



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.

Tahitian Dance Performance



Hui Tarava Tahitian Dance Company and Pacific Islands Together hosted a performance from the legendary Coco Hotahota and his award-winning dance company, Temaeva, from Papeete, Tahiti on Tuesday, September 17. The dance group performed on the City Hall lawn as part of their first tour in the US. Vice Mayor Sylvester and Councilmember DiGiovanni attended to present a proclamation to Temaeva and certificates to the co-hosts.



Platinum Level Beacon Award from the Institute for Local Government



The City is excited to share that the Institute for Local Government has selected Daly City as one of the 2019 Beacon Spotlight Award Winners. The Beacon Program has been recognizing sustainability efforts by local governments for over a decade, currently supporting more than 150 jurisdictions that represent more than 35% of the state's population. Daly City has demonstrated increasing progress with greenhouse gas reduction efforts and overall best practices. In 2015, the City received two Silver Level awards. In 2016, the City received three Gold Level awards. This year, the City is receiving a Platinum Level award for a 20% reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions.

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 17, in Long Beach. Councilmembers attending the annual League of California Cities conference are invited to attend the reception. More info is forthcoming.

Department of Library & Recreation Services

Libraries Roll Out Pre-School Storytime for the Toddler Set



Youth Services Manager, Sarah Spence, will be starting a new library program this fall: Preschool Storytime! While the library currently offers Family Storytime and Baby Bounce Storytime to the community, the Preschool Storytime is intended for older children, so they can continue to build the early literacy skills they need before entering kindergarten. Sarah plans to introduce more complex picture books that include higher vocabulary words, and she will have weekly themes surrounding a specific letter of the alphabet. She will continue to include songs, rhymes, flannel boards and finger plays, and will encourage conversation, which all help with early literacy. In addition to the stories and songs, a craft will be available for children and families to work on immediately following the storytime. The crafts will include using scissors, coloring and pasting. Such activities will help develop fine motor skills, encourage communication and socialization while also promoting creativity.

Sarah will carefully select and read aloud age-appropriate books and sing songs. Parents and caregivers will be encouraged to model the same positive behavior for their children while at storytime and at home. Children are more likely to be engaged if they see their parents participating! Parents are their children's first teachers, so Preschool Storytime is as much for the parents and caregivers as it is for the children!

Last week, Sarah began Preschool Storytime at the Serramonte Library. She reintroduced the alphabet to the children using flannel letters and a flannel board. They focused on the letter "A,"



talking about things that start with “A” and then she read a few books such as Aaron Loves Apples and Pumpkins by P.D. Eastman, and Dinosaur Rocket (astronauts) by Penny Dale. The children had fun singing the ABC song and a song about apples. The craft was an apple cut out, that required cutting, gluing and painting.

Democracy Begins at the Library!



The Daly City Public Library is partnering with San Francisco Peninsula People Power (SFPPP) to register voters on National Voter Registration Day, September 24, 2019.

National Voter Registration Day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy. It was first observed in 2012 and has been growing in popularity every year since.

Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration or aren't sure how to register. National Voter Registration Day wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. On Tuesday September 24, volunteers and organizations from all over the country will “hit the streets” in a single day of coordinated field, technology and media efforts. National Voter Registration Day seeks to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach tens of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise.

San Francisco Peninsula People Power is a non-partisan, grassroots civil rights organization which is partnering with the National Voter Registration Day organization.

Volunteers will be registering voters at Serramonte Main Library from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm and from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. For those not able to visit on National Voter Registration Day, the Library stocks multi-lingual voter registration forms at all four locations.

Upcoming Library Activities

September 25 – Serramonte Main Library – 3:30pm

I.D.E.A. Lab After School: Participants will tap into their creative sides with art & craft projects.

September 27 – John Daly Library – 3:00pm

Family Craft Hour: A special monthly workshop where participants will get to take on more advanced projects.

Placita Daly City Comes to City Hall This Saturday, Sept. 21

The LatinX Heritage Month Celebration returns to the Civic Center Lawn this Saturday, September 21, from 12 noon to 3 pm. Among the highlights of this year's event is a special recognition of Daly City resident Jorge Argueta. Mr. Argueta is an immigrant from El Salvador





and a well-respected poet and author of children's books. He has earned numerous accolades for his works, including the 2017 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for his book *Somos como las nubes* (*We Are Like the Clouds*) and the 2008 Américas Award for Children & Young Adult Literature for his book *Alfredito Flies Home*. Mr. Argueta has published 20 books since 2001. He is also actively involved in providing books to children in El Salvador through his efforts with The Library of Dreams initiative.

This year's performers include the Mission High School Salvadoran/ Latinx Organization (dance), Susana y su Orquesta Adelante and Danza Colibri.

Upcoming Community Events

Saturday, September 21 – **LatinX History Month Celebration** – City Hall – 12:00 to 3:00pm

Sunday, October 6 – **Fall Festival** – Doelger Senior Center – 8:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday, October 12 – **Kasayahan Sa Daly City** – Marchbank Park – 11:00am to 4:00pm

Department of Water & Wastewater Resources

Administration



On September 10, DWWR staff received mandatory Department of Transportation (DOT) training in the City Hall Council Chamber. The training session was on substance use awareness in the workplace and covered the types of substances that could be used and the warning signs of substance usage. The session also covered how to approach and assist employees who are showing some of those signs and the reasons why employees might have substance abuse problems in their lives.



Collection System

Collection System personnel recently assisted a contractor with a sewer lateral replacement on Larchmont Drive. The contractor did not have the necessary tools or pipe on the job site to complete the mainline replacement of the repair. In order to expedite the repair and restore service to the mainline, DWWR installed the replacement PVC piping. The contractor will receive a bill for the parts used and work performed.



Environmental Compliance



Environmental Compliance staff responded to a potential illicit discharge on Brunswick St. Staff found that the house’s kitchen sink drain was bypassed and discharging into the alley, on the ground, outside the house. Staff was able to contact the property owner who does not live on site. The owner was unaware of the discharge and has since contacted a licensed plumber to fix the piping.

Plant & Equipment Maintenance

Plant and Equipment Maintenance Division team members Nic Peix, Jonathan Fulgencio and Juan Carvajal are performing annual maintenance on one of the two boilers at the wastewater treatment plant. The boilers provide heat to the two anaerobic digesters, a crucial part of the wastewater treatment solids handling process. Additionally, the units provide heating for the Administration and Operations Buildings.



Distribution System



A Water Distribution crew responded to an emergency water leak in the Westlake neighborhood. A water service off of a 6-inch AC main developed a leak behind the curb stop. The responding crew was able to isolate the water main supplying the service line and hydro excavate to expose the water main so a repair could be completed. The 6-inch AC main was approximately 3-foot deep.

The water service to the residence was removed and rebuilt from the main up to meter. The single strap saddle was upgraded to brass with a brass corp stop. The service line itself was upgraded to copper with brass fittings where needed. From start to finish affected customers were without water for less than two hours.



Operations

After approximately twenty years, the wastewater treatment plant's main digester sludge tank is being cleaned by Wastewater Solids Management, the contractor performing the work. Pictured is the digester full; after drainage, the remaining sludge and grit material is removed. Over the years, this material settles at the bottom of the tank, diminishing the capacity as much as 30%. Once all sand and grit was removed, the tank was rinsed and washed and ready to be put back into service.



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 for Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm)



On September 4, a subject was driving the wrong way on a one-way street when a concerned resident yelled towards the driver to notify them. The driver exited the vehicle and began arguing with the resident, which ultimately led to the driver pointing a firearm at the resident in a threatening

manner. Another resident was able to take a picture of the subject's vehicle, as well as the subject removing the firearm from a backpack. The driver ultimately fled after the victim walked away from the confrontation. Officers were able to track the vehicle, which was a rental car, to



another location in Daly City in the late-night hours. After numerous hours of surveillance and coordination of a tactical plan, officers were able to safely evacuate children from the residence, ultimately arresting the suspect. Officers obtained a full confession and located the same clothing and backpack he was wearing, along with the handgun and an extended high capacity magazine.

Recovery of a Firearm Following a Sexual Assault Investigation



On Thursday, September 5, detectives closed out a sexual assault investigation originally taken by patrol the week prior. It was alleged that the sexual assault occurred after the ingestion of narcotics. During the investigation, detectives located social media photos of the juvenile suspect posing with a firearm. Following the suspect’s arrest, detectives located a firearm in the juvenile’s room that matched the firearm observed in the photos.

Crisis Intervention Training

On Thursday, September 12, Daly City Police Officers Grogan, Digiacomio, Reininger and Graner (left to right) graduated the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program, focused on interactions with subjects under the influence of narcotics, as well as those suffering from mental health issues.



Arrest for Illegal Firearm Possession

On Saturday, September 14, at approximately 2118 hours, a Daly City officer conducted a traffic stop in the area of MacDonald Avenue and Allan Street. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of two semi-automatic handguns in a bag in the trunk. Both firearms, a Glock 17 with a loaded extended magazine, and a Springfield XD-9, were determined to be taken during a burglary in another city. All three subjects in the vehicle were placed under arrest and booked into the main jail for multiple felony firearms violations.



Crazy About Cars

On Saturday, September 14, Daly City Officers and Explorers attend the Crazy About Cars event at the Serramonte Mall, which is hosted by the Daly City Public Library Associates. The turnout was great and the weather unmatched!



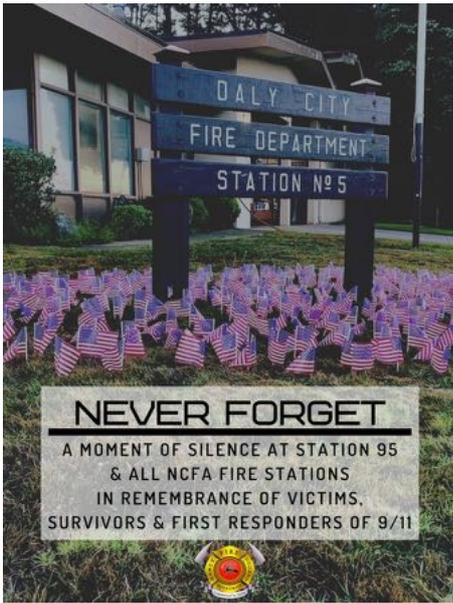
North County Fire Authority (NCFA)

Badge Pinning Ceremony

On September 3, NCFA held a Badge Pinning to celebrate 21 honorees in recent promotions and appointments.



9/11 Moment of Silence



All NCFA Fire Stations held a moment of silence to commemorate the victims, survivors and first responders of the 9/11 tragedies.

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb



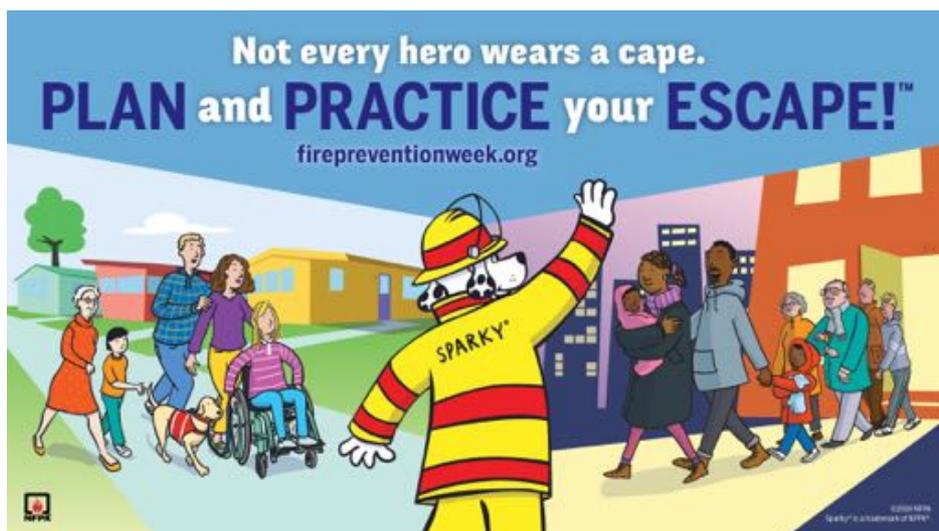
Two NCFA firefighters participated in Sacramento's 9/11 Memorial Stair climb. Each participant climbed 110 stories while carrying the name of an FDNY firefighter who perished on 9/11.

Crazy About Cars

NCFA attended DCPLA's Crazy About Cars event at the Serramonte Shopping Center. The department brought retired/historic fire vehicles for the public to view.



Fire Prevention Week



The Fire Prevention Services Bureau is gearing up for Fire Prevention Week from October 6 to 12. The Department has scheduled several fire safety presentations with local schools throughout the City.

Department of Human Resources

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

During this period, staff opened the following recruitments:

1. Director of Finance & Administrative Services
2. Senior Custodian
3. Public Works Maintenance Supervisor – Building Maintenance

Training and Development

Employees participated in the following trainings:

- DOT Training (Sept. 10)
- Regional Training & Development Consortium: Introduction to Public Service Employment (Sept. 17)



Crazy About Cars

On Saturday, September 14, the Daly City Public Library Associates hosted a crazy-fun car event where numerous autos, trucks and motorcycles were on display.



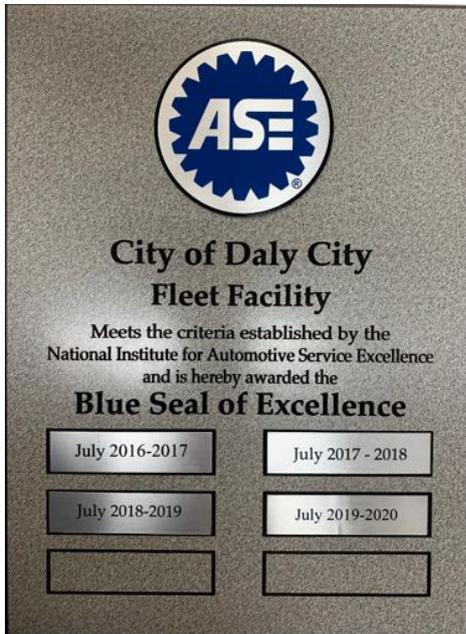
Employee Wellness

On Wednesday, September 4, we had 14 vendors visit City Hall to provide information about our upcoming 2020 benefit options. We had a great turnout of about 40 City Employees attending the event. Thank you for your continued support and here's to another healthy year up ahead!



Department of Public Works

ASE Certified Fleet Facility



The Public Works Department is pleased to announce that the City’s fleet maintenance operation continues to meet the Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition Program standards established by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) for fiscal year 2019-2020. The Fleet Maintenance Section encourages its mechanics to become ASE certified technicians. This certification is entirely voluntary. ASE Blue Seal Certification is achieved once a repair facility has an ASE Certified Technician for each of the ASE repair categories offered. Currently the Fleet Maintenance Section has three ASE Master Certified Technicians with others working on achieving ASE Master Certification.

Employing staff that are ASE Certified benefits the City by ensuring that our mechanics continue to build their skills and abilities to keep up with the ever-evolving automotive industry. Additionally, employing highly skilled mechanics

has increased the level of services and repairs performed in house, reducing the need to send vehicles out for repairs. The Fleet Maintenance Section strives to be the best automotive and equipment repair facility public or private.

War Memorial Community Center

On September 13, Public Works started a project to replace the War Memorial Community Room end-block flooring. City Council approved this project when they adopted the Capital Budget for fiscal year 2018-19 and 2019-20. This project was identified as a high priority project due to the frequency of failure. The project is expected to be completed by September 27, 2019.



Wet Season Begins October 1 – Construction Site Inspections



The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department issues grading permits to facilitate residential and commercial development throughout the City. Grading and construction activities on sites larger than one acre are regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to prevent construction site discharges of pollutants into storm drains. These regulations are often referred to as section C.6 of the Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit (MRP).

Before the official start of the MRP “wet season,” which begins on October 1 each year, letters are sent to large construction sites to winterize their sites ahead of the wet season and to prepare for monthly inspections performed by the Engineering Division. Through installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as wattles, hydroseeding, fiber rolls and silt fences, construction sites are required to reduce pollutants and manage construction site runoff before it enters the City’s storm drain system.

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