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.

Over 2000 Lights at City Facilities Upgraded to LEDs

Through a partnership with the San Mateo County EnergyWatch program, EcologyAction and PG&E, the City was able to upgrade four City facilities with new energy efficient LEDs at no upfront cost. The City took advantage of PG&E’s On-Bill Financing (OBF) program, which provides interest-free loans so the City can repay the cost of the upgrades through the energy savings generated by the LEDs on our electricity bill. The City has utilized OBF for streetlight upgrades in the past.

The contractor has completed work at City Hall, Doelger Senior Center and Serramonte Library so far. All interior and exterior lights were upgraded to LEDs. War Memorial Community Center should be completed in the next few weeks as materials are shipped to the contractor. When complete, over 2,000 lights will have been upgraded to LED!

These upgrades are expected to produce over $40,000 in energy cost savings per year.

The San Mateo County EnergyWatch offered up to $50,000 as an incentive for cities to complete energy efficiency projects in 2018. Daly City’s application was accepted and we qualified to receive the full $50,000 payment based on the success of the lighting upgrades with OBF as well as HVAC upgrades at two other facilities — Bayshore Community Center and Lincoln Community Center — the were pursued using PG&E rebates. New motors were installed on five HVAC rooftop units at those facilities after a free pilot test was performed by the contractor that demonstrated significant energy savings.
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.

Kaboom and Kaiser Permanente Playground Build at Panorama Elementary

Members of the Police Department attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kaboom and Kaiser Permanente project on December 22, 2018, which consisted of installing a new play structure at Panorama Elementary.

Home Invasion Burglary – Suspect in Custody

On Friday, December 28, 2018, at approximately 11:15pm, officers responded to 324 Innisfree Drive on the report of a residential burglary that had just occurred. The victim reported that he and his wife woke up and found the suspect rummaging through their belongings in one of the bedrooms. The victims confronted the suspect and a fight ensued. The suspect was able to get away, with only minor injuries to the victims. Through great police work, a possible vehicle was identified with connections to a known individual with a criminal history in Daly City. Officers conducted surveillance on the vehicle after determining the associated individual matched the description of the burglary suspect.

On Sunday, December 30, at approximately 7:00am, Officers located the associated vehicle occupied by the possible suspect in the Home Depot lot in Colma. Officers detained the individual, and through an in-field show with the victims, arrested the suspect. This case was solved through excellent investigative work by committed and determined officers!
Assault with a Deadly Weapon – Firearm Recovery

On Sunday, December 29, 2018, at approximately 9:45pm, a known suspect verbally threatened two individuals with a gun near the intersection of Partridge and Oriente. Officers were able to identify and locate the suspect at his residence in San Francisco. Officers made contact and arrested the suspect. A search led to the recovery of 2 assault rifles, a third rifle, and a handgun.

Honor Guard at Officer Ronil Singh’s Funeral Service

Newman Police Department Corporal Ronil Singh was shot and killed by the driver of a vehicle during a traffic stop on December 26, 2018. Daly City Police Honor Guard members were some of the hundreds of officers that showed up to his services pay tribute on January 5, 2019.
Welfare Check – Suspect in Custody for Weapons and Homicide Warrant

On Friday, January 4, officers were dispatched to an address on Verducci Drive to check the welfare of a 4-year-old who disclosed to school staff that he had access to and had played with his uncle’s firearms in the past. During the investigation, a male subject in the residence was being evasive with officers, refusing to provide his name. It was not known at the time that this subject was the owner of the firearms. Using skilled investigative techniques and technology, officers were able to identify the male. He was the uncle, and officers learned that he had numerous arrest warrants, one of which was for a recent homicide out of Oakland, and he was also wanted in connection to several shootings in San Francisco. The subject was arrested, and a follow up warrant was obtained to search the house in connection to the homicide. While searching the house, an AR-15 style rifle with a drum magazine and three other handguns were located.
Search Warrant for Firearms – Suspect in Custody

On Monday, January 14, 2019 at approximately 6am, members of the Daly City Police Department executed a search warrant at 402 Ford Street with the assistance of the SWAT Team. Once the residence and occupants were secure, officers conducted an exhaustive search, locating 1 assault rifle (SKS / AK47) and 2 other rifles, suspected methamphetamine for sales and drug paraphernalia. They arrested the individual associated to the contraband and booked him into the main jail.

Department of Water & Wastewater Resources

Collection System

Below the bluff of Fort Funston, located on the beach below, is the structure box. Treated wastewater effluent travels through a pipe parallel to the Vista Grande Canal, through a 100+ year old brick-lined tunnel, before reaching the structure box. The box has a final screen that the wastewater passes through before discharging 2,500 feet into the Pacific Ocean. Collection crews are tasked with cleaning and removing screened debris prior to the start of the rainy season. This complex task requires multiple pieces of equipment, vehicles and personnel. Meticulous planning, coordination and teamwork are required to successfully navigate the hazardous conditions of the beach and tides.
Distribution System

Distribution System Maintenance Worker I, Keegan Kime, and Distribution System Maintenance Worker II, Laine Fowler, are shown making a repair on a two inch galvanized steel pipe located between two apartment buildings. Ten feet of water main was replaced and put back into service. Daly City has approximately 21 miles of two inch galvanized steel pipe in our water distribution system that are in constant need of repair due to age. Through capital improvement projects, they are replaced with newer, modern materials.

Environmental Compliance

A residential remodeling contractor was issued a Notice to Comply for an illicit discharge for allowing the slurry from cutting granite countertops, to flow into the storm drain system. The storm drain in this part of the city flows directly to Colma Creek and eventually, San Francisco Bay. The contractor was educated on how to do the job properly by utilizing Best Management Practices (BMPs) and was required to clean the gutter, curb, sidewalk and driveway using dry cleanup methods.

Operations

DWWR welcomed our newest employee, Laboratory Technician, Janie Vien. Janie is conducting a filtration analysis on an activated sludge sample in the below photo. An additional laboratory
position was created to comply with the State's mandated upgrade to our laboratory accreditation which required additional staffing to conduct laboratory analysis.

*Plant and Equipment Maintenance*

The Plant and Equipment Maintenance Division team is repairing the wastewater treatment plant's compressor air supply pipeline. The plant has three main compressors that each supply approximately 1,000 cubic feet of air per minute. This supply air flows through the pipeline and into a Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Skid which purifies the air and removes constituents like nitrogen. The PSA Skid sends the purified air to the biological reactors which contain billions of microscopic organisms that use the purified air to survive, multiply, and consume incoming wastewater.
Department of Human Resources

Please Join Us in Welcoming the Following Staff Member to Daly City:

Jane Vien, Laboratory Technician, Water & Wastewater Resources

Employee Wellness Efforts

Daly City BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
BLOOMMOBILE in Parking Lot at 553 80th St & Edgeworth Ave
Daly City, CA 94010

“I believe the idea that my blood could help save a life is so amazing. Even though I am not a trained medical professional, I can still make a positive impact on others.”

Chris - Blood Donor

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North County Fire Authority (NCFA)

Smoke Detector Distribution

In the partnership with The Home Depot, Kidde Fire Safety, and the American Red Cross, NCFA Engine Companies will distribute smoke detectors to individuals and families who need them. American Red Cross will install the detectors by appointment.

Basic First Aid Classes

On Sunday, January 27, NCFA will be teaching two Basic First Aid classes. One will be a morning session and the same class will be taught again in the afternoon. The class will consist of patient assessment, bleeding control and bandaging, splinting, burns, environmental emergencies, sudden illness and choking.
Daly City Library is partnering with San Mateo County and various other Peninsula libraries to host the annual Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCon) on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 12 p.m. at the Millbrae Library. The convention will include over 20 award-winning, notable, and new YA authors. Families with middle and high school students are encouraged to attend and meet favorite authors while learning about the writing and publishing process! Some of the highlights will include panel discussions, breakout sessions, and book signings. Local organizations will also be there to talk about issues that teens face such as family issues, domestic abuse, and food insecurity and ultimately focus on how teens continuously demonstrate their resilience with strength and courage.

On Friday, January 25, many of the participating authors will be visiting local schools for presentations and writing workshops. Daly City’s Westmoor High School will be getting a visit from Erin Entrada Kelly, author of the 2018 Newbery Medal winning book Hello Universe. Erin lives in Delaware and is currently a professor of children’s literature at Rosemont College. She also writes short stories and has been nominated for the Philippines Free Press Literary Award for Short Fiction. Daly City’s Youth Services Librarian Sarah Spence is coordinating the visit with Westmoor’s librarian Jaymi Philips and approximately 100 9th and 10th grade students will be attending Friday’s presentation.

Although an RSVP is not required, the first 200 people to arrive for Saturday’s event, who have pre-registered in advance at tiny.cc/yanovcon will receive a free YANovCon totebag.
New York Times Digital Now Available from the Library

The Daly City Public Library now provides free, unlimited access to The New York Times from 1851 to the present with direct access to all of the content that is typically reserved for subscribers at nytimes.com. In addition to the latest articles and editorials, Library patrons can also access multimedia content such as original video and photography collections. Spanish and Mandarin Chinese versions are also available. Read “California Today” for the local perspective, download the apps for phones and tablets, and personalize your feed and sign up for alerts and e-mail newsletters.

Start using this The New York Times today by registering at the in-house link when in the Library or the remote link from outside of the Library. Access to The New York Times is provided by the California State Library and funding has been secured for at least eighteen months.

Oakland Zoo Now on Discover & Go

The Oakland Zoo has joined Discover & Go so Daly City residents can now get a free pass for admission for 1 adult (ages 15 and up) and 2 children (ages 2-14). Parking for 1 car is included. Discover & Go passes are only valid Tuesday-Friday.
Feedback from Resident

Teacher Jonathan,

I wanted to personally thank you for your enthusiasm and calling Spirit to sing and read to children. I am a working mom and unfortunately do not get to attend Story times with my son. However, we are fortunate to have a nanny who takes him every week and shares 30 second videos and pictures while he is there having a blast. Just in three months we have seen him grow, learn hand movements, stamp his feet, and even stand in front of the class waving his arms and jumping around. These few pictures and short clips are so special and the highlight of my week. Thank you for touching our family's life in such a simple way!

Happy Holidays!

Joanna (Ben's Mom)
We Go Where You Go!

The Daly City Public Library sends an average of 62 books and videos home with community members every hour that we’re open. But self-directed education for the community doesn’t stop there. The library has oodles of options for learners of all ages — at home, at school, and everywhere in between.

The Daly City Library Mobile App

Users can renew books they already have, request to pick up a book they want, or check out upcoming early literacy and skill-building workshops at their local library branch. If you find something out in the world you’d like to read later, just use the app to scan its barcode, and reserve a library copy for yourself on the spot! The Daly City Library app is available for free at iTunes and Google Play.

The Online Catalog

Visitors who prefer a web-based interface can log into the library’s catalog to check their account, search for titles, or make a list of materials they want to check out later. They can also check the status of books they’ve requested, renew items about to be due, or recommend a title to purchase. Like the app, the front page of the online catalog highlights newly-added titles and staff picks for the community to enjoy.

Call-in Help

Sometimes a high-tech interface doesn’t quite hit the spot. Independent students of all ages can call the library to ask for research help. Skilled librarians with a master’s degree are based at each branch to help residents navigate the wide array of information online and in print.

eBooks

No time to visit this week? No problem! Well-spent tax funding for the library allows residents to use their phone, laptop, or tablet for a wide array of educational materials and popular literature. The eLibrary provides 24/7 access to popular bestsellers and classics, magazine archives, tech manuals, automotive repair guides, test-preparation materials for standardized tests, and more.

Bay Area Cultural Attractions

Complimentary access to more than 40 Bay-Area museums provides an incredible opportunity for lifelong learning. Despite rising costs along the Peninsula, the library’s Discover & Go program ensures all individuals and families can freely explore their local resources for science, culture, and history.

Homebound by Mail

For those with a disability limiting their mobility, Daly City residents can receive library service by mail. For homebound users, a librarian specialist works with the individual to determine the titles, authors, and areas of personal interest they desire, then personalizes a bundle for the post office to deliver.
Top Requested Movie at the Serramonte Main Library

Crazy Rich Asians (Available on DVD or Bluray)

Based on the book Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

“Follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu as she accompanies her longtime boyfriend, Nick Young, to his best friend’s wedding in Singapore. Excited about visiting Asia for the first time but nervous about meeting Nick’s family, Rachel is unprepared to learn that Nick has neglected to mention a few key details about his life. It turns out that he is not only the scion of one of the country’s wealthiest families but also one of its most sought-after bachelors. Being on Nick’s arm puts a target on Rachel’s back, with jealous socialites and, worse, Nick’s own disapproving mother taking aim. And it soon becomes clear that while money can’t buy love, it can definitely complicate things.”

Storytimes

Bouncing Babies (Ages 0 - 23 months): Join us as we share stories, rhymes, and songs for young children to reinforce language development and print awareness.

Family Storytime (Ages 2 - 5 years): Kick-start your morning with songs and stories. Introduce new concepts and sharpen reading readiness skills in a social and fun environment.

Pajama Storytime (Ages 0 - 7 years): Wear your PJs and enjoy stories, songs, and simple crafts before bed.

Schedule

Bayshore Branch - Thursdays at 4:15pm (Family)

John Daly Branch - Wednesdays at 6:00pm (Family)

Serramonte Main - Tuesdays at 10:15am (Family), Thursdays at 10:15am (Bouncing Babies)

Westlake Branch - Wednesdays at 10:15am (Bouncing Babies), Thursdays at 10:15am (Family), 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm (Pajama)

Upcoming Classes & Activities

No-Sew Pencil Pouches in the Zone After School

Westlake Library, January 16 at 2:00pm

Kids will learn how to make a zippered pouch for school supplies with no-sew techniques.
Marble Maze Madness at the I.D.E.A. Lab After School
Serramonte Library, January 23 at 3:30pm
A class for families on how to construct a table-top marble maze game out of cardboard and craft sticks.

Multicultural Children’s Book Day: Build Your Own Book
Serramonte Library, January 25 at 3:30pm
Join us in celebrating diversity in children’s literature with a special storytime and a workshop on bookmaking.

Recreation Division
Black History Month Celebration
The 27th Annual Daly City Black History Month Celebration will take place Saturday, February 16, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at Café Doelger. The theme of this year’s Black History Month Celebration is Black Migrations.

This event will feature:
• Dimensions Dance Theater
• Guest Emcee: Isaac Stevenson, Jazz Singer/Entertainer
Soul Food Sales from Keith’s Chicken & Waffles (Daly City) and Yvonne’s Southern Sweets

Music by: World’s Famous Rick & Russ Show with CJ Flash

Spoken word, singers and more

Door Prizes

“It’s Show Cold” – Winter Showcase

On Friday, December 21, 2018, Daly City Teen staff held the annual “It’s Show Cold” Winter Showcase at the Merced Room. The showcase gave middle school and high school students an opportunity to showcase their talents in a fun and safe space. We had over 20 performers including singers, dancers, musicians and even a magic act.
Department of Public Works

Lincoln Park Community Center

The Lincoln Park Community Center floor replacement project is near completion. The contractor has used a self-leveling material to level the floor (Photo A) after the vinyl coated tiles were removed. The contractor installed a moisture barrier prior to laying down the floor. In addition, the wainscoting in the main hall will be replaced and Public Works maintenance staff will paint the restrooms, hallway, and lobby area. The soft opening is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23. A formal Re-Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, January 25, at 10:00 am.

Series Circuit Streetlight Outage

On January 7, the streetlight circuit failed in the area bordered by Skyline Dr. on the east and Westmoor Ave. on the south. The street lights in this area are served by a series circuit know as RO-256. This is one of 14 series circuit wired street light zones within the City. Public Works staff inspection found the cause of the failure was with PG&E equipment. Staff notified PG&E and on Thursday January 10, PG&E’s staff replaced a failed Kyle switch.
Enhanced Pedestrian and Bicycle Visibility Project

The contractor has completed the installation of the class 2 and class 3 bike routes in various parts of the city. The contractor is wrapping up the last part of the project with the installation of the rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB) poles and signs on Southgate Avenue at Crestwood Drive, San Pedro Road at Reiner Street, and Geneva Avenue at Oriente Street. The RRFB’s employ a rapid flash pattern when activated by a pedestrian. These systems have been shown to increase rates motorists yield to pedestrians and can help to reduce injuries and accidents.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

The needs assessment phase of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update was recently completed. The City’s consultant, Eisen | Letunic, completed the community needs assessment over a three-month period, from mid-September to mid-December. Input from the public was provided through three main forums: (i) online survey; (ii) interactive pinnable map; and (iii) comment cards. Over 700 comments were received. The five areas with sizeable concentrations of comments were: (i) intersection of John Daly Boulevard/Skyline Boulevard; (ii) John Daly Boulevard between I-280 and the BART station; (iii) San Jose Avenue-Mission Street-San Pedro Road corridor; (iv) Crocker Avenue, west of Village in the Park; and (v) Hickey Boulevard east of Gellert Boulevard. The next step will be to provide a full analysis of the community assessment process and develop recommendations for improvements, both infrastructure and policy-type projects.

Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program

The City was awarded a grant from the California Department of Transportation for the preparation of a Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR). The goal of the project is to identify high-risk corridors and intersections and provide a prioritized list of safety projects which are eligible for safety-related funding programs. The City’s consultant, Kittelson & Associates, has completed the analysis of the crash data, conducted a field visit of the priority locations identified in the Data Analysis Findings and developed a draft countermeasures report. The project shared the pinnable map with WalkBikeDalyCity and received approximately 50 comments. The consultant is working on summarizing all the comments received during the community outreach phase and updating the draft countermeasure report.