

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: March 24, 2022

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

Update on New City Seal: On December 7, 2021, the City Council adopted a new City seal that would be implemented following a process in which the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) would have the opportunity to consider alternative seal designs submitted by the public and make its recommendation to the City Council. The City Council further directed that any alternative City seal design include a depiction of Mission San Juan Capistrano and Native American history. On March 22, 2022, the CHC reviewed 13 design ideas which are available for review on the City's [website](#). Following discussion, the CHC requested members of the public submit additional design ideas to be considered at its July 15, 2022, meeting. The CHC also suggested that equestrian elements, swallows, and Mission bells be incorporated into any submitted design. For questions, additional information, or to submit an alternative City seal design, please contact David Contreras, Principal Planner, at dcontreras@sanjuancapistrano.org or (949) 443-6320.

Pickleball Court Improvements: On April 4, the City is scheduled to begin construction of a project to repair and resurface the public tennis courts located at Camino Capistrano and Acjachema Street, and convert the eastern tennis court at this location into four new pickleball courts. As part of this project, the City's contractor will also repurpose the underutilized outdoor basketball and volleyball courts at Cook-La Novia Park into two new pickleball courts. Both court conversion projects should be complete by mid-May.



Upcoming Waterline Repairs on Verdugo and Los Rios Streets: Beginning Monday, March 28, Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) is scheduled to complete repairs associated with a waterline break that previously occurred on Verdugo Street. The work involves excavation on both sides of the railroad tracks between Verdugo Plaza and Los Rios Street to expose and repair the waterline. With the exception of minor landscaping removal, most of the work will be completed at night. Waterline repairs are anticipated to be complete by Thursday, March 31. Following the waterline repairs, SMWD contractors

will return to restore the paving at Verdugo Plaza. For questions or additional information, please contact Bill Webster, SMWD Operations Field Superintendent, at (949) 459-6519.

Swallows Day Parade Trolley Ridership: After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we are pleased to report that the free Swallows Day trolley service carried approximately 60 passengers per hour throughout the day. These numbers far exceed the City's minimum ridership requirements under the OCTA grant program that funds the trolley service. Next up, the City will be providing free special event trolley service for the "Spring Eggstravaganza" event at Los Rios Park (31790 Paseo Adelanto) on April 9. The event is geared toward children ages 2 – 12, and will be held between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Activities include egg hunts, face painting, puppet show, petting zoo, crafts, games, inflatable bounce house and bunny photos. All activities are free! Continuous trolley service will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and includes two 20-minute loops serving San Juan Capistrano communities north and south of the Downtown and Los Rios Park. Please see the attached flyer for additional route information.

OCFA Girls Empowerment Camp: The Orange County Fire Authority Girls Empowerment Camp is a free two-day camp open to teens ages 14-18 that will introduce participants to the fire service and provide campers with a realistic, hands-on overview of firefighting. The camp exposes teens to all aspects of a fire service career. The camp will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 14 - 15 at the OCFA Training Center, located at 1 Fire Authority Road in Irvine. Registration opens on Friday, April 1, and is available on the OCFA [website](#).

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

April 5, 2022

- City Skatepark and Trail Project on the City-owned Kinoshita Farm Property
- Plans and Specifications for the Camino Capistrano Pavement Project
- Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of the Year
- Recognition of Capistrano Valley Christina School Girls Basketball Team and JSerra Catholic High School Rugby Program

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 APR 9, 2022
 9AM-1PM**

**TROLLEY FREQUENCY
 20 MINUTES**

**● NORTH ROUTE
 ▲ SOUTH ROUTE**



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- BUNNY PETTING PEN
- FACE PAINTING
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 ACTIVITIES
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