

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: February 10, 2022

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

Skatepark Environmental Document Public Review: This week, the Planning Commission considered the City Skatepark Project located at the southwest corner of the Kinoshita Farm property (near the Sports Park) and recommended City Council approval. The project will include a 20,000 square foot all-wheel skatepark, playground structure, restroom building, shaded seating areas and landscaping. In addition, the proposed project includes a new multi-use public trail along Via Positiva and the western edge of the Kinoshita Farm property that would connect The Farm residential development, currently under construction adjacent to the project site, to the new skatepark and Camino Del Avion. Prior to City Council consideration of the project in April, an additional public review period will be available for the project's environmental document. Comments will be accepted through Monday, March 21. To view the document, please visit the City's [website](#).

OCTA Alerts Bus Passengers of Potential Strike: The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has been notified by the OCTA Coach Operators' Union, whose members operate County bus service, that they may strike as soon as Tuesday, February 15. According to OCTA, negotiations to reach an agreement that will avoid any disruption in service are ongoing. However, due to the possibility of a strike, OCTA encourages riders to begin to plan for alternative transportation arrangements. If a strike occurs, bus service may continue operating on select routes. OC ACCESS paratransit same-day taxi services for people with disabilities and OC Flex micro transit services will not be affected. Metrolink train service will also operate as usual. Please visit the OCTA [website](#) or call OCTA Customer Service Information Center at (714) 636-7433 for updates.

Participate in the 2022 City Council Redistricting Process: Every ten years, following the decennial U.S. Census, voting district boundaries are redrawn to account for any changes in population. Redistricting helps ensure that communities have equal access to political representation. As part of this effort, the City of San Juan Capistrano will be holding public hearings for residents to contribute to the process. Additionally, an online redistricting tool is available on the City's [website](#) which allows the community to draw district boundaries and view population data in real-time. For additional information, the list of public hearing dates, and instructions for submitting draft maps or comments, please visit the City's dedicated redistricting [webpage](#).

SoCalGas Helicopter Activity: In an effort to maintain pipeline safety and maintenance continuity, beginning the week of February 21, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., SoCalGas will be working with a helicopter company to map methane emissions over SoCalGas infrastructure. A location map is shown below. New technology allows SoCalGas to detect methane emissions from the air at 500+ feet altitude. For questions regarding this helicopter activity, residents are encouraged to contact the SoCalGas Customer Service Contact Center at 1-800-427-2200.



Association of American Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Preparation: AARP is offering free tax preparation for seniors, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center (25925 Camino Del Avion). To schedule an appointment, please visit the Community Center. For questions, please call the Community Services Department at (949) 493-5911.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: The American Red Cross continues to report a significant blood inventory shortage, further exacerbated by the recent surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. To support the efforts of the American Red Cross, the City will host a blood drive on March 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 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*)

February 15, 2022

- Proposed Jamboree Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Project on Current City Hall Site
- City Council Redistricting Process Public Hearing