

# City Manager Weekly Update

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
City Commissioners

**FROM:** Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

**DATE:** September 1, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Weekly Update

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**Labor Day City Facilities Closure:** City Hall and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Both facilities will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, for regular business hours.



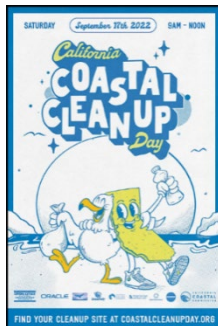
**Take a Ride on the Trolley:** As summer comes to an end, don't miss your last chance to enjoy a weekend ride on the trolley. Funded by the Orange County Transportation Authority's Measure M2 grant, trolley service must provide a minimum ridership of 6,900 boardings over the summer season. We're pleased to share that we have exceeded 14,000 total boardings. The service includes two trolleys on 20-minute frequencies servicing a continuous loop from

downtown San Juan Capistrano to the Dana Point trolley connection at Stonehill Drive and Del Obispo Street. If you miss the trolley this Labor Day weekend, special event trolley service will run on Wednesday, September 21 for the City's last San Juan Summer Nites Concert of the season.

**Summer Field Maintenance:** Annual field rehabilitation was recently completed at the Sports Park and Marco Forester Middle School (MFMS). In a coordinated effort, the City Public Works Department and Capistrano Unified School District installed approximately 34,000 square feet of new sod, filled in holes, fertilized and aerated the field, completed weed abatement, and improved watering conditions. These efforts will significantly improve playability and conditions of the athletic fields.



**Temporary Impacts to Playhouse Parking Lot:** Geotechnical boring will occur on Wednesday, September 7 from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. impacting approximately 18 parking stalls at the Playhouse Parking lot on Ortega Highway and El Camino Real. Boring activity generally includes a boring rig machine that is mounted on a truck to take soil samples to determine the type of soil and water content beneath the surface. Staff has notified adjacent businesses and user groups regarding the scheduled activity.



**California Coastal Clean-up Day:** The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual California Coastal Clean-up Day will take place Saturday, September 17, at beaches, creeks, and waterways throughout the state. The City will be hosting a volunteer opportunity from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. focusing on San Juan and Arroyo Trabuco creeks. To participate, please meet at Descanso Park (located behind the Police Services Building – 32506 Paseo Adelanto). For questions and additional information, please contact Jeremy Hohnbaum, Senior Civil Engineer, at (949)449-1190 or [jhohnbaum@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:jhohnbaum@sanjuancapistrano.org).

**High Heat Energy Conservation:** This week, the California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO) issued a statewide Flex Alert on Thursday, September 1 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. due to predicted high temperatures pushing up energy demand and tightening available power supplies. Additionally flex alerts may be issued over the weekend and throughout the week to maintain grid stability. During a Flex Alert, residents are encouraged to conserve electricity, especially in the late afternoon through early evening. As we continue to experience high temperatures, residents can take three simple actions to reduce energy use: set thermostat to 78 degrees or higher, avoid using major appliances, and turn off all unnecessary lights. Many thanks to the community for your cooperation in conserving energy.



**Wildfire Safety & Public Safety Power Shutoffs Preparedness Workshop:** As we prepare for peak wildfire season, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) invites the community to participate in a virtual workshop on Wednesday, September 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. SDG&E is seeking stakeholder and community feedback on wildfire safety initiatives and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) to mitigate potential impacts and refine its Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The workshop will cover several topics including wildfire mitigation, meteorology, PSPS notifications; and provide an opportunity for feedback. To register, please click on the following [link](#).

**Art4Healing Workshop:** Art & Creativity for Healing Inc. is offering a no cost [Art4Healing](#) workshop for adults over 60 at the Community Center, located at 25925 Camino Del Avion, beginning Monday, September 12, from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. The 2-hour workshop uses the Zagon method which teaches and encourages participants to express their feelings through use of color on canvas. Students learn about color, composition, and other elements of art. Workshops are offered every Monday, and registration is limited to 10 students per workshop. Students are not required to attend each week. To register call the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.

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

#### **September 6**

- Consideration of Potential City Seal Design Options
- St. Margaret's Boys Volleyball Team Recognition