

# 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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## **River Street Project & Del Obispo Street Sewer Improvements:**

You may have noticed continued progress of the River Street project in the Los Rios District. Starting Monday, August 29, construction of off-site sewer improvements along Del Obispo Street, west of the railroad tracks, and Los Rios Street will commence to accommodate increased demand generated by the project. During construction, a temporary shortening of the westbound left-turn pocket from Del Obispo onto Paseo Adelanto will be

required. Construction is anticipated to take approximately three to four weeks and will occur during both nighttime and daytime hours to minimize traffic impacts. Any work performed on Del Obispo Street during the daytime will be performed during non-peak hours, and no through-lane closures will occur during daytime hours.

**Camino Capistrano Pavement Project:** The City's \$10.2 million pavement rehabilitation project to improve Camino Capistrano (from the City's southern boundary with Dana Point to the northern boundary with Laguna Niguel) is anticipated to begin in mid-September. The project will also repave portions of Stonehill Drive, Avenida Aeropuerto, San Juan Creek Road, and Ortega Highway (in front of the Mission). The majority of construction activity will occur in the evening between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Work will not be done on Friday and Saturday evenings. The City's Public Works Team is currently reviewing traffic control plans with the contractor and anticipates the work to be completed in early 2023.



**Mounted Enforcement Unit:** This summer, the City initiated a pilot program to provide mounted patrol services in the Downtown and Los Rios Park areas. This service enhancement has provided additional enforcement presence as well as an opportunity for residents and visitors to interact with deputies. The Mounted Enforcement Unit (MEU) is an integral part of the Orange County Sheriff's Department and offers high-profile patrol in parks, beaches, and special events throughout the county. The MEU has grown to 22 members comprised of sergeants, investigators, deputies and reserve officers.

**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.



**Make a Plan, Be Prepared:** The best time to prepare for an emergency is well before an incident occurs. [ReadyOC](#) is the County's emergency preparedness resource designed to provide residents with tools and resources to address a variety of emergency situations and to advance local readiness efforts. *ReadyOC* is the County's leading emergency preparedness resource bringing together local first responders, volunteer organizations, and members of the public to help prepare our community for any potential emergency. Please visit the *ReadyOC* [website](#) for additional information and resources.

**San Juan Summer Nites Concert Series:** Mark your calendars! The fourth and final concert of the popular summer concert series will be held on Wednesday, September 21, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Historic Town Center Park, located at 31852 El Camino Real. The event will feature classic rock band *Tijuana Dogs*. Join friends and neighbors to enjoy great music and dancing! Food will be available for purchase. Arrive early for a local business expo and free children's activities. For additional information, please 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