

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: August 5, 2021

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

Gateway Landscaping Project: Construction of the landscaped median island component of the City's Gateway Landscaping Project is currently underway. Most construction activity is occurring late in the evening to minimize traffic disruption on Ortega Highway and Del Obispo. The City's contractor has completed construction of concrete curbs and is now installing the irrigation system, lighting features, concrete pavers and plantings. All hardscape and landscape improvements at the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection are substantially complete. This beautification project at a key entry to the community is expected to be complete by Labor Day.



New Rapid Flashing Beacons: In the coming weeks, new Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs) will be installed at intersection crosswalks located at Camino Capistrano and Forster Street, and Camino Del Avion and Avenida Descanso. The solar-powered RFBs will replace existing in-pavement crosswalk lights and are more visible to motorists, as well as less costly to maintain. Installation of the RFB at Camino Del Avion and Avenida Descanso is planned to occur prior to the start of school on August 17. The Camino Capistrano and Forster Street RFB is expected to be installed shortly thereafter.



San Juan Summer Nites – August 18: Mark your calendars and dust off your cowboy boots for country western group *Smith* at the first *San Juan Summer Nites* concert of the season, taking place on Wednesday, August 18, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Historic Town Center Park (31872 El Camino Real). There will be food and drink provided by local restaurants, business expo vendors and free activities for kids. This year's concert series will also include special event trolley services from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on concert evenings. Please visit the [trolley service](#) webpage on the City's website for route details.

OCFA Summer Outdoor Activity Tips: Throughout Orange County there are dozens of trails and outdoor recreational facilities for residents to enjoy. Being prepared is the key to staying safe while enjoying these community amenities. Since 2018, the number of remote rescues across the county continues to rise with over 100 rescues taking place per year. The Orange County Fire Authority encourages residents to plan and prepare before your next hike or bike ride to ensure a safe and fun experience. The number one safety tip is to ensure that your devices are charged before hitting the trails, or bring a portable charger. The ability to call for help early in an emergency situation is critical. And, remember to wear sunscreen and always drink water before, during and after your activity.

Save the Date! OC Coastal Cleanup Day: The 37th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, September 18, at beaches, creeks, and waterways throughout the state. Stay tuned for details on the City of San Juan Capistrano event location! To start participating now, see the Coastal Commission [website](#) for month long virtual activities and neighborhood cleanup suggestions.

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 questions, please contact the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.

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

August 17, 2021

- Initiation of an Amendment to the Mammoth Offices Planned Community Development Plan (Grace Church Property, Rancho Viejo Road)