

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: July 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

Gateway Landscape Project:

As you may have seen, construction of the City's Gateway Landscaping Project is well underway. The project will beautify a major entry to our community at Ortega Highway and Del Obispo Street. This week, activity at the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection continued with new plantings, trees, irrigation, and lighting systems. Construction of the landscaped median on Ortega Hwy is scheduled to start this Monday, July 26, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The project is anticipated to be completed this summer.



San Juan Summer Nites – August 18: The long-awaited return of the City's *San Juan Summer Nites* concert series is right around the corner! Join us at Historic Town Center Park, 31872 El Camino Real, on Wednesday, August 18 and Wednesday, September 15 for the return of the popular summer concert series. Concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. and will feature live music, local restaurant food and drink, business expo vendors, and free activities for kids. Country group *Smith* will perform August 18 and *Tijuana Dogs* will bring classic rock to the stage September 15. Guests are encouraged to bring a low-back chair or blanket for seating. Pets are not permitted. The concerts are supported by our generous sponsors: SDG&E and Rancho Mission Viejo Company. For additional information, please see the attached flyer or contact the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911. This year's concert series will also feature free special event trolley service; see the City's [website](#) for details.

Meet Your City Staff: Beginning with today's update, we'll periodically include a spotlight on the job duties, educational background, and prior professional experience of a City employee. We hope this provides some insight into the day-to-day operations at City Hall, as well as additional information on the many services available to residents.



James Fournier, GIS Specialist: James Fournier has been with the City of San Juan Capistrano since 2016 serving as the GIS Specialist as part of the Utilities Division. Geographic Information Services, or GIS, is a digital platform utilized for data mapping services and location-based analytics. James collects and analyzes data to build digital maps including property boundaries, water and sewer infrastructure, and the City's traffic signal and trail systems. These digital maps are used by City staff and members of the public to efficiently identify property

specific information. James holds a bachelor's degree in Geography and GIS Certificate from California State University, San Bernardino. Before beginning his career in San Juan Capistrano, James was a GIS intern with the City of Murrieta and GIS Specialist for the Pala Indian Reservation. While in Pala, James developed mapping resources to assist the community in the identification of cultural and environmental resource areas as well as preservation of open space. James notes that no one day is the same in the GIS profession, as one day he could be assisting a colleague create new City addresses for a residential project and the next mapping evacuation routes for a potential emergency response. James encourages the public to visit the City's website to explore the Community View GIS maps where residents are able to identify which City Council [district](#) they reside in as well as key [development projects and proposals](#).

American Red Cross Blood Drive Series: In partnership with the American Red Cross, the City is hosting a monthly blood drive beginning in September through the end of the year. Appointments will be available on September 2, October 19, November 9 and December 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center located at 25925 Camino Del Avion. Sign up for an appointment at the American Red Cross [website](#) using sponsor code *CityofSJC*. For additional information, please see the attached flyer or contact Lindsey Stigall at (949) 443-6380.

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

August 17, 2021

- Annual Measure Y Open Space Bonds Financial Report
- Initiation of an Amendment to the Mammoth Offices Planned Community Development Plan (Grace Church Property, Rancho Viejo Road)

**The August 3, 2021, City Council meeting is cancelled. The City Council will meet August 17, 2021.

