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.

Spring Community Events

Come Plant Trees in Your City!

Daly City Arbor Day

Please bring shovels and/or gloves!

DATE: April 27th, 2019
TIME: 9am-12pm
LOCATION: Gellert Park
50 Wembly Drive, Daly City CA 94015
Please meet in the parking lot

RSVP at www.dalycity.org/ProjectGreenSpace
Please email grantinfo@wcinccom or call (650) 991-8126 if you have any questions

Daly City Earth Day Event 2019

www.dalycity.org/earthday2019

FREE services:

- Secure Document Shredding
  Watch as your bank statements, credit card offers, cancelled checks, old medical records, and any other personal info is shredded right on site. Limit 3 letter size boxes.

- E-waste Drop-Off
  Full list online: TVs, cell phones, monitors, printers, computers, cables, lamps, small electrical appliances, and much more. NO large appliances like refrigerators, ovens, washers/dryers. NO household hazardous waste.

- Compost Giveaway
  Get up to 1 cu yd of free compost per household. Great for gardens. Please bring your own container or bag; shovels provided.

- Used Tire Take Back
  Limit 9 passenger or light truck tires, up to 15.5, with or without rims. NO farm, heavy duty, and commercial or heavy equipment tires. NO commercial service, auto repair, or salvage businesses.

- Environmental Programs
  Learn more about energy efficiency rebates, how to compost and more.

Questions? Call Stephen Stouck, (650)991-8120

City of Daly City
Project Green Space - Volunteer Planting Event

On Saturday, March 30, volunteers planted over 100 plants in the series of eight Project Green Space gardens in Top of the Hill. New plants will be able to take advantage of our rainy spring weather while they get established. Volunteers also conducted garden maintenance activities, like weeding, as well as a community cleanup along Mission St.

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.

Police Department Recruitment Video

The Police Department recently released a recruitment video that was in the works over the last year or so. Cut and paste the link below into your browser, or right click to open the hyperlink to watch. This link is also available to the public on the Daly City Police Department website at the bottom of the following page: http://www.dalycity.org/recruiting.

Direct link to Daly City PD recruitment video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQJIEZ4pu54

Command Staff Attend Funeral Service for Retired Daly City Police Chief Tom Reese

On March 11, members of the Daly City Police Department attended a funeral service in Burlingame for retired Daly City Police Chief Tom Reese who passed on February 28. He was the Chief of Police from 1991 through 1995 following a 30-year career with DCPD. As is
customary, the attending members dressed in Class A uniforms, were inspected and supported by the Daly City Police Honor Guard.

Community Engagement – Read to Students

On Tuesday, March 12, Officer Farrar, Officer Directo, Officer Aquila, Detective Shiu, PA O’Donoghue, and PA Woodworth participated in the MP Brown Community Readers Day. They were able to read a book to every class. The Principal was very appreciative and the experience was great for both the officers and the children.

Officer Matt Ciucci – Recipient of the Lion’s Valor Award

On March 15, Officer Matt Ciucci was recognized by the Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs, during the 54th Annual Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet. Officer Ciucci received the Valor Award for the incident described below:

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, at approximately 2120 hours, Officer Matt Ciucci along with other Daly City Police Officers responded to Classic Bowl, located at 900 King Drive, Daly City on the report of an in-progress shooting. When Officer Ciucci arrived, he entered the bowling alley alone and observed a chaotic and active scene with numerous people screaming, to include a male subject suffering from a gunshot wound to his upper groin area. Officer Ciucci was unaware
whether the shooter was still on-scene, yet he recognized the need to assist the gunshot victim. The victim had lost a large amount of blood and appeared to be unresponsive as a result, suggesting this was an arterial injury. Officer Ciucci acted quickly and “baled up” a towel he located nearby. He applied the towel to the injury, applying pressure and packing the wound. This action reduced or stopped the loss of blood until medics arrived. The victim was transported to a trauma center where he underwent numerous surgeries and remained in critical condition for weeks. Officer Ciucci’s response likely prevented the victim from expiring at the scene and it played a critical role in saving this individual’s life in a tense and potentially hostile environment.

**De-Escalation During Suicide by Cop Incident**

On Sunday, March 17, at approximately 2053 hours, a subject contacted our dispatch center advising he was suicidal and was armed with a firearm and a knife. The subject told dispatch he was sitting inside his vehicle, which was parked at Westlake Park. Officers responded and located the subject sitting in the driver’s seat of his vehicle, which was parked in the far-right lane of northbound Lake Merced Blvd in front of the entrance into Westlake Park. Upon the officer’s approach, the subject immediately exited his vehicle and pointed an unknown object with a light at the officers claiming it was a gun, while yelling at officers to shoot him.

The officers retreated to a position of cover and verbally engaged the subject, which turned into a standoff. After approximately 40 minutes of negotiating with the subject, he refused to comply with officers and he continued stating he had a gun and wanted the officers to shoot him. Officers were able to utilize binoculars, and a sniper scope to determine the unknown object he was holding in his hand was more than likely just a flashlight and not a gun mounted light as he stated. An arrest team was put in place to detain the subject, who was now standing in the middle of the Lake Merced/Westlake Park intersection. By this time the CHP fixed wing airplane was circling, and there were numerous other officers from multiple agencies controlling the perimeter to protect the surrounding community.

The subject was not complying, and all negotiations were escalating the subject’s behavior. Officers ultimately utilized less lethal bean bag shotgun rounds, in addition to a police K9 to take the subject into custody without serious injury to him or the officers. Once detained, the subject told officers he wanted officers to shoot and kill him because he had a gambling addiction and family problems. The subject was ultimately placed on a psychiatric hold. Officer’s response during this situation was exceptional. Based on the information known at the time, the lighting given the time of day, and the actions of the subject to the first responding officers, this very well could have been a suicide by cop situation.

**Narcotics and Firearm Arrest**

On Monday, March 25, at 3:00pm, an officer was patrolling the Serramonte Shopping Center parking garage in response to the ongoing automobile burglaries plaguing the county. An officer contacted a subject who had just exited a vehicle that was being operated with multiple equipment violations. The driver was determined to be unlicensed, and a search of the vehicle
revealed a loaded handgun in the center console, as well as narcotics for sales. A passenger in the vehicle was also arrested for outstanding warrants. Great proactive police work!

Rescue Attempt During a Structure Fire

On Tuesday, March 26, Officers Nick McCarthy and Jaspradeep Dhaliwal responded to 208 Los Olivos on the report of a structure fire. Responding officers were advised that people were trapped inside the residence, and both Officer McCarthy and Officer Dhaliwal went inside to attempt to rescue the occupant. They located an obese female laying on the floor inside of the room. The officers were able to carry her partly out of the residence, but they had to run outside and back inside several times to get fresh air. This lasted for several minutes as they tried pulling the woman out of the house. They were able to get her most of the way out of the residence before being overcome by smoke inhalation. Without breathing apparatuses, they were forced to evacuate until the fire department arrived to finish the recovery of the female. The female survived, and both officers were transported to Seton Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation.

Department of Water & Wastewater Resources

Collection System

The Collection Division recently repaired a manhole at the intersection of San Pedro Road and Reiner Street. In heavily trafficked areas such as this, it’s not uncommon for the asphalt and concrete holding the manhole cover and rim in place to wear out and crack from the pounding they take. The cracked material can be a hazard to drivers and pedestrians as with this manhole, which is located in a crosswalk. The old material is removed and new concrete and asphalt is replaced making this a safe location for citizens and traffic alike.
**Distribution System**

Distribution crews responded to a water leak at the intersection of Partridge Avenue and Oriente Street in the Bayshore neighborhood of Daly City. Staff used the large Vac-Con truck to assist with digging the hole that was several feet deep. Staff installed a repair clamp to stop the multi pin-hole leak on the 6-inch cast iron mainline.

![Image of water leak and repair site]

**Environmental Compliance**

Staff responded to a complaint of a white liquid in a landscaped area in Skyline Plaza. Staff determined that a local restaurant had washed its interior tile floors and let the greasy washwater flow through the open rear door and into the rear planter, sidewalk, gutter and storm drain. The storm drains in this part of Daly City drain to Colma Creek and eventually San Francisco Bay. Staff issued a Notice of Violation and required the restaurant to immediately clean the discharge using dry cleanup methods.

![Image of landscaped area with discharge]

![Image of cleaned discharge area]
**Operations**

Operations Division staff member, Tony Pereur, is using one of the high-pressure, recycled water cannons to wash down the walls of each Equalization Basin at the wastewater treatment plant. Hosing down the Equalization Basins is one of the many routine housekeeping activities. The treatment plant has 4 of these basins which can store a total of 3.2 million gallons of primary treated wastewater. Each basin is equipped with 3 cannons which are located at the top of the tank.

**Plant and Equipment Maintenance**

On March 30, Derek Emanuel and Joshua Cosgrove attended the San Mateo County District 5 Census 2020 event at Jefferson High School representing the Department of Water and Wastewater Resources. Derek dressed up as our mascot Drippy to promote water conservation and quality to the kids and families in attendance while Joshua staffed our informational booth. We were visited by many people throughout the day and we had many opportunities to discuss the work of our department and provide residents with literature and materials on water conservation and environmental stewardship.

**Project Development and Inspection**

The plan review for home remodeling, accessory dwelling unit construction, new structures and commercial renovation is a large part of the daily activities of our construction inspection and plan review staff. This year, DWWR has performed 213 plan reviews to date. DWWR ensures that new construction is designed per current codes and regulations and that the necessary infrastructure is in place to support the development. At DWWR, the same staff that reviews the plans will also perform the required inspections during the construction of the project. This is a benefit to the residents, property owners and business owners as construction inspection and progress is much smoother with the inspector’s intimate knowledge of the project.
Department of Human Resources

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

During this period, staff conducted the following written and oral examinations:

- Plant Operator II
- Plant & Equipment Maintenance Mechanic
- Distribution Maintenance Worker I/II
- Police Officer/Trainee

Recent Promotion:

Abigail Dometita, Office Assistant III, NCFA

Welcome New Hire:

Timothy Birch, Financial Services Manager, Dept. of Finance & Administrative Services

Employee Training and Development Efforts

On March 26, employees attended a training on How to Deal with Difficult People.

Employee Wellness

On March 21, employees participated in the monthly Urban Cycle wellness session.

On March 29, employees participated in the monthly Chair Chi wellness session.
Citywide Events

Daly City’s 108th Anniversary, March 14

The Daly City History Guild Museum & Archive and the Arts & Culture Commission filled the Octagon Gallery in Daly City City Hall with historic pictures, giving current Daly City residents and employees a glimpse into their City’s past.

Women’s History Month Celebration, March 16

Celebrating women, words and the power of poetry with the inspirational readings of San Mateo County Poet Laureate, Aileen Cassinetto, and San Francisco Poet Laureate, Kim Shuck at Westlake Library.

Mayor’s State of the City Address, March 25

Mayor Ray Buenaventura highlighted the City’s services and the status of both current and upcoming projects citywide.
North County Fire Authority (NCFA)

Fire Response

On March 26, NCFA responded to the 4th structure fire in the month of March. Firefighters rescued one occupant and a dog, with the occupant treated at the scene for smoke inhalation by firefighter paramedics then transported to the hospital. Additionally, two police officers who attempted to rescue the resident sustained minor smoke inhalation and were also treated by firefighter paramedics then transported to the hospital as a precaution.

Auto Extrication Training

Academy continues for our NCFA recruits as they participated in auto extrication training on March 26.

Doelger Senior Center Volunteer Recognition Lunch

Several NCFA personnel and administrative staff attended the Doelger Senior Center Volunteer Recognition Lunch on March 28 to prep food and serve meals to the well-deserved volunteers.
Pancake Breakfast for Franciscan Park CERT

NCFA served a pancake breakfast to members of the Franciscan Park CERT on March 30.

CERT Classes

NCFA is offering a series of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes beginning next month where topics like basic first aid and search & rescue will be covered. Classes are FREE and open to all Daly City residents.

Basic First Aid, CPR & AED Trainings

NCFA will conduct a morning training session of Basic First Aid and an afternoon session of CPR & AED training at Fire Station 81 in Brisbane on April 27. Both classes are 3.5 hours long and $35 per person per class.
Attendance at the “Preparing for Wildfire” Convening

NCFA Deputy Chief as well as the Assistant to the City Manager attended the Preparing for Wildfire Convening in Foster City, hosted by the Climate Ready SMC Collaborative. This was the latest convening in a series with topics related to climate change. This convening covered wildfire risk and preparedness efforts in San Mateo County. Local leaders and speakers from fire impacted areas spoke about lessons learned, new approaches and strategies that have been put in place since the fires.

Department of Library & Recreation Services

Wi-Fi Hotspots and Chromebooks Available to Check Out

The Daly City Public Library Associates (DCPLA) funded an exciting new program allowing patrons to check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and a Chromebook to get connected to the Internet, wherever they are. According to the U.S. Census, for the period of 2013-2017, 86% of households in Daly City had a broadband Internet subscription while 92.6% of households owned a computer. We are helping bridge that gap by connecting people to the Internet with a fast mobile connection and providing a reliable and quick computer for those in need.

Join library staff and DCPLA board members at a launch party at the Westlake Library from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, as part of the National Library Week celebration. This new service supports this year’s theme of Libraries = Strong Communities by supporting and providing access to those who need it most.

National Library Week to Kick-off Monday, April 8

Libraries strengthen communities and transform lives every day. From technology to job resources to materials for English language learners, Daly City’s libraries provides access to the programming and services to ensure your community’s needs are being met. Join Daly City’s library staff in celebrating National Library Week April 8 through 13.

On Monday, April 8, they’ll be starting a week-long prize drawing...visit more often for more chances to win! The library staff will also be connecting with their patrons on social media under #MyLibraryMyStory. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @dalycitylibrary.

On Tuesday, the Library Board of Trustees will be having the second Coffee with the Trustees event, this time partnering with the Daly City Public Library Associates (DCPLA) for a Launch Celebration of the new technology lending program.
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.

Senior Volunteers Honored at Annual Luncheon

Café Doelger was filled to capacity on Thursday, March 28, with 188 guests of honor at the 34th Annual Volunteer Recognition Lunch. Collectively, volunteers from the Doelger Senior Center, Lincoln Park Community Center, and War Memorial, contributed 39,717 hours of service during last fiscal year. The regular kitchen staff at Café Doelger were supported by more than a dozen city staff who helped with both the preparation and serving of the meals.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier to Visit Doelger Senior Center

Congresswoman Jackie Speier is scheduled to visit the Doelger Senior Center this coming Friday, April 5, during the Congregate Nutrition Program. Congresswoman Speier will address the lunch program participants at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.
Youth Basketball Champions Crowned for 2019 Season

It all started with 110 teams in January, all competing for bragging rights to be champions of the Daly City Youth Basketball League. The final games were played at the lower gym at the War Memorial Community Center during the week of March 18-22. Here are your 2019 champions:

4th Grade Boys
Bayshore Dolphins (Eastern)
M.P. Brown Knights (Western)

4th Grade Girls
Daly City M.W.A.

5th Grade Boys
M.P. Brown Knights (Eastern)
Our Lady of Mercy Bulldogs (Western)

5th Grade Girls
Daniel Webster Leopards

6th Grade Boys
T.R. Pollicita Trojans (Eastern)
Ben Franklin Falcons (A) (Western)

6th Grade Girls
T.R. Pollicita Trojans

7th Grade Boys
Holy Angels Angels (Eastern)
Our Lady of Mercy Bulldogs (A) (Western)

7th Grade Girls
T.R. Pollicita Trojans

8th Grade Boys
Daly City Impact (Eastern)
Fernando Rivera Roadrunners(A) (Western)

8th Grade Girls
Daly City Pups

More than 1,100 kids played in the Youth Basketball League this year!
Upcoming Events and Activities

Congresswoman Jackie Speier Town Hall
Friday, April 5 – 11:30 a.m.
Café Doelger
Lunch will be served at noon. Town Hall-style meeting.

National Library Week Celebration
Tuesday, April 9 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Westlake Library
Chromebook launch party, coffee with the Trustees and DCPLA

Teen Spring Showcase
Friday, April 12 – 6:00 p.m.
Pacelli Event Center
Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Spring Fun Day
Saturday, April 13 – 10:00 a.m.
Westlake Park
Games, Activities and an Egg Hunt

Daly City Youth Track and Field Meet
Saturday, May 4 – 9:00 a.m.
Jefferson High School Track

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.

Department of Public Works

Vision Zero Plan

In 2016, the City Council adopted Vision Zero as a policy to improve traffic safety for all travel modes in Daly City. Vision Zero aims to reduce fatalities and serious injuries to zero on our public streets. Daly City was recently selected by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as one of three jurisdictions to develop a Vision Zero Plan. FHWA is funding the project and no local match was required. FHWA selected Fehr & Peers to assist the City with developing the action plan. When completed, the plan will provide a strategic direction and serve as a framework to help implement future safety programs in Daly City. Results from the plan will also increase the City’s chances of obtaining future grants for safety improvement projects.

Hickey Boulevard / Campus Drive Crosswalk Improvements

Construction to improve the crosswalk started at the intersection of Hickey Boulevard and Campus Drive. New poles and traffic signal heads were installed at the end of March. In addition to new ADA curb ramps and crosswalk, a new pedestrian phase will be added to the existing traffic signal to facilitate safer pedestrian crossing of Hickey Boulevard. Once the project is complete, City staff will work with SamTrans to relocate their existing bus stop at St. Francis
Boulevard to Campus Drive. The improvements will increase pedestrian safety to the medical offices, Summit Shasta School and the apartments.

**Marchbank Field**

After months of rain, Marchbank Baseball Field is ready for play thanks to our Parks staff.