Peninsula Clean Energy Provides Daly City with 100% Sustainable Energy

Within the next five months, all Daly City residents will be able to get 100% of their energy from clean and sustainable sources. Last March, the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCE), a local Community Choice Energy program, was formed by San Mateo County, Daly City, and 19 other cities across the peninsula to provide residents and businesses with clean energy from renewable resources like solar and wind.

“PCE is the most powerful initiative to date to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our County,” said Daly City Sustainability Coordinator Stephen Stolte. “It truly does give our community a choice in the future of their energy sources.”

Through a series of automatic enrollments, PCE began providing clean energy to an initial 20% of San Mateo County residents last October. Since then, PCE has rolled out service to thousands of homes and businesses across the peninsula and in Daly City. PCE expects to serve 100% of Daly City residents by the end of May. While energy sources have changed, billing from PCE will still be processed through PG&E.

“Daly City understands the urgency to act on climate change and PCE is a giant step forward in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. PCE has the full support of the City Council and we are excited to dramatically reduce our emissions over such a short period of time,” said Pat Martel, City Manager of Daly City.

PCE’s most popular program, ECOplus, gives customers the opportunity to obtain 50% of their energy from renewable sources, 75% of which are greenhouse gas-free. ECOplus rates are 5% below PG&E’s. Customers will also have the option to buy up to 100% of their energy from renewable sources through ECO100.

Learn more at: www.peninsulacleanenergy.com
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Measure V Failure Impacts Daly City Emergency Services

Last November, Measure V - a proposed $162 parcel tax to fund public safety services - failed to receive approval from Daly City voters. The property tax measure, which would have added $3.8 million to the City’s budget, was needed to maintain the services of 15 police and fire positions within the City.

“Unfortunately, voters did not approve Measure V, and the loss of funding forced us to shut down an engine company,” said Ron Myers, Chief of the North County Fire Authority. “This does not mean we are shutting down Fire Station 95.” This year’s City budget includes leaving six police officer positions vacant and eliminating a nine-person fire engine company. Daly City continues to face ongoing fiscal challenges stemming from the 2008 economic recession, but has balanced its budget through a combination of staff and service cuts.

“For the first time, there have been significant impacts on public safety services,” said Daly City’s City Manager Pat Martel. “The City will apply for a federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in February to help restore the engine company. If that grant is awarded and additional City funds are approved, then restoration of the engine company is possible.”

Through the services provided by the North County Fire Authority Joint Powers Agreement, firefighters who are trained paramedics will continue to respond to calls for service as usual. The overall system of protection will be maintained, but with one less engine crew on duty every day.

“The City has made responsible cuts to staff and services to be fiscally prudent, yet we face significant headwinds going forward,” said Myers. “Increasing costs on a number of fronts and the normal economic cycle will remain a concern in the coming years. That being said, our public safety personnel will continue to provide the best emergency response services they can for Daly City residents.”

Daly City 12th Annual Women’s History Month Celebration

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017  Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Location: Café Doelger - Westlake Park Complex - 101 Lake Merced Blvd

March is Women’s History Month. Throughout the United States, women are honored with celebrations highlighting women’s economic, political, and social achievements, which have contributed to strengthening the fabric of society. The 2017 theme for National Women’s History Month celebrates and honors women who have successfully challenged the role of women in business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but their work has often been undervalued and unpaid. Thus, this year’s theme, “Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business,” acknowledges the many trailblazing women who have successfully challenged the social and legal structures that have been a barrier to women’s labor, both locally and nationally.

Join City Manager Pat Martel and the Daly City community for an afternoon of music and poetry by the Mercy High School (Burlingame) Girls Chorus, a special keynote presentation, Women’s History Month trivia, and elegant desserts. Door prizes will also be a part of the afternoon’s festivities. Women and men of all ages are invited to attend this free event and support our local recognition of trailblazing women.

For more information, please contact Leslie Peay at (650) 991-8190 or lpeay@dalycity.org.

Composting Saves Money
Start composting your food scraps and yard trimmings!

Need a green cart?
Contact Republic Services at (650) 756-1130 or infodalycity@republicservices.com. With composting, you will be able to reduce the size of your garbage cart and save money on your bill.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event
Saturday, March 11th
Bring household chemicals, cleaning products, paint, oil, etc., for free disposal.
You must make an appointment online at: smchealth.org/hhw or by calling (650) 363-4718, select option 3.

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25th Annual Black History Month Celebration

In honor of the Bay Area’s African-American history, life and culture, Daly City hosted the 25th Annual Black History Month Celebration on February 11, 2017. This year's event featured talent from:

▶ Young, Gifted and Black

Formed in 2010, this organization features 4 youth ensembles that perform and teach Black History. Their performances include poetic presentations, usually without any musical accompaniment, choral poems, individual performances, raps, songs and chants designed to uplift African-American people and teach Black history. YGB is led by experienced educators who have over 100 years of combined experience in youth and curriculum development, especially in the education of African-American children.

▶ Dimensions Dance Theater Youth Extensions Performance Ensemble

Dimensions Extensions is a paid program for motivated students who want to continue in the performing arts. DEPE is the youth performance group of Dimensions Dance Theater. These students receive technical training and performance experience throughout the year. These community performances are part of the students’ required community service.

The afternoon celebration also featured SF Jazz Alum Jamie Z Duo, WFRR DJs, Emcee Isaac Stevenson and other local talent. African-American cuisine offered by Keith’s Chicken and Waffles of Daly City and Opal's Desserts of Westlake Garden Deli helped back the festivities with great food. A small ethnic gifts boutique (Aquarius Enterprises Gifts) and door prizes provided a vibrant part of the festivities.

The event was made possible through the support of the following organizations: Republic Services (Daly City), Lucky Chances Inc, PG&E, First National Bank of Northern California, Kaiser Permanente, Duggans Serra Mortuary, Paul’s Flowers, and Supporters of Doelger Center.

Join us in celebrating this whole month to recognize the contributions of African Americans to life in the Bay Area.

Daly City Community Service Center: Ready to Serve!

Individuals and families who live in Daly City, Colma and Broadmoor and are experiencing economic hardship can seek crisis intervention, emergency services, and other supportive assistance at the Daly City Community Service Center.

If you, or anyone you know, are in need of help, please call the Center at (650) 991-8007. All services are available in English, Spanish and Tagalog.

Juneteenth Festival

Sarah Mable Peay (left below) started the Juneteenth Festival in June 1990 at the Lincoln Community Center. In 1992, she, along with former recreation staff members Irene Jordahl and Steve Waters, turned the event into the Daly City Black History Month Celebration. This event, celebrating its 25th year, now has a broader array of sponsors and participants from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Over the years, a host of library and recreation staff, along with committed volunteers, have supported the success of this important community event in raising awareness about the contributions of African-Americans to our city and society.

“My mother felt that it was important to share the African-American experience with everyone in the community and to give them an opportunity to learn about and embrace the richness of its unique culture and the moral heroes represented in our history,” said Leslie Peay, Sarah’s daughter and current event organizer for the City.
Regular City Meetings

All monthly meetings are held at City Hall at 333 90th Street.

City Council
7:00 PM – 2nd and 4th Monday
You can also watch these meetings live on Comcast Channel 27 or RCN Channel 26.

Planning Commission
7:00 PM – 1st Tuesday

Library Board of Trustees
6:00 PM – 3rd Tuesday

Recreation Commission
7:00 PM – 4th Tuesday

Arts and Culture Commission
6:00 PM – 2nd Tuesday

For more information on these meetings, please call (650) 991-8000.

Affordable Housing Project Rises on Mission Street

The Sweeney Lane Apartments (Located at 6800 Mission Street) - a result of a visionary partnership between MidPen Housing and the City of Daly City - will provide 52 low-income families with affordable rental homes and create convenient retail space along the San Mateo County transit corridor. The 0.77-acre site consists of an assemblage of a single private parcel purchased by MidPen Housing Corporation and five parcels previously owned by the Daly City Housing Development Finance Agency (HDDA). Prior to development, a closed automobile dealership and several older commercial and residential buildings occupied the site.

Sweeney Lane is a prime example of infill development and supports the City of Daly City’s “Grand Boulevard” vision by transforming a formerly blighted, boarded-up, vacant automotive dealership into a transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly affordable workforce housing community with neighborhood-serving retail. Residents can easily access BART and major bus lines along Mission Street. Shopping, schools, a public library, and parks are also nearby.

The community is 100% affordable and represents an important addition to Daly City’s housing stock, providing affordable housing through 20 one-bedroom, 16 two-bedroom, and 16 three-bedroom apartments. The units will provide a home to individuals and families earning up to 60 percent of area median income, which is approximately $73,800 for a four-person household.

Join Your Neighbors on Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a free private social networking website for your neighborhood. This private network ensures that only those who live in your neighborhood can join; users must go through a verification process.