

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: September 23, 2021

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

Riding Park Public Presentations: In April 2021, the City issued a Request for Proposals/Qualifications for a long-term operator of the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park at San Juan Capistrano. At the September 21 City Council meeting, the City Council and community received presentations from Frontier Real Estate Investments and The Ridland Group on their proposed concepts. The City Council is expected to make a selection later this fall. A recording of the meeting is currently available on the City's [website](#). For additional information on the proposed concepts, including videos presented at the meeting, please see the proposers' respective websites linked below.

[Frontier Real Estate Investments](#)

[The Ridland Group](#)

Wall of Recognition Nomination Period Now Open: The City Council created the Wall of Recognition to honor individuals whose service to the community has made the City of San Juan Capistrano a more productive and enjoyable place to live, work and visit. This year's nomination period is now open and will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 22. Once the City Council makes its selection, an unveiling ceremony of the new additions will take place at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center, where the Wall of Recognition is located. Please see the [website](#) for nomination guidelines and submittal instructions. For questions and to submit a nomination, please contact Matisse Reischl at (949) 443-6315 or mreischl@sanjuancapistrano.org.

CERT Emergency Preparedness Training: As peak fire season approaches, it is critical that we all do our part to prepare our homes and businesses for the potential of a wildfire. As part of this effort, this past weekend the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers participated in a training exercise to increase individual and community preparedness and self-reliance in the event of a disaster situation. For additional information about CERT and to participate in the no-cost CERT program, please visit the City's [website](#). For additional preparedness measures that can be implemented today at homes and businesses, please visit the Orange County Fire Authority [website](#).

State COVID-19 Rental Relief Program: The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) encourages income-eligible renters and landlords who need help with rent or utilities to verify eligibility and apply for assistance at <https://housing.ca.gov/>, or by calling 833-430-2122. The program covers 100% of unpaid rental and utility bills as well as future payments for income-eligible renters and landlords impacted by the pandemic. Those eligible for the program are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as the State's eviction protections are scheduled to end September 30, 2021. For additional information, please see the attached flyer or visit the program [website](#).

"See Something, Say Something" Awareness Day: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognizes September 25 as national "If You See Something, Say Something" Awareness Day, which calls upon individuals and national public and private-sector partners to create awareness related to reporting suspicious activity. In Orange County, the Orange County Sheriff's Department participates in the program and encourages community members to report suspicious activity to OCSD dispatch at (949) 770-6011 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. For more information about the campaign activities in Orange County, please visit the dedicated [website](#) or follow #SeeSayDay and #WhyISeeSay on social media.

Annual AlertOC Test: Beginning at 9:00 a.m. this morning, AlertOC conducted its annual emergency notification system test. AlertOC is the mass notification system utilized by the City to notify the community of emergencies that may require immediate lifesaving actions. Registered residents should have received a test emergency notification via text message, e-mail and voice message. These annual tests are an important tool to ensure the system works during an active emergency. If you're not registered, please visit the AlertOC [website](#) or text ALERTOC to 888777 to sign up today.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Series: In partnership with the American Red Cross, the City is hosting a monthly blood drive through the end of the year. Appointments will be available on 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 Lindsey Stigall at (949) 443-6380.

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

October 5, 2021

- American Rescue Plan Act Recommended Spending Plan
- Recap of 2021 Summer Parking Program and Additional Recommended Parking Management Strategies



**CA COVID-19
RENT RELIEF**



**Have you been impacted by
COVID-19? It's NOT your fault.**

Get 100% of your rent and utilities paid.

If COVID-19 has impacted your ability to pay or receive rent and utility payments, the State of California is here to help you. Income-eligible renters and their landlords may receive 100% financial assistance through the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program.

Both renters and landlords are encouraged to apply.

Get help with 100% of your unpaid rent and utilities dating back to April 1, 2020, as well as future rent payments. Utility assistance will be paid directly to the utility provider.

Assistance from the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program does not count as earned income for renters and will not affect eligibility for other state benefit assistance programs. You won't be asked about citizenship and your information will be kept private.



How do I apply?

To check eligibility and apply, visit [HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) or call **833-430-2122**.

For assistance in another language, or to get help with eligibility requirements or filling out an application, schedule an appointment with a local organization near you by calling **833-687-0967**.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is an official State of California sponsored program.