



Avalon City Council Weekly Update

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City Clerk - Municipal Election

A Candidate Forum will be held March 30, 2016 at 6:00 PM hosted by the Chamber. In addition to attending the forum, it can be viewed on Catalina Broadband Solutions Channel 3 and will be live streamed online.

The Chamber submitted questions to the candidates and you can view the responses linked here. You can also find a link to ask questions for the Candidate Forum which will be considered by the Chamber.

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.

Vehicle Clerk - Annual Vehicle Registration

The annual residential autoettes and Blue stickers (vehicles) registration keeps rolling on at City Hall. Since registration began for the 2017 sticker on February 10 we've had 422 autoettes and 162 vehicles register, or about 34 vehicles a day. Evenly distributed we would need to process about 70 vehicles a day till the deadline to register ever vehicle on time.

Registration goes until April 1, 2016.

Remember to bring your current vehicle registration, a check or cash for \$30, the vehicle, and what address/dwelling unit it is going to be registered to. After 4/1 the price goes to \$55. We encourage everyone to come register early to avoid the rush which always happens towards the deadline.

Recreation - Youth Sports/Basketball

The Recreation Department is proud to say that we have broke another record in participation in our youth sports. Basketball has reached 147 participants. That is an increase of 8% over last year. This year we added Kindergartners to the 1st and 2nd graders. We also have been able for the first time create 4 teams for all four upper divisions. We are excited for this years program. Games are played from 10 am to 7 pm on Sundays.

Recreation - Easter Egg Hunt

On Weds. at 10 am David Hart from the City Recreation dept. Met with Kristin Metcalf, Catherine Rinehart, Ben Villalobos from SCICO/CIRS and Deny Honsey, Charles Zaleski, Kapo Kealoha from CIVR/CIRE at Descanso Beach to plan out Easter Sunday.

It's a simple execution of the day, but a large step towards public/private partnerships and coming together to benefit the community that supports us.

Recap:

CIVR/CIRE: Sponsorship of the 4000 eggs for the hunt.

SCICO/CIRS: Supplying the Venue and the 2 Banners to advertise on front street. Old Ben sea lion Mascot. Some gift certificates for the golden eggs.

COA: All digital advertisement as well as the newspapers. Distribution of the eggs and execution of the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as supplying the Bunny!

March 27th.

12:00pm: 0-5 yrs hunt.

12:10pm: Pictures with Bunny and Ben

12:30pm: layout new eggs

1:00pm: 6-12 yrs hunt

1:10 pm: Pictures with Bunny and Ben

Public Works/Recreation - Joe Machado Field

Let's Play Ball!

As noted last week, in preparation for the High School and Co-Ed softball seasons, crews have been working on the JMF infield. This included evening out the infield, literally making it a level playing field, reinforcing the batter's box and pitching mound with clay bricks and resurfaced the whole infield with Turface - which is the top layer for performance; sliding, running - making it a safer field to play on. Big thanks to Jose, Jeffrey and the Part Time employees for their great work. You can see the field in use tonight at 5:00 PM and tomorrow as the High School Softball team plays some preseason games. Be sure to come hungry and stop by Virgie's Snack Bar!



Public Works - Bench Repair

While this project should involve a lot of sitting around, the Public Works crew has been removing street benches for repairs and painting. Some benches require a simple coat of paint, while others are more involved needing complete sanding and replacement of boards. Many of the concrete benches are beginning to break apart and ultimately will need to be replaced. The recycled wood/plastic benches seem to be holding up very well.



Public Works - Sweeping the Streets

Part time employees are sweeping the streets after the cruise ships have departed throughout the week. You can also see crews sweeping along the harbor front early in the mornings, and around town throughout the day, because even the great views take some work.

(Picture a Flash Back Friday to October 2015)



Public Works - Fire Hydrant Upkeep

Public Works is repainting fire hydrants and removing excess dirt around the hydrants. This helps with the visibility of the hydrants as well as helps to prevent rust and damage to the surface of the pipe. This is part of the effort maintain the fire hydrant system, which at other times also includes exercising and testing each hydrant.

Planning/Recreation - Avalon Canyon Fit Trail Community Meeting

Thursday, March 3, City Staff and Brian Ulaszewski, City Fabricator, hosted the second Community Meeting for the Avalon Canyon Fit Trail Project. Meetings were held at Singing Waters Church during the Senior Meal Program, Avalon Schools with the Avalon Student Council, and City Hall Council Chambers for the general public. The meetings focused on providing results and data from the last meeting and gathering additional information which will be used in the preliminary designs to be presented to the City Council in the near future. This important project is being funded by a generous grant from 4th District Supervisor, Don Knabe.



Planning - Metro's 2016 Active Transportation Summit

Tuesday, March 1, Staff attend Metro's 2016 Active Transportation Summit at Metro Headquarters, Los Angeles. The Active Transportation Summit was the final, in a series of three, public workshops Staff attended. The purpose of the meetings is to provide feedback to Metro in the development of the County-Wide Active Transportation Strategic Plan. Some key areas that Active Transportation focuses on are first/last mile connections, pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The Summit was well attended and also gave Staff an opportunity to network with other agencies in Los Angeles County. To view the draft ATSP please click on the link: <https://www.metro.net/projects/active-transportation-strategic-plan/get-involved/>

Sheriff - Internet Safety

The Internet can be a wonderful tool for children and adults. Homework, education, communication, and entertainment can be vastly improved if the Internet is used properly. However, the Internet can also be dangerous. As parents, here are some things you can do to help protect your children. Agree on a list of rules, have everyone sign an Internet pledge agreement. Remember, as a general rule, children should never plan to meet anybody in person whom they met on-line and never give out personal information. If on-line acquaintances send your children e-mail that make them uncomfortable they should inform you at once. Encourage your children to ask you to check out new sites, and download information with you present. Lastly, consider installing cyber safety software.

For more information or to report concerns contact the Avalon Sheriff's Station at 310-510-0174.

Avalon Fire Department - Tsunami Preparedness Week

March 20-26 is California's Tsunami Preparedness Week. This is an excellent time to review items for Tsunami safety and general disaster preparedness.

1. All earthquakes do not cause tsunamis, but many do. When you know that an earthquake has occurred, stand by for a tsunami emergency message.
2. An earthquake in your area is one of nature's tsunami warning signals. Do not stay in low-lying coastal areas after a strong earthquake has been felt.
3. Tsunamis are sometimes preceded by a noticeable fall in sea level as the ocean retreats seaward exposing the seafloor. A roar like an oncoming train may sometimes be heard as the tsunami wave rushes toward the shore. These are also nature's tsunami warning signals.
4. A tsunami is not a single wave, but a series of waves carrying a massive volume of water that can flood and inundate land for hours. The first wave may not be the largest. Stay out of danger areas until an "all-clear" is issued by a recognized authority.
5. A small tsunami at one point on the shore can be extremely large a few kilometers away. Don't let the modest size of one make you lose respect for all.
6. All warnings to the public must be taken very seriously, even if some are for non-destructive events. The tsunami of May, 1960 killed 61 people in Hilo, Hawaii because some thought it was just another false alarm.
7. All tsunamis are potentially dangerous, even though they may not damage every coastline they strike.
8. Never go down to the shore to watch for a tsunami. When you can see the wave, you are too close to outrun it. Most tsunamis are like flash floods full of debris. Tsunami waves typically do not curl and break, so do not try to surf a tsunami.
9. Sooner or later, tsunamis visit every coastline in the Pacific and all oceans. If you live in a coastal area, be prepared and know nature's tsunami warning signals.
10. During a tsunami emergency, your local civil defense, police, and other emergency organizations will try to save your life. Give them your fullest cooperation.

Weekend Weather Forecast = RAIN and WIND

National Weather Service is calling for strong winds starting Sunday afternoon through Tuesday. Our Chance for rain is up to 80% for Saturday night leading into Sunday morning. If your weekend includes travelling, please plan accordingly.

SATURDAY

WINDS VARIABLE 10 KT OR LESS...BECOMING SW 10 TO 15 KT IN THE AFTERNOON. WIND WAVES 2 FT OR LESS. W SWELL 5 TO 6 FT AT 15 SECONDS. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS.

SATURDAY NIGHT

S WINDS 10 TO 15 KT WITH LOCAL GUSTS TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 1 TO 3 FT. W SWELL 5 TO 6 FT AT 14 SECONDS. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN IN THE EVENING...THEN RAIN.

SUNDAY

S WINDS 10 TO 20 KT...BECOMING W 20 TO 30 KT IN THE AFTERNOON. COMBINED SEAS 7 TO 10 FT DOMINANT PERIOD 14 SECONDS. SHOWERS IN THE MORNING.

SUNDAY NIGHT

W WINDS 15 TO 25 KT WITH GUSTS TO 30 KT. COMBINED SEAS 9 TO 11 FT DOMINANT PERIOD 14 SECONDS...BUILDING TO 10 TO 13 FT DOMINANT PERIOD 14 SECONDS AFTER MIDNIGHT. RAIN LIKELY AFTER MIDNIGHT.

MONDAY

NW WINDS 20 TO 30 KT WITH GUSTS TO 40 KT. COMBINED SEAS 12 TO 15 FT. RAIN AND SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS.

TUESDAY

NW WINDS 20 TO 30 KT WITH GUSTS TO 35 KT. COMBINED SEAS 7 TO 10 FT.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Avalon City Staff