City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: October 31, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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Verdugo Street Project Update: Construction of the Verdugo Street Beautification Project began on October 14, 2019. Construction activity over the past two weeks has included removal of the southerly side sidewalk and sections of street pavement (i.e. near the cul-de-sac and Regency Theatres). Additionally, the contractor, C.S. Legacy, has removed catch basins and storm drain pipes, and has installed new storm drain pipes at the west end of Verdugo Street. Construction of the new catch basins, underground electrical conduits, irrigation lines, storm drain lines, and removal of existing streets lights will begin this week. The project is scheduled for completion in Spring 2020. For additional project details and updates, please visit the Verdugo Street Beatification Project webpage on the City’s website. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Tom Toman, Assistant Public Works Director, at ttoman@sanjuancapistrano.org.

Encroachment Permits Issued to SDG&E for SOCRE Project Implementation: The Public Works Department has issued SDG&E two encroachment permits for work associated with the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) project in San Juan Capistrano. The first involves the installation of conduit and vaults on Rancho Viejo Road, and installation of cable on Ganado Road. The work requires traffic control measures and operations are permitted Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The City may reduce the hours and days of work if the construction activity overly impacts the area. The second permit temporarily closes a section of El Camino Real Park, commonly referred to as Long Park, in order for SDG&E to excavate a bore pit and to stage construction equipment and material. The temporary closure will include parking restrictions on Camino Capistrano and a pedestrian and bike detour around the construction area. Following the construction, SDG&E will be required to restore the landscaping and hardscape in the park as well as make any necessary repairs to the street/sidewalk. The construction is scheduled to take approximately six months. SDG&E has conducted outreach meetings in the community adjacent to the project and residents within 500 feet are to be notified by SDG&E before the construction commences.

Upcoming Del Obispo Street Closure: 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. Access to the Los Rios neighborhood will be accessible via Paseo Adelanto. Los Rios street will be restricted to “exit only” via right turn onto westbound Del Obispo Street. 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 been placed at five locations advising of the planned closure. Please see the attached flyer for additional information and detour route map.

**Toothbrush Talk:** Dr. Kelly Kaban, DDS, of Kaban Dental Group, will be at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center, located at 25925 Camino Del Avion, on Thursday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. for a free presentation on dental health. For additional information and to register, please contact the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.

**Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee Vacancy:** There’s still time to submit an application 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.

**Letters to Santa Volunteers Needed:** The Community Services Department is looking for adults to assist with the annual “Letters to Santa” program. Santa is busy this time of year and could use a little help! Volunteers are asked to read letters and holiday wish lists sent in from children in the community, then respond with a handwritten letter from Santa. Why not put a smile on the face of a child this holiday season? Materials are provided and letters can be written from the comfort of home. For additional program information, please contact the Community Center at (949) 493-5911.

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

**November 5, 2019**
- Public Hearing Adopting the 2019 Building and Fire Code
- Ordinance Adoption for River Street Marketplace Project
- Resolution Approving Ortega Highway Measure M2 Grant Application

**December 3, 2019**
- First Quarter Financial Report
- Approval of Plans for Northwest Open Space Community Park Project
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

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