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.

Parking Initiative - New Details Released

A dedicated Parking Initiative website (www.dalycity.org/ParkingInitiative) details the schedule for Neighborhood Parking Forums as well as the newly released online pinnable map with surveys for both residents and businesses. The first announcement of these public input opportunities was advertised in the February Daly Wire and will be repeated in the upcoming print Daly News and social media posts. Staff will conduct neighborhood-specific marketing for the Neighborhood Parking Forums in partnership with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center’s network of local contacts and organizations. PCRC is currently translating all marketing materials.

Residents and businesses can email parking@dalycity.org to join our parking mailing list.

Online Map and Surveys

Users can pin comments to specific areas on the map and take surveys for both residents and businesses. Surveys are located on the left side menu bar of the map, as well as the project landing page.
Neighborhood Parking Forums
A series of seven community meetings will be held from February through May, with free childcare services and dinner. Language translation services will be available upon request. All meetings are held 6:30 - 8:30pm on the following schedule:

- Feb 26, 2020 – Bayshore: Lawson Hall, 125 Accacia St.
- March 18, 2020 – Business & Commercial Properties: City Hall Council Chambers, 333 90th St.
- March 25, 2020 – Serramonte: Gellert Park Clubhouse, 50 Wembley Dr.
- April 30, 2020 – Eastern Daly City (Crocker, Original DC, Hillside): War Memorial Community Center, 6655 Mission St.

Census 2020 Updates
Assistant to the City Manager attended the Regional Census Outreach Planning & Coordination meeting for North County on January 17 (organized by Thrive and included a variety of groups working on both census and voter outreach) and the Joint Census Steering Committee and Complete County Committee meeting on January 22 (organized by the County of San Mateo). Outreach efforts are well coordinated for the Daly City region by a wide variety of funded partners.

On January 30, a census coordination meeting was held at City Hall in partnership with Supervisor David Canepa. Attendees included the US Census Bureau, Boys & Girls Club, Daly City Partnership, Healthways Inc. and the Town of Colma. The group discussed collaboration opportunities and ways to support each other’s outreach.
**Daly City Volunteers Coalition Launches!**

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the kick off volunteer day and help launch the Daly City Volunteers Coalition (DCVC)!

- **When:** Saturday, February 22, 9am-12pm
- **Where:** Project Green Space gardens in Top of the Hill at Mission St and Bepler St
- **Activity:** planting new flowering plants in the gardens & litter clean up around Top of the Hill
- **RSVP:** Connect with DCVC on Facebook under “Daly City Volunteers Coalition” or email at dalycityvolunteercoalition@gmail.com. Send a message so we know how many supplies to bring.

**About DCVC:**

The DCVC aims to develop and maintain a network of volunteer groups (such as from neighborhoods or places of worship) to provide a wide range of volunteer opportunities for Daly City residents and to work with the City of Daly City to make Daly City a beautiful, healthy and safe place to live. DCVC works in close partnership with the City Manager’s Office.

Some neighbors in the Top of the Hill area discovered they were supporting a variety of volunteer neighborhood improvement activities focused on trash pick-up or weeding around city trees or assisting each other in bettering security by installing cameras or outdoor lighting and more. They devised a plan to make this information known to all of Daly City and to expand it to include all types of opportunities for residents to find volunteer activities that meet their interests by forming the Daly City Volunteers Coalition.

Learn more about DCVC on the City website.

**Seton Town Hall**

Informational Town Hall and panel meeting with Q&A.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

10 - 11:30am

Council Chambers at City Hall
New Safety Helmets

DWWR is preparing to move from traditional hard hats to an updated and safer form of helmet protection from KASK Inc. DWWR is always striving to find better, safer technology to protect employees. KASK specializes in developing, designing and manufacturing safety helmets of the highest quality. “The safety and well-being of our employees is of the utmost, highest priority,” said the Director.

On Thursday, January 16, representatives from KASK presented their safety helmets to staff. Almost all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been updated within the last 30 years except for the hard hat. The KASK helmet is described as a fully equipped head protection kit and differs from the traditional hard hat in the following ways:

- Foam used inside the helmet is the same that is used in motorcycle helmets and in vehicles; absorbing the shock from the outside and dissipating the energy all over the shell.

- The helmet is tested for top impact (like traditional hard hats) in addition to sides, front and rear of the helmet, complying with the EN 12492 and ANSI Z89.1-2014.

- The premier hazard on job sites is slip, trip and falls. This helmet protects employees from concussions and head traumas by securing the helmet with an up/down ratchet system and chin strap, allowing the helmet to be secured low and fitted to the head.

Collection System

OSHA Required Gas Detectors

Recently, DWWR purchased new gas detectors to replace and upgrade the current units that are five years old. OSHA standards mandate replacement of atmospheric testing equipment every five years. Crew members test each manhole or other confined spaces for oxygen levels, toxic or explosive atmospheres or the presence of carbon monoxide before opening and entering the space. The units were purchased from RKI Instruments. Shown are the new (left) and old (right), personal, gas detector units. The personal unit is clipped onto the confined space entrant so staff has an immediate warning system if conditions change. Note the difference in size between the old and new equipment. There are also bigger units that continuously monitor the atmosphere from outside the confined space.
**Distribution System**

**Water Main Leak in Southern Hills**
Distribution Staff completed an emergency main repair on Canyon Drive in the Southern Hills neighborhood. The repair was on a 4-inch cast iron main, approximately 3 feet down. Once the main was exposed, crews found that the main had a shear crack. Repair was accomplished with a stainless steel full circle repair clamp and the line was disinfected. The area over the main was backfilled, compacted, and temporarily patched. Concrete is scheduled to be poured soon.

**Environmental Compliance**

**Dewatering Serramonte Center Construction Site**
Environmental Compliance Staff advised the contractor at Serramonte Center how to dewater approximately 60,000 gallons of rainwater from the construction site. The water was pumped from a 2-inch hose through a filtration bag mounted on straw. Downstream of the bag in the flow path of the water were a series of gravel bag dams, with another set of gravel bag dams surrounding the storm drain inlet. The goal was to remove as much sediment and silt as possible before discharge to the storm drain system.

**Operations**

**Digester #1 Mixing Pump**
After the recent upgrades, Primary Digester Sludge Tank #1 is ready to be mixed with its larger inline mixing pump. This tank has been out of service for several months. This week, Digester #1 has been accepting half of the plant solids, to gradually prepare it for the task of accepting 100% of the plant solids. Water/Wastewater Operator I, Tony Pereur, is opening the discharge valve, so this additional mixing pump can be placed online.
Plant & Equipment Maintenance

Drone Inspection of Reservoir 4
DWWR contracted with Atlas Drones to inspect the interior walls and roof of the potable drinking water Reservoir No. 4 using a drone with a camera. This reservoir is in service and staff is unable to inspect the interior with it full of potable drinking water. The drone hovers above the water level and takes high definition video footage of the walls and roof. This process of inspection is extremely time efficient and demonstrates the value of cutting edge technology. Reservoir 4 was complete in approximately four hours. Staff will then review the footage and determine if further maintenance or repairs are needed.

North County Fire Authority (NCFA)

Emergency Planning Division Update
Jeff Huntze was promoted to Battalion Chief and will be overseeing the Emergency Planning Division.

New Recruits Academy
NCFA started its 10-week Academy for the new recruits on January 27.

Mobile Stroke Unit
On January 29, NCFA first responders were oriented to the San Mateo County Mobile Stroke Unit. NCFA advocates for people who show signs of stroke to immediately call 911. Minutes count!
Training

NCFA first responders learned the updated emergency medical science for pediatric emergency care, trauma care and new procedures added to their scope of practice.

Fire Safety Presentation

On January 30, a fire safety presentation was given to residents of Peninsula Del Rey, a senior living community located at 165 Pierce St. The presentation included a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation and lecture on all of the building’s fire protection systems and how each system works. Residents were also instructed on what to do if they discover a fire in their unit, how to respond to a fire or fire alarm in the building and how to prevent a kitchen fire. The presentation was conducted by the Department’s Fire Prevention Division, which is also responsible for conducting that building’s annual, State mandated fire inspection.

Firefighter Art Appreciation

The crew from Station 94 in Daly City is honored to hold the painting from a teen artist of Bayart Academy in Sonoma County. Teens that were affected by the Kincade Fire have shown their appreciation for all those who responded. The young artists created great pieces.
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.

**Arrest of Robbery Suspect - Purse Snatching**

On Sunday, January 5, officers responded to the Home Depot parking lot on a purse snatch robbery. The victim’s credit cards were used shortly after the robbery at a Walgreens in San Francisco. Video obtained from Walgreens showed the suspects and associated vehicle for the robbery. Investigators were able to identify one of the suspects, who was determined to be from Oakland. Additionally, the suspect vehicle was believed to be the same vehicle used in similar crimes in South San Francisco, Fremont, Milpitas, Vacaville, Colma and Berkley. Detectives, the Crime Suppression Unit and a County task force went to Oakland to conduct a surveillance/apprehension operation for the known suspect. Using investigative technology, officers were able to locate and arrest the suspect at a gas station at 98th Ave and International Blvd. At the time of the arrest, the suspect was in a Hyundai Sonata, which was determined to be used in two additional purse-snatch robberies in South San Francisco and Burlingame on January 13. A search of the Hyundai yielded a credit card embosser and stolen property, including a purse from the Burlingame robbery. Daly City Detectives were able to identify the second suspect during the interview of the arrested primary suspect. Detectives will conduct a similar apprehension operation for the second suspect once his location is known.

**Arrest of Robbery Suspect - Home Depot**

On Saturday, January 18, officers responded to Home Depot on a report of a robbery via a screwdriver. The suspect attempted to assault employees with a screwdriver during the theft of power tools. Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect vehicle leaving the scene and attempted to stop it. A short vehicle pursuit ensued but was cancelled for community safety concern. Investigation revealed the suspect to be a 38 year old adult male out of Daly City. Detectives located the suspect in San Francisco. He was booked into the San Mateo County Jail for robbery, felony evading, two misdemeanor warrants and a probation violation.

**Arrest of Suspected Intoxicated Driver**

On Wednesday, January 22, officers responded to a local shopping center on the report of a vehicle collision involving multiple pedestrians. Officers arrived on scene and determined three pedestrians were struck by the suspect vehicle. The suspect, who remained at the scene, was a 24 year old female out of Mill Valley. She was arrested and booked for causing an injury collision while driving under the influence of alcohol. The pedestrians suffered injuries but elected to self-transport to the hospital.
**Assault with a Metal Pipe**

On Saturday, January 24, officers responded to a fight involving a metal pipe in a residential neighborhood near Top of the Hill. The victim sustained a laceration to the hand from blocking the 20-inch metal pipe being swung by the male suspect. The suspect was located, arrested and booked into jail for assault with a deadly weapon and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

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**Subject Arrested for a Firearm**

On Tuesday, January 28, officers responded to the Bayshore industrial area to assist another jurisdiction who was attempting to arrest a known suspect for outstanding warrants. Upon contact the subject resisted arrest and injured a bystander during his attempt to flee. Officers were able to arrest the suspect, and upon doing so located a loaded firearm in his waistband. The suspect was booked into the jail for the warrants, and for the possession of a unregistered, concealed and loaded firearm as an active member of a criminal street gang.

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**Department of Public Works**

**Safe Routes to School Workshop – County Office of Education**

In mid-January, Daly City engineering staff attended the first in a series of Safe Routes to School workshops hosted by the County Office of Education at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. After last year’s collaborative effort between the City, County and several other stakeholders known as “Collective Impact,” engineering staff presented materials at the workshop and actively participated in the discussion about Safe Routes to School within Daly City and through the County at large. The workshop included information from the State’s Active Transportation Program, Daly City’s Vision Zero plan, a case study from Redwood City, community and business partnerships and more.

By staying involved in Safe Routes to School discussions, engineering staff is committed to efforts to coordinate with area schools and to better incorporate safety into the City’s Capital Improvement Program. Upcoming workshops hosted by the County will include grant writing and infrastructure funding mechanisms.
**Tree Hazard**

During a routine park inspection, staff identified a hazardous tree that was split. Its location next to a play area required immediate attention, so Parks staff redirected the City's tree contractor from another location to the site. Addressing safety hazards in parks before they become serious is a priority for Public Works.

**Playground Safety Surface**

Three playgrounds received additional safety surfacing recently to ensure that there is sufficient material for “fall zones.” Playgrounds are inspected regularly to identify any safety issues that need to be addressed.
Department of Library & Recreation Services

Mental Health Toolkits Are Now Available at the Library

We are happy to announce that we now have Mental Health Toolkits for adults available for checkout at the Serramonte Main Library.

Each of the eight toolkits all focus on a specific topic, such as anxiety, depression, grief, stress reduction and substance abuse. Each toolkit comes in a clear tote bag and contains four content-specific books and additional resources and information. The kits can be reserved and are searchable in our library catalog.

The Mental Health Toolkits were awarded to us this past fall by the California State Library Mental Health Initiative. We believe it is important to have wellness information for our community and we are excited to have this new resource available to our patrons.

More Wireless Hotspots Have Been Added at the Libraries

In response to high demand, the Library has added more wireless hotspots to check out.

Many residents in our community rely on library computers to look for jobs, access government services, do homework, search for housing and explore personal interests. With limited library hours, these community members have limited access to this vital tool for modern life.

With wireless hotspot lending, the Library provides a way for residents to get online when the library is closed. The hotspots can be checked out for a week at a time and provide mobile internet access for devices on the Sprint wireless network. Chromebooks are also available for check out.

Staff Engaged with Parents of Incoming Kindergartners

Daly City Library and Recreation staff attended Jefferson Elementary School District’s annual Countdown to Kindergarten event on Thursday, January 23. It was a great opportunity for parents and families of incoming kindergartners to learn about the school registration process, as well as to speak with numerous community organizations about outside resources available for their children. Library staff shared information with over 50 families about material, resources and programs that are offered among the four library branches. They also gave out over 150 books during the event!
Families were excited to see the wide array of books that the library was giving out for free, which included a selection of Chinese and Spanish titles. They were also thrilled to hear about the weekly programs that are offered at the four locations and many of them said they were looking forward to the library’s annual summer learning program, which includes even more programs!

**Novelist Visited Jefferson High School**

Last week the Daly City Public Library arranged a visit to Jefferson High School by novelist Rahul Kanakia. The visit was part of the county-wide 2020 YANovCon. The school librarian enthused, “It was an awesome visit! The kids loved the author!” In total 306 students from nine classes were able to participate, along with seven teachers and two school administrators.

**Library Awarded Mini-Grant for Día de los Niños**

Daly City Public Library recently applied for a mini-grant from the Association of Children’s Librarians and we were approved! The grant will fund a special presentation by the Cascada de Flores ensemble for our Día de los Niños | Día de los Libros Celebration at John Daly Library in April.

Day of the Child (Día de los Niños) | Day of the Book (Día de los Libros) celebrates children, literacy, learning and reading. Our program will focus on bilingual storytelling (Spanish and English), singing and traditional dancing by the Cascada de Flores ensemble. This program will engage children along with their families. Children will not only listen to the story, but will play, act out and create music with the ensemble, making it an interactive experience.

**Youth Advisory Committee Presents to Recreation Commission**

Representatives from the Daly City Youth Advisory Committee (DCYAC) attended the Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 28, to share plans for the coming year. The committee members informed the Recreation Commissioners that they were putting together a Teen Empowerment Summit to be held at Pacelli Gym on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The DCYAC meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in Room 12 at the Doelger Senior Center.
Black History Month Enters Its 28th Year

Mayor Glenn Sylvester and members of the City Council proclaimed the month of February 2020 Black History Month in Daly City at the City Council meeting on Monday, January 27. The proclamation was presented to Shakeel Ali, President of the Jefferson Elementary School District Board of Education, along with Leslie K. DuBridge, Class Development and Cultural Arts Coordinator for the Department of Library and Recreation Services.

The Annual Black History Month Celebration will take place at Café Doelger on Saturday, February 15, from 12 noon to 3:00pm. The event is being held in conjunction with the African American Community Initiative of San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and will feature cultural dance performances by the Dimensions Dance Theater, vocalists, games and soul food.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 4 – Coder Dojo – Serramonte Main Library – 6:00pm
Tuesday, February 4 – Family Game Night – Westlake Library – 6:00pm
Wednesday, February 5 – Paws for Tales – Serramonte Library – 4:30pm
Wednesday, February 5 – The Zone: Comfort Bracelets – Westlake Library – 2:00pm
Thursday, February 6 – The Zone: Calming Coloring – Westlake Library – 3:00pm
Tuesday, February 11 – Coder Dojo – Serramonte Main Library – 6:00pm
Wednesday, February 12 – The Zone: Jenga! – Westlake Library – 2:00pm
Wednesday, February 12 – IDEA Lab: Valentine LED Light-up Cards – Serramonte Library – 3:30pm
Thursday, February 13 – Book Club: Lab Girl by Hope Jahren – Serramonte Library – 2:00pm
Thursday, February 13 – The Zone: LEGO Challenge – Westlake Library – 3:00pm
Friday, February 14 – Romance Fraud with David Canepa – Café Doelger – 11:30am
Saturday, February 15 – 28th Annual Black History Celebration – 12 noon – Café Doelger
Saturday, February 22 – Annual Crab Feed – 12 noon – Café Doelger
Friday, May 1 – Daly City Public Library Centennial Celebration – John Daly Library – 6:00pm
Department of Human Resources

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

During this period staff administered the following examinations:

1. Police (FTO) Interviews
2. Office Assistant I/II Written Exam
3. Building Permit Technician Written Exam
4. Plant Maintenance Worker I Oral Exam
5. Plant & Equipment Maintenance Mechanic Oral Exam
6. HR Specialist Interviews

New Hires

Brandon Aenlle, Firefighter Trainee
Jake Bohingian, Firefighter Trainee
Ian Crook, Firefighter Trainee
Austin James, Firefighter Trainee
Zachary Kazakoff, Firefighter Trainee
Michelle McGhee, Account Clerk I, Finance
Training and Development

Employees participated in the following trainings:

2. January 23 & January 24: LCW Conference

Benefits

Vision Reimbursement:

To all full-time regular employees,

This is a friendly reminder that there are only a couple more weeks left in 2019 if you wish to take advantage of our Vision Reimbursement Benefit. Please note, this is separate from the Voluntary Vision Benefit provided by Superior Vision.

The Vision Reimbursement Form can be found [here](#) or on our [Commonly Used Forms page](#) (second link available on Fognet intranet site only). To help our Green Initiative, please try to utilize the Seamless Doc link or email a soft copy of the form to avoid printing paper.

Please ensure that if you incurred a lens, frame and/or contacts expense in 2019, that you submit it to HR by March 31, 2020. Anything submitted after March 31 with a purchase date in 2019 will not be reimbursed.

Events

Thank you to the 23 donors who provided 29 units of blood at the Blood Drive on January 23 at City Hall!