



# City Council Newsletter

From the Office of the City Manager

## City Manager's Office

The City Council newsletter is an ongoing publication to better communicate updates on the work behind the scenes, across City Departments, to our City Council. The newsletter is organized by Department. Please note that this newsletter is a snapshot of projects and programs and does not encompass all of the wide-reaching work occurring in our City organization. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 991-8127.

## Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Local Government

At the annual League of CA Cities Conference and Expo in Long Beach, Daly City was honored in the Opening General Session as one of the cities receiving the prestigious Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Local Government in the category of "Planning and Environmental Quality" for Project Green Space, the City's urban forestry and impact volunteering program. A video highlighted the project for everyone in attendance and Vice Mayor Glenn Sylvester accepted the award on stage. Stephen Stolte was invited to create an exhibit at the Expo portion of the conference to highlight the Project Green Space program.

League staff will be scheduling a special award ceremony at a future City Council meeting (date TBD).



### Beacon Spotlight Award - Platinum Level



The Beacon Program of the Institute for Local Government has once again awarded Daly City for its climate change efforts. Daly City received the 2019 Beacon Spotlight Award at the Platinum Level (highest level) for a 20% reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions. Daly City previously received Beacon Awards in 2015 (two awards) and 2017 (three awards).

### Love Not Hate: Welcoming All - Successful Event

The City enjoyed another successful year of the Love Not Hate event on Saturday, October 19, with a robust turnout and exciting performances by Westlake School for the Performing Arts, Chavalos Danzas por Nicaragua, PBRC Senior Cultural Dance Group and violin by Mikayla Leyson. Attendees were able to circulate through the City Hall rotunda to talk with community organizations including Supervisor Canepa's District 5 Office, San Mateo County Office of Immigrant Services, San Mateo County Census 2020 team, San Mateo County Pride Center, Bay Area United Against Hate, Faith in Action, Santamaria Law Firm and Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center (PBRC).



The branded t-shirts and United Against Hate posters were handed out for free to all attendees.

Thank you to the event sponsors: Republic Services and Peninsula Center Dental Implants & Oral Surgery.



## Make A Difference Day 2019 Recap

Daly City’s 21st annual Make A Difference Day included 150 volunteers at seven project locations throughout the city, including cleanups at Gellert Park, Westlake Park, Mussel Rock beach, Top of the Hill, Southern Hills and Westlake Apartments, as well as a native planting at the new Ottilia Street Mini Park in the Bayshore where more than 70 new plants were added. The volunteer base was diverse, multi-generational and included families.

Thank you to the Daly City Host Lions Club for sponsoring and staffing the volunteer luncheon at City Hall.



## Electronics Reuse and Recycling Event Recap



One of the most successful e-waste collection events in recent years was offered on Sunday, October 27 in the City Hall parking lot. Approximately 613 vehicles dropped off close to 53,000 pounds of electronics for reuse and recycling for free at an event offered in partnership with the County of San Mateo’s Office of Sustainability, Goodwill and the San Francisco Conservation Corps.

## Southern Hills HOA Presentation

City Manager’s Office staff attended the Southern Hills HOA meeting on Monday, October 21, to present information on the citywide Parking Initiative and Census 2020. The goal was to promote participation in the upcoming release of an online pinnable map and survey as well as the Southern Hills Neighborhood Forum in 2020, and to provide education on why Census 2020 is important.



## Department of Public Works

### 2017-18 Street Resurfacing Project Update

Construction of the 2017-18 Street Resurfacing Project started at the end of May. The project includes rehabilitating segments of East Cavour Street, East Market Street, Vale Street, Warner Avenue, Mateo Avenue, Longview Drive and localized areas on Dalerose Court. Prior to the street rehabilitation work, concrete curb ramps at certain intersections need to be reconstructed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The contractor recently completed new ADA compliant curb ramps on East Cavour Street, East Market Street, Werner Avenue and Vale Street. With the curb ramp work completed, the contractor will begin the street rehabilitation work which could include grinding away the top layers of asphalt before a new layer of asphalt is laid down on the pavement. Although resurfaced streets can be driven on as soon as construction crews re-open the street, the contractor may need to return after the repaving to re-install pavement markings. The project is expected to be completed by December 2019.



## Department of Economic & Community Development

### ECD Welcomes Economic Development Specialist!



The Department is pleased to welcome Brandon Phipps to the team as the City’s Economic Development Specialist! Brandon was born and raised in the Bay Area and is excited to be back in his home region after nearly ten years away during which he engaged in academic work, consulting and world travel.

Prior to working with the City, Brandon held the position of Vice President at Kosmont Companies – a real estate, economic development and financial advisory consulting firm based in Southern California. Prior to ]Kosmont, Brandon worked in the nonprofit sector in South Los Angeles conducting community outreach and affordable housing policy analysis geared towards



preserving and promoting income equality in transitioning communities and transit-oriented districts. Brandon has also volunteered for international mentorship programs that allowed him to teach philosophy and urban planning to students in both Malaysia and Indonesia.

Brandon holds a Master of Science in Local Economic Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) as well as a Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Urban Planning and a Bachelor of Art in Philosophy, both from the University of Southern California (USC).

Brandon has a passion for travel, Warriors basketball and all things related to urban ecosystems. During his free time, he enjoys connecting with family and friends, staying active, trying new and exciting recipes and exploring and appreciating both natural and urban environments.

## Department of Water & Wastewater Resources

### Administration

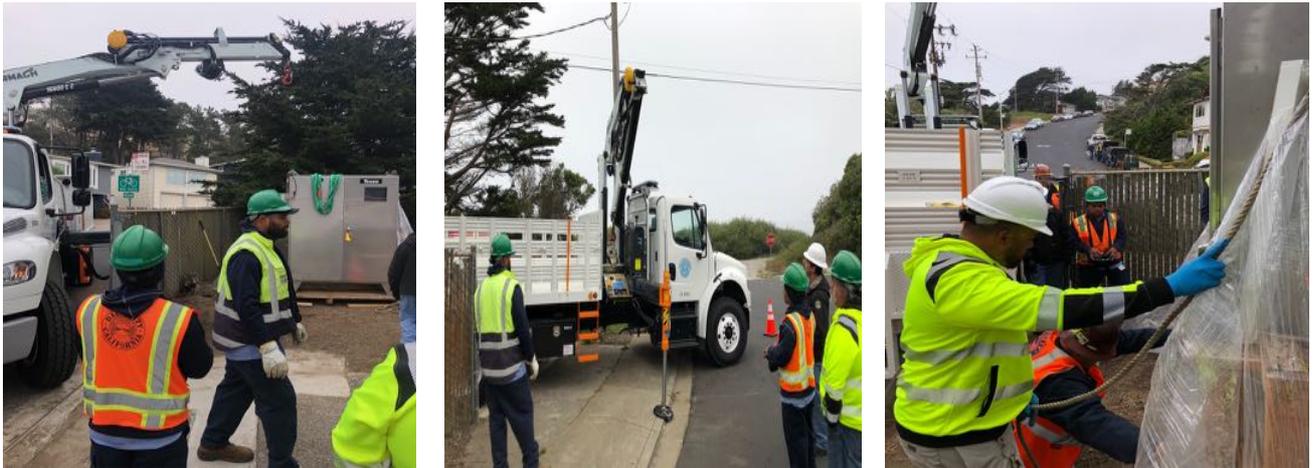


On October 19, a team from DWWR assisted with the Love Not Hate Event at City Hall by running the grill and cooking hundreds of hot dogs, cheeseburgers and hamburgers. Pictured are Distribution System Operator Bobby Raygoza, PEM Mechanic Nick Peix, Distribution System Operator Luis Navarrete and PEM Mechanic Juan Carvajal.

On October 23, representatives from the City of Daly City met with the Olympic Club to discuss coordination efforts among the two organizations and the Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project. Pictured are City Attorney Rose Zimmerman, DWWR Director Thomas Piccolotti, Olympic Club Attorney Bob Maddow, Olympic Club Board Member Dennis Herrera, Olympic Club Director of Golf Maintenance Troy Flanagan and Olympic Club Board Member John McNulty. The Olympic Club is a partner and stakeholder to the Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project and close coordination will be required before and during the construction phase to limit the impacts in and around the immediate construction zone.



## Collection System



The Collection Division assisted the Plant & Equipment Maintenance Division with the unloading of a new electrical control panel for Skyline Lift Station utilizing DWR's new crane truck. Collection Division Supervisor Sione Kofeloa and Collection System Operator Derek Emanuel were the main points of contact. Crews were able to safely and successfully unload the new control panel which replaces the current 18-year old panel.

## Environmental Compliance

Environmental Resources and Compliance Inspector Ward Donnelly, during routine field screening, found a contractor remodeling a house on Higate Drive. The contractor was cutting tile in the backyard and allowing the washwater to flow from the backyard, down the alley onto the sidewalk. From there it flowed to the curb, gutter and eventually the storm drain. The storm drains in this part of Daly City flow to Colma Creek and eventually the Bay. Staff educated the contractor on proper BMPs and required the contractor to clean using dry cleanup methods.



### ***Distribution System***

Water Distribution staff including Distribution System Operator Keegan Kime (pictured) responded to a water leak at the Skyline Lift Station. This water service feeds an air-gapped, seal water tank at the lift station and is being fed off of a 6-inch ac main. Recent seismic activity potentially contributed to this leak. Crews were able to do this repair without interruption of water service to surrounding residents.



### ***Plant & Equipment Maintenance***

On October 22, PEM and Collection System staff performed a joint project to install a new bypass assembly system on the wastewater force main at Rowntree Lift Station. This station is owned by the Westborough Water District but DWWR operates and maintains it via a contract between the two agencies. This new bypass assembly will greatly improve the ability of staff to perform maintenance work on the equipment and it also improves the emergency procedures should the station lose its pumping capability. Pictured are the new bypass assembly piping, the force main before the assembly was installed and an installation picture.



## Operations



Pictured are some of the newly installed valves and appurtenances related to the Digester #1 Rehabilitation Project. On the roof of Digester #1 are new site ports, hatches, valves, flame arrestors and a new gas and water separation unit. The new parts are critical to the safety, odor control and function of Digester #1.

## North County Fire Authority (NCFA)

### International Visit from the Philippines



On October 16, NCFA hosted a group of public safety officers from the National Police College of the Philippines. They toured Station 94, Fire Administration and Truck 95. The objective of their visit was to enhance their knowledge of best practices in public safety services.



### ***Love Not Hate Event***



NCFA staff showed their support by attending the Love Not Hate: Welcoming All event at City Hall on October 19.

### ***Peninsula Firefighters Burn Relay***

On October 24, Station 94 was a stop on the Peninsula Firefighters Burn Relay organized by the nonprofit organization Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Daly City Firefighters donated \$1,000 to the cause.



### ***Kincade Fire Support***



On October 25, three EOS Engines were deployed to the Kincade Fire in Sonoma County as part of a strike team.



## ***Vegetation Fire in Brisbane***

On October 27, NCFA responded to a vegetation fire in Brisbane, north of Hwy 101, near Candlestick Park. The fire was fully contained with no injuries to fire personnel.



## ***Employee Service Awards***

On October 24, nine NCFA fire personnel were honored with employee service awards. Years of service ranged from five years to 25.



## Police Department

The Police Department responds to an array of incidences and crime in Daly City. This section will highlight only some of the most notable, recent cases. Did you know that PD publishes the *Crime Alert and Community Update Bulletin* online each week? Past issues are available on the PD website and are regularly posted to NextDoor.

### Filipino Law Enforcement Officer Foreign Education Tour

On October 16, members of the Philippine PSOSEC, Public Safety Senior Executive Course visited the Daly City Police Department. PSOSEC is a program that brings police and fire executives from the Philippines to the United States to study best practices in their respective fields. The Daly City Police Department hosted the PSOSEC members and coordinated tours of North County Fire Authority Station 94, the state-of-the-art Maple Street Correctional Facility and the new Regional Operations Center in Redwood City. The interaction with our counterparts from overseas was mutually beneficial and shows the strong bonds between public safety officials from across the globe.



### Arrest for Gun and High Capacity Magazine



On October 23, an officer made a traffic stop for vehicle code violations near Top of the Hill. The officer identified the driver, who was found to be on parole. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and located a loaded .40 caliber Glock handgun in the back seat with a high capacity magazine. The driver admitted to possessing the firearm for protection and knowing it was illegal. The subject was booked into the county jail for being a felon in possession of a loaded firearm.



## ***Bayshore Fall Festival Block Party and Trunk or Treat***



On Saturday, October 26, the Bayshore community held their 1st Annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat event. Police Officers, Explorers and Command Staff supported the event, which hosted many local supporters, kids and community members. The weather was great and there were numerous events and activities for the kids.

## ***Mutual Aid Support – Sonoma County Fires***

Sonoma County has been requesting mutual aid support from all Bay Area regions to assist in evacuations and general security during the Kincadee Fire. Daly City PD has been sending two officers for every 12-hour deployment period, which started on Saturday, October 26. The mutual aid request, which includes the National Guard, is continuing through the next week unless canceled sooner.



## ***Patrol Inspections – Professionalism and Pride***



Every week the patrol supervisors conduct uniform inspections of all patrol officers on their team. This ensures a professional appearance while engaged with the community, and it supports individual pride, which helps to set the culture and tone in the way we operate as an organization.

## ***Armed and Dangerous Suspect In Custody – Investigations Division***

On Wednesday, October 30, Daly City Detectives conducted surveillance on a known subject who was considered armed and dangerous and had a long history of firearms trafficking. The subject was involved in a hit and run in our county earlier in the month, and he brandished a firearm at a subject while trying to retrieve his vehicle from a tow yard. Our detectives initially identified the subject from a dashboard camera in Daly City, and were then able to confirm his



involvement in the listed crimes after writing search warrants and tracking his movement during the time of crimes. Detectives and supporting agencies located the suspect in the East Bay and were able to take the suspect into custody.

## Department of Library & Recreation Services

### *More than 200 Spirited Swimmers Descend on Haunted Pool*

Giammona Pool was the scariest spot in Daly City on Friday, October 25, thanks to the efforts of aquatics staff who transformed the tranquil pool into an intimidating tank of terror. More than 150 swimmers and their families participated in the annual fright fest at the pool, making it one of the most successful family recreation swim nights in recent years. Every Halloween, staff members in the Aquatics Division of the department try to outdo one another in creating terrifying scenes that elicit blood curdling screams from startled guests. It's all wholesome fun for families who seem to view the experience as a rite of passage. Sometimes the passage is a portal to a different dimension. Bwahahahahaha!



Halloween fun continued on Friday, November 1, at Westlake Park. The annual Trunk or Treat party started at 6:00 pm, giving families one last chance to dress in their costumes and load up on goodies. The main attraction of Trunk or Treat is the elaborately decorated cars. Some Trunk or Treat veterans spare no expense when preparing their vehicles. Following the outdoor festivities, the party heads indoors for a free screening of the movie *Goosebumps* in Pacelli Gym.

### *Librarians Facilitate Literacy Event at Midway Village*



Youth Services Manager Sarah Spence and Bayshore Librarian Patricia Delara were invited to Midway Village in the Bayshore neighborhood to talk to families about family literacy. The librarians also presented information on the library's eResources. Families in Midway Village then made a pumpkin craft and received free books to take home.



## Report from the California Library Association's Conference



Librarian Patricia Delara attended the California Library Association's annual conference in Pasadena this past weekend. This year, the conference theme was the "League of Extraordinary Librarians," highlighting the contributions and efforts of librarians and library workers throughout the state of California.

Patricia was invited to present during the Ignite Talks session on the Public Library Archives and Special Collections section (PLASC) of the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Patricia, an archivist, has been an active Member At-Large since 2017. She has helped conduct surveys of librarians and archivists in public libraries throughout the United States, promotes and advocates for the group's resources and recently helped launch the section's newsletter. Her presentation focused on the efforts of PLASC to support library workers within archives and special collections settings.

Before her presentation, Patricia was also able to attend the pre-conference workshop on conducting "extraordinary" library advocacy by librarian, and current Political Director for EveryLibrary, Patrick PC Sweeney. Patricia described the workshop as incredibly helpful in introducing effective methods to connect and engage with community. Patricia also attended conference sessions on libraries and gardens, which was particularly relevant as she is currently leading the seed library program at the Bayshore Library. Another stand-out session was on community tours; Patricia is passionate about linking the community to their local histories. Patricia also had the opportunity to connect with old colleagues, friends and current students at the SJSU Reception.

"I am incredibly passionate about my career and always want to continue the spirit of collaboration. Attending CLA was a wonderful way to connect with colleagues new and old, and share new ideas that we can bring back to our communities," Patricia said. She is looking forward to attending again next year.

### Upcoming Events

Friday, November 1 - **Trunk or Treat** – Westlake Park – 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, November 5 – **Family Board Game Night** – Westlake Library – 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 6 – **Paws for Tales** – Serramonte Library – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 9 – **County Health Fair** – Serramonte Center – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday, November 22 – **Crafternoon at the Library** – John Daly Library – 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 27 – **Paws for Tales** – Westlake Library – 4:30 pm

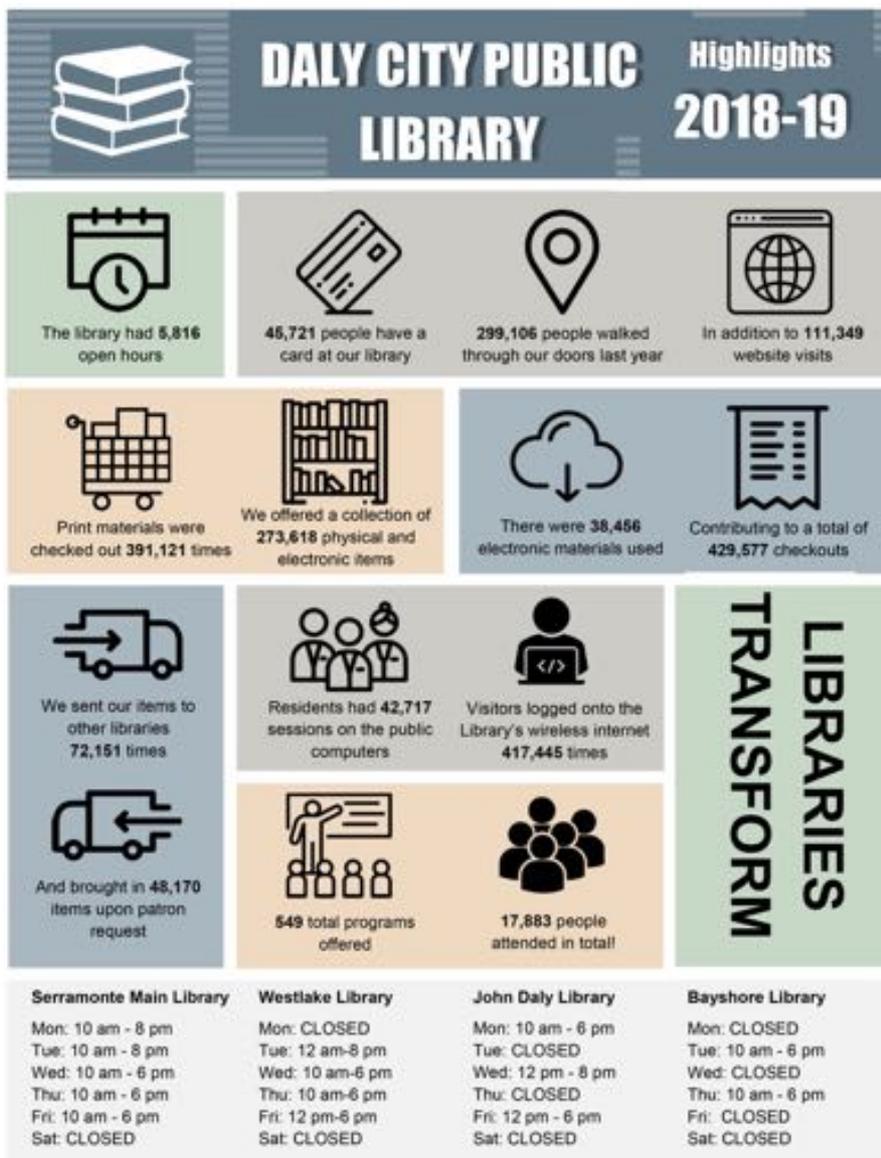
Friday, December 6 – **It's Show Cold** (Teen Talent Show) – Pacelli Gym – 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 7 – **Frosty Fest** – Pacelli Gym – 6:00 pm



## Daly City's Library by the Numbers

The following page is a graphic snapshot of Daly City's library statistics for last year (2018-19). Nearly 300,000 patrons visited our libraries and logged onto our wireless network more than 400,000 times!



## Department of Human Resources

### Recruitment and Retention Efforts

During this period staff administered the following examinations:

1. Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Interviews
2. Senior Custodian Written Exam

### New Hires



*Margaret Ann Cooney  
Active Adult/Senior  
Services Supervisor,  
Library & Rec*

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*Brandon Phipps,  
Economic Development  
Specialist, ECD*

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*Austin Woo, Plant &  
Equipment Maintenance  
Electrician, DWWR*

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### Training and Development

Employees participated in the following trainings:

- October 22: How to Talk Finance

### Events

#### Love Not Hate

HR staff attended second annual Love Not Hate Event: Welcoming All on October 19.



## Employee Service Awards BBQ

The 11th Annual Employee Service Award was held on Thursday, October 24. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the festivities – we hope you enjoyed the food and entertainment! And a big congratulations to all the Awardees!



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