

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2021

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding: In response to significant financial challenges associated with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2021 President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law. The ARPA provides \$1.9 trillion in federal assistance intended to support economic recovery efforts and enable public agencies to invest in infrastructure enhancements. The City of San Juan Capistrano will receive \$8.6 million in ARPA funds. At its October 5 meeting, the City Council approved an ARPA spending plan that allocates \$7 million toward citywide street improvements as part of a broader investment in the City's roadway infrastructure. This ambitious plan will dramatically improve the condition of the City's Pavement Condition Index, or PCI, and will begin this coming spring with a major capital project to rehabilitate Camino Capistrano, the major north-south arterial roadway that spans the length of the community. Of the remaining ARPA funding, \$1.5 million was earmarked for the proposed Permanent Supportive Housing and City Hall project, which will advance the City's housing goals and realize a longstanding objective of replacing the existing City Hall facility, and \$100,000 to the City's ongoing pandemic response.

Mobile Vaccination Event: In partnership with Saddleback College, Capistrano Unified School District and several community organizations, the Orange County Health Care Agency will host a mobile vaccination clinic at Union High School (*formerly Serra High School*) located at 31422 Camino Capistrano on Wednesday, October 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The clinic will be walk-ins based. There is no need to register in advance. In addition to vaccines for children age 12 through adults, the clinic will also provide the booster vaccine for eligible adults 65 and older.

"Symphony on the Go!" at Los Rios Park: Don't miss the free "Symphony on the Go!" musical performance taking place this Saturday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Los Rios Park. The Pacific Symphony Orchestra will host a 45-minute mobile symphony ensemble featuring musicians performing chamber music in the plaza at Los Rios Park (adjacent to the Montanez Adobe). Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to enjoy family-friendly classical, jazz, and Broadway hits. For additional information, please contact the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.

Drought Preparedness: While there is no immediate cause for water restrictions in Orange County, other regions across the state have seen severe impacts of current drought conditions. Thanks to sound planning and water-smart behaviors adopted by residents and businesses, Orange County is prepared for drought. However, it is important to remember that while you can count on reliable water when you turn on the tap, water is not limitless. We must continue to use water wisely to ensure long-term water reliability. Please see the graphic below for suggested water efficiency best practices.



FIX LEAKS

Find and repair leaks inside and outside of the home.



ADD MULCH

Retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, prevent run-off, and improve soil nutrients.



WATER WISELY

Check for overspray. Water should be hitting plants, not streets or sidewalks.



TAKE ACTION

Take advantage of available rebates, classes, and tips.

Wall of Recognition Nomination Period 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 currently 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.

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 19, 2021

- Agreements Related to the City's Water and Sewer Utility Transfer to SMWD
- Ordinance Implementing State-mandated Organic Waste Recycling Regulations