



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 1-17-14

Nuisance Bird Abatement/Falconry Services

On behalf of the City of Avalon, I have entered the City into a three-party agreement (City of Avalon, Santa Catalina Island Company and the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau) with On The Wing Falconry for falconry and nuisance bird abatement services. The agreement is on Tuesday night's City Council Consent Calendar.

Proposed Plastic Bag Ban

Audra McDonald has started the Council-directed public outreach effort supporting the information-gathering component of drafting a proposed plastic bag ban within the City of Avalon. She reports that she encountered some opposition to the proposed ordinance at the Chamber Board meeting yesterday - but asked that interested/concerned board members email her their concerns. Next stops on her speaking tour include the Lion's Club on January 22nd, the Rotary Club on January 29th and the Women's Forum on February 3rd.

New Freight Line Service for 2016

The Santa Catalina Island Company (SCICo) announced this week its selection of Catalina Tug & Barge Services, the newly formed joint venture between Greg Bombard of Catalina Express and Harley Franco of Harley Marine Services, to provide freight services between Pebbly Beach in Avalon and the Port of Los Angeles, beginning April 2016. Proposed highlights of the new operation include a new warehouse, conveniently located next to the Catalina Sea and Air Terminal in San Pedro, new custom-built vessels for Catalina operations, state-of-the-art freight tracking systems, and an understanding of the importance of keeping the cost of freight as low as possible. Based on its analysis, including the improved services, Catalina Tug & Barge Services plans to keep pricing at current levels for the indefinite future. A detailed press-release is available should you desire additional information on this topic.

Marketing – Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau

The Chamber announced today that they were participating, along with Catalina Express and the Santa Catalina Island Company (SCICo), in a \$100,000 television media buy, utilizing footage owned by Catalina Express and SCICo. A total of one-hundred fifty five (155) fifteen (15) second spots will air on KCOP (Channel 13), KTLA (Channel 5) and KTTV (Channel 11) commencing in mid-March, running through early May.

Noise Ordinance/Vehicle Registration

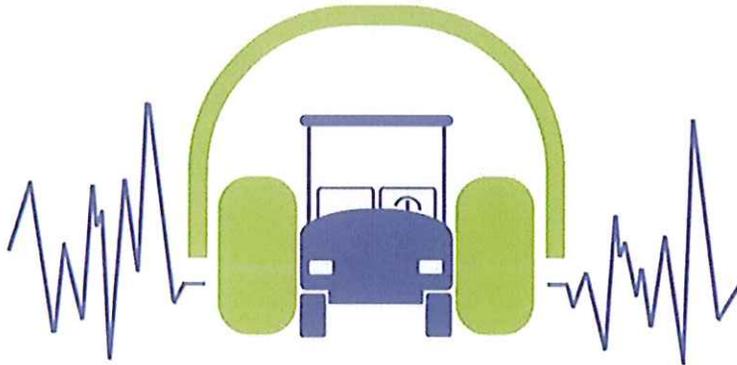
Below please find a draft of the Noise Ordinance/Vehicle Registration poster image that we hope to soon distribute throughout town and send to the island media. Next week we will be meeting internally to discuss and sort out logistics and staging of the testing in an effort to be well prepared for this effort come February.

Vehicle Noise Testing

will be a part of the annual

Vehicle Registration

February 1- March 31, 2014



THE CITY OF AVALON IS COMMITTED TO
IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AVALON

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Vehicles that do not pass will have until **SEPTEMBER 30, 2014** to be re-tested & pass without penalty
- Vehicles that do not pass will **NOT** be able to register for their City Sticker
- After September 30, 2014 any vehicles failing to meet decibel standards will be subject to infraction violations & corresponding fines

VEHICLES 6,000 lbs OR GREATER	MOTORCYCLES	ALL OTHER VEHICLES (incl. AUTOETTES, aka. GOLF CARTS)
82 dB	77 dB	74 dB

AMC Sec. 4-4.1713



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Law Enforcement

On Sunday, Sheriff Deputies arrested three tourists: one for Battery on a Peace Officer, one for Obstructing a Peace Officer and one for Drunk in Public. On Thursday, two additional suspects were arrested for their involvement in the Eubank's stolen golf cart investigation.

2014 Mayoral and City Council Member Election

The City has received the randomized alphabet drawing order from the Secretary of State for the ballots for the upcoming Mayoral and City Council election. The candidate names will appear as follows on the ballot:

Mayor

- Anni Marshall
- Bob Kennedy

City Council

- Joe Sampson
- Alex Sanchez
- Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy
- Ralph Morrow
- Tim Winslow
- Michael Ponce
- Burney Ramming

Information Technology

Significant accomplishments of the IT upgrade project this week include the near-complete migration of City employee users to the new email server. With this progress, we implemented shared calendars (including those for City Hall Front Desk coverage and scheduled conference room use). I would like to move the City Council to their City-provided email addresses in the near future, eliminating the Council's personal email accounts from our City contact list. In doing this, the Council may come into the fold for our new schedule and calendar functionality.

Parks and Recreation

We convened a couple discussions this week with the Long Beach Unified School District in an effort to improve our communication and cooperation for our joint use facilities – namely, Joe Machado Field and the school gym. Standing monthly meetings have been established where the schedule for monthly field use will be presented and discussed. With the school's assistance, we are close to finalizing the over-seeding period for 2014, with the intent of conducting the effort during a block of football away games in the Fall. A proposed renewed reciprocal use agreement will be forthcoming for City Council consideration in the near future.

Public Works:

We encountered significant issues with the Crescent Ave underground channel, near the Pancake Cottage this week. We have installed temporary steel plates over the area to allow for the continued safe passage of traffic, and have re-routed heavy equipment being used for the major construction in town. We are in discussions with SCICo (the owner of the underground channel) regarding associated liabilities and costs.

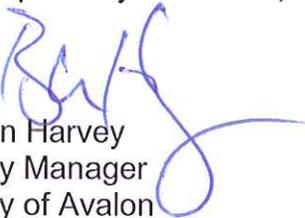
New pipes have been laid as part of the Pebbly Gravity Main project. Once all sewage is flowing into the new pipes, all that will remain for the project is the restoration.

The contractor has finished phase 1 of excavation at the Museum Site. Plans for Phase 2 are currently under review, and it is expected that Phase 2 will commence soon.

The Lower Terrace Road project remains on schedule, despite the development of some underground issues

Henkels & McCoy (subcontractor for Southern California Edison) remains on schedule for the underground utility vault replacement project on Metropole. Henkels & McCoy posted signs encouraging patrons to shop at the impacted businesses this week.

Respectfully submitted,


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City of Avalon

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