

# City Manager Weekly Update

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

**FROM:** Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Weekly Update

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**CERT Emergency Preparedness:** Congratulations to the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for completing another successful disaster simulation exercise at the Community Center on Saturday, October 22. The simulated exercise allowed the team to practice disaster rescue and fire safety skills, including training on how to extinguish small fires. The City of San Juan Capistrano maintains a comprehensive emergency management program that includes all elements necessary to respond to major emergencies. The CERT program is designed to increase individual and community preparedness and self-reliance in the event of man-made or natural disasters. CERT training programs are currently open to interested residents age 18 or older. CERT-trained volunteers assist local government as Disaster Service Workers when resources are overloaded with emergency response requests. To get involved or learn more, please visit the City's [website](#).



**National Prescription Take Back Day:** Community members are encouraged to drop off expired, unused, or unwanted prescription medications during "National Take Back Day" on Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at numerous locations throughout Orange County. The event is free, anonymous and no questions asked. To locate a drop site near your home, please visit the OCSD [website](#). Sharps, marijuana, liquids, and pressure canisters will not be accepted. Contact the OC Sheriff's Department for more information at (714) 647-4133.

**Free Compost Giveaway:** Join OC Waste and Recycling on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Capistrano Greenery (Prima Deschecha Landfill, 32250 Avenida La Pata) for free compost, while supplies last. Proof of Orange County residency is required, and residents should bring a shovel and container or bag to fill. For more information, please visit the [OClandfills.com](http://OClandfills.com) website.



**Annual Arundo Abatement in City Creeks:** Each year the City's Public Works Department removes Arundo Donax (giant reed plants) in City creeks. Arundo is an invasive, non-native plant that adversely impacts several natural creeks in Southern California. Arundo degrades native habitat, increases flood and fire risks, consumes significant water resources, and provides cover for illegal activities. Recently, the City partnered with a regional conservation group, Mission Resources Conservation District (MRCD), to conduct Arundo abatement in both San Juan Creek and Trabuco Creek.

**America Recycles Day E-waste and Shredding Event:** To commemorate "America Recycles Day," the City of San Juan Capistrano is partnering with Goodwill of Orange County and Southern California Shredding Inc. for an e-waste and shredding event on Saturday, November 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The drive-thru, contactless event will be held at the Sports Park (25925 Camino Del Avion) parking lot located off Via Positiva and Camion Del Avion. E-waste being collected includes old cell phones, computers, printers, microwaves, and other small appliances, free of charge. This event will also provide an opportunity to securely destroy sensitive records at no cost. For more information regarding the e-waste and shredding event, please e-mail [environment@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:environment@sanjuancapistrano.org), or call (949) 487-4307.

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

### **November 1**

- Annual Mayor's Awards
- 2022 Wall of Recognition Nominations
- Social Media Policy and Implementation Plan
- Update on City Hall and Council Chamber Relocation Project
- Proposed Energy Storage Facility at Saddleback Valley Church Property

### **November 14\***

- Farewell Celebration for Last Meeting at Paseo Adelanto Council Chambers
- Disposition and Development Agreement for City's Downtown Playhouse Property
- Purchase and Sale Agreement for City's Portion of Multi-Modal Parking Lot

\* At the November 1 meeting, the City Council will consider adding a second meeting in November, to occur on Monday, November 14.