City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
    City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: February 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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Verdugo Project Update: Construction of the Verdugo Street Beautification Project continued this week with work on the northern sidewalk adjacent to Capistrano Plaza. The City’s contractor installed the underground utilities, irrigation and electrical conduits. Construction of the curb and gutter, new crosswalk and installation of sidewalk pavers will follow early next week. Also, Verdugo Street between the Regency Theater and the westerly cul-de-sac has been paved and is now open to pedestrians.

Temporary Rail Service Suspension: All passenger and freight rail service along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo coastal rail corridor will be suspended for planned rail work during the weekend of February 22-23. The Orange County and Inland Empire-Orange County lines will not run from Orange County to San Diego, as contractors for the Orange County Transportation Authority’s Passing Siding Project will remove existing track, construct a new passing siding track, and reconstruct the Camino Capistrano railroad crossing. These activities will also require the closure of the Saddleback Rancho Capistrano crossing from 11:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, to 2:30 a.m., Monday, February 24. OCTA has worked with Saddleback Church to coordinate temporary access to the property for their weekend service. Camino Capistrano will remain open in both directions. More information can be found at the OCTA dedicated project webpage.
OCFA Free Girls Empowerment Camp: The Orange County Fire Authority Girls Empowerment Camp is a free two-day camp open to teens ages 14-18 that will introduce participants to the fire service and provide campers with a realistic, hands-on overview of firefighting. The camp exposes the teens to all aspects of a fire service career. The camp will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 7-8 at the OCFA Training Center located at 1 Fire Authority Road in Irvine. For more information and to register, please visit the program [website](#).

Northwest Open Space Park Project: The notice inviting construction bids for the Northwest Open Space Community Park Project, commonly referred to as the “Putuidem Cultural Village,” was advertised this week. Staff anticipates returning to the City Council on April 7 to award a construction contract, and construction is anticipated to be completed by mid-August 2020.

Upcoming DUI Checkpoint: The Orange County Sheriff’s Department will be conducting a DUI and driver’s license checkpoint in San Juan Capistrano from 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, to approximately 1:30 a.m. Saturday, February 22. Throughout the weekend, deputies will be on high alert for impaired drivers. The City and Sheriff’s Department encourage everyone to plan ahead and designate a driver or use a ride-share or taxi.

Call for Applications for the Youth Advisory Board: Applications are currently being accepted to fill 15 youth member vacancies and two adult advisor vacancies on the Youth Advisory Board. The youth appointees will serve a one-year term through June 2021, and adult advisor appointees will serve a two-year term through June 2022. Applications are available on the City’s [website](#) and at the Office of the City Clerk, 32400 Paseo Adelanto. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21. For more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (949) 493-1171.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (Tentative and Subject to Change)

February 18, 2020
- Recognition of San Juan Hills High School Football Team for Winning the CIF-SS Division 4 Championship
- Code Amendment to Allow Dancing and Live Entertainment in Specified Zoning Districts with a Conditional Use Permit

March 2, 2020
- Fiesta de las Golondrinas Proclamation
- Approval of Plans & Specs for Meredith Canyon Road Rehabilitation Project
- Ortega Highway Gateway Landscaping Project