

# DALY NEWS

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*John Daly Boulevard*

## Construction on John Daly Boulevard Begins August 2016

*Streetscape improvements coming to John Daly between Delong Street and Mission Street*

The John Daly Boulevard Streetscape Improvements Project is a “Complete Streets” project that will improve the accessibility and connectivity between the Daly City BART station at Delong Street and the SamTrans bus hub at the Top of the Hill (Mission Street).

The project will narrow the median island, install bicycle lanes, and construct new pedestrian facilities, bio-swales and landscaping. The project will utilize recycled water to irrigate the new trees and plants. The project also includes the installation of pedestrian scale lighting along the walking path and new street lights on the north and south medians, as well as traffic signal modifications at Santa Barbara Avenue. Lastly, the project will repave the street and install curb access ramps and stamped crosswalks.

The City received over \$2.2 million in grant funding from the Federal OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program and San Mateo County (Measure A). Sanitation Funds will fund the recycled water pump system and the installation of bio-swales. The remainder of the project will be funded with local Gas Tax and Measure A funds.

Construction is expected to last approximately six months. Traffic delays will be minimized to the extent possible but some traffic delays, noise, and inconvenience will be unavoidable. For questions or concerns related to the project, please call Public Works – Engineering Division at (650) 991-8064.



## Daly City Installs an Internet Safe Exchange Zone

Recently the City Council adopted an Internet Safe Exchange Zone at City Hall located at 333 90th Street. Residents now have access to two parking spaces highlighted with special turquoise paint directly in front of the Police Station. There is also a sign

designating these parking spots as an exchange zone under a 24-hour live recorded video feed that goes straight to the Police Department. These high resolution cameras are able to record faces and license plates.

The City cannot guarantee buyers or sellers that they will not become victims of crime or fraud as a result of a transaction. Rather, the video monitoring and nearby police presence are intended to provide a safer alternative to meeting a stranger in their home or an unfamiliar location. Please keep in mind, the Police Department advises residents to meet during daylight hours and to bring a partner or inform a friend/family member of the meeting.

Your safety is our priority. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Daly City Police Department at (650) 991-8119.

**National Night Out!**  
Tues., August 2, 5:00-8:00 pm  
Serramonte Center



Join us in celebrating National Night Out, America’s “Night Out Against Crime” on Tues., August 2. National Night Out promotes

involvement in crime prevention activities and community and police partnerships.

This free event is made possible through the generous support of Republic Services, Macy’s, MADD, Serramonte Center, and Sonitrol Security Systems. Bring your family out for fun activities, small giveaways, and to meet fellow residents and Police, Fire, and City staff. In addition, the popular Off the Grid Food Trucks will be onsite (fees for food and beverages apply). The event will be located on the northeast corner of Serramonte Center, near the digital billboard sign.

Learn more at [www.dalycity.org/nno](http://www.dalycity.org/nno). Make National Night Out part of your summer!

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## Daly City's Biennial Budgets Balanced

*Balanced through service reductions, operational changes, and using savings*

While many cities in the Bay Area have recovered from the Great Recession, Daly City's revenue growth lags behind the increased cost of doing business. The City's General Fund, which pays for police and fire services, library and recreation, street and park maintenance, and other operations of the City, has been hardest hit. The biennial budget passed in June by the City Council for Fiscal Years (FY) 2017 and 2018 projected a deficit of \$3.4 million and \$2.9 million respectively. By law, municipalities must adopt a balanced budget. To meet this requirement, the City is implementing service reductions, operational changes, and using one-time General Fund reserves to bridge the budget shortfall.

	(in millions \$)	
	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Fund Budget		
Revenues	\$73.3	\$74.0
Expenditures	\$76.7	\$76.9
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3.4)	(\$2.9)
Transfer from Reserves	\$3.4	\$2.9

### Major Service Reductions

There are several operational changes that the City is implementing to control rising costs and reduce expenses.

The City will eliminate an engine company truck at Fire Station 95, which is located at 191 Edgemont Drive and primarily serves the City Center, Sullivan Corridor, and Skyline Plaza areas. Fire Station 95 will not be closing. The Station will continue to operate a ladder truck with paramedics. The firefighters on the engine company will not be laid off; however, when vacancies occur, the City will not fill these positions; this is estimated to save \$3 million over the next two years.

The Police Department has partnered with San Mateo County to consolidate the City's 9-1-1 dispatch services. Over a five-year period the City is estimated to save over \$2.4 million. Currently, the County provides dispatch for fire and emergency calls for the North County Fire Authority. Thus, the City is confident the services will meet or exceed expectations. Likewise, six police officer positions will remain vacant saving an estimated \$2.2 million over the biennial budget.

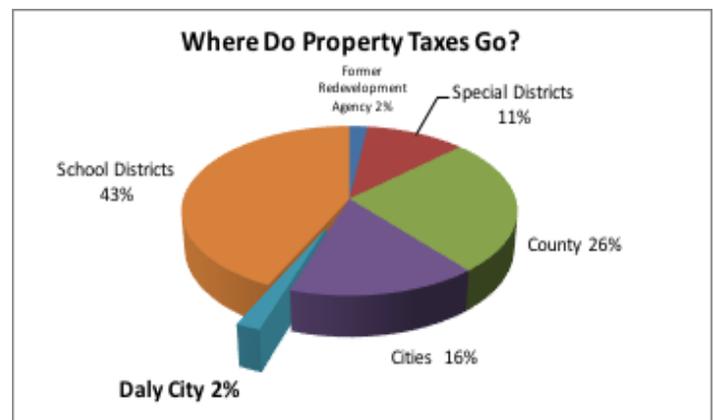
In addition, several positions have been eliminated in the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, the Public Works Department, and the Library and Recreation Department (see article on page 3 regarding library hour reductions).

### Why does Daly City Continue to Experience Fiscal Challenges?

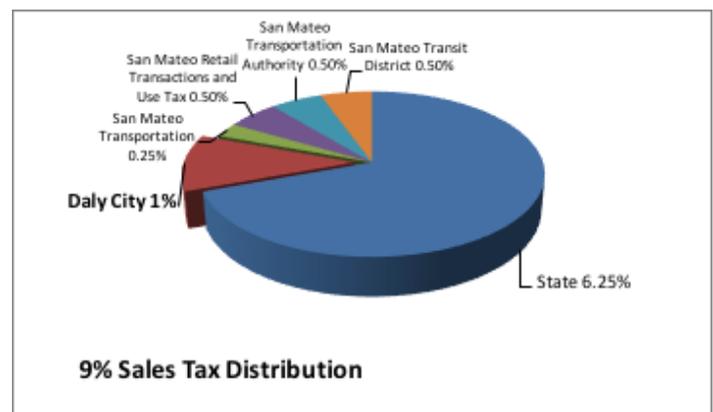
Daly City is primarily a residential community, and as such we lack a diverse economic base that includes hotels, car dealerships, and corporate businesses. Likewise, as a built out community, we do not have significant developable land and this limits the potential for private investment and economic growth.

The City welcomes the economic development that we are experiencing, such as Serramonte Center and Gellert Marketplace. However, increased revenues lag behind the construction of new development, and regardless, projected revenue growth will not meet the community's growing demand for City services such as public safety.

Despite the common misconception that all property tax revenue goes directly to the City of Daly City, as the chart below indicates, the City only receives 2% of your property taxes. Property tax revenue funds basic and quality of life services including police and fire, park and facility maintenance, and libraries, just to name a few.



Another common belief is that the sales tax collected goes directly to the City. As the chart below illustrates, the majority goes to the state.



### Preserving Critical Services is Priority

While the City endeavors to maintain current service levels and provide potential service enhancements, we are limited by constrained resources and rising cost of obligations. We recognize that the fiscal challenges we face are continuing to increase; however, the City remains committed to finding creative ways to preserving critical services.

## Daly City Public Library Hours Reduced in Response to Ongoing Budget Deficit

Daly City's public libraries will be reducing service levels in an effort to better align expenditures and revenues. Library hour changes become effective the week of September 12, 2016. No libraries will be permanently closed.

- **Bayshore Library** will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays (10 am to 6 pm). This is a reduction of one (1) hour from the current schedule (5.9%).
- **John Daly Library** will be open Mondays (10 am to 6 pm), Wednesdays (12 noon to 8 pm), and Fridays (12 noon to 6 pm). This is a reduction of 14 hours from the current schedule (38.9%).
- **Westlake Library** will be open Tuesdays (12 noon to 8 pm), Wednesdays and Thursdays (10 am to 6 pm), Fridays (12 to 6 pm), and Saturdays (10 am to 5 pm). This is a reduction of seven (7) hours from the current schedule (15.9%).
- **Serramonte Library** will be open Mondays and Tuesdays (10 am to 8 pm), Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10 am to 6 pm). This is a reduction of 12 hours from the current schedule (21.4%).

The administrative offices of the Department of Library and Recreation Services will be closed to the public on Mondays. Administrative staff will focus on processing payroll and bills and catching up with class registrations and facility reservations. Calls will be routed directly to voicemail and responded to the following day.

These reductions are expected to save the City \$183,000 in the coming year, including salary savings of approximately \$121,000. Materials acquisitions, library special activities, and some online services will also be reduced because of the cuts.

## Late Fees for Materials Checked out to Children and Teens Eliminated at Libraries in San Mateo County

The Peninsula Library System (PLS) announced that daily late fees for materials checked out to children and teens will be eliminated effective July 1.

An examination of PLS user data revealed that 13,530 juvenile library cardholders, or 11% of all juvenile cardholders, were unable to use library services due to the amount of money owed on their library accounts. While juvenile patrons make up 25% of the total cardholders, they represent 32% of all patrons with a financial block.

Fees associated with unreturned or damaged items will still be charged. Ultimately, removing late fines means removing barriers to library materials and services. Libraries have always been considered the great equalizer and this is just one more way of leveling the playing field for our community.



## Brand New Affordable Homes for Sale in Daly City

Eleven new homes under development by KB Homes will be made available for sale to households earning at or below 120% of the area median income (\$129,250 for a household of four). To receive more information about application deadlines for this and other affordable homeownership opportunities in the Bay Area, please sign up by visiting [www.hellohousing.org/stay\\_connected/](http://www.hellohousing.org/stay_connected/).

## Safely Dispose of Old and Unused Medications at City Hall

Trace amounts of medicines are present in California waterways, much of which comes from medicines (both pills and liquid forms) that are flushed down the toilet or drain, or put into the trash. Our wastewater treatment plants are not able to filter pharmaceuticals out of water, so the contamination is eventually released into waterways.



When medications end up in landfills, they contaminate water as well. These pharmaceuticals cause harmful effects on aquatic life and become more concentrated as they move up the food chain. They also pose a risk to human health.

Residents are encouraged to drop off unused medications, prescriptions, and vitamins here at City Hall, located at 333 90th Street. There is a free collection container right outside of the Police Department. As the above picture shows, it looks like a white mailbox and is marked for "Pharmaceutical Disposal Only." Just remember to remove pills from their boxes/bottles and place them all together in a sealed plastic bag. Leave liquids in their original container. Do not drop off sharps with your medications.

Thank you for helping keep our waterways free of pharmaceuticals!



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**Daly City's 2015 Water Quality Report Released**

The 2015 Water Quality Report is now available on the City's website at [www.dalycity.org/waterquality](http://www.dalycity.org/waterquality)

The annual report details regulatory compliance of the City's drinking water to our customers. Residents may request a copy of the report by calling the Department of Water and Wastewater Resources at (650) 991-8200.



**Drought Restrictions Continue**

Although California's water supply picture has improved as a result of your water conservation efforts and the near normal rain and snowfall over the last year, the drought is not over. On a statewide basis, the Governor's emergency drought declaration remains in effect. Daly City has a four percent (4%) local conservation goal, a reduction from the original eight percent (8%) goal mandated by the state.

Daly City residents are encouraged to continue using water wisely and to take proactive steps to avoid waste. Soon Daly City will take formal action to match water restrictions enacted by the state. While residents will no longer be subject to a two-day per week outdoor irrigation schedule, residents will still be expected to avoid wasteful water runoff or to hose down paved surfaces unless for a health or sanitation purpose. Outdoor irrigation will continue to be restricted from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm along with during a rain event or within 48 hours after.

Daly City also encourages residents to take advantage of remaining high efficiency toilet and washing machine rebates offered in partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. For additional information on available rebates and water conservation practices, please contact the Department of Water and Wastewater Resources at (650) 991-8200.

**Daly City Receives "Cities of Service" Grant to Fund "Project Green Space"**

Daly City is one of five Bay Area cities to be part of Cities of Service's new "Bay Area Impact Volunteering Program," which was made possible with generous support from the Walmart Foundation, Inc. Over 40 cities were invited to apply and from those that submitted applications, Cities of Service selected Daly City, Oakland, Richmond, San Jose, and San Leandro.

Daly City will receive \$25,000 to support the "Project Green Space" initiative. Project Green Space will engage community volunteers to plant drought-tolerant tree species and replace impervious surfaces with rain gardens. Increasing the number of trees in the city will help keep water out of storm drains, which will lead to less flooding and decrease coastal erosion. More details about the project and the volunteer opportunities will be available soon; for updates visit [www.dalycity.org/gogreen](http://www.dalycity.org/gogreen).

Cities of Service was founded in September 2009 in New York City by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and 16 other mayors from across the nation. Cities of Service is a nonprofit organization that supports the efforts of cities to engage local communities and residents, identify challenges, and solve problems. Today, Cities of Service coalition is comprised of over 200 cities in the United States and United Kingdom.

**Regular City Meetings**

All monthly meetings are held at City Hall

**City Council**

7:00 pm — 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

**Planning Commission**

7:00 pm — 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

**Library Board of Trustees**

6:00 pm — 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

**Recreation Commission**

7:00 pm — 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**Arts and Culture Commission**

6:30 pm — 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

