City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
    City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: May 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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Memorial Day City Hall Closure: City Hall and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Both facilities will re-open on Tuesday, May 28, for normal business hours.

VFW Memorial Day Tribute: On Monday, May 27, join San Juan Capistrano’s Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Serra Post 3801 for a Memorial Day tribute to honor those that have given their lives in service to our country. The ceremony will take place at the Old Mission Cemetery, located behind Celebration Church (31571 Rancho Viejo Road) from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For additional information please contact VFW Serra Post 3801 at (949) 241-4945 or the Community Services Department at (949) 443-6393.

Summer 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule: On May 21, the City Council voted to cancel its meeting of June 18, 2019, and reinstate its meeting of July 2, 2019, which will be held at the regularly scheduled time of 4:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 5:00 pm. for the public Business Session.

Northwest Open Space Community Workshops: The City Council will hold two public workshops to receive input from the community on potential uses of the City-owned Northwest Open Space (NWOS) property. Residents are encouraged to attend either or both community workshops taking place at 5:30 p.m. on June 5 and June 24 at the Community Center, 25925 Camino Del Avion, to learn more about allowed uses, zoning restrictions, the proposed “Putuidem Village” community park project, and most importantly to participate in a conversation on additional desired amenities for the site. Public input received at the workshops will be presented to the City Council in summer 2019. If you are unable to attend either workshop, we would still like to hear from you. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at cityclerk@sanjuancapistrano.org. We want your input!
Notice of Preparation for Ganahl Project EIR: The proposed development of the City’s “Lower Rosan” property by Ganahl Lumber is currently undergoing environmental review. The Lower Rosan property is located on Stonehill Dr., behind the auto dealerships. This week, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) identifying the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project was published in the newspaper and mailed to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject site. The NOP identifies the City as the lead agency responsible for preparing the project’s EIR and informs the public that the EIR will examine potential environmental impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following environmental analysis categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. Release of the NOP starts a 30-day public review and comment period on the scope of the forthcoming Draft EIR that begins on May 23, 2019, and ends on June 21, 2019. The City will conduct a public scoping meeting on Thursday, June 6, at the Community Center from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At the scoping meeting, the City’s environmental consultant will present the proposed project, explain the EIR process and provide an opportunity the public to submit comments.

1/11 Marine Battalion Community Project: This week, sixteen U.S. Marines from the 1st Battalion 11th Marine Regiment (1/11) at Camp Pendleton volunteered their time to enhance the San Juan Capistrano Community Gardens, located on Via Positiva, across from Kinoshita Elementary School. The Marines weeded the garden aisles and walkways, completely cleared out two garden parcels, and spruced up the compost bin area and entry way. The City is enormously grateful for their contribution to our community and service to our nation. Special thanks to Homefront America, the City’s partner and liaison to the 1/11, for coordinating this volunteer event.

Laguna Niguel to San Juan Capistrano Passing Siding Project: The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in coordination with Metrolink and the cities of Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano, is adding 1.8 miles of new passing siding railroad track between the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station and Trabuco Creek in San Juan Capistrano. The passing siding track will run adjacent to the existing track, allowing trains traveling in opposite directions to pass each other without stopping. The project will reduce delays, increase safety and provide more reliable rail service. Work is expected to begin next week and be completed by early 2021. Most construction activities will occur during the day, though some weekend and nighttime construction will be required. Advance notice will be provided prior to nighttime activities or any street closures. More information about the project can be found on the OCTA website at [www.octa.net/passingsiding](http://www.octa.net/passingsiding).
Los Rios Park Meadow Grass Rehabilitation: The City’s landscape maintenance contractor began work this week to rehabilitate the meadow grass area of Los Rios Park. The project includes “rototilling” bare and worn areas and reseeding to generate new grass growth. Access to the area is currently limited, and fencing will remain in place for approximately three months as City staff monitors the rehabilitation process.

Summer Trolley Service: Free summer trolley service will begin Friday, June 7! The service will operate for 13 consecutive weekends through Monday, September 2 (Labor Day), and will include two trolleys on twenty minute frequencies servicing a continuous loop from downtown San Juan Capistrano (La Zanja Street northern terminus) to a Dana Point trolley connection stop at Stonehill Drive and Del Obispo Street. This year’s program will also include special event trolley service from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18 for the City’s “San Juan Summer Nites” Concert Series at HTC Park. Questions or comments regarding the summer trolley service should be directed to Assistant Public Works Director Tom Toman at (949) 234-4580, or ttoman@sanjuancapistrano.org. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

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

June 4, 2019
- Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Update
- Public Hearing on Landscape Maintenance Districts

July 2, 2019
- River Street Marketplace Project Located at the Ito Nursery Property
- Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Margarita Water District
THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO PRESENTS

FREE WEEKEND TROLLEY

FREE CONVENIENT FUN

WEEKEND TROLLEY SERVICE
JUNE 7-SEP 2, 2019

TROLLEY FREQUENCY
20 MINUTES

THE BEST WAY TO GET AROUND TOWN ALL SUMMER LONG

FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY
5PM-9PM 11AM-9PM 11AM-7PM
TROLLEY STOPS

Metrolink Station → El Adobe Plaza → Los Ríos Plaza →
Casitas de Alipaz → Rancho Alipaz → Via Positiva North → Via Positiva South →
Westborne Dr → Blue Fin Dr → Dana Point Trolley Service Transfer Point →
Marriott Residence Inn → Avenida Aeropuerto → Avenida Padre →
Chase Bank → Yorba St → Mission San Juan Capistrano →
Ajacjema St → La Zanja → El Camino Real/SJC Library →
Mission Grill → Metrolink Station

● Weekend Trolley Service
  Friday 5PM–9PM
  Saturday 11AM–9PM
  Sunday 11AM–7PM

● Holiday Trolley Service
  11AM–9PM
  June 4 Independence Day
  Sep 2 Labor Day

● San Juan
  Summer Nites Concert Series Trolley Service
  4PM–9PM
  June 19 Collective LA
  July 17 Rebel Souls
  Aug 21 Scotty Mac Band
  Sep 18 The Trip

Historic Town Center Park: 6PM–8PM
For more information, please call
Community Services (949) 493-5911

For service information and real-time trolley arrivals, download the ‘Ride Systems’ Trolley Tracker app