

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Spring Street Accessibility Improvements: Construction began this week on a project that will improve pedestrian accessibility and provide safety enhancements on Spring Street and El Camino Real, near San Juan Elementary School, Mission San Juan Capistrano and the Inn at the Mission Hotel. The grant-funded project includes reconstruction of existing pedestrian access ramps at the intersections of Ortega Highway and El Camino Real as well as Spring Street and El Camino Real, a new widened sidewalk at the southeast corner of Spring Street and El Camino Real, and the relocation of an existing mid-block crosswalk on El Camino Real. The area is currently an active construction site but will be returned to (nearly) normal conditions for the upcoming weekend. Construction will resume next week and is scheduled to be completed by early August, prior to the start of the school year. During construction, additional signage, access points and ramps have been provided to accommodate temporary access.



Coffee with a Cop: This week, our local deputies held a well-attended “Coffee with a Cop” event which provided an opportunity for residents to learn more about the programs and services offered by the Sheriff’s Department in our community. We will let residents know of other upcoming opportunities to meet their local first responders and, in the meantime, we encourage you to visit the City’s website for more information on police, fire and emergency services: www.sanjuancapistrano.org



San Juan Summer Nites Concert – August 17: Join us from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, for the continuation of the *San Juan Summer Nites* concert series at Historic Town Center Park (31525 El Camino Real). The evening’s festivities will include live music provided by County Western singer Brent Payne, business expo vendors, free activities for kids, food trucks and more.

Metrolink Nighttime and Weekend Railroad Maintenance: Metrolink crews will be performing nighttime track maintenance on the Trabuco Creek bridge from 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, through 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 24. According to Metrolink, potential impacts during the work could include equipment noise, vibrations from construction machinery, and increased lighting. For questions and additional information, please contact Metrolink representative Laurene Lopez at (213) 452-0433 or communityrelations@scrra.net.

Kitchen Food Waste Container Give-A-Way: On January 1, 2022, new state law (SB 1383) went into effect that requires all residents and businesses to separate organics, such as leftover food and kitchen scraps, from the rest of their trash for recycling. To assist in this effort, the City is offering each San Juan Capistrano household one free, reusable kitchen food waste collection container and 10 complimentary compostable bags. These containers conveniently help separate food scraps in the kitchen, to then be transferred to your curbside organics/green waste cart for pickup on your normal collection day. To reserve a free container, please visit the City’s [website](#) and complete an application.

City Receives Risk Management Award:

The California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) has recognized the City of San Juan Capistrano for exemplary achievement in the administration of the City's Workers' Compensation (WC) program. Mayor Pro Tem Howard Hart and staff accepted the award on behalf of the City at the CJPIA's annual Board of Directors meeting this week. This risk management award is given by CJPIA to a member agency which has demonstrated the best overall performance in their WC program. The City was one of three agencies selected from among 107 member agencies to receive the award.



City Council Candidate Nomination Period: The filing period to run for City Council (Districts 2, 3 and 4) in the November 8 General Municipal Election opened Monday, July 18, and ends Friday, August 12. Candidates must be registered voters and reside in either District 2, 3 or 4 in San Juan Capistrano. A district map is available on the City's [website](#). Nomination papers must be signed by no less and 20 and no more than 30 registered voters residing in the district in which the candidate resides. There is no cost for filing nomination papers. All forms required for nomination and election to municipal office are furnished by and filed with the City Clerk. Appointments to obtain the candidate's packet and review information with the City Clerk are required. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (949) 443-6309.

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

August 2

- Consideration of New City Seal Design Options
- Fiscal Year 2022-23 Weed Abatement Assessments
- Appointment to Parks, Equestrian and Community Services Commission