

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

City Hall Labor Day Closure: City Hall will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. Additionally, the Community Center will be closed for City business; however, staff from the Orange County Registrar of Voters will be onsite at the Community Center (25925 Camino Del Avion) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. accepting vote-by-mail ballots for the September 14 gubernatorial recall election.

Ballot Drop Off Locations: All California active registered voters should have received a vote-by-mail ballot for the September 14, 2021, gubernatorial recall election. Residents can return their vote-by-mail ballots by mail with prepaid postage (postmarked by September 14) or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, a voting location or Orange County Registrar of Voters by 8:00 p.m. on September 14. There are two convenient secure ballot drop box locations currently available in San Juan Capistrano: 1) La Sala Auditorium Drop Box located at 31495 El Camino Real 2) City Hall Office of the City Clerk located at 32400 Paseo Adelanto. For questions, plus a list of all countywide drop boxes and voting locations, please contact the Orange County Registrar of Voters [online](#) or at (714) 567-7600.

Annual Arundo Abatement in City Creeks: Each year, the City's Public Works Department coordinates removal of invasive *Arundo Donax* from City creeks. *Arundo*, or "giant reed," is an invasive non-native plant that adversely impacts several natural creeks in Southern California. In addition to degrading the native creek habitat, *Arundo* increases flood and fire risks, consumes significant water resources, and can provide cover for illegal activities. The abatement work will begin on September 17 and is partially funded by the San Juan Basin Authority.



National Preparedness Month: September is National Preparedness Month, and the Orange County Fire Authority encourages residents to be #PreparedNotScared for emergencies and natural disasters by creating a [family disaster plan](#) and registering for [AlertOC](#), the mass notification system designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies that may require immediate lifesaving actions. Throughout the month, we'll be providing additional tips and helpful preparedness information.

Senior Men's Basketball Returns: This week, we were pleased to welcome back the USA National Senior Champion "Capo Classics" men's basketball team to resume activities at the Community Center. The group is thrilled to be back and looks to be on track to bring another championship home to San Juan Capistrano! Meet the team on the court Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center, or contact the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911 for additional participation information.



San Juan Summer Nites – September 15: The second and final concert of the summer, featuring classic rock group *Tijuana Dogs*, will take place Wednesday, September 15, 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 also includes special event trolley services from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on concert evenings with a convenient trolley stop located just outside the park at Yorba Street. Please visit the [trolley service](#) webpage on the City's website for route details.

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

September 7, 2021

- Specific Plan Amendment for the Los Rios Specific Plan (Zoomar's Barn)
- Appeal of Cultural Heritage Commission Determination of Compatibility with Adjacent Historic Structures (31491 La Matanza Street)
- League of California Cities Annual Conference Voting Delegate