



# Avalon City Council Weekly Update 01-15-16

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## **City Clerk - Municipal Election**

The last day to turn in papers to file for candidacy for the upcoming April 12, 2016 Avalon municipal election was today, Friday 1/15/16. A total of 12 people submitted their forms: 3 for Mayor, 1 for Treasurer, and 8 for City Council. Their forms must be verified by Los Angeles County prior to official candidacy.

The last day to register to vote for this upcoming Avalon election is Monday March 28, 2016. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall.

The last day to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot is Tuesday April 5, 2016.

Polls will be open on election day from 7AM - 7PM, and voters should check the back of their sample ballot for the correct polling place.

## **Planning/Grants - Ebus Update**

The final invoice for the purchase of the City's new all-electric Ebuses was submitted to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation District this week. The grant (\$1,020,780) made the purchase of these environmentally friendly buses possible. The design (logo/branding) of the new buses (and the City's Transit system as a whole) also began this week. Paul Clay, Trillium Transit Solutions, held a preliminary design meeting with staff and community members to receive input on colors and themes. The electrical engineering for the charging stations has been completed and plans forwarded to SCE for review.

## **Avalon Fire Department - Winter Heater Safety**

### Space Heater

Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away.

Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.

Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.

Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

### Fireplace

Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.

Do not burn paper in your fireplace.

Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.

Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 3 feet from your home.

### Wood Stove

Make sure your woodstove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.

Do not burn paper in your wood stove.

Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.

Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

### Furnace

Have your furnace inspected each year.

Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.

### Kerosene Heater

Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.

Refuel your cooled heater outside.

## **AFD Firefighter Steven Bray, Ham Radio Operator**

This past weekend a class was administered locally for individuals interested in receiving their HAM Radio License. This extensive curriculum and arduous testing process was undertaken by Avalon Fire Firefighter Steven Bray who was interested in having this additional training and licensing to add another dimension to the radio communication abilities for the department and personally.

After successfully completing the test he was one of only a small percentage to receive his license at the classes completion and enters into a very small or elite group of local individuals that possess this Federal License. Congratulations to FF Bray on a job well done!

## **Sheriff - Matters Regarding Your Personal Property**

First and foremost, please safeguard your personal property. Most thefts that occur in Avalon are crimes of opportunity, i.e., a cell phone left on the front seat of a golf cart, tools left in the back of a truck, fishing equipment left out on a porch, etc. Please protect your property by properly safeguarding it, which would include locking your doors, keeping items of value in your possession and not risking a theft by leaving items readily accessible to anyone walking by.

If your personal property is lost or stolen, please let us know as soon as possible. We need to document the incident and help prevent it from happening again to you or someone else. Most importantly, the sooner we are made aware of an incident, the better the chances are that we may be able to assist you in recovering your property.

## **Public Works/Recreation - City Park Play Structure Upgrade**

Demolition of the wooden play structure at Avalon City "Machine Gun" Park. PW crews removed the old play structure and are removing the sand to level the area in preparation for the installation of new play equipment. A climbing structure and outdoor play musical equipment will be installed the week of the 25th week along with a synthetic wood fiber infill - which will replace the sand - for safety. The equipment arrived on the island this week, and the wood fiber will be here the 21st. Installation will be completed by Game-Time, the company the City purchased the equipment from, as part of the purchase price.



## **Public Works - Recycled Water Master Plan**

More activities continued this week as we explore the path to bring recycled water to this island. Efforts have involved studies at the Treatment Plant for more equipment and devices that will aid in our attempts to purify the water enough to be titled “recycled water”. Also, considerations have started as to how the transmission lines (piping) will have to be configured to insert the new recycled water into our old Salt Water system piping.

## **Public Works - Sewer Lateral & Collector Piping Inspection Program**

This week PW crews continued with more CCTV and jetting (cleaning) of the pipelines. Approximately 5,000 linear feet of existing sewer lines were inspected. This is one of the many efforts which are critical to ensuring we maintain good harbor water quality, as we have seen dramatic improvements over the last two years, and our in house testing over the winter (hopefully more) rainy season have also been encouraging.

## **Public Works - Pebbly Beach Road**

City Council approved the hiring of a consultant ESG Engineering to ascertain the extent of damages from Hurricane Marie, and the Avalon Complex in August and December of 2014, respectively. The work started this week, with Jeffrey Hernandez from PW walking the engineers through the site noting areas of repair and concern. Also on hand was Glen Gustafson of Environmental Image Group who has been taking aerial photography of the road to help the City with our assessment. There is still much work to be done for this evaluation and we will keep you posted as we move forward.



## **Smoke Detectors**

Thanks to the reminder of the Fire Department to check your smoke detectors when the time changes (i.e. change the batteries) Management Aide Jordan Monroe and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Monroe along with baby Wren Monroe got to find out that their smoke detector is in fact still working due to a over zealous broiler that really went to town on their garlic bread. It is good to know the smoke detectors work, and we want to encourage everyone to have working ones in their house.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Avalon City Staff