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.

City Manager Appoints New Director of Human Resources

Following two panel interviews—one with internal Department Directors and one with local government executives from within San Mateo County—and careful consideration, the City Manager appointed Natalie Sakkal as the new Director of the Human Resources Department. Ms. Sakkal has spent the last 20 years of her career in the City of Daly City and the last 14 years in the Human Resources Department. She also served as Acting Director of Human Resources over the last three months. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Sakkal into her new role!

Daly City Achieves Green Power Community Recognition from EPA

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the City as a new member of its national Green Power Community program, based on Peninsula Clean Energy’s ECOplus (base level offering) clean energy mix containing at least 50% renewable energy. Peninsula Clean Energy exceeds not only the EPA's clean energy targets, but also California’s ambitious goals. PCE plans to provide 100% renewable energy by 2025, while the statewide goal is currently set at 60% renewable by 2030.

Daly City PCE customers saved $1,266,000 on their electricity bills in 2018 with PCE!

The City will be placing two signs (pictured) to announce our Green Community status at entry points to the City in coming months.
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 and Recovery of Weapons and Narcotics
On Wednesday, March 27, at approximately 1430 hours, members of the Daly City Police Department Crime Suppression Unit executed a search warrant at a residence in the western portion of the city. During the execution of the search warrant officers located suspected narcotics, ammunition and 2 illegal assault rifles. Two suspects were arrested and booked into the main jail.

Daly City PD Out in the Community
On Saturday, March 30, members of the Daly City Police Department, including our youth Explorers, attended two events as an opportunity to support and engage with the community. They attended Supervisor David Canepa’s “District 5 Together Event” at Jefferson HS, and the Family Health and Literacy Fair at Susan B. Anthony Elementary.

Armed Robbery Suspects Taken into Custody
On March 31, South San Francisco PD had an armed robbery occur in front of their Walgreens at Westborough Square. A broadcast description of the suspects and associated vehicle was put out county wide. Daly City Officer Martin spotted the robbery vehicle getting onto northbound
I-280 from John Daly Blvd. He was able to follow the vehicle until additional Daly City units could catch up with him. With assistance from the CHP, Officer Martin conducted a high risk stop at 7th Street and Bryant Street in San Francisco. The three occupants inside of the vehicle were taken into custody without incident. Upon arrest, the victim’s property was located, and it was determined the suspects had followed the victim from the San Pablo Casino where they observed her win several thousands of dollars.

**Commendation – Officer Hass**

On Friday, April 5, Officer Haas received a commendation for his work in locating a runaway female juvenile. During the investigation, officers conducted surveillance on a residence where the juvenile was believed to be hiding. Officer’s contacted a subject wanted for a warrant, and following a violent confrontation, they located a firearm in the subject’s pocket. Another subject was also arrested on outstanding warrants, and the female juvenile was located shortly after.

**Department of Water & Wastewater Resources**

**Collection System**

Recently, Collection Division staff received training on the Division’s new boom truck. A boom truck has a rotating and telescopic crane attached to a flat bed. Staff is loading components on the truck for a sewage emergency bypass pumping project. Because the pipe is a larger trunk line carrying lots of flow, heavier hoses and fittings are used. The boom truck does the heavy lifting for safely transporting and placing components at the job site.
Distribution System

Distribution crews responded to the scene of a hydrant knocked over by a vehicle on McDonald Avenue in the Bayshore area. After turning the water off for repairs, crews had the hydrant back in service within a couple of hours, restoring vital fire protection for the neighborhood.

Environmental Compliance

Staff responded to a complaint of garbage in the street. A local restaurant’s compost (food waste) dumpster was packed too high so the lids of the dumpster could not close and secure the load. When the garbage truck emptied the dumpster, the overfilled compost spilled onto the street. The responsible restaurant was identified and tasked with cleaning the street.


**Operations**

On Tuesday April 9, Operations staff, working with the San Francisco Water Department at Harding Park Golf Course, flushed the recycled water supply line that feeds their irrigation storage tank. Harding Park is one of four golf courses that receive water deliveries from Daly City’s Tertiary Recycled Water Treatment Facility. The tertiary treatment system is located at the wastewater treatment plant and is capable of producing 2.77 million gallons of recycled water a day. All tertiary and/or recycled water pipes are painted purple to differentiate them from other pipes as part of the industry standard.

![Image of purple-painted pipes]

**Plant and Equipment Maintenance**

A new pump control panel for the Avalon wastewater lift station is being delivered to the site. The Avalon Lift Station is owned by the Westborough Water District and the Department of Water and Wastewater Resources maintains the station by contract. The new pump control panel will operate two positive displacement pumps through a programmable logic controller and variable frequency drives and allow for remote monitoring of the station through our SCADA system. The new pump control panel is also much more energy efficient than the existing as it is approximately 40 years old and past its useful life.

![Image of pump control panel]

**North County Fire Authority (NCFA)**

**District 5 Census 2020 Culture & Resource Fair**

NCFA attended the event at Jefferson High School on March 30. Various organizations showed support for the census as it meant providing proper public safety to every single resident.
Franciscan Park CERT Pancake Breakfast

On March 30, NCFA Engine Company and Deputy Fire Chief served pancakes for breakfast to members of the Franciscan Park CERT.

Family and Literacy Fair

NCFA Engine Company and Deputy Fire Chief were in attendance at Susan B. Anthony School’s 17th Annual Family Literacy & Health Fair. Personnel taught attendees about fire safety and prevention.
**Structure Fires**

NCFA responded to two structure fires within three hours. The first fire occurred in Pacifica around 7pm and the second fire occurred in Daly City around 10pm.

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**Department of Library & Recreation Services**

**Everybunny Hoppy at the Annual Spring Fun Day Egg Hunt**

More than 300 eggcited children and their families gathered under blue skies at Westlake Park for the annual Spring Fun Day last Saturday. The wildly popular event is co-sponsored by the Daly City Host Lions, and club members graciously greeted children all morning and distributed goodie bags to each participant.

In addition to the traditional egg hunt, children also participated in field events, made arts and crafts projects, and patiently waited to meet the Spring Bunny, the perennial star of Spring Fun Day. The Department of Library and Recreation Services is grateful to the Daly City Host Lions for
continuing their support of this annual event. Many, many years ago, Spring Fun Day was nearly eliminated as a cost-cutting measure. Former Mayor and City Councilmember pledged that the Lions Club would cover the costs if the City agreed to continue the event. The partnership between the Lions Club and the Department of Library and Recreation Services has been going strong for more than 10 years.

**Talented Teens Take the Stage for Spring Fever Showcase**

The energy inside Pacelli Gym last Friday night was palpable as hundreds filed in for the Spring Fever Showcase – a talent show for Daly City high school students. Teens from the Volunteer Leadership Program spent hours setting up the stage, sound system, lighting, and decorations in anticipation of the big event. The show attracted more than 20 performers, including vocalists, dancers, musicians, and even the robotics teams from both Jefferson and Westmoor High Schools!

Most of the students in attendance stopped by the photo booth to capture the spirit of the evening. In fact, there are 156 photo booth pictures posted online on the Daly City Teens Facebook page. Volunteers from Jefferson High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) also staffed the concession stand between acts, selling spam musubi, pizza, and water. All proceeds from the concessions will be used to help send Jefferson students to the FBLA State Conference in Sacramento.

**Poet Laureates Visit Westlake to Celebrate Women’s History Month**

The Library celebrated Women's History with a special poetry event featuring Aileen Cassinetto, San Mateo County Poet Laureate and Kim Shuck, San Francisco Poet Laureate. Several other local poets also shared their work during the open mic portion of the event. Councilmembers Pamela DiGiovanni and Juslyn C. Manalo were in attendance. At the event closing, Supervisor David Canepa presented the Laureates with a Commendation recognizing their literacy contributions.

**Congresswoman Jackie Speier Visited the Doelger Senior Center**

Congresswoman Jackie Speier stopped by the Doelger Senior Center prior to lunch on Friday, April 5. After providing a brief update on the latest from Washington, D.C., Congresswoman Speier entertained questions from the seniors at the sold-out event. Many of the questions raised were regarding Medicare and Social Security Benefits. Some of the seniors shared their person stories about the difficult time they have had navigating the complex bureaucratic process, especially concerning prescription medications. Congresswoman Speier pledged to do everything she could to continue supporting seniors and their Social Security benefits. She said she and her colleagues are crafting legislation to make Social Security sustainable for many years to come. Congresswoman Speier also encouraged the crowd to stay active and engaged and invited them to her annual senior breakfast (date and location to be determined).
Libraries Now Loan Chromebooks and WiFi Hotspots

Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots are now available for patrons to check out from their local library for a week at a time. The newest offering at the library was made possible through a generous grant from the Daly City Public Library Associates. Members of the Library Board of Trustees and member of the Daly City Public Library Associates gathered at the Westlake branch to launch the new service and to celebrate National Library Week. Adult library cardholders in good standing may check out one of the devices. Children wishing to borrow a Chromebook or WiFi hotspot need to bring a parent or guardian to the library.

Library Board of Trustees President Angella Logarta shared the National Library Week proclamation presented at the April 8 City Council meeting with those on hand to mark the occasion. DCPLA also provided light refreshments in honor of Library Worker Appreciation Day. Within minutes of the launch of the Chromebook lending program, patrons lined up to be among the first to check out the new devices.

Daly City Public Library – Serving Residents for 99 Years

The Daly City Public Library had modest beginnings in a small building donated by two of Daly City’s most distinguished early settlers – John Donald Daly and John Marchbank. The two gentlemen recognized the need for a permanent home for a collection of printed reading materials for the growing community. The library at 6351 Mission Street opened its doors to the public for the first time on Sunday, April 25, 1920 – 99 years ago! The one-room structure contained 500 volumes when it opened. The library was expanded in 1938 and was often referred to as the “Happy Children’s Room” by locals. Today, the Daly City Museum occupies the original building, which looks very much look it did nearly 100 years ago. The John Daly branch moved to the War Memorial Community Center on November 11, 2007. The initial collection of 500 volumes has grown considerably over the years. Today, Daly City’s libraries contain more than 228,000 volumes!
**Upcoming Events and Activities**

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**

Saturday, April 20 - 10:00 a.m.
War Memorial

**Daly City Youth Track and Field Meet**

Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 a.m.
Jefferson High School Track

**Mother’s Day Tea**

Sunday, May 4, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.
Café Doelger
$15 members/$20 guests

**Active Adult/Senior Resource and Fitness Fair**

Thursday, May 23 - 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Pacelli Event Center,
Free health screenings and resources.

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**Department of Public Works**

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

On April 3, the City’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) met to review ongoing bicycle/pedestrian improvement projects as well as provide input to staff on upcoming bicycle/pedestrian projects in Daly City. At its quarterly meeting, feedback from the B/PAC is very helpful in assisting the City with securing grants for many of our improvement projects. With the appointment of three new members in January of this year, there are a total seven members on the B/PAC and all live in Daly City.
New Trash/Recycling Containers

The Street Maintenance Section of the Public Works Maintenance Division began installing new trash/recycling containers throughout the City this month. The newer style containers have space for recyclables and will replace the older concrete style containers shown below.

Doelger Senior Center Complex Roofing Project

The Doelger Senior Center Complex Roofing Project started on Thursday, April 11. The project is expected to take up to 8 weeks, weather permitting. The contractor will be working on both the Westlake Gym and Doelger Senior Center simultaneously in an effort to complete this project on time.
Department of Human Resources

Recruitment & Retention Efforts

During this period, staff conducted the following examination: Police Sergeant (Promotional) Assessment Center.

Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to Daly City:

Manases Defiesta, Building Inspector, ECD
Michael Leung, Mechanic, Public Works
Elijah Luyon, Police Assistant, PD
William Reininger, Police Officer, PD
Sabrina Hawthorne, Police Assistant, PD

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Please join us in congratulating the following employee on her promotion:

Anna Kho, Management Analyst, City Attorney’s Office

Employee Wellness

Are you Financially Healthy?

In this workshop you will understand what it means to be financially healthy, which is so much more than the one score everyone asks you about today - your credit score. True financial health is based on four components: spend, save, borrow and plan. Participants will learn about financial assessments, expense prioritization in addition to budgeting and saving tactics.

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019
Time: 10:30am-11:30am
Location: City Hall Training Room, 333 90th Street, 1st Floor
RSVP to hr@dalcity.org by Friday, April 12th at 5pm
Employee Training and Development Efforts

Employees attended the following trainings:

- Regional Training Development and Training Consortium Coaching Others to Manage Conflict
- Regional Training Development and Training Consortium Crash Course in Project Management
- San Mateo County Employer Relations Consortium Public Service: Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of Public Employees Webinar

Citywide Events

San Mateo County District 5 Census 2020 Event: Saturday, March 30, Jefferson High School

The third annual District 5 Together culture and resource fair showcase was a platform to promote the County of San Mateo’s effort related to Census 2020. The fair also featured resources tables from various organizations, county departments and nonprofits to educate the public.
Spring Fun Day: Saturday, April 13, Westlake Park

The Department of Library & Recreation Services, in partnership with Daly City Host Lions Club and Republic Services, hosted Spring Fun Day to provide goodie bags, games & activities and an Egg Hunt for our youth. The Spring Bunny also made a special appearance.