Project Green Space Gardens in Full Bloom!

The series of eight Project Green Space gardens in Top of the Hill along Mission Street are in full bloom! One species is stealing the show: Tower of Jewels (*Echium wildpretii*). This biennial flowering plant forms a fuzzy rosette of leaves over two feet wide in its first year and sends up an eight-foot-tall bloom stalk covered in red flowers in its second year.

The flowers are a pollinator magnet and honeybees and other insects have been visiting in a frenzy. The latest research shows that even small pollinator gardens in urban areas increase pollinator abundance and diversity over a short period of time. These gardens are certainly doing their part to support vital pollinators in Daly City.

Tower of Jewels is a very special plant, native only to the slopes of the world’s third highest volcano, Mount Teide, located on the largest of the Canary Islands, Tenerife. Our foggy coastal environment in Daly City is a good match to the high elevation habitat of the echium.

You will also notice many other species in bloom, like our local subspecies of California Poppy. There are many subspecies of our State flower, but the type that grows along our local coasts is particularly special. These local poppies are predominantly yellow with an orange center, lower growing than the orange poppies and perennial. Be sure to plant our local coastal poppies for your own home gardens to preserve the wonderful genetic diversity of our native California plants!

In March, Project Green Space volunteers planted 100 California poppies and a variety of other native wildflowers, all grown for us by the San Bruno Mountain Watch from locally collected seed.

*Please DO NOT pick any flowers when you visit the gardens. We rely on them to reseed for next year!*
Daly City Presents
Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2019

Budget Overview
Daly City’s total operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 is $187.1 million. See Figure 1 for the detailed breakdown.

Budget Challenges
Despite being the largest municipality in San Mateo County, Daly City lags behind other neighboring cities in economic growth due to lower total tax revenue per capita. Due to an increase in operating expenses and lack of a diversified revenue base, the budget includes the use of General Fund reserves of approximately $4.7 million to bridge the funding gap. See Figure 2 and 3 for breakdown.

Budget Outlook
The City continues to exercise fiscal prudence in managing its budget and maintaining financial stability. Given the current and forecasted budget challenges, the City is taking a longer view of fiscal sustainability through the implementation of a Long Range Financial Plan to address underfunded operating costs, deferred maintenance of City facilities and revenue enhancements and cost recovery to support City operations.

Reduce Your Monthly Energy Bills with HomeIntel
Offered by Home Energy Analytics (HEA) on behalf of PG&E, the HomeIntel service provides a free, secure, online analysis of your home energy use based on your PG&E smart meter data. Customized recommendations may include simple, low or no-cost fixes, in addition to an energy coach and regular email updates. Some early adopters of the HEA HomeIntel service have reduced their energy use by more than 50% and saved more than 60% on their energy bills. HomeIntel is now available to residential customers of Peninsula Clean Energy and PG&E. To learn more and to start saving, go to dalcity.heain.com.
Summer Programs at the Daly City Library

**DIY Kaleidoscopes**
Bring your children and their friends to learn about the science of light while building a kaleidoscope.
Tuesday, July 10, at the Serramonte Library - 3 to 4 p.m.

**Coder Dojo**
Is your child interested in video games and how they are made? If so, bring them by the Coder Dojo to explore software coding and see what can be created with these skills.
Tuesday, July 3 and August 7, at the Serramonte Library - 6 to 8 p.m.

**Family Storytime**
Bring the children by to introduce new concepts and sharpen their reading readiness skills in a social and fun environment.
Tuesdays at the Serramonte Library - 10:15 to 11 a.m.
Wednesdays at the John Daly Library - 6 to 7 p.m.
Thursdays at the Bayshore Library - 4 to 5 p.m.

**Pajama Storytime**
Kids, bring your teddy bears and wear your PJs to family storytime for children 0-7 years old. Enjoy stories, songs, and dancing the hokey pokey.
Every second and fourth Tuesday at the Westlake Library - 7 to 7:30 p.m.

**The Zone**
Kids in grades 1-12 are welcome to do arts, crafts, experiments, and games in a social and safe environment.
Every Wednesday at the Westlake Library - 2 to 4 p.m.

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**Walk Bike Daly City**

The City has just launched "Walk Bike Daly City," a plan to make walking and biking in Daly City safer, easier and more enjoyable. The City will ask residents about their needs and concerns; evaluate challenges and opportunities; then propose realistic, buildable projects to improve walking and biking conditions around town. The planning process will last approximately a year and a half, ending in mid-to-late 2019.

The City invites the community to get involved. Opportunities to participate will begin later this summer and will include community workshops, group walks and bike rides, presentations, surveys, and an online map on which residents can post comments.

To sign up for updates and announcements, visit [www.walkbikeadalycity.org](http://www.walkbikeadalycity.org).

To submit a question or comment, please email walkbike@dalycity.org, or call Jimmy Fu, Daly City project manager, at (650) 991-8165.

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**Daly City Parks and Open Space Master Plan**

Share your ideas for the future of your parks and open spaces.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU:**
What do you like about your parks and open spaces now? What do you want to bring to your parks and open spaces in the next decades?

**WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:**
- Project Website: www.dalycityparksplan.org
- Engagement Booths
- Community Meetings
- Online Survey
- Hashtag Contests #playdaly
- More...

**PLAY DALY**

Follow along on the project website: [www.dalycityparksplan.org](http://www.dalycityparksplan.org).

We know everyone plays (even adults!) in their own way. So, show us how you want to #playdaly.

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[www.dalycity.org](http://www.dalycity.org)
Summer Travel Safety Tips

The summer is upon us, and it often means leaving home to enjoy a well-deserved break. While away and in new environments, there are a few things you should keep in mind to ensure you and your family stay safe.

Keep a paper copy of contact information

For many of us, all of our contact information is stored in our cell phone. Because of this, it’s important to keep a paper copy of contact information for key family members and the hotel at which you’re staying. That way, if you lose your phone or the battery dies, you’re still able to stay in touch.

Set time frames when splitting up

Traveling to a new city often means splitting up to take side adventures. When you split from your family, be sure to set time frames you expect to be away. Setting time frames gives loved ones a better idea of when they should hear back from you, and will remind them to check in if they are out.

Use touch supervision with young children

Vacationing away from home is fun and exciting for you and your kids. But new and unfamiliar environments can be dangerous. It may be tempting to step away to look at something around the corner, but young children, especially toddlers, can wander off and get hurt. Stay focused on them by practicing touch supervision. That means being close enough to reach your child at all times.