

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

City Wins OCTax Rose Award: Founded in 1986, OCTax is a non-partisan, non-profit organization with a mission to help ensure taxes and tax-supported programs are fair, understandable, cost-effective, and good for the economy. Annually OCTax selects and celebrates entities that have proven to be friends of the taxpayer. This year, the City of San Juan Capistrano and Santa Margarita Water District were jointly recognized for the successful transition of the City's water and sewer utility to Santa Margarita Water District. This transition will help ensure the long-term reliability of water service to the City's customers.



Pacific Symphony on the Go Concert: Enjoy a wonderful music event in the heart of the Historic Los Rios District as *Pacific Symphony on the Go* hosts a free 45-minute community concert on the plaza at Los Rios Park on Saturday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. The concert will feature family friendly Classical, Jazz, Pop, and Broadway standards. Don't forget to bring a chair! For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.

Wall of Recognition Nomination Period Now Open: The City Council created the Wall of Recognition program to honor those individuals whose service to the community has made the City of San Juan Capistrano a more productive and enjoyable place to live, work and visit. This year's nomination period is now open and will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 14. Once the City Council makes its selection, an unveiling ceremony of the new additions will take place at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center, where the Wall of Recognition is located. Please see the [website](#) for nomination guidelines and submittal instructions. For questions and to submit a nomination, please contact Kristen Hauptli at (949) 443-6364 or khauptli@sanjuancapistrano.org.



Be the Key, Lock it Up:

In recent months, law enforcement investigations of high value residential burglaries have occurred across Southern California, including within several cities in South Orange County.

One of the biggest deterrents to property crime is an engaged community. Criminals look for an opportunity with the lowest risk, but we can take preventative steps to reduce the frequency of burglary and theft in our community. The Orange County Sheriff's Department encourages residents to conduct a home assessment to ensure all doors and windows are properly locked, never leave doors or windows unlocked while you are away, keep shrubs and trees properly trimmed to increase visibility, consider installing security film on your windows, lock all side gates that provide access to your backyard, keep your garage door closed when you're in or around the garage area, and keep all outdoor storage areas, including carports, locked. Importantly, if you observe any illegal or suspicious activity, please immediately contact Sheriff's Dispatch at (949) 770-6011 or dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. For additional information, please visit the Orange County Sheriff's Department [website](#).

Crime, Safety, and Prevention: Assemblywoman Laurie Davies will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Crown Valley Community Center, located at 29751 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel. The topic for discussion will be *Crime, Safety, and Prevention: trends, techniques, community involvement, and opportunities*. Guest speakers will include elected officials and public safety personnel. To register or learn more about this town hall meeting, please visit the following [website](#).

Amtrak Service Interruption: On October 8-9 and October 22-23, scheduled maintenance will result in a rail closure between the Oceanside Transit Center and the San Diego Santa Fe Depot. For rail passengers traveling south, please plan to take other forms of transportation during this service interruption. There will be no replacement bus service connecting station stops; however, regularly scheduled local bus routes will be available. For additional information, please visit the Amtrak [website](#).

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

October 4

- Consideration of El Camino Specific Plan for Downtown Playhouse Site
- Resolution of Intention for Sale of City-owned Portions of Multi-modal Parking Lot