
City Manager Update

DECEMBER 2024

KEY DATES & EVENTS

DECEMBER 7, 5:30 PM
Christmas Golf Cart Parade

DECEMBER 8, 3:00 PM
Community Chorus Holiday
Concert

DECEMBER 12, 5:00 PM
FDOT Open House and
Skinner Blvd complete
streets meeting

DECEMBER 14, 11:00 AM
Wreaths Across America

DECEMBER 14, 4:00 PM
Old Fashioned Christmas
Parade

DECEMBER 25 & 26
City Offices Closed for
Christmas

JANUARY 1, 2025
City Offices Closed for New
Year's Day



The City of Dunedin swore in a new Mayor and two new Commissioners on November 18, 2024.

Pictured left to right: Commissioner Jeff Gow, Commissioner Steven Sandbergen, Mayor Maureen "Moe" Freaney, Commissioner Rob Walker, Commissioner Tom Dugard

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Downtown Projects

- **Mid-Town Garage** – Commission approved the design criteria proposal for the new garage on Douglas Avenue and Scotland Street on October 24.
- **Skinner Blvd Road Project** – Construction began October 28 and is scheduled to last until the spring of 2026.
- **Downtown Streetscape Paver Enhancements** – This initiative will improve walkability and overall aesthetics on Main Street from the Pinellas Trail to Broadway. This project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2025.
- **Gateway** – The Gateway Development Termination Agreement went before the City Commission for the second reading and was approved on November 7. The City Commission approved accepting the Jernigan tract as a park and to be named “John Kokolakis Memorial Park.”
- **Old City Hall** – Concepts for a park are being developed.

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

- The CRA Annual Report is now available on the City Website. **Next CRA Meeting: 1/23/25**

Special Events and Projects

- Awards will be distributed for the holiday light post contest at the DDMA meeting on December 11.

City-wide Project Updates

- **Coca-Cola** - Staff continues to meet regularly with Coca-Cola on the redevelopment of the property. Coca-Cola closed on May 31.

Business Recruitment and Retention

- Staff meets with and assists the Chamber of Commerce, Dunedin Downtown Merchants Association (DDMA), and Visit Dunedin.

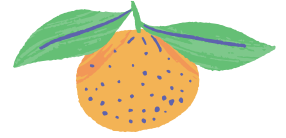
Affordable Housing

- Staff was recently awarded an affordable housing project with Archway Partners featuring 78 rental apartments.

Business Recruitment and Retention

- The CRA budget for FY 2025 was approved on September 19.

FINANCE



Accounting

- Year-end close review and entries in process, anticipated close 12/31-ACFR preparation to follow
- Recovery meeting held for Topical Storm Debby
- Exploratory calls held for Hurricane Helene and Milton (#4828DR and #4834DR)
- Continued collection of storm documentation from departments city wide

BID, RFP & RFQ Status List

Recently Awarded: 12/3/24 ITB #24-1279- "Locklie Street Brick Paving Project."

Recently Awarded: 12/3/24 ITB #24-1280- "Patricia Avenue Water Main Replacement."

Recently Awarded: 12/3/24 ITB #24-1277- "Air Conditioner Replacement at the Community Center."

Recently Awarded: 12/3/24 ITB #24-1276- "Roof Replacement at Various City Locations"

Under Evaluation: RFQ #24-2025- Coffee Delivery Service

Active: RFP #25-2502- Department Director Recruitment Services

Under Development: Douglas Avenue at Grant Street ADA Ramp and Crosswalk

Under Development: Executive Recruiter

Rejected: None

RF – Capital Recovery Fee (reclaimed water)

- 0 New CRF Loans | 1 Payoff: \$803.57 | Paid at install: None

Budget Updates

Analyzed preliminary fiscal year end 2024 budget to actuals

Presented the final FY 2024 Budget Amendment to Commission on November 21, 2024

Presented the FY 2024 2nd Budget Amendment to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on November 21, 2024

Prepared update on ARPA projects and funding to be presented to Commission in December 2024.

Assisted Departments with various budgets inquiries and Adjustments

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Completed Projects

Repair Underground Fiber Cable Conduit on Highland Ave

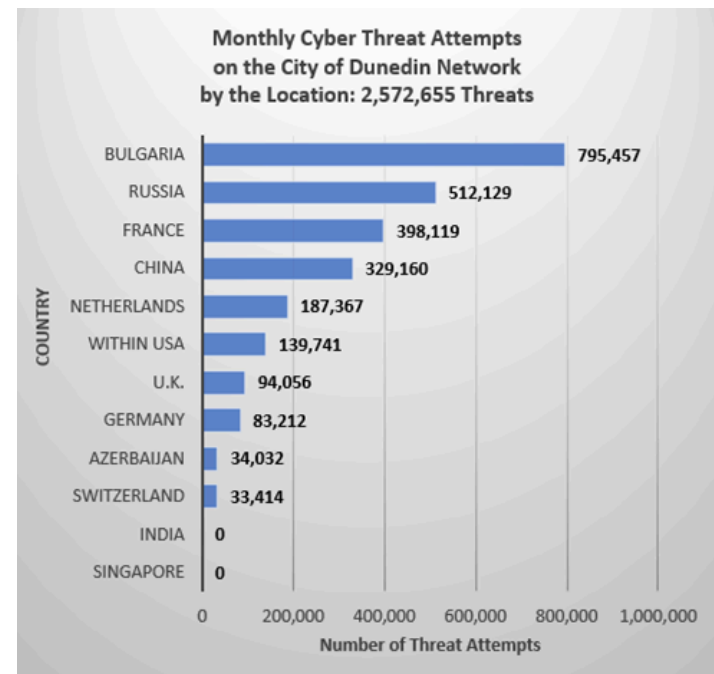
Projects in Progress

Estimated Completion

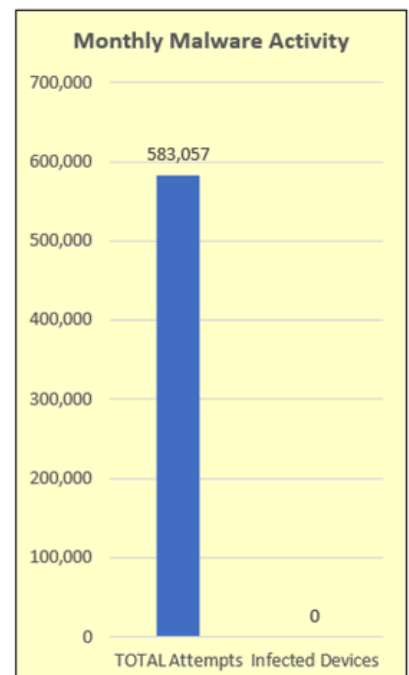
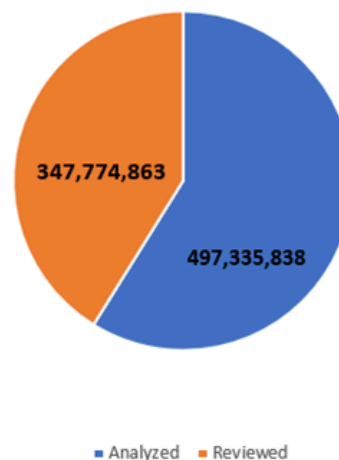
ERP (<i>Enterprise Resource Program</i>) Work Order System Upgrade	Spring 2025
ERP (<i>Enterprise Resource Program</i>) Utility Billing System Upgrade	January 2026
Fiber Cable Audit (<i>of whole city to determine viability</i>)	January 2025
City Fiber Cable Replacement (<i>WW to City Hall</i>)	December 2024
Conference Room A/V Computer Upgrades (<i>citywide</i>)	December 2024
Cybersecurity Monitoring & Detection Training for IT Staff	December 2024
Cybersecurity Training (<i>for All City Employees</i>)	Ongoing as of Nov 2023
Office 365 installation for One-Drive and SharePoint (<i>citywide</i>)	January 2025
Software Compliancy Monitoring Project	Ongoing as of 2023
Install PEG (Public, Education & Government) TV Channel	December 2024
Implement E911 Service Citywide	Spring 2025
Repair Underground Fiber Cable Conduit on Highland Ave	Summer 2024

Future Projects

Upgrade and Move City Fiber Cabling at WWTP	Winter 2024
Major Fiber Cabling Re-splicing Project (<i>citywide</i>)	Winter 2024
Network Closets Wire Management Project (<i>citywide</i>)	Spring 2025
Security Camera Systems Installations (<i>citywide</i>)	Ongoing as of Nov 2024
Public Wi-Fi Installations in designated City parks	Fall 2026



Suspicious Activities Discovered & Thwarted Total: 845,110,701



PARKS AND RECREATION

Projects in Progress

- **Hale Center Restrooms:** Remodel continues in facility's north end men's & women's restrooms and adjacent storage closet
- **Highlander Tennis Courts:** Working to finalize design and scope of work for repairs
- **Stirling Skate Park:** Drafting RFP and project specifications for main bowl repairs
- **Stirling Park & Driving Range:** Staff assisting with ongoing clubhouse restoration, purchase order submitted for netting repairs due to storm damage
- **Dunedin Little League Concession & Board Room:** Post storm restoration continues

Completed Special Events

- **November 3:** Progressive Arts Theater presented "Alice in Wonderland"
- **November 9:** Downtown Dunedin Merchants Association (DDMA) Wines the Blues
- **November 10-11:** Veteran's Day 5K Race & Veteran's Day Ceremony
- **November 16:** Eagle Scout Pickleball Courts Grand Opening *(pictures below)*
- **November 17:** Creative Artist Guild
- **November 21:** First United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Service
- **November 23:** Dunedin Scottish American Foundation Celtic Music Festival



PARKS DIVISION

- Continued offseason field repairs on all 7 fields at Fisher Little League
- Added clay and re-shaped the pitcher's mound on Field 7
- Assisted GDLL in accepting delivery of 7 new scoreboards at Fisher Little League
- Ordered, spread, and graded 2 loads of topsoil for new sod at public batting cages
- Ordered product-specific adhesive for new turf in the public batting cages
- Closed Jerry Lake and over-seeded all 4 fields with annual Winter Rye seed
- Made repairs to all 5 flag poles at Fisher. New toppers, pulleys, ropes, and flags
- Hosted a weekend-long NSA softball tournament
- Continued tree pruning throughout the Fisher Little League Complex
- Made numerous repairs to chain link fencing throughout Fisher
- Staff performed all assigned monthly Park/Parking lot and Playground checks and made all necessary repairs

RECREATION DIVISION

- Taylor Johnson completed coursework and received her Department of Children and Families Director and School Age Staff Credentials.
- **November 13:** Friendsgiving Luncheon - Hale Center
- **November 16:** Community garage sale
- **November 20:** Dunedin 3 O'clock Big Band Dance & Concert
- **November 22:** Holiday Globe Ornament Making at Hale Center

DUNEDIN GOLF CLUB

- Debris cleanup from Hurricanes Helene and Milton continues. The cutting of downed trees on the front 9 has been completed and disposal is underway. Great progress has been made on the grounds; the golf course is looking beautiful.
- The extra work caused by the hurricanes has pushed the golf course opening back to a possible December 15 - December 31 timeframe.
- Highland House restaurant is open

DUNEDIN MARINA

- Dunedin marina remains closed due to extensive hurricane damage. This includes the marina basin, boat ramp, day docks, fishing pier.
- There is no availability for transient docking.
- Commercial charter businesses are open, as well as Olde Bay Café.
- Boating classes will continue to be offered as scheduled.
- Public parking is limited.

COMMUNICATIONS



Areas of Focus

- Fire Rescue Recruitment Video, Thanksgiving video,
- Post Storm Communications/Debris Collection; Recovery services, information, daily updates via social media posts and DunediNEWS
- Pickleball court grand opening
- Refreshed brand guidebook/templates - sharing templates with uses/updating social media graphics
- Closures: Skinner Blvd Complete Streets construction
- Infrastructure: road improvements closures, project pages updates on website

Website, Newsletter & Engage City Projects

- 100 new subscribers to DunediNEWS | 12,768 total subscribers to DunediNEWS
- 95k users, 147k sessions, 239k page views, 117k engagements, 88k new users
- Engage Project pages: 1.6k users, 2.6k page views, 2k session, Top pages: FDOT Skinner (504) and Dunedin Freebee (217)

	Total followers	New followers	Posts	Likes	Impressions
Facebook	45,000	932	72	10,800	324,400
X	5,309	-	13	30	-
Instagram	14,000	359	32	5,000	23,100
YouTube	2,747	38	11	-	10,400
LinkedIn	2,579	33	21	242	8,960

Social Media Watch Time

- Flickr (photos) - over 110,000 views to date
- **Top posts:** Fire Recruitment Reel (Over 222,000 views, with a watch time of 20,500 hours), Holiday Boat Parade Cancellation, Pickleball Courts Grand Opening

Zencity Insights

- **Positive** sentiment was 2x higher than **negative** sentiment (23% positive, 4% negative).
- **Volume:** 33K (down 44%) - interactions. This reflects volume generated from the Hurricanes. And November return to normal interactions. Most of the negative sentiment was related to a fatal boating accident near Dunedin Causeway.



Top Event Pages Viewed

Trick or Treating| 3.8K views
Halloween Happenings| 1.8K

Top News Articles Viewed

Stay informed| 11K views
Post storm updates| 10K views

Top Website Page Views

City of Dunedin Home	51.0K
Hurricane information	52.0K
City Calendar	6.6K
Storm updates	8.0K
Permits & Inspections	4.4K

LIBRARY

Completed Projects & Events



- Playground mural is complete
- Fall author event
- Employee Manual update completed
- Silver Santa's gift program

Projects & Events in Progress

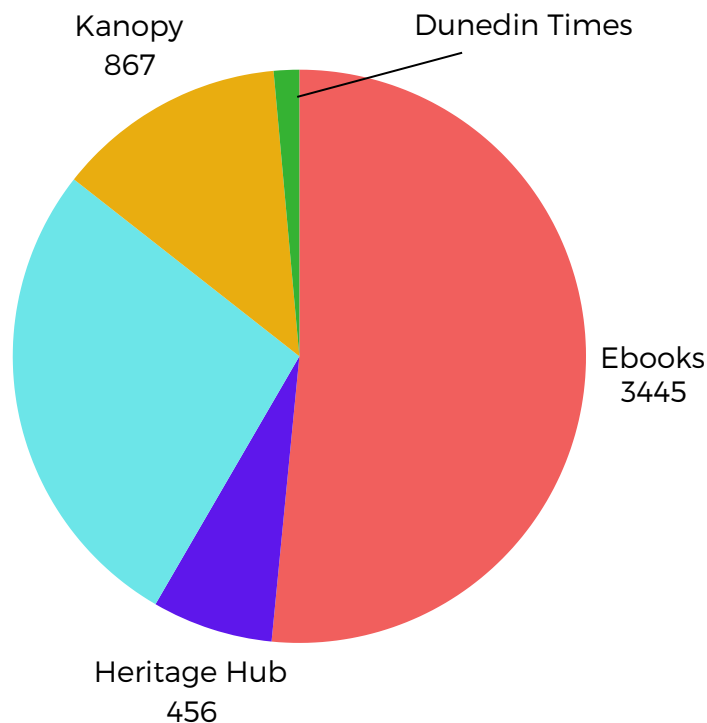
- Water Fountain upgrade
- Charging Stations
- Roof replacement bid to Commission
- 130th Library Anniversary Celebration planning

PATRONS DONATED 452 POUNDS TO DUNEDIN CARES FOOD PANTRY IN NOVEMBER

*Vision Statement:
Igniting the Community with Knowledge
and Experiences*

Total Transactions	39,396
Total Visitors	11,642
Computer Usage (minutes)	1,152
Wi-Fi Users	3,103
Youth, Teen & Adult Programs	89
Youth, Teen & Adult Attendance	2,307
New Library Card Holders	106
Museum Passes checked out	247
Adult Volunteer Hours	100.5
Youth Volunteer Hours	108.5
Branch Library Visitors	265
Seed Packets Checked Out	342
Study Room Usage	201

ONLINE USAGE



Next Library Advisory Committee Mtg: 1/27/2025

PUBLIC WORKS

Operations

- 5 Public Works staff attended the Great American Teach-in for three elementary schools educating students on Stormwater, streets, city environment, and how they impact sustainability. A garbage truck was also brought onsite to discuss safety.
- Staff continues to work on the Stormwater MS4 NPDES Annual Report which will be submitted by end of January 2025
- Savannah Bunch visited the Library for Homeschool Hour for an ecofriendly craft based on limiting single use plastics.
- Transition for the New Commission was arranged at City Hall.
- 52 pieces of artwork from students were installed on the walls at City Hall.
- Electrical Panels were replaced at Weaver Park and Causeway Restrooms
- Storm recovery continues throughout the City including debris management, infrastructure repair/replacement, and drainage cleaning and assessment.
- Received bids for Community Center HVAC, and roof replacements for Community Center, Hale Center and Library

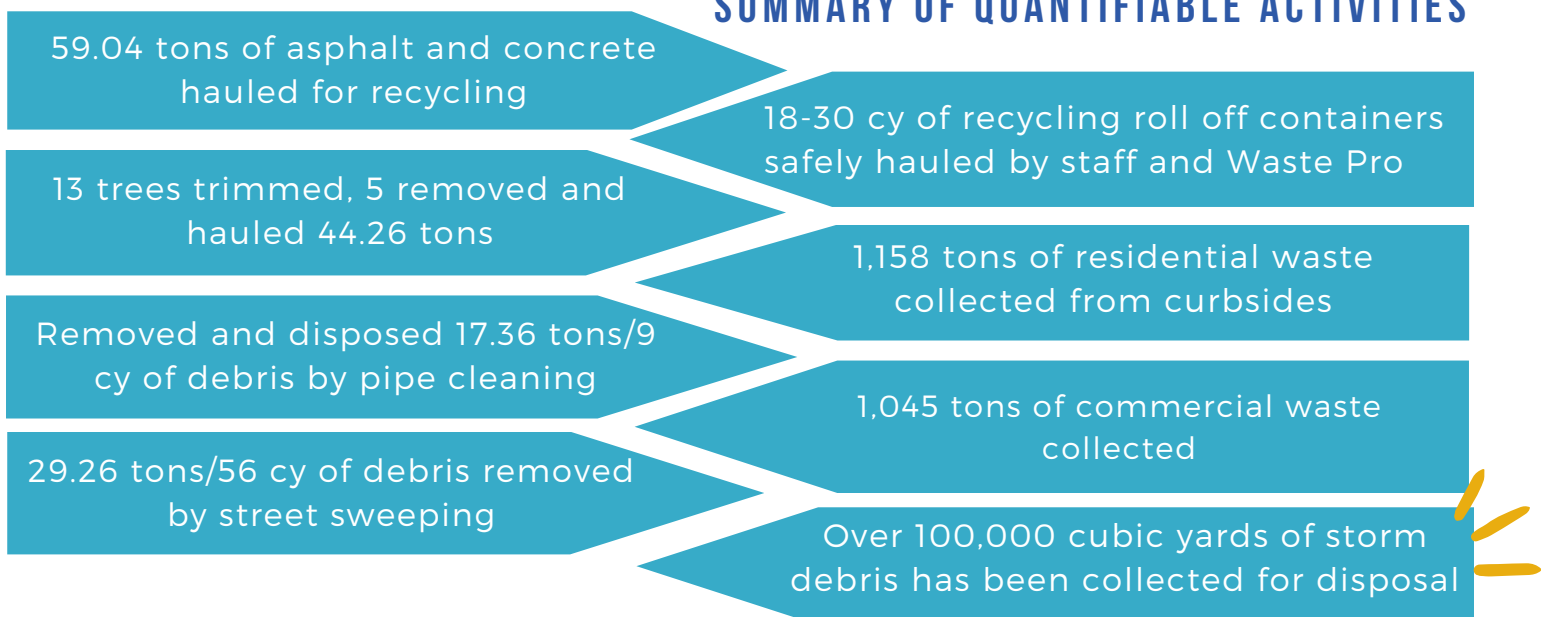
Completed Projects

- Repaired and Replacement of Sidewalk (305 sf).
- Repaired utility cuts on street surfaces for Water and Wastewater (16 locations).
- Manufactured (27) and replaced (52) traffic signs.
- Repaired Stormwater structures (2) inlets, (6) pipes.
- The last three inline tidal (check) valves have been installed in Baywood Shores, completing those installations. Two additional tidal (inline check) valves were installed on Buena Vista Dr. N.

Vulnerability Assessment and Adaption Plan

- **November:** Submitted the deliverables for Task 6 - Data Gathering Task

SUMMARY OF QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITIES



ENGINEERING

Roadway, Drainage, and Interdepartmental Projects in Progress

- **Brady Drive Drainage:** Engineering working with a Consultant for design of erosion repairs.
- **Locklie Brick Street Paving:** Construction contract will be presented to Commission 12/3.
- **San Charles Dr. Drainage Improvements:** In-house plans sent to consultant, Jones Edmunds. Consultant to provide stormwater modeling support and submit SWFWMD permit app
- **Buena Vista Drive Drainage Improvements:** Survey work completed. Construction to be completed in a future year.
- **FY25 Mill & Overlay Contract:** Preparing bid documents for advertisement
- **Pavement Management System RFQ:** Sensors gathering data. Staff training to be schedule once more data is complied.
- **Washington St Flooding:** Under design by consultant, awaiting permits before final plans.
- **Gabions Drainage System Repair:** Consultant, Pennoni and Associates, prepared 100% plans. Bid closed 9/24/2024. One responding contractor with a bid \$900,000 over estimate. Rejected the bid. Working with Consultant to re-bid. Sections of the gabion down stream of project area damaged by Hurricane Milton. Working with a consultant for design repairs.

Utilities Projects in Progress

- **Lift Station 20 Rebuild:** Construction in Progress. Working on installation of new forcemain.
- **Lift Station 32 Rebuild:** Design complete. FEMA/DEM provided approval or Phase 1 design. Working on issuance of construction grant agreement.
- **WWTP Electrical:** Obtaining permits and revising specs for bidding.
- **WWTP SCADA System Upgrades:** Construction in progress. Reviewing submittals & RFIs.
- **WW Lift Station Control Panel / SCADA replacements (44 sites):** Under construction at multiple sites.
- **Lofty Pines Septic to Sewer-Phase 1:** Sewer line & Milling & Paving complete. Contractor working on coating manholes.
- **WW Force Main Replacements:**
 - **FM 4** completed
 - **FM 2** completed
 - **FM 10** Work along Loudon between Wood and Scotland is completed. Work south of Scotland to James is ongoing.
- **WWTP Outfall Piping Repair:** Liner installation complete.
- **WWTP Diesel Tank Replacement:** Project Meeting on 12/5 for construction coordination.
- **WWTP Chlorine Contact Chamber Rehabilitation:** Working on project close-out.
- **Virginia Ave. 12" Watermain Replacement:** Requested all permits. Waiting on final bid documents from consultant.
- **WWTP Denitrate Filter Rehab:** Design complete, ready to bid.
- **WWTP RAS/WAS/Filter Feed Pump Replacement:** Under design by consultant.
- **WWTP Admin Hardening:** Study underway.
- **FY 24 Lift Station Rehabs:** Construction ongoing.
- **New Production Well:** Evaluating potential new production well sites.
- **Patricia Ave WM Replacement:** Construction contract will be presented to Commission for award on 12/3.
- **Ranchwood & Hitching Post WM:** Preparing Bid Package.
- **Willow Woods WM Replacement:** Surveying completed. Design to be done in-house.


UTILITIES

WWTP Maintenance and Repairs

- Maintenance completed quarterly valve exercising at the WWTP/Reclaim stations.
- TLC on site. Replaced approximately 16' of leaking stainless steel reaeration 4" air line.
- Maintenance installed new 4" Rosemount flow meter for waste flow monitoring at fac#7 sludge building.
- Maintenance replaced CCC mixer motor at fac#9 disinfection tank.


Compliance: The October 2024 Discharge Monitoring Report was submitted to FDEP 'in compliance' Bioassay/Toxicity testing Passed for 4th quarter.

Activity	# completed
Manhole Repair	1
Clean-out Installs	1
Lateral Repairs	2
Lateral Liners	1
Flood Dome Installed/Replaced	0
Citizen Blockage Calls	14
Sunshine 811 Locate Tickets	275
Linear Feet Cleaned (Vac truck)	11,370 LF
Linear Feet Televised (TV truck)	7201LF 35 setup
Lift Station Check Valves Cleaned	20



WWTP FLOWS

Influent Average Daily Flow	4.421M gal
Influent Monthly total Flow	127.215M gal
Reclaimed Water Avg Daily Flow	3.345M gal
Reclaimed Water Monthly Flow	100.338M gal
Final Effluent Avg Daily Flow	0.668M gal
Final Effluent Monthly total Flow	20.051M gal



WATER PRODUCTION

Average Daily Potable Flow	3.67M gal
Monthly Potable Water Prod	110.20M gal
Annual YTD Potable Flow	1,230.76M gal
November rainfall	0.24 in
YTD rainfall	61.38 in

Water Production

- CIP is operational.
- RO Skid #3 has been cleaned and is back in service.
- GAC was changed out and completed.
- Water Production won Best Tasting Water in Region #4.

Water Distribution

- Annual Backflow Program testing 89% complete (7702 tested YTD)
- Hydrant Program installed 0 new, 14 repaired, 4 replaced, 39 painted, and 79 flow tested.
- The Valve Program installed 4, replaced 3, repaired 0, exercised 223 potable/ total of 250 distribution plus 27 reclaimed valves for the calendar year.
- Large Meter Program is 89% complete with 70 meters tested, 1 new, 7 repaired, 5 replaced YTD
- The Line Locate Program has located 3062 Sunshine 811 locate tickets for calendar year.

Wellfield

- Raw water main pigging contract approved by the City Commission in July. Pre-construction meeting and field investigations on August 27. Scheduled to start on September 30. Due to Hurricane's, this work has been postponed. Expect completion by end of the year.
- The Well #1 Rehabilitation project was approved by the City Commission on April 2, 2024. New well casing was installed and a well performance tested completed. New Piping and electrical equipment is now being approved and ordered for installation.

FIRE RESCUE

Fire Prevention Division

- Participated in multiple public service announcements (PSA's) related to storm safety
- Conducted evacuation of special needs residents for 2 hurricanes
- October was National Fire Prevention Month

Completed Projects

- None

Current Projects

- 13 projects including new construction commercial, new construction condo, new mixed use, storage building, restaurant, and new build-out

Training and Safety Division

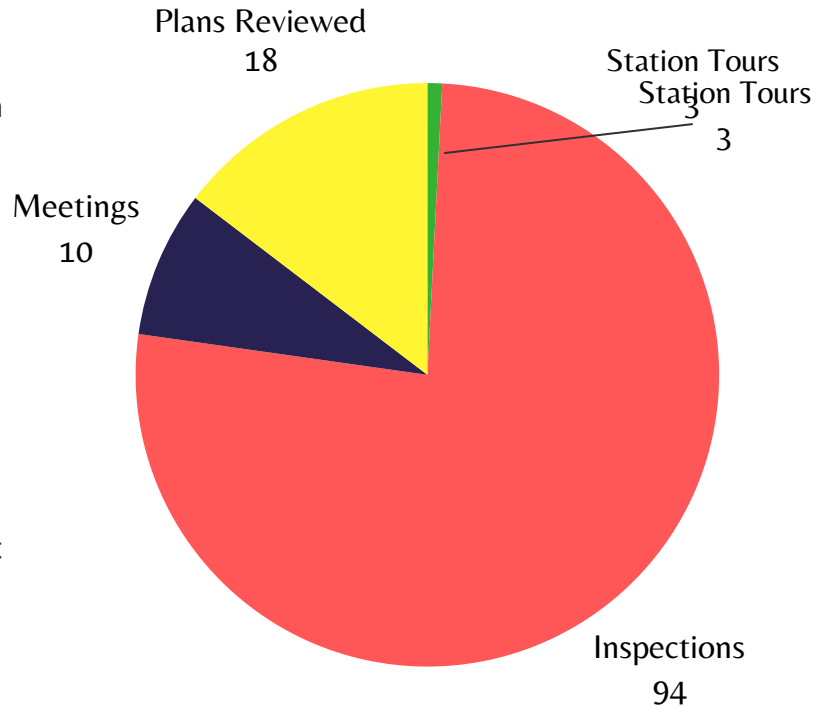
- Conducted fire operations during Hurricane Milton
- Completed SCBA fit and flow annual testing with contractor
- Updated job postings and recruitment information on National Testing Network site

A SHIFT COMPLETED 196 HOURS
B SHIFT COMPLETED 397 HOURS
C SHIFT COMPLETED 355 HOURS

DEPARTMENT TOTAL OF 948 TRAINING HOURS COMPLETED



FIRE PREVENTION STAFF ACTIVITIES



Operations Division

- Crews responded to 996 incidents during the month of October.
- Crews responded to Hurricane Helene and Milton (*see right*).
- One FF/P is on extend military leave until December.
- Actively interviewing and recruiting to fill 10 open positions.



STRATEGIC PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY



Strategic Planning

- Strategic Plan: Implementation Department Kick off to be held January 15, 2025
- Clear Point Strategic Planning software for dashboard selected and in process
- Grant Specialist position first and second round interviews held. Candidate offered position
- Facilitated Hurricane After Action feedback with in-person sessions for 9 departments - initial data analysis and report summary to follow (*see image below*)

Legislative Advocacy

- Preparing for 2025 Legislative Platform review in January
- House and Senate Committee weeks begin in December. Session starts **Tuesday, March 4**

Community & Staff Impact

- **Sept 27-Oct 15:** Staff led community outreach and neighborhood canvassing for Dunedin Strong initiative and Private Community Debris collection efforts.
 - **68 volunteers offered assistance** & 47 residents requested assistance
 - **36 residents connected with volunteers** for clean up through the program
 - Provided **wellness checks on 60 homes**
 - **Assisted 34 Private Communities** for debris pick up
- Created Commission Onboarding Program with 30, 60, and 90 day planning
- **November 18:** Assisted with swearing-in ceremony (*see image below*)
- **Public Art:** Installed student art in City Hall from Academie Da Vinci, Curtis Fundamental Elementary, Discovery Academy of Science, Dunedin Elementary, Dunedin Highland Middle School, Garrison-Jones Elementary, and San Jose Elementary.

Sustainability

- Citizen Academy presentation
- Solar energy production for November 2024: City Hall 7.01 MWh; EOC Fire Station: 5.44 MWh
- Electric vehicle charging station data for November 2024: 209 sessions, 5044.25 kW used
- Upcoming event: Hope Spot Festival, **Saturday, February 8th, 2025** from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, parking lot of Dunedin History Museum, free family-friendly, eco event for all!



Kudos!



From: Maggie Hall
Sent: November 22, 2024
To: Chief Parks
Subject: **Thank you fire department**

Please thank Alex and David from Rescue 60's Shift A for us. I had to call 911 tonight because my husband has been ill and he fell. He weighs a lot more than I and I couldn't get him up. These young men were wonderful! They were courteous and capable. We are proud to live in a city with such a great crew. Again, please thank them.

From Chief Parks: The crew was on Rescue 60, FF/P David Amaya and FF/EMT Alex Spasov

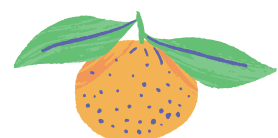
From: Eric MacNeill
Sent: November 29, 2024
To: City Manager, Jennifer Bramley, & Parks Director, Vince Gizzi
Subject: **Dunedin Celtic Festival: Thank you**

On behalf of the Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation, I'm reaching out to offer a sincere "Thank You" to the City of Dunedin! This year's Celtic Music Festival came with its fair share of challenges and we are most grateful to the City of Dunedin for all their help and support to ensure our event was able to proceed. All of the Parks staff is always fantastic, but I have to mention especially Jorie Peterson and Danielle Edwards: our Dunedin Community is very lucky to have them and we really appreciate all they invest to making sure our events always function successfully.

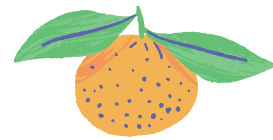
Thank you again. We are excited to dive into planning our Highland Games!

All the Best,

Eric MacNeill
President, Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation



Kudos!



From: Lindsey Brush, Sr. Administrative Assistant to the City of Dunedin Commission
Sent: December 3, 2024
To: Community Development
Subject: **Resident Kudos for Julie Phillips**

Julie,

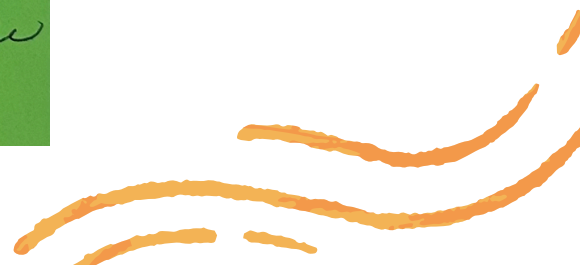
I thought you'd like to know that resident Louis Redmond left a voicemail on the Commissioner's mailbox:

"Julie is the best. [She] took care of my compliance problem and I am thankful for her help. She's just the best to work with."

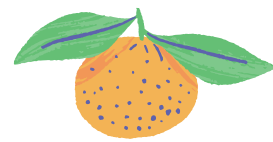
Kudos for the Library

12/3/2024
DEC 04 2024
The emps of the library
are Always very help full!
just Amazing! I'm so appreciative

DEC 04 2024 All Staff are
awesome. Also the programs
& features of this library are stellar.
No suggestions needed - Y'all are
perfect



Kudos!



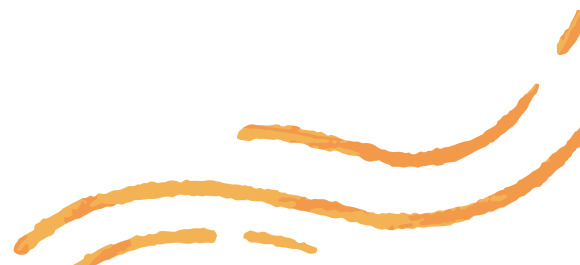
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:04 AM
To: Wastewater Division (Supervisor Brian Antonian)
Subject: **Wastewater Plant Tour**

Brian,

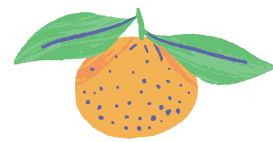
Thank you very much for the tour of Dunedin Wastewater Plant yesterday. You did a great job explaining how the plant operates and it was an interesting learning experience for me. You obviously take great pride in your operation, and it is evident you have an excellent preventive maintenance program in place, and a plan for equipment lifecycle replacements. To put it simply, I walked away totally impressed by your entire operation and how it is being managed.

Again, thank you very much for the interesting tour of Dunedin Wastewater plant.

Mike Larson
Facility Services Manager, City of Dunedin



Kudos!



To: Fire Rescue

Sent: December 8, 2024

Subject: **Thank you Fire Rescue E61 crew**

Chief Rodriguez,

We had two citizens stop by to say thank you to our E61 crew consisting of Lt. Kieler, FF/PM Harvey and FF/PM Mullikin.

They responded to a chest pain call on 10/21/24 which turned into a STEMI alert.

The pt and his wife stopped by to thank them for saving his life. He had a complete block and had a stent placed. I have attached a pic of the card as well. I did contact the crew and shared the info with them as well.

