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Centennial countdown ...

Daly City All Stars band to perform at Centennial kick off...

... historic group dates to 1910

THE DALY CITY ALL STARS, a group of "reading" musicians, celebrated its 100th anniversary with a free concert at the Doelger Café on December 4, 2010. Formed in 1910 in San Francisco's Richmond



California Wind Ensemble, circa 1954

District, the band previously known as the *California Wind Ensemble* and the *Friday Night Band*, has been called the *Daly City All Stars* since the mid-1990s when they relocated their rehearsals to Westlake Park. The band is scheduled to perform a variety of songs on March 24, 2011 at City Hall to kick-off Daly City's year-long centennial celebration. Daly City was incorporated on March 22, 1911 and will be marking the occasion of its 100th anniversary all year.

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San Francisco Giants ...

World Championship Trophy

... coming to Daly City February 18

THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS launched a tour of their World Series Championship trophy and selected Daly City as one of its stops. Giants fans can get an up-close view of the trophy when it comes to City Hall, 333 90th Street, on Friday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This once in a lifetime opportunity is free to the public. Parking around the Daly City Civic Center is limited, so fans are encouraged to carpool or take public transit (SamTrans Route 121 stops at Edgeworth Avenue and 90th Street).

"For more than 52 years, our dedicated fans have supported us through thick and thin," said Giants Managing General Partner and CEO Bill Neukom. "The trophy belongs to them as much as it belongs to us, and we want to thank our fans by extending the World Champions celebration throughout Giants country."



Giants mascot Lou Seal in an earlier Daly City visit.

Because this is a first for the Giants, they are not sure how many people will visit the trophy, but initial "viewing" parties were tremendously popular with fans. The Giants are going to do their best to accommodate everybody, but the lines will be managed on a first-come, first-served basis in whatever manner is necessary to keep the viewing and tour on schedule and to ensure the safety of those in line. Of course there are some rules to follow. **Rule 1:** You can't touch the trophy. **Rule 2:** You can pose with the trophy. A photographer will take photos that can be purchased online. Depending on the length of the line, fans may be permitted to take photos with their own cameras.

In anticipation of the event, the Mayor and City Council are proclaiming **February 18** as **San Francisco Giants Day in Daly City**. The Giants and the City of Daly City have enjoyed a cooperative partnership over the years. The Junior Giants, a program of the Giants Community Fund, helped build two baseball fields in Daly City – Bobby Bonds Field at John F. Kennedy School and Aaron Rowand Field at Panorama School. Daly City Youth are always well represented at Junior Giants Day at AT&T Park.

For more information about the Giants World Championship Trophy Tour, visit www.sfgiants.com and click on the "fans" tab.



Garbage rates to increase slightly in 2011 ...

Daly City will still have one of the lowest rates in the area.

DALY CITY's garbage rates increased for the first time in two years. The monthly rate for weekly residential collection for a single 32-gallon container rose from \$23.87 to \$24.33, representing an increase of 1.96% for the majority of Daly City's households. Weekly collection of recycling and yard waste is included at no additional charge. As illustrated by the comparison table below, even with the increase Daly City continues to have one of the lowest monthly garbage collection rates in the area, while providing a full array of services – including free collection of used motor oil, household batteries, and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs).

Pacifica	\$ 32.19
San Francisco	\$ 27.55
Redwood City	\$ 27.73
Daly City	\$ 24.33

*Monthly garbage rates for a 32 gallon can, collected weekly

Reasons for the garbage rate increase

The increase amounts to an additional 46 cents per month for the typical Daly City garbage account, based on weekly collection of a single 32-gallon container. Most of the increase is directly attributable to a landfill fee increase imposed by the County of San Mateo. Daly City's solid waste is transported to the County-owned Ox Mountain landfill in Half Moon Bay. Beginning July 1, 2010, the County unilaterally imposed an increase of \$2.81 per ton as part of a regulatory fee collected at Ox Mountain. Although the fee may seem insignificant, it is expected to drive the cost of disposal up by nearly \$200,000 a year. Under the terms of the City's franchise agreement with Allied Waste, the additional fee imposed by the County is recoverable through a formal rate adjustment request. The City Council reviewed Allied Waste's request and determined that the County imposed fee was extraordinary and unforeseen, therefore eligible to be recovered through a rate adjustment.

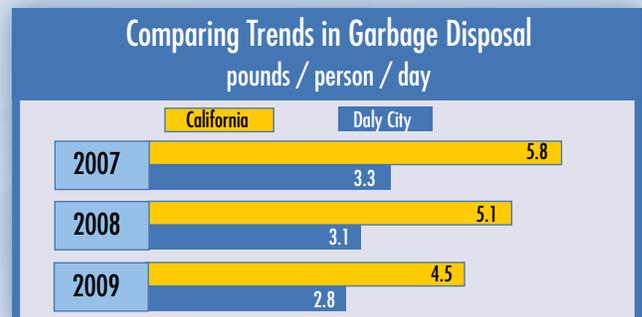
Daly City residents recycle more, dispose less

Daly City has made tremendous improvement in recycling more and disposing less following the introduction of the three-cart system nearly two years ago. The blue single-stream recycling carts appear to have made a difference. Many residents routinely place more in their recycling containers than in their trash cans. The result is that Daly City has one of the lowest pounds-per-person disposal rates in the state. That's a good thing!

Daly City does better than State mandates

When the California legislature enacted the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), cities and counties throughout the state were mandated to divert at least 50% of their garbage by 2000. In other words, we all had to reduce the volume we were accustomed to throwing away in our trash cans. The calculation for determining a city's "diversion rate" was quite complicated and widely criticized for being inaccurate and subject to unpredictable fluctuations. The California Integrated Waste Management Board imposed a compliance order on Daly City and threatened fines of up to \$10,000 a day for failing to comply with the diversion mandate.

Governor Schwarzenegger disbanded the Waste Board and the state completely changed the way it reviews compliance with the old mandate. As of 2007, the state no longer touts the mythical diversion rate as the standard. **The new measure is pounds (of garbage) generated per person, per day.** It sounds more onerous than it is and it is a much better indicator of any given jurisdiction's efforts to comply with the intent of the law.



In 2009, Daly City's average per-person, per-day disposal rate was 2.8 pounds. The California-wide average for the same period was 4.5 pounds. Daly City's residents dispose far less per capita than most cities in California. The state established

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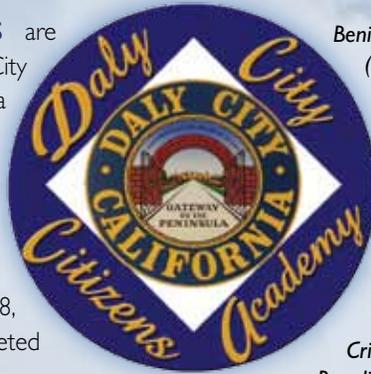
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Community involvement for a better Daly City.

Third annual Daly City Citizens Academy ...

Academy III graduates to be recognized January 10

CITIZENS ACADEMY III GRADUATES are slated to be honored at the January 10, 2011 City Council meeting following the completion of a rigorous eight-week course in local government. Participants in the Academy are presented with an intense overview of Daly City's municipal operations, covering topics ranging from Finance and Budgeting to Fire Department operations. Since the Citizens Academy was launched in 2008, more than 80 residents have successfully completed the course.



Benito, Sandra Blue-Jones, Ivy Caldwell, Leslie Choy, Dolly (Dolores) Clemente, Leonardo R. Garcia-Araiza, Luella Garrett, Melinda Gonzales-Guevara, Leah F. Guevarra, James Helpfern, Sabrina M. Hildebrand, Denise A. Kelly, John S. Klatt, Bernard Kriegel, Judith Lim, Betsy Lindsey, Jericho Lindsey, Kimberly Mahon, Irene Mani, Jocelyn Mendoza, Robert Mendoza, Jr., Dolores Preza, Christina Ramirez, Consolacion "Susan" Roxas, Antonio D. Salcedo, Mary Ellen Scherer, and Stephen Summers.

2008 Graduates

Cristina M. Alcantara, Mike Alonso, Robert L. Alves, Susan Beaulien, Barbara Bernhart, Ronald Bourdon, Josephine Chetty, Grace Chiu, Richard Crump, Larry J. Gallagher, Bill Hamilton, Jean Hayner, Gloria Jacamo-Argueta, Khatchatur Chris Kerelian, Arshak Ben Kerelian, Susan Kurucz, Victor Lee, Edward Lusnich, Josefina Manalo, Abby Margolis, Joseph T. Mees, Kristen Mees, Anahit Petrosian, Gary Rudolph, Ivory Speech, Diana Stephens, Paula Stillman, Michael Valencia, Clarke Wells, Eugene Young, and William Yung.

2010 Graduates

Renee Anderson, Leonard M. Belaski, Brenda Jones-Belaski, Chinetta Cade, Charito Casanas, Cheryl Crofts, Dolores Clemente, Claudia Colley, Christina Gotuaco, Sabina Gotuaco, Bill Hellums, Carol Hellums, William J. Lex, M. Corin Medrano, Flora Nolasco, Jon Owens, Andrew Passaretti, Olivia Spooner, Belmor Sulit, Fred Vinson, and Larry Williams.

2009 Graduates

Amadeo R. Agetano, Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch, Jovimay D. Bañez, Carlos

Citizens Academy IV applications will be available later this summer, with classes starting in September.

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2.6 pounds, per-person, per-day as the target disposal rate for Daly City – so there is still room for improvement, but the trend is heading in the right direction.

Over-filling is a major disposal problem

One of the biggest problems facing Daly City is the way people choose to dispose of their household garbage. If you look down your street on garbage day, there is a good chance you'll see at least one can packed high above the rim with the lid popped open at a 90 degree angle. Chronic "over packers" create a problem for the neighborhood and for the collection. Garbage packed above the top of the container rarely stays put. It spills onto the street and sidewalk and attracts rodents and scavenging crows and seagulls.

If you regularly over-fill your garbage container, you are probably not subscribing to the proper service level for your needs. Or you may not be maximizing your recycling. In either case, the practice of over-filling garbage cans is unlawful and unnecessary. You can order a larger garbage container, or use multiple 32-gallon containers. If you have questions about your options, contact Allied Waste at **(650) 756-1130** or visit the Allied Waste website: www.alliedwastedalycity.com.

Daly City All Stars to perform ... from page 1

The kick-off event at City Hall will start at 6:00 p.m. and will include a sampling of locally baked birthday cakes. Residents are welcome to attend the celebration, enjoy a slice of birthday cake, and listen to the concert – all for free.

The Daly City All Stars has roots in post-earthquake San Francisco. Band members gathered in the Local 6 Union Hall in downtown San Francisco for rehearsals. Johnny Krager formed the original **Friday Night Band** in 1910. A well-to-do building contractor, Mr. Krager built a rehearsal hall for the group in his home on Sanchez Street in San Francisco. Later, **The Friday Night Band** was managed by Ted Wurm and E.A. 'Doc' Benson, an eye surgeon. The group was forced to disband during World War II, but was revived and led from 1945-1970 by Albert J. Buchner. Under Buchner's direction, the band rehearsed first in his wife's gift shop and sheet music store at Balboa Street and 5th Avenue, later moved to the Richmond Hall at 4th Avenue and Clement Street, and then a school at 18th and Collingwood Streets, from 1960-1979. In 1979, **The Friday Night Band** merged with another San Francisco band, playing as the **California Wind Ensemble**. The band moved to Daly City in the mid-1990s and was renamed **The Daly City All Stars**. The band has been holding regular rehearsals every Friday night at the Doelger Senior Center ever since.

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Recognizing the 'Father of Daly City' ... Gravesite tribute for John Daly — a January 8 prelude to the City's centennial.

LOCAL HISTORIAN Bunny Gillespie invites residents and friends of Daly City to participate in a gravesite tribute to John Donald Daly, in what she is calling a prelude to the City's centennial. The event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 8, 2011, at Woodlawn Memorial Park, 1000 El Camino Real, Colma. John D. Daly is widely regarded as the "Father of Daly City" and is an important figure in the history of the city that bears his name.



John Donald Daly (1840 - 1923)

Those attending the tribute are asked to bring at least one flower to place on Daly's grave in recognition of his fondness for gardening during his retirement years. Daly died January 1, 1923.

Gillespie, the author of three books about Daly City, will give a brief description of Daly's unique contributions to the founding of Daly City nearly 100 years ago.

A printed map with directions to Daly's gravesite may be obtained by visiting the office at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Daly City Community Calendar

City Council Meetings

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.
2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Planning Commission Meetings

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.
1st Tuesday of each month

Free Electronics (e-waste) Recycling Event

City Hall Main Parking Lot – 333 90th St.
Saturday, February 5
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
No Appointment Necessary

San Francisco Giants World Series Trophy Comes to Daly City

City Hall Rotunda
333 90th Street
Friday, February 18
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free!

Daly City's Centennial Kick-off

City Hall Rotunda
333 90th Street
Thursday, March 24
5:30 p.m.

Check www.dalycity.org for description

Homebuyer Readiness Programs

*By Habitat for Humanity
of Greater San Francisco*
Doelger Senior Center, Room 1
101 Lake Merced Blvd.
January 12 — *Credit Repair*
January 19 — *Debt Reduction*
January 26 — *Money Management*
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (all classes)

Call (415) 625-1012 for information