/socialmedia.

Another social, by private, free networking platform is *Nextdoor*. For example, residents, who register by neighborhood, use this tool to post warnings about break-ins, news on missing pets, and recommendations on nearby businesses.

The City is excited about the opportunities these social media tools provide for us to connect with the community. If you want to get the latest in City news and engage with fellow community members, take a moment to like us and follow us.

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

Library & Recreation Services Day and Fun, Health & Safety Fair

Saturday, August 16 • 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Serramonte Center

1-280 at Serramonte Blvd., Daly City

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, September 13 • 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Main Parking Lot – City Hall

333 90th Street, Daly City

By Appointment Only

Make appointments online at

<http://events.smhealth.org/events>

National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, September 18 • 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

War Memorial Community Center

6655 Mission Street, Daly City

Free Electronic Waste Drop-off

Saturday, October 25 • 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

City Hall – Main Parking Lot

333 90th Street, Daly City

