City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
    City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: October 24, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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Metrolink Rail Work on Del Obispo Street Crossing: In March 2019, Metrolink performed track maintenance at the Del Obispo Street rail crossing between Camino Capistrano and Alipaz Street. Shortly after the work was completed, there were concerns about a “hump” created by the adjusted rails. City staff and Metrolink have worked cooperatively to develop a solution that Metrolink is scheduled to complete the nights of Friday, November 1, and Saturday, November 2. The work will occur from 8:00 p.m. each evening to 7:00 a.m. the following morning. During work hours, Del Obispo Street will be closed in both directions. Metrolink, in conjunction with the Orange County Transportation Authority, has already coordinated with all public safety personnel, and will be notifying nearby residents and businesses of the planned road closure in an attempt to mitigate impacts to the public. Electronic message boards have already been placed at five locations advising of the planned closure. Please see the attached flyer for additional information and detour route map.

Drug Take-Back Event: On Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., San Juan Capistrano Police Services and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency will once again team up to allow residents to dispose of unused, unwanted and expired prescription drugs. Residents can bring their medications for disposal to City Hall, located at 32400 Paseo Adelanto. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. For more information, please contact Celina Corley, Crime Prevention Specialist, at (949) 443-6370.

Increased Fire Risk: High temperatures and dry conditions are expected to continue through the weekend and result in an increased risk of fire. In response, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) has called all safety and suppression personnel back to duty and is ready to respond to any potential wildfire situation. Residents are encouraged to visit the OCFA website for fire prevention tips to protect their homes and businesses.
H2O for HOAs Event: The City of San Juan Capistrano is partnering with several South Orange County public agencies to host an educational water efficiency workshop on Tuesday, October 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Laguna Hills Community Center (25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills). Presentations will be provided on watershed protection, water efficiency resources and rebates, homeowner association (HOA) landscape design and maintenance as well as other aspects of HOA water management. Online pre-registration is required. For additional information, please see the attached flyer or contact the City’s Water Conservation Division at (949) 487-4304 or sjcconserve@sanjuancapistrano.org.

Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee Vacancy: Applications are currently being accepted from San Juan Capistrano residents to fill one vacancy on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. The appointee will serve a term through December 10, 2021. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 1. Applications are available on the City’s website and at the Office of the City Clerk, 32400 Paseo Adelanto. 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)

November 5, 2019
- Public Hearing Adopting the 2019 Building and Fire Code
- Resolution Approving Ortega Highway Measure M2 Grant Application
- Initiation of Comprehensive Development Plan Amendment for Proposed Residential Project at CUSD’s Camino Las Ramblas Site
COMMUNITY NOTICE

WHAT: Metrolink Track Maintenance

WHERE: City of San Juan Capistrano at the Del Obispo Street rail crossing between Camino Capistrano and Alipaz Street

WHEN: Friday, November 1, 2019 from 8 p.m. until Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 8:00 p.m. until Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 6 a.m.

MORE INFORMATION:

Please be advised that crews will perform track maintenance along Metrolink’s Orange County and Inland Empire-Orange County Line. The track maintenance work will include the removal of grade crossing panels, replacement of track fasteners, resurfacing of the railroad track, pouring of new asphalt and installing roadway striping and reflectors.

A full road closure is planned at the Del Obispo Street rail crossing between Camino Capistrano and Alipaz Street all weekend during the above hours. Detour signs will be placed to direct all vehicles and pedestrians. Please use caution while traveling through the area. (Detour map on back)

During this maintenance work, we anticipate the following impacts:

- Noise from equipment backup alarms and hydraulic gas-powered machinery
- Noise and vibrations from construction machinery and activities
- Lights from light towers

Please note all construction dates and times are subject to change without notice. There may be additional prep work and clean-up work before and after the project is completed.

Metrolink’s highest priority is safety. We apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause. Questions and concerns can be directed to Laurene Lopez at 213-452-0433 (or to communityrelations@scrra.net).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION
THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY PROJECT WILL BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY

CONTACT US: communityrelations@scrra.net
Visit our website: metrolinktrains.com/community
Speech and hearing-impaired residents call 800.698.4TDD
Please Join Us

Tuesday, October 29, 2019
8am - 11:30am

Laguna Hills Community Center
25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

TO REGISTER VISIT bit.ly/H2OforHOAs

FREE EVENT
Breakfast Included
Opportunity Drawing

AN EDUCATIONAL AND NETWORKING EVENT PROVIDED FOR HOA BOARD MEMBERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS, AND PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPERS FOCUSING ON:

Protecting Your Watershed - Amber Shah, City of Laguna Hills
Water Efficiency Resources & Rebates - Lindsey Stuvick, Moulton Niguel Water District
Landscape Design for HOAs - Jodie Cook, My Avant Garden
Irrigation Maintenance for Large Landscapes - Toni Monzon, Bilingual Training Institute
HOA Assistance Case Studies - Matt Davenport, Monarch Environmental

Partners

Cities: Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano

Water Agencies: El Toro, Irvine Ranch, Laguna Beach County, Moulton Niguel, Santa Margarita, and South Coast