



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 01-29-16

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Recreation-City Park Playground

The City of Avalon's Recreation Dept along with the GameTime created a new playground at City Park aka Machine Gun Park. The Park was built over the weekend in 3 days with the help of Avalon's Public Works crew. The grand opening was Monday, Jan 25th at 3 pm. The Mayor Ann Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Oley Olsen and Council Member Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Marshall gave a wonderful speech talking about the necessities of play space for Avalon's youth and Council Member MacGugan-Cassidy cut the ribbon as kids swarmed the playground.

The OmniTriNet is a 12 foot structure with a honeycomb pattern of climbing ropes. The play structure is surrounded by musical instruments that continue to feed the curiosity and creativity. The base of the playground is engineer wood fiber (EWF), which are antibacterial and weave together to make a soft, safe, landing and is ADA assessable. For more information on EWF please go to this link http://www.ipema.org/faqs/IPEMA_FAQ_Surfacing_022513.pdf and read page 4 and 5.

There was a lot of people who came together to make this playground for the kids enjoyable. Nate Yonkers of GameTime, who designed and provided the Equipment. Kevin Carter and the crew from Unlimited Engineering for installing the Equipment. Jeffery Hernandez, Frank Rojo, and Jose Cuevas from our own Public works for the demoing and installation. David Hart and Jenifer Monroe of the City of Avalon's Recreation Dept, for conceptualizing and organizing the project. Former City Manager Ben Harvey for encouraging our ambitious ideas for upgrades, such as this community projects. The City Council for putting forth the funding to provide a place for Avalon's youth to enjoy, play, and be creative.



Transit Request for Proposal Re-Bid

A pre-proposal conference regarding the re-bid of the Avalon Transit Request for Proposals was held Thursday, January 28, 2016, to review the request for proposal process and answer questions. Two mainland firms, and one local firm attended the "optional" conference. Bids are due at City Hall Friday, February 19, 2016.

Information Regarding Avalon Transit

As a result of last weeks City Council meeting, questions have arose regarding the City's Public Transit System and what the proposed system will consist of after the Request for Proposal's public process has been completed. Please click on the link to view the entire announcement.

<http://www.cityofavalon.com/qcontent/NewsFeed.aspx?FeedID=953>

Planning Dept. - Annual Homeless Count

Since 2005, and at the direction of the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has required a one-night, "Point-In-Time" homeless count to be conducted by communities across the nation. The count is conducted in January of each year and in Los Angeles County is coordinated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. This year the count was conducted this past Wednesday. Based on input from the Sheriff, Fire, and Harbor Departments, as well as the personal encounters of City field volunteers during the course of the evening, the count identified 15 homeless persons in the waterside and land-side areas of the city. All of the individuals were males over 25 years of age.

Public Works - JMF Well

Public Works assisted with locating the well at Joe Machado Field which taps into the Avalon Canyon ground water system. The well has been used by the City to supplement the watering of JMF, but mostly the field relied on SCE's freshwater. The Santa Catalina Island Company, which has been exploring the potential of an Avalon Canyon well system, wanted to look into the JMF well for more insights into the overall system. It also gives an opportunity to assess the productivity of this well and if it could be updated. This is good information to know as we are getting ready to put out the RFP for artificially turfing JMF.



Public Works - Warehouse (Early) Spring Cleaning

The Public Works crew is continuing to clean up and clean out the City's warehouse and surrounding areas. This involves removing items which no longer are functional or usable, as well as finding better ways to organize the limited space available. This effort will help with the efficiency of Public Works as equipment and storage will be more accessible. It will also help identify illegal dumping which occurs at the site. To take advantage of this clean and open space staff has expanded the ordering of supplies that are used everyday, such as: plumbing, electrical, masonry, framing materials, etc. to provide quicker, and cheaper, access to commonly needed items. We will continue to refine this process and identify new opportunities to help our crews get their jobs done with more ease and efficiency.

Public Works - Park and Sidewalk Cleaning

The Public Works crew have been targeting the parks and sidewalks for a good deep clean. This includes removing gum and pressure washing - using non-potable water.

Public Works - (no more) Trip and Fall

Continuing our effort to identify trip and fall hazards for public safety, areas along Front Street have been identified and repaired. Thanks go to Matt McBride from Public Works (pictured) for getting this important area fixed and looking nice!



IT - Council Chambers A/V Upgrades

The upgrades to the A/V system for the Chambers is about 90% complete including upgrading the cameras to HD and the installation of a fourth camera. 220 pounds of old outdated electronic hardware was taken to eWaste for recycling. Over the next month we hope to also launch an agenda automation software to help streamline the process to put the Council Agenda together, which will also feed our new streaming service that allows us to time stamp agenda items during the meeting for ease of viewing archived meetings. These upgrades help set us up to identify additional opportunities to make improvements to help make Council and Planning Commission meetings more accessible by the general public.



Avalon Fire Department - Bicycle Helmets

Bicycle Helmet Key Facts:

Almost 44,000 bicyclists have died in traffic crashes in the United States since 1932, the first year that bicycle fatality estimates were recorded.

In 1997, 813 bicyclists were killed, and approximately 58,000 were injured in traffic related crashes. Children ages 14 and under accounted for 232 (29%) of these fatalities, making this one of the most frequent causes of injury-related death for young children.

Each year almost 400,000 children ages 14 and under are treated in emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries.

Universal bicycle helmet use by children ages 4 to 15 would prevent 39,000 to 45,000 head injuries, and 18,000 to 55,000 scalp and face injuries annually.

Bicycle helmets are 85-88 percent effective in mitigating head and brain injuries, making the use of helmets the single most effective way to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes.

Despite the fact that 70 to 80 percent of all fatal bicycle crashes involve head injuries, only 18 percent of all bicyclists wear bicycle helmets.

Nationally, bicyclists ages 14 and under are at five times greater risk for injury than older cyclists. As with safety belts, child safety seats, and motorcycle helmets, the enactment of laws requiring the use of bicycle helmets-along with education and visible enforcement is likely to be the most promising way to increase bicycle helmet usage.

Sheriff - Reporting Domestic Violence

Each year, more than two million women are victims of domestic violence, and one million children are physically abused. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department works closely with the District Attorney's Office, the courts, social and medical agencies, as well as the Catalina Island Women's Forum to help victims of domestic violence. If you are the victim of domestic violence, we urge you to call Avalon Station immediately. We will do everything we can to help protect you from further violence. We will ensure you get the medical aid you need, make an arrest, assist with getting an Emergency Protective Order, collect any evidence of the crime, thoroughly document the incident and present the facts of the case to the District Attorney's Office for filing consideration. No one deserves to be a victim of this crime, please call us if you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Avalon City Staff