



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.

Senior Management Analyst Joins CMO



Leilani Ramos will officially join the City Manager's Office as a Senior Management Analyst on Monday, July 1. She will be helping with a variety of projects and programs, including sustainability, special initiatives like parking and much more. Leilani brings a wealth of experience in Daly City to her new role — she has worked in the Human Resources Department since 2007 and served as Acting Director for three months last year. The City Manager's Office is excited to have her on board!

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.

9th Annual FALEO Awards Dinner – Cadet Ronaldo Barba Scholarship Award

On Saturday, June 15, Daly City Police Cadet Ronaldo Barba received an educational scholarship at the Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers (FALEO) Association awards dinner. Cadet Barba works the front desk of the police department and he is an aspiring police officer



with our organization. He is a highly promising police candidate who is looking to complete his bachelor's degree in the coming year before applying to become a police officer. Cadet Barba was nominated for the award by Captain Gamez and Lieutenant Fox.

Arrest with Stolen Firearm

In the early morning hours on Sunday, June 9, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration. It was determined the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was on parole for robbery. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and located a loaded semi-automatic firearm in the locked glovebox. A check of the firearm's serial number revealed that it had been stolen out of a locker in San Francisco. The driver was arrested for numerous felony firearm related charges.



Motorcycle Training Challenge – Award Recipient – Officer Directo



From June 22 to 24, Motor Officer Joey Directo competed in the 16th annual “Extreme Motor Officer Training Challenge” hosted by the Carson City Sheriff’s Department, earning 4 trophies! Amongst 35 participants, he took 1st in a four-person team competition, 2nd in a two-person tether, 2nd in an obstacle course and 3rd in the barrel race. These types of competitions challenge the rider’s abilities outside of their normal routines. This improves their safety and allows them to share what they learned with other motors. Great work!

Arrest with Stolen Firearm

On Saturday, June 22, officers responded to the police department to take a police report on the theft of a semi-automatic handgun from a vehicle at a local shopping center. The theft occurred a week prior, but the reporting party had recently learned of the theft and was just now reporting it. The reporting party told the officer that the firearm was in a locked container in the trunk of her vehicle at the time of the theft. Officers were able to locate and review video surveillance, which showed the theft and the suspect vehicle involved. Through additional investigation officers were able to contact the registered owner, who was at first reluctant to cooperate. The person ultimately called back and was able to identify the suspect as the daughter’s boyfriend.



Officers responded to the suspect's address, detained him and retrieved the firearm. The suspect was booked for theft and possession of a stolen firearm.



After reviewing the original surveillance video, officers also determined that the reporting party had lied during the initial report. The video showed the trunk was left open and the firearm was in a purse and not a locked container as is required by law. Officers will be submitting a criminal complaint against the reporting party for the negligent storage of the firearm.

North County Fire Authority (NCFA)

Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month

June is Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) Awareness Month. NCFA and other fire departments are raising awareness on the realities of PTSI. Firefighting is one of the most stressful occupations and can overwhelm even the strongest. NCFA is working to make resources available for assistance for all our personnel.

Support for Active Older Adults and Seniors

NCFA has joined the San Mateo County Northern Cities ACCESS team to provide active older adults/seniors with community social services resources when fire personnel identify specific needs such as food service, home assistance for grab bars and ride resources to appointments. We will also be utilizing the San Mateo County Healthy Aging Response Team (HART) to quickly evaluate those with a social service need. Education on these community needs will take place for fire personnel this summer.

Community Events

On June 24, Firefighters competed against members of the Doelger Senior Center in a friendly game of bocce ball.

Wildland Fire Training

On June 26, simulated wildland fire training was conducted with NCFA OES Engines on progressive hose lays and pump/roll operations.

July 4th Safety Tips

NCFA put together helpful tips for safe Fourth of July celebrations.



Fourth of July Safety Tips

Fireworks, including the "Safe and Sane" type, are NOT ALLOWED in Daly City and Brisbane (part of the North County Fire Authority territory).

The City of Pacifica is one of the few cities that allows the use of legal, "Safe and Sane" fireworks to be sold and used within Pacifica.

The North County Fire Authority encourages everyone to follow all directions on "Safe and Sane" fireworks and to take all proper safety precautions:

- Use only legal fireworks approved by the California State Fire Marshal.
- Inspect all fireworks. Never use damaged or leaking fireworks.
- Never give fireworks to a small child.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Light only one item at a time. Use a shovel and drop any "dud" fireworks into a pail of water.
- Keep spectators at least 10 feet away.
- Use fireworks in a clear area at least 20 feet away from a house, wood fence or brush.
- Light fireworks in a large, safe, level area of dirt, pavement or gravel at least 10 feet square in size.
- Have a pail of water ready to place used or malfunctioning fireworks in.
- Keep an extra pail of water, wet towels, charged garden hose or fire extinguisher on hand for emergencies.
- Do not point fireworks at anyone.
- If someone is injured or a fire is started, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Department of Library & Recreation Services

Magician Pulled a Rabbit Out of His Hat at John Daly Library

Visiting illusionist and all around entertainer Michael the Magician visited children at the John Daly Library on Wednesday, June 26, much to the delight of the many onlookers – including 56 children.



Michael thrilled library patrons with magic tricks, and introduced the children to his furry friends, including, of course, a rabbit! The kids all loved his performance and were able to participate as well.



Special events at the libraries during the month of July include – DIY Kite Mobile - Thursday, June 27, at the Westlake Branch; Marble Maze Madness - Monday, July 8, at Serramonte, Make and Take Felt Food to Go – Wednesday, June 10 at John Daly; Watercolor Zooland Silhouettes – Thursday, July 11, at Westlake; and Music and Movement with Teacher Barb – Friday, July 19, at Westlake. A full schedule of special summer activities can be found online at www.dalycity.org/librariansummer

In addition to scheduled special events, the library also launched “Pop Up” activities this week. To keep the sizes manageable during these programs, staff posts “sneak-peeks” on social media usually the day before the event, which has proven to be a great marketing tool and has brought in a number of patrons who closely follow the library on Facebook and Instagram.

Summer Youth Recreation Program Adventures Continue

Participants in the Summer Youth Recreation Program (SYRP) are making friends and exploring new places. This week, campers from the four SYRP sites – Gellert Park, Hillside Park, Marchbank Park and Westlake Park – visited the Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco, along with Pier 39.



The children also enjoyed a trip to Giammona Pool where they were treated to a barbecue lunch along with lots of activities in and around the swimming pool. Giammona Pool is also the home base for a variety of Aqua Camps, including the Guard Start Camp (Junior Lifeguard Training), which runs until July 19.



Fifteen of the hardest campers from Westlake Park visited the Sanitation Treatment Plant on Thursday, June 27. Plant Chief of Operations Greg Krauss led the children on a 90-minute tour that highlighted each of the main functions of the facility. The kids were curious and attentive – and grateful for the opportunity of a lifetime. Despite the sometimes off-putting aroma, the campers didn’t flinch.



Here is a list of upcoming highlights for SYRP:

- Friday, July 12 - **Family Feast – Dinner and a Movie** – Pacelli Gym – 7:00pm
- Friday, July 19 - **Talent Show** – Pacelli Gym – 6:30pm
- Friday, July 26 - **Gym Sleepover** – Pacelli Gym – ALL NIGHT LONG!
- Wednesday, July 31 - **Summer Carnival** – Pacelli Gym – 1:00pm

Daly City Youth Commission Meets the Recreation Commission

Two members of the Daly City Youth Commission, Kaylen Gapuz (Jefferson High School) and Patricia Sumang (Westmoor High School), made a presentation at the Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 25. The two ambassadors shared their vision of the Youth Commission, including its mission statement, which is to provide youth feedback and represent the youth voice to promote a healthier community.



Kaylen Gapuz (left) and Patricia Sumang made their first public presentation at the Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 25.

Kaylen and Patricia shared the initial goals of the Youth Commission, which are:

- Providing opportunities and resources for teen residents of Daly City
- Promoting education, mental health, and political/global awareness
- Preparing teens for the future through community outreach and events

The full presentation can be viewed on YouTube: https://youtu.be/rYq_LE3fW90?t=165

The Daly City Youth Commission is a component of the Daly City Teens program offered through



the Department of Library and Recreation Resources. There are currently more than 150 teens registered in the program. You can follow DC Teens on Facebook and Instagram - @dcteens. The Daly City Recreation Commission is on Instagram - @dalycityyouth (100 followers in the first two days of creating the account).



Members of the Recreation Commission, Jack Pastor, Chair Christina Luna and Nadia Flamenco, met with members of the staff from the Daly City Teens program.

Daly City Teens Visit San Francisco State



On Monday, June 24, Volunteer Leadership Program participants met for their third orientation and training session. The group met at San Francisco State to partake in team building exercises followed by a scavenger hunt that took the teens to every corner of the campus.

Volunteer Leadership Program participants are assisting staff this summer at the four Summer Youth Recreation Program sites.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 3 – **Independence Day Celebration** – Doelger Senior Center – 10:30am to 1:00pm

Saturday, August 3 – **Summer Luau** – Giammona Pool – 12:30 to 2:30pm

Saturday, August 17 – **Fun, Health and Safety Fair** – Serramonte Center – 10:00am to 2:00pm

Saturday, September 14 – **DCPLA Crazy About Cars** – Serramonte Center – 11:00am to 3:00pm

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 Public Works

2019-20 Crocker/Hillside, Junipero Serra Blvd. and San Pedro Rd. Slurry Seal Project

In the last newsletter, an update was provided on the 2017-18 Street Resurfacing project where various streets are resurfaced throughout the City with a layer of new asphalt. The City also performs an annual slurry seal project as part of the 7-year Street Slurry Seal Master Plan to perform preventative maintenance (sealing) on City streets. The plan rotates a neighborhood every year to cover the whole City over a 7-year period. This year the project covers the Crocker/Hillside neighborhood, Junipero Serra Blvd. and San Pedro Rd. The slurry seal project is the single most cost effective means to preserve a pavement's condition and thereby reduce long term pavement operations and maintenance cost.



The slurry seal project consists of three phases: Phase I – Base Repairs, Phase II – Slurry Seal and Phase III – Thermoplastic Striping. Currently, City staff and the City's contractor (VSS International, Inc.) are in the process of completing Phase I – Base Repairs of the project. This phase involves digging up and repairing smaller areas of damaged pavement prior to the application of slurry seal. During this phase of work, traffic and parking will be impacted, however full road closure is not required. The Crocker/Hillside, Junipero Serra Blvd. and San Pedro Rd. Slurry Seal project started on June 18 and will continue throughout the summer. Substantial completion of the project is estimated for September 2019.



Safe Routes to School – Collective Impact with the San Mateo County Office of Education



Over the past four months, Daly City engineering staff have participated in the San Mateo County Office of Education’s “Collective Impact” Project. Collective Impact strives to bring key stakeholders together to achieve common goals. Over the past four months this collaboration between several Daly City school representatives (Woodrow Wilson, Bayshore, Westlake and Panorama), City Engineering and Police staff, school parents, the County, University of California and other stakeholders have met to discuss Safe Routes to School in Daly City. Facilitated by the County, the working group has participated in walking audits of two schools, conducted parent surveys to understand biking and walking patterns, come up with ideas to incentivize biking and walking to school, enhanced pedestrian crossing countdown times across John Daly and brainstormed creative ways to pool resources to achieve our common goals.



Next steps for the engineering staff in concert with Collective Impact include exploring grant opportunities for Safe Routes to School capital improvements, collaborating

with schools on pick-up and drop-off strategies and maintaining the newly enhanced line of communication between the City, schools and other stakeholders of Safe Routes to School in Daly City.

Summer Intern

The Public Works Engineering Division is happy to welcome Maya Dewan to our team as a summer intern from the MTC High School Internship Program. In the fall, Maya will start her senior year at San Mateo High School. Maya is from Foster City and is interested in pursuing Civil Engineering when she goes to college. In her free time, Maya enjoys participating in the San Mateo High School Marching Band and competing with the robotics team.



Department of Human Resources

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

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

1. Fire Battalion Chief Assessment Center
2. Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Interviews
3. Police Records Clerk I/II Written Exam
4. HR Analyst/HR Specialist Interviews
5. Police Officer/Trainee Interviews

Welcome New Hire



Barry Biermann, Deputy Fire Chief, NCFE

Employee Promotion



Melva Gutierrez, Utility Billing Supervisor, Finance

Employee Training and Development

Employees attended the following trainings:

San Mateo Employment Relations Consortium The Future Is Now – Embracing Generational Diversity and Succession Planning

Employee Wellness

The monthly Employee Chair Chi was held on June 26.



Department of Water & Wastewater Resources

Collection System & Environmental Compliance



Collections and Environmental Compliance worked together to mitigate an illicit discharge to the storm drain system from an overflowing grease interceptor belonging to a restaurant on Gellert Blvd. Grease interceptors are privately-owned, large underground tanks that receive kitchen sink and drain flows from commercial restaurants.

Just after midnight on Father's Day, the Collection Division responded to the overflow with the large Vaccon (vacuum truck) to pump out approximately half the contents of the interceptor and clean the parking lot and storm drain. The restaurant was notified of the spill and subsequently failed to find the cause of the overflow. The interceptor overflowed again later that night with Collection crews repeating the same vacuum and cleaning process. The restaurant was shut down that night and the following day until the problem could be resolved. The restaurant contracted with a company to completely pump, clean and inspect the interceptor. The inspection revealed that the discharge line from the interceptor to the restaurant's lateral was plugged with grease. The restaurant was directed to increase their pumping frequency from quarterly to monthly and to have their grease waste lines jetted and cleaned quarterly. DWWR will recover all labor and equipment charges from the restaurant.

Distribution System

Distribution crews repaired a leaking fire hydrant valve on Simpson Ave. They replaced the corroded bolts and added new packing to complete the repair. The hole was then backfilled and topped with temporary asphalt patch until the concrete was completed.





Operations

Laboratory Supervisor, Tharanga Abeysekera, collected and organized Lead and Copper samples for laboratory drop off. The City is required to participate in a reduced Lead and Copper Sampling Program every three years. These samples are collected from a pool of homes built after 1982 by the residents living in the homes. Daly City is required to have 50 homes participate. This year, we were able to involve 82 homes in the sampling event. Bottles and instructions for sampling were dropped off the day before the sampling event and collected samples were picked up the following day by Operations staff.



Plant & Equipment Maintenance



PEM Mechanics Dan Shevchenko and Nic Peix are inspecting a pump for the return activated sludge (RAS) at the wastewater treatment plant. This RAS pump is used to move sludge between the secondary clarifiers and the biological reactors. The activated sludge contains the billions of microorganisms that perform the biological treatment of wastewater and this process of returning activated sludge is the way we continually introduce new microorganisms to the incoming wastewater which they consume.

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