



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 01-22-16

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City Clerk - Municipal Election

The County has verified the signatures for the candidates in the upcoming elections. They are as follows in the randomized alphabet order from the Secretary of the State:

Mayor

Marshall
Morrow
Cassidy

Council

Hernandez
Hoefs
Olsen
Ponce
Putnam
Fertig
Montano

Treasure

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A Candidate Forum will be held March 24, 2016 at 6:00 PM. In addition to attending the forum, it can be viewed on Catalina Broadband Solutions Channel 3 and will be live streamed online.

The last day to register to vote is for this upcoming Avalon election is Monday March 28, 2016. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall. You can also register to vote and check your registration address at www.lavote.net

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.

Harbor/Capital Improvements - Fuel Dock Building Demolition

The fuel dock project is underway! The asbestos contractor finished abating the fuel dock building on Monday and crews were tearing the building down the following morning. The contractor Associated Pacific conducted a dive inspection on Wednesday and their barge will arrive by Thursday 1/21 around noon. Exciting times in the harbor!



Harbor - Cabrillo Mole Ramp 3 Repair

City crews have removed Ramp 3 for maintenance on site at the mole. A new wheel assembly and welding tasks will be completed before placing it back in service this next week.

Avalon Fire Dept. - El Nino

El Nino:

At a Los Angeles County Disaster Areas meeting this week, National Weather Service forecasters provided an update, that we are currently only 2" below predictions when compared to forecast models and other El Nino winters. They are still predicting that heavy rain will arrive in February and March. They are encouraging agencies, business and the public to continue to remain vigilant in storm preparations .

Recreation - City Park Upgrades

City Park, aka Machine Gun Park, is getting a makeover this Weekend. The old wooden play structure, which was out of compliance, has been removed as well as the sand. In place will be an OmniTriNet climbing structure surrounded by plastic play musical instruments - which were chosen in part due to the proximity to the local radio station KISL. This will make for a very visceral experience for the kids playing in the park. Our Public Works crew in conjunction with GameTime and Unlimited Engineering Contracting Inc. took only 3 days to complete and will be done by Sat. We will have a ribbon Cutting Ceremony this Monday, Jan 25th at 3 pm. Hope to see you there ready to play in the park!



Public Works - Replenish Beach Sand

Public Works went around to our properties and were able to import some beach sand for the south beach area. Due to the tidal impacts of recent weather events, the ocean has created sink holes and depleted some sand.

The area is better but still needs more sand. It is our desire to wait until after El Nino and insure that newly purchased sand will not be depleted again by upcoming storms.

Public Works - Tree Trimming

In efforts to reduce falling leaves, branches and fronds, our tree maintenance crews worked on some areas along the walkway from the Mole to Downtown, and also other areas of Front Street. We thank everyone for their patience due to any inconvenience.

Public Works - Storm Drain/Sewer Maintenance

The continued efforts by our staff and that of ES, are important as we “jet” and clean the manholes, catch basins, and vaious piping in an effort to preserve the durability and longevity of the systems. This weekly task is mandated by our sewer inspection programs, and necessary to allow us to keep our Bay waters clean.

Administration/IT - Chambers A/V Upgrades

The work on the Council Chambers A/V upgrades began on Friday by removing all the old equipment and cleaning up the wiring. The team from Advanced Wiring will be working through the weekend updating the cameras and equipment to improve the viewing quality and consistency of events in the chambers. With this upgrade we are also looking forward to launching the City's new streaming software which time stamps the video with the different agenda items allowing a viewer to watch the exact topic they are interested in with the click of a button. This Phase 1 work in the A/V room is expected to be largely completed over the weekend, but some follow up work may be needed over the next few weeks. There are additional Phases to this project which have been identified, but we are working to tackle the critical components first. We know this excites everyone and that you can't wait to be on TV!

Sheriff - 2015 Crime Reduction Efforts Result in 38% Decrease in Part 1 Crimes

Avalon Sheriff's Station has successfully partnered with the community to significantly lower the crime rate on Santa Catalina Island. Preliminary reports show Avalon Station, who provides law enforcement services for the entire island, had a thirty-eight percent decrease in Part 1 crimes from 2014 to 2015.

Part 1 crimes include serious crimes committed against persons and property. A total of seventy-one Part 1 crimes were reported last year on Catalina Island, which equates to one Part 1 crime every five days. Almost ninety percent of the Part 1 crimes reported on the island involved thefts of property. Every law enforcement agency in the country reports their Part 1 crimes to the FBI, who is responsible for collecting and maintaining the data known as the Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR).

The amount of Part 1 crimes that occur in Avalon each year are very few in comparison to most other cities in Los Angeles County. A thirty-eight percent reduction in Part 1 crimes, throughout the entire island, is a real tribute to the community and the deputies who serve the community.

Our goal for 2016, is to keep Catalina Island as one of the most beautiful, fun and safest places to visit or live in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Avalon City Staff