

# 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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**Camino Capistrano Pavement Rehabilitation Project:** We are excited to announce that Phase 1 of the Camino Capistrano Pavement Rehabilitation Project will begin on Monday, October 24. The first phase of this major roadway improvement will occur from San Juan Creek Road to La Zanja Street and is expected to be complete by November 10. The full project will be completed in three phases and will re-pave Camino Capistrano between the City's borders with Dana Point and Laguna Niguel. Construction during Phase 1 will occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. to minimize impacts to motorists and businesses. Work is not scheduled on October 31 (Halloween Night). Phase 2 of the project (between Costco and San Juan Creek Road) and Phase 3 (between Junipero Serra and the Laguna Niguel border) will begin in Spring 2023. Please comply with all posted parking restrictions. Vehicles parked in a posted "No Parking – Tow Away Zone" area will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. For more information, please visit the City's [website](#).

**Winter Rain Preparations:** Public Works crews have completed routine annual preparations for the winter rainy season. These preparations include inspection of over 500 drain inlets, cleaning storm drains and drainage ditches, removal of debris and weeds from drainage courses, and acquiring ample erosion control and flood protection supplies. Staff is closely monitoring National Weather Service forecasts to develop time-appropriate response plans based on expected weather conditions.

**Tree Lighting Celebration:** Save the Date for the City's annual Tree Lighting Celebration on Saturday, December 3, at Historic Town Center Park located at 31852 El Camino Real. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. with pre-show entertainment, followed by a musical holiday production. The tree lighting will take place at 5:45 p.m. followed by a variety of holiday activities. Special event trolley services will be offered. For additional event information, please contact the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.



**Rail Service Closure Update:** The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors finalized a contract with a geotechnical firm to begin emergency work to stabilize the railroad track through southern San Clemente. The City of San Juan Capistrano continues to monitor for updates and anticipated timeline for service to resume. For additional information and status updates, please visit the Amtrak [website](#) and Metrolink [website](#).

**Volunteer Tax Preparers Needed:** Join the OC Free Tax Prep program by becoming a certified tax volunteer for the 2023 tax season. The OC Free Tax Prep program is proud to provide free tax preparation services in San Juan Capistrano to low-income taxpayers; especially those aged 50 and older. United Way is recruiting volunteers to assist with the following roles: interpreter, greeter, and tax preparers. By becoming a volunteer, you'll join a dedicated team of over 400 volunteers in Orange County who are working to help secure tax refunds for low-income taxpayers. Training is conducted online and in-person from November 2022 through early January 2023. For additional information, please email [WendyP@UnitedWayOC.org](mailto:WendyP@UnitedWayOC.org) or visit their [website](#).

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

### **November 1**

- Mayor's Awards
- Proposed City Council Social Media Policy and Implementation Plan
- Update on City Hall Project
- Development Disposition Agreement for Sale of City-owned Downtown Parking Lot and Playhouse Site