# City Manager Update

## KEY DATES & EVENTS

MAY 3-5, 9-11, 3:00 & 7:30 PM Dunedin Showcase Theater

MAY 4, 8:00 AM Hog Hustle 5K Run

MAY 26, 6:00 PM Canceled: City Commission Meeting

MAY 21, 5:00 PM Hurricane Preparedness Expo

MAY 27 City Offices Closed for Memorial Day

MAY 31, 6:00 PM Float-in Movie

Wendy Barmore Sunset Music Series Fridays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM May 3 May 10 May 17 May 24 May 31



Sustainability Program Manager, Natalie Gass, and Environmental Specialist, Savannah Bunch, promote sustainable recycling solutions for paper, glass, plastic, an even oyster shells.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Patricia Corridor Median Update

Palm trees have been planted



## **Downtown Projects**

- Mid-Town Garage Staff is working on a design/build scope for the new garage on Douglas Avenue and Scotland Street.
- Old City Hall A post-demolition survey was completed by Terra Tectonics Design Group, Inc.
- Skinner Blvd Road Project The Project Letting (Bid) is scheduled for May/June 2024. Construction is scheduled to commence early 2025.
- Downtown Streetscape Paver
  Enhancements The second phase of this initiative will improve walkability and overall aesthetics on the south section of Main Street from to the Pinellas Trail to Broadway. Phase II is scheduled to start this summer/fall.



### Next CRA Meeting: 06/06/2024

## Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

- The CRA Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet May 1, 2024.
- The CRA Annual Report is now available on the city website.

### **Special Events and Projects**

• For the second time in three months a Charter Bus from Sun City Center visited Dunedin. The organizer of the trip said that the group enjoys the charm and friendly manner of the city. They always look forward to shopping in our shops as well as visiting our many diverse restaurants. We will put our best foot forward to keep them coming back.

## City-wide Project Updates

• **Coca-Cola** - Staff continues to meet regular with Coca-Cola to assist with the redevelopment of the property. Coca-Cola is scheduled to close May 31.

## Surplus Property

• Staff continues to work with Community Development and the City Manager on the disposition of the San Christopher site.

### **Business Recruitment and Retention**

- Staff meets with and assists the Chamber of Commerce, Dunedin Downtown Merchants Association (DDMA), and Visit Dunedin
- Staff attends the monthly Economic Development Partners meetings with leadership from the surrounding municipalities.

### Affordable Housing

• Staff continues to review the feasibility of affordable housing development opportunities and to field calls from citizens seeking resources for affordable housing and other social services.

### Operations

- Staff has been reviewing and evaluating ongoing projects for the FY25 budget.
- Carolyn Homer's Economic Development Specialist role began on April 1st.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

## **Completed Projects**

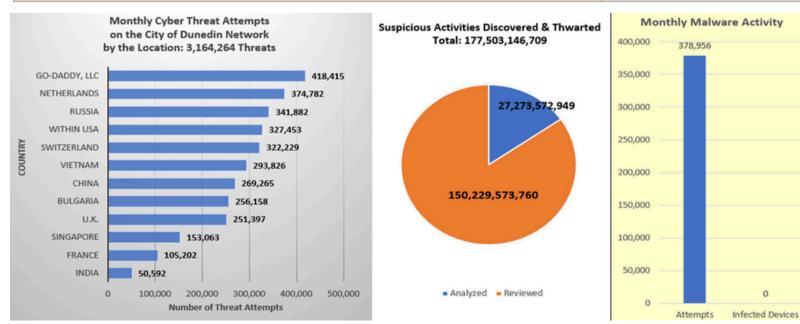
Installed data cabling in Dunedin Golf Club & Pro Shop Buildings

Transfer major Network Equipment between City Data Centers

Projects in Progress	Estimated Completion
ERP (Enterprise Resource Program) Work Order System Upgrade	Fall 2024
ERP (Enterprise Resource Program) Utility Billing System Upgrade	Fall 2024
Fiber Cable Audit (of whole city to determine viability)	Winter 2024
City Fiber Cable Replacement (WW to City Hall)	Spring 2024
Conference Room A/V Computer Upgrades (citywide)	Spring 2024
Cybersecurity Monitoring & Detection Training for IT Staff	Spring 2024
Cybersecurity Training (for All City Employees)	Ongoing as of Nov 2023
Office 365 installation for One-Drive and SharePoint (citywide)	Spring 2024
Software Compliancy Monitoring Project	Ongoing as of 2023
FY24 Annual Computer Replacements	Ongoing as of Nov 2023

## **Future Projects**

Repair Underground Fiber Cable Conduit on Highland Ave	Spring 2024
Remove City Fiber Cable from Jones Building	Spring 2024
Upgrade and Move City Fiber Cabling at WWTP	Spring 2024
Major Fiber Cabling Re-splicing Project (citywide)	Summer 2024
Network Closets Wire Management Project (citywide)	Fall 2024
Security Camera Systems Installations (citywide)	Fall 2024
Public Wi-Fi Installations in designated City parks	Fall 2026



## HR & RISK MANAGEMENT

### Num. applications received in Feb: 387 | Total vacancies: 37 (full- & part-time) | Candidates selected: 9



**Promotions:** Tina Geyer – Library Administrative Coordinator

**New Hires:** Nicole Silverman – Environmental Specialist I - Stormwater; Carolyn Homer – Economic Development Specialist; James Tucker – Accountant/Financial Analyst; Brad Miklas – Wastewater Service Worker; Anthony Pasquine – Golf Shop Attendant; Elizabeth Shanberg – Librarian; Britney Norsworthy – Library Manager; Campbell Hudson – Lifeguard

### Self-Insured Medical Claims Experience

• Total Paid Medical & Pharmacy claims for April was \$342,652.75, which is 1.9% less than March's totals. The average weekly claims for April was \$85,663.19

#### Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

 YTD Number of Employees with approved/pending FMLA: 9 (Regular - 2, Intermittent - 7, Pending - 0). Number of new requests in April: 1

## Employees Currently Working Modified Duty, Non-WC & DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Program)

- Number of employees currently working on a modified schedule (some restrictions): 5
- Number of employees in DROP: 11
- Number of employees who entered DROP during April: 0



## FINANCE



## Accounting

- Continued assistance to Community Development during EPL Go-Live and transition period
- Unclaimed funds return submitted and paid to State
- Participated in the selection committee for the golf club Point of Sale system
- Working on registering new merchandise vendors for ProShop merchandise

## BID, RFP & RFQ Status List

Recently Awarded: 04/02/24 Bid #24-1256 - "Well #1 Rehabilitation."

Recently Awarded: Bid #24-1259- "Eagle Scout Park Pickleball Courts."

**Upcoming:** Bid #24-1263 - "WWTP Outfall Pipe CIPP Relining" for discussion 5/14/24 CC meeting.

**Under Evaluation**: Bid #24-1257- Kiwanis Sprayground Resurfacing Project" **Under Evaluation:** RFP #24-1260 - "Consultant Services for the Implementation of a Pavement Management System."

**Under Evaluation:** Bid #24-1261 - "Hale Senior Center North Restroom Renovation."

Under Evaluation: Bid #24-1262 - "Heather Ridge Drainage Improvements." Active: Bid #24-1265- WWTP 10,000 Gal Diesel Storage Tank Replacement." Bids due 5/4 Active: Bid #24-1266 - "Furnish and Install Granular Activated Carbon." Bids due 5/14 Active: RFP #24-1267 - "Furnish & Install Security Camera Systems-Rebid." Submittals due 05/29

Under Development: Auditing Services

Under Development: Public Works Efficiency Study

Under Development: Employee Benefits Broker and Consulting Services

Under Development: Furnish & Install WWTP Submersible Pumps

Under Development: Furnish & Install WWTP Upgraded Replacement Windows

Rejected: RFP #24-1258- "Furnish & Install Security Camera Systems

## CRF – Capital Recovery Fee (reclaimed water)

- 4 New CRF Loans: \$13,612.80
- 5 Payoffs: \$2,371.94
- Paid at install: NONE

## **Budget Updates**

Worked in ClearGov Capital and Operational budgeting to review department requests Presented APRA Projects/Initiatives Update to City Commission on April 16, 2024 Prepared FY 2025 General Fund Long Range Financial Plan for City Manager's to review

Assisted departments with various budget inquires and adjustments

## PARKS AND RECREATION

## **Projects in Progress**

- Pickleball Courts at Eagle Scout Park: Construction estimated to begin mid-May.
- **Highlander Aquatic Complex:** Staff is meeting weekly with architects on design development. Land survey received. Making minor adjustments with architect.
- **Gladys Douglas Preserve Development:** Working with architect on scope of design for Phase 2. The City received the FCT grant funds (\$1.2M).
- Working with the City Manager's office on the Strategic Plan on the Environmental Resiliency and Sustainability and Community Amenities elements.
- Working on the Hale Senior Activity Center restroom remodel and Kiwanis Spray ground flooring refurbishment projects as well as evaluating bid responses for the holiday decoration RFQ.

## **Completed Projects**

 Received a proclamation from the City Commission on April 2nd celebrating Arbor Day and our 35th year as a Tree City USA.

## **Completed Special Events**

- Kickoff Highland Games Party & Pipe Band March | April 5
- Highland Games Festival | April 6th
- WOD Wars Competition | April 13th
- Piper on the Pier Finale (see right) | April 27th

## Personnel

 Interviewed candidates for the Youth Service Coordinator and summer season Recreation Leader and Lifeguard positions.

## **PARKS DIVISION**

- Hosted three separate tournaments including The Dunedin Diamond Duel which featured over 60 teams from District 12.
- Staff ordered, received, and hung seven new field number signs with complete addresses for Fisher Little League fields.
- Assisted with annual Arbor Day Tree Give-Away at Achieva.



## **RECREATION DIVISION**

- 31 children signed up for the Kiwanis FREE swim lesson!
- 25 Lifejackets were given away at our April Water Safety Pop-ups.
- Teen Leadership Program accepted 45 teen volunteers into the 2024 summer program.
- AARP Tax Aide wrapped up this month, providing tax services to over 420 people.
- The Special Olympics basketball team made it to the State Finals.
- Progressive Arts performed the Wizard of Oz over two nights.
- Broadway Musicals Explained, "Chicago" | April 8th
- Hale Center Trip, Ringling Museum of Art | April 10th
- Italian Feast Luncheon | April 17th
- 3 O'clock Big Band Dance | April 17th
- School's Out Day, MLK Recreation Center | April 26th
- Broadway Musical Explained, "Fiddler on the Roof" | April 29th

## DUNEDIN GOLF CLUB

- Construction of the Donald Ross restoration project is on schedule.
- Food & Beverage Services RFP: City is continuing to negotiate with local restauranteurs to provide these services.
- Proposals were received for the RFP for a golf software management package.

## DUNEDIN MARINA 4

- The Marina Master Plan Staff continues to work with the consultant on the survey results, structural findings, and initial concepts. A Community Meeting was held on April 30th. An update will be brought to the City Commission on May 14
- In a shared partnership between the Dunedin Marina, Windlasses, and Dunedin Youth Sailing Association, a new safety vessel has been purchased!
- **Clearwater Ferry** services Dunedin Friday through Sunday with Thursday added the last 2 weeks of March to accommodate Spring Break demand (April 2024: 17 Days)
  - Passenger origination Dunedin 73% | Clearwater 27%
  - Total ridership to/from Dunedin 1589 passengers (Avg. daily ridership 94 guests)



HALE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER ITALIAN FEAST LUNCHEON

## COMMUNICATIONS

## Areas of Focus

- Social Media for: Earth Month, Duke/Trees, Public Services Recognition, etc.
- 2025 budget planning
- Branding project
- Collaboration with PCSO on safety education/content creation around water safety
- Website meetings with Departments/Divisions and adding several new City Project pages
- Infrastructure: road improvements/forced main projects, closures, project pages
- Baywood Shores Neighborhood communications to residents

## Website, Newsletter & Engage City Projects

- 131 new subscribers to DunediNEWS | 8,817 total subscribers to DunediNEWS
- 51k users, 82k sessions, 141k page views, 74k engagements, 46k new users
- Engage Project pages: 2.1k users, 3.9k page views, 2.7k session, Top pages: Freebee Loop (578) and Dunedin Marina Master Plan (446)

	Total followers	New followers	Posts	Likes	Impressions	Video views
Facebook	40,098	238	83	38,071	334,995	44,328
Х	5,001	22	71	149	14,900	2,400
Instagram	11,412	136	22	-	73,005	13,324
YouTube	2,311	26	20	-	91,900	9,265
LinkedIn	2,233	92	35	349	14,143	156

## Social Media Videos by Platform

- 63.9% on Facebook, 13.3% on YouTube, 19.2% on Instagram, 3.5% on X, 0.1% on LinkedIn
- **Top Posts:** Highland Games reels, Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Swim Lessons reel, 100 Years Caledonia

## Zencity Insights

- Positive sentiment was 18x higher than negative sentiment (37% positive vs. 2% negative).
- Volume: 38K interactions, an 19% decrease from March. Most of the conversation (55%) occurred on unofficial channels. (45%) occurred on official City channels, led by Highland Games.



Next Public Relations Advisory Committee Meeting: 07/11/24



Highland Games | 9,500 views Arts & Crafts Fest | 2,600 views

## **Top News Articles Viewed**

Upcoming Road Closure | 171 views No Changes to Potable Water | 145

Top Website Page	Views
City of Dunedin Home	30.0K
Highland Games	9.5K
City Calendar	8.0K
Search Results	4.6K
Library	3.9K
Permits & Inspections	6.3K



## LIBRARY

## **Completed Projects & Events**

- Onboarded four new staff members
- Meeting Room painted
- Hosted Early Literacy Program with Pinellas
  County Schools
- Alarm installation completed

## Projects & Events in Progress

- Mural idea for reading garden
- Playground equipment order update
- Youth Department shelving upgrade
- Self check-out machine upgrade research

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 10TH FOR KIDS, TEEN,S & ADULTS

## Audiobooks 1912 Audiobooks 1912 Audiobooks



Next Library Advisory Committee Meeting: 05/22/24

	Total Transactions	58,759
	Total Visitors	14,375
	Computer Usage (minutes)	1,580
	Wi-Fi Users	3,483
	Items added to collection	630
	Youth, Teen & Adult Programs	78
	Youth, Teen & Adult Attendance	1,747
	Passport applications processed	60
	AWE - Early Education Computers	38
	Museum Passes checked out	77
	Adult Volunteer Hours	115
	Youth Volunteer Hours	209
	Study Room Users	217
	Notary Stamps	17
	Seed Packets Checked Out	566
5	Branch Library Visitors	376
	Homebound delivery items	76



## Borrow ebooks & audiobooks

Libby. The reading app from our library, built by OverDrive.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **Code Compliance Division**

- Code compliance fines and fees collected: \$9,000
- Voluntary compliance rate: 99%
- Lien searches and records requests: 41

## Next Code Enforcement Board Meeting: 06/04/2024

## **Planning Division**

 April 4: City Commission approved first hearing of Application DR 23-03 - Design Review Approval for the development of a mixed-use project on the vacant property located at 265 Causeway Blvd.

## **Zoning Division**

- Zoning and Land Use Inquiries: 167
- Short-Term Vacation Rental/ **Transient Use Inquiries: 20**
- Zoning Verification Letters: 1
- Address Changes/Assignments: 4

## **Building Division**

- Total permits issued: 518
- Total inspections: 1,116
- Total permit fees collected: \$136,826
- Total value of construction: \$22,588,160

## **Email Complaints** 50 Cases Closed

Phone Complaints

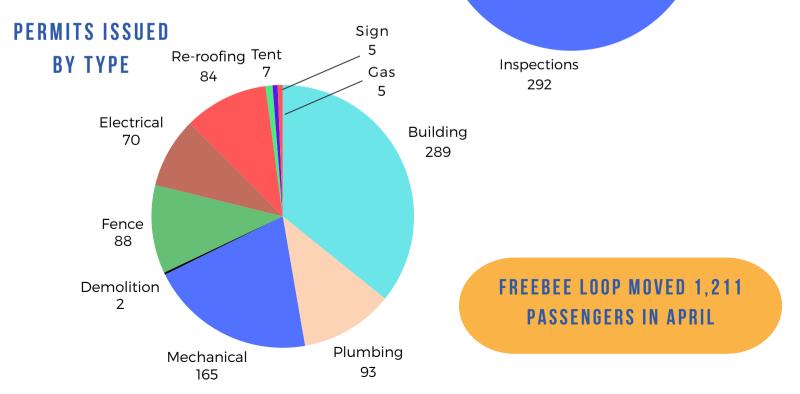
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CODE COMPLIANCE STATISTICS

**Cases** Opened

99

82



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Operations

- In recognition of Earth Day, Savannah Bunch and Natalie Gass tabled an information booth at the Farmer's Market to educate the public on various sustainability efforts (see cover photo).
- Upgrade of MLK parking lot lights to LED has been completed.
- The Proclamation for National Public Works Week was announced for May 19 25, 2024 and staff was recognized at the meeting.

### **Completed Projects**

- Repaired and Replacement of Sidewalk (532 sf).
- Repaired utility cuts on street surfaces for Water and Wastewater (8 locations).
- Manufactured (24) and replaced (17) traffic signs.
- Repaired Stormwater structures (4) inlets, (2) pipes.
- Cleaned all Stormwater pipes in Baywood Shores subdivision and southwest side of Dunedin.
- Facilities finished their project on the Patricia Ave. corridor.

#### Stormwater Rate Study Schedule

- City Attorney reviewed & approved the language for the Stormwater Utility Ordinance update
- June 6, 2024: First Reading of 24-15 Stormwater Utility Ordinance
- July 11, 2024: Second Reading of 24-15 Stormwater Utility Ordinance

#### Vulnerability Assessment and Adaption Plan

 During the April 30th meeting, Commission approved both of The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Grant Agreement (24PLN10) for the City of Dunedin's Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment along with the award of General Engineering Contractor (GEC) to WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure Inc.



4.42 tons of asphalt and concrete hauled for recycling

1,755 tons of residential waste collected from curbsides

1,126 tons of commercial waste collected

27.66 tons/43.50 cy of debris removed by street sweeping 39-30 cy of recycling roll off containers safely hauled by staff and Waste Pro

166 trees trimmed, 17 removed, 14.35 tons hauled

Removed and disposed 12.61 tons/21.5 cy of debris following pipe cleaning

3.24 tons of free mulch provided to Dunedin residents

## ENGINEERING

### Roadway, Drainage, and Interdepartmental Projects in Progress

- Brady Drive Drainage: Construction is in progress by Timm Group Building
- Eagle Scout Park Pickleball Courts: Pre-construction meeting occurred April 26.
- San Charles Dr. Drainage Improvements: Plans, prepared in-house, are at 60% and are on hold pending determination of SWFWMD permit requirements. Consultant, Jones Edmunds, to provide stormwater modeling support.
- Santa Barbara Drainage Improvements: Plans to be completed in house. On hold due to funding.
- Country Lane Underdrain Replacement: Project is in final close-out
- Buena Vista Drive Drainage Improvements: Plans were to be completed in house, but not started. Survey work complete.
- FY24 Mill & Overlay Contract: Construction is in progress by Asphalt Paving System, Inc.
- Pavement Management System RFQ: Project is advertised to obtain a firm.
- Washington St Flooding: Under design by consultant, DRMP. 60% plans due April 15 with bid package ready for submittal to procurement June 15.
- Gabions Drainage System Repair: Consultant, Pennoni and Associates, prepared 100% plans. Bids docs being prepared. Plans to be advertised for construction August.

### **Utilities Projects in Progress**

- Lift Station 32 Rebuild: Design complete. Awaiting FEMA/DEM approval and grant funding of construction phase.
- WWTP Electrical: Bids received exceed cost, twice. Design team and City evaluating options.
- WWTP SCADA System Upgrades: Project re-advertised. Pre-bid May 9. Bid opening late May
- WW Lift Station Control Panel / SCADA replacements (44 sites): Construction at multiple sites.
- Lofty Pines Septic Sewer Phase 1: Construction to begin early May
- WWTP Outfall Piping Repair: Bringing to Commission for award on May 14
- WWTP Diesel Tank Replacement: Bid documents received. Targeting May for advertisement
- WWTP Chlorine Contact /chamber Rehab: Project awarded by Commission to begin construction
- Virginia Ave 12 Watermain Replacement: Project awarded to consultant Kimley Horn for design

## WASTEWATER FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENTS

FM 12A	Fairway Dr directional drilling and pipe pulling completed. All MOT picked up on Palm Blvd
FM 4	Santa Barbara Dr TLC has remobilized for site cleanup. TLC currently scheduled to return in May for the FDOT / Alt 19 portion
FM 2	Directional drilling along Douglas Ave and President St under the trail & Edgewater is complete. Douglas & President St intersection will close (April 29th) for ~2 weeks.
FM 10	Directional drilling along James St between Milwaukee & Louden Ave is complete. Open trenching from Milwaukee to Orange St is ongoing.

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE/DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Projects discussed/researched as part of DRC meetings	0
Site / Infrastructure plan sets in review	3
Approved developments in construction	5

## UTILITIES

### WWTP Maintenance and Repairs

- Maintenance performed quarterly valve exercising at the WWTP/Reclaim tanks.
- Performed annual P/M on all WWTP equipment, oil, grease, belt and air filters.
- TLC on-site sludge pit station#1 rehabbed.
- Annual Diesel/Methanol tank inspections completed by Guardian Fueling Services, in compliance.
- Bi-Annual Giardia/Cryptosporidium testing completed, in compliance.
- Maintenance cleaned both CCC tanks, heavy algae buildup.

Activity	# completed	WWTP FLOWS	
Manhole Repair	2		
Clean-out Installs	11	Influent Monthly total Flow	110.007M gal
Lateral Repairs	3	Reclaimed Water Avg Daily Flow Reclaimed Water Monthly Flow	2.632M gal 78.968M gal
Lateral Liners	2	Final Effluent Avg Daily Flow	0.721M gal 21.634M gal
Flood Dome Installed/Replaced	11	Final Effluent Monthly total Flow 21.634	
Citizen Blockage Calls	15	WATER PRODUCTION	N
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Citizen Blockage Calls	15	Average Daily Potable Flow Monthly Potable Water Prod	3.48M gal 79.93M gal
Citizen Blockage Calls Sunshine 811 Locate Tickets	15 280	Average Daily Potable Flow Monthly Potable Water Prod	3.48M gal

### Water Production

- Train #2 waiting on Schneider for part to complete repair. Membranes to be installed once completed. Train #3 needs membrane cleaning. New cleaning in place is 95% complete working communication.
- OCI completed warranty work on recycle pumps.
- Plant staff installed new fill valve at Jerry Lake Pump Station.

### Water Distribution

- Annual Backflow Program testing 42% complete (2936 tested YTD)
- Hydrant Program installed 0 new, 6 repaired, 2 replaced, 26 painted, and 50 flow tested.
- Valve Program exercised 0 valves this month. For the year, 0 installed, 0 replaced, exercised 172 potable and 21 reclaimed for a total of 193 distribution valves.
- Large Meter program is 56% complete: 44 meters tested, 0 new, 9 repaired, 4 replaced since Jan 1.
- The Line Locate Program by Sunshine 811 has located 1,111 locate tickets for the calendar year.

### Wellfield

- Applied Drilling started work to re-develop Well's #10, #51 and #55.
- Quotes are being evaluated to pig the raw water line.
- City Commission approved Well #1 rehab project. Southeast Drilling will start work in May.
- Southeast Drilling is scheduled to replace the motor at Well #95 in May.

## FIRE RESCUE

### **Fire Prevention Division**

- Provided a second Fire Drill Training to Employees at City Hall
- Attended several Special Events that included WOD Wars, Highland Games, and Arts & Crafts Festival
- Attended Curtis Fundamental's Family Fun Night

## **Completed Projects**

 No new, major projects completed in March

## **Current Projects**

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

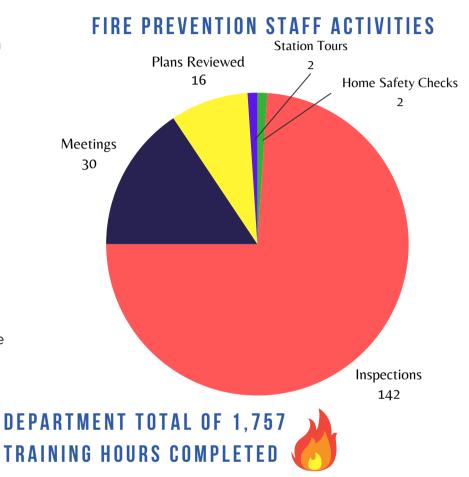
## Training and Safety Division

- Continued construction of Connex Training Facility at the FTC
- Conducted 2024 Lt. Promotional Review at FTC
- Lt/P Ulloa successfully completed the Acting District Chief training

A SHIFT COMPLETED 639 HOURS B SHIFT COMPLETED 483 HOURS C SHIFT COMPLETED 635 HOURS

## **Operations Division**

- Crews responded to 794 incidents during the month of April.
- Paramedic Lightner and EMT Mullikin continue in Fire Academy.
- Several FF's are now in various stages of Paramedic training.
- One FF/P is on extend military leave until December.
- One FF/P is on extended leave for on-duty injury.
- One LT/P is on extended light duty for onduty injury.





## STRATEGIC PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

## Strategic Planning

- Completed April 8 & April 22: Internal staff meetings to define plan objectives
- July 2024: Strategic Project Plan presentation to Commission

## Legislative Advocacy

- Appropriations Requests in State Budget: Gabion Replacement (\$375,000) & Fire Training Facility (\$850,000). Awaiting Governor budget approval.
- Completed April 30: Legislative After-Action presented to Commission
- Awarded Florida City & County Management Association (FCCMA) Conference Scholarship
- Coordinating a Legislative Delegation Community meeting with elected leaders.

## **Community & Staff Impact**

- Completed March 25 April 19: Citizen Survey data collection
- April 16: Curtis Fundamental Girl Scout tour of City Hall (see below)
- July 24: Next BRC Meeting
- May 21: Hurricane Expo to begin at 5:00 PM with speakers at 6:00PM in City Hall
- July 24: Next BRC Meeting
- Public Art Projects: Leland Chase Outdoor Gallery (expected install in May), Signal Box Wrap presentation to Commission on May 14

## Sustainability

- The City celebrated Earth Month with the following programs and events:
  - Earth Month Proclamation (below)
  - Environmental community education at the Dunedin Library for Plant Day and tabling at the Downtown Market for Earth Week
  - Presentation to the North Pinellas Democratic Meeting on Dunedin's sustainability programs







Sent: April 11, 2024 Subject: Library Staff Kudos

See here a really nice comment about Kari Calicchio, Assistant Library Director, and her assisting a citizen with the computer and applying for a City of Dunedin permit.

Phyllis City of Dunedin, Library Director

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Sent: April 10, 2024

To: Commissioners, City Manager Jennifer Bramley, and Director of Utilities Nan Bennett Subject: **Kudos call from a resident for PJ Tovar** 

Mr. Rodriguez lives on Heather Ridge Blvd and had a "wonderful" experience with Water Production Superintendent, PJ Tovar. Mr. Rodriguez said that in a single day, PJ took his call, visited his home to address a water issue, returned to the water plant to test a sample, AND returned back to his home with the results of that sample! As a blind veteran of 87-years of age, he said his experience was "surprising" and made him feel blessed to live in a city that cares.

## Sent: April 3, 2024 Subject: Your services (trash pick-up) Randy Knott & Brian Rohrsen

I wanted to compliment the town of Dunedin, specifically trash services! I own a home and have been doing some renovations. I called the town to ask what/how I needed to place both additional trash and "green" on the street for pick up. I followed the directive and was so pleased with the ease of getting it done. Shout out to the gentleman picking up the "green", it was a lot and it got done, THANK YOU!!









## **Florida House of Representatives**

Representative Kimberly Berfield

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April 10, 2024

Hon. Julie Bujalsky, Mayor And Members of the City Commission City of Dunedin 737 Loudon Ave. Dunedin, FL 34698

Dear Mayor and Members of the Commission,

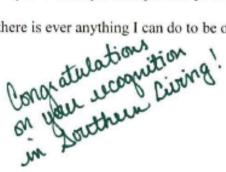
One of the more pleasant things to do as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives is to find opportunities to congratulate my constituents.

I saw in the most recent (April 2024) edition of Southern Living magazine that the City of Dunedin ranks fourth on the editor's Top Ten Best Small Towns in Florida list. Congratulations!

Dunedin is such a charming town and such a pleasant place to spend time. I am very glad to see Southern Living pay attention to it. I look forward to its growth in the years ahead not only in population but in the already wonderful quality of life that you and your municipal staff provide your people.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do to be of help.

Kimberly Berfield, MBA District 58









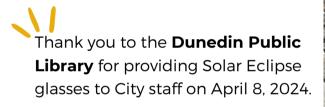
Sent: April 10, 2024 To: solidwaste <<u>solidwaste@DunedinFL.Net</u>> Subject: **Positive Feedback** 

Hi, I had a query regarding disposal of a BBQ and spoke to Savannah [Bunch] today.

I wanted to let you know that she was really really helpful. Called back when she said she would and fantastic customer service. I would be grateful if you could pass this on to her. It makes a lovely change to speak to someone who wants to help you. She's a credit to your business.

Thank you. Best wishes.

Julie Leaden



Pictured: Communications Director, Sue Burness, and City Manager, Jennifer Bramley, view the eclipse.



To: City employees Alex Gonzalez and Chris Haugabook Subject: Thank you for keeping our community safe!

Vince Gizzi, Parks & Recreation Director, would like to give a shout-out to Utility Department employees, Alex Gonzalez and Chris Haugabook, who went to check on a lift station and discovered a downed power wire on the road. They blocked the road with their truck and cones, rerouted a bicyclist and a mailman, and stayed until Duke was able to secure the area. Thank you for keeping our community safe!



Sent: April 24, 2024 To: City Commission Subject: **Thank you!** To all,



I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all involved in getting our shipping containers behind the EOC/ST62. What started out as an empty field, is now being transformed into a one of a kind training center. This training center in paramount to not only our department but to the north county. The 5 boxes don't look like much now, some may even question why even bother having them. Once they are completed they will have a configurable layout that will allow many different types of firefighter training to occur. From throwing ladders to interior searches, these buildings offer a great training area that will allow all north county departments to affectively train together for a real life scenarios. As most of our fires will have other departments involved, this training center is imperative to our citizens we protect.

As I have mentioned these boxes are being constructed to offer many different types of scenarios. The problem with most brick and mortar building is the are limited to few interior configurations, hence not offering a true experience of different types of home. The reason is once we train in one building the interior layout mostly stays the same. We understand that there is a couch or a bed always in the same area. These building will offer much more than that. They are being designed to have interior walls that can be moved and repositioned, allowing the training to configure different training configurations. The way this is being laid out we might not enter the same door all the time and find a kitchen or living room to the same spot. Now the rooms will be able to be changed and moved. We will be able to simulate anywhere from a single trailer fire to a large family house with multiple bedrooms.

So with all that being said, these shipping boxes didn't come assembled this way!

I would personally like to thank Chief Naylor for all the work he has done on making this happen. Chief Naylor has been critical in having other departments in the city help make this happen from the leveling of the ground with public works to working with waste connections to get discarded furniture to save money and allow us to make these rooms as real as possible. Chief Naylor has spent countless hours working alone cutting the metal boxes to open them up inside allowing the rooms to be made. Chief Naylor has designed the interior walls to be able to be moved. He was worked with crews to be rotated to the training area to help with the cutting of the exterior windows. There isn't a day the goes by that I haven't seen Chief Naylor out there working, cutting, designing, essentially building this training center from the ground up. I have seen Chief Naylor out there on his days off and working sometimes what it seems like 12 hour plus days on this project.

I know that I can speak for all the line guys when I say this, THANK YOU! We appreciate all the hard work that you have put into this one of a kind training area! We are all excited to train not only ourselves, but to have other departments come here to train with us!

Thank you for all that you have done!

Todd Mortenson PM/FF





Congratulations Home Rule Hero, Nicole Delfino, on her letters from State Representatives Christine Hunschofsky and Dan Daley



## **Florida House of Representatives**

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April 2, 2024

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Dear Nicole,

Congratulations on being named a Home Rule Hero Award recipient! This award from the Florida League of Cities reflects your hard work and dedication to municipal advocacy. As the former Mayor of Parkland, I know firsthand how important it is that our local elected officials continue to have a strong voice in our cities, and I will continue to work with you on this in the Florida Legislature.

Thank you for your continued advocacy and for engaging on the state level regarding legislation that preserves local choices and affects our cities. Being selected for this prestigious award is a testament to your wonderful contributions and commitment to your community.

Once again, congratulations on your Home Rule Hero Award and thank you for your public service. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I may ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Christine Hunschofsky State Representative, District 95





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Dear Strategy & Sustainability Manager Delfino,

I wanted to extend my warmest congratulations to you for being chosen as a Home Rule Hero by the Florida League of Cities! Your dedication and commitment to safeguarding Home Rule at the local level are truly commendable. Throughout the Legislative Session, your efforts have been instrumental in championing local autonomy and advancing the League's legislative priorities.

Having served as a former local elected official for the City of Coral Springs and as a past Board Member of the Florida League of Cities, I fully grasp the importance of this cause. It is for this reason that I remain steadfast in collaborating with you to uphold and defend Home Rule across Florida.

Once again, I applaud you on your well-deserved recognition as a Home Rule Hero Award recipient from the Florida League of Cities. I wish you continued success and eagerly anticipate our ongoing collaboration in the days ahead. Your exceptional contributions are truly commendable – keep up the outstanding work!

Best,

Dan Daley

