



## Avalon City Council Weekly Update 03-18-16

### **City Clerk - April 12 Election**

The election process is rolling along nicely: By this week all registered voters should have received their Sample Ballots in the mail. Those voters on the Permanent Vote By Mail roster also received their actual ballots, and voted ballots from these PVBM voters are already being received at the City Clerk's office. All requests for a Vote By Mail ballot for those not on the permanent roster are being processed as they are received at the City Clerk's office. The application to request a Vote By Mail ballot appears on the back of the Sample Ballot, and additional forms are also available at City Hall or on the homepage of [cityofavalon.com](http://cityofavalon.com). There is just one more week to register to vote in time to participate in the April 12, 2016 Election; the last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, March 28, 2016.

### **Avalon Fire Weekly Significant Items Summary:**

- An adult female lost hiker was assisted to safety by LACoFD, AFD and SAR personnel with no injuries. While not far from Avalon Canyon Road, the person became disoriented and entangled in dense brush after sundown.
- Avalon Fire personnel have begun the new on-line portion of Wildland Structure Protection training in anticipation of another potentially disastrous brush season. This training is through the newly established Regional Training Group.
- Avalon Fire Staff have begun their semi-annual hydrant maintenance which includes hydrant flushing. As always we take great care to keep the amount of fresh water discharged to a minimum and on most occasions where significant water is discharged, it is from a salt water hydrant.
- At Approximately 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday night (3-16-16) a vehicle fire was reported near the Tuna Club. AFD and LACoFD units arrived to find two fully involved golf carts with fire extending to nearby vegetation. Aggressive fire attack from two locations was immediately initiated and rapid knockdown was achieved. Both vehicles were a total loss and significant damage to a COA block wall occurred.

The all call siren for additional staff was immediately requested due to the possibility of fire extension in this area with nearby vegetation and homes above the fire location. Additionally, because of the nearly dead calm wind conditions at the time of this event, an aggressive offensive fire attack strategy was able to be employed and quickly control the fire minimizing damage and extension beyond the initial fire location.

### **Public Works - Serpentine Wall**

Recent City Council direction was to fill in the break in the Serpentine Wall at the corner of Crescent Ave. and Claressa Avenue. This gap was created after a truck hit the wall, and direction at the time of the incident was to add an additional crosswalk and complete finishing work on the gap in the wall. Public Works will undo that additional crossing area so that the only pedestrian crossing will be from CC Gallaghers to Pic Nic Fry, and this work is expected to begin once the Trip and Fall Hazard Program has been completed in a few short weeks.

## **Public Works - Trip & Fall Repairs**

The Public Works Department staff is again continuing with the necessary repairs to many areas around town by chipping out old deteriorated areas of the walkways and sidewalks that exhibit cracks and/or holes that may hinder safe pedestrian access.

These repairs are small in nature, but very important to address on an as-needed basis. As our old walkways age, these repairs become more critical.

We would like to thank all visitors and current residents, for their understanding and cooperation for any inconvenience that this work produces.

## **Capital Improvements - Fuel Dock Project**

The Casino Fuel Dock project is proceeding nicely, however some concerns have been expressed by individuals around town regarding the design of the project. The City has reaffirmed with the design engineers that all calculations are proper, and that the project is proceeding as originally designed. Unforeseen conditions that required engineering and design work have been recently addressed by City engineers and construction based on the changes is proceeding. City Staff believes this current issue will only extend the project by two weeks, and the optimistic project completion date is early June 2016.

## **Shore Boat Request For Proposal**

The following advertisement will be published starting today in the Catalina Islander, Log Newspaper and Boats and Harbors Magazine.

The City of Avalon, on Catalina Island, is soliciting proposals from interested parties to provide shore boat services in City waters. The successful bidder will be provided an exclusive shore boat franchise for operation in City waters.

For more information please download a copy of the RFP at [www.cityofavalon.com/RFP](http://www.cityofavalon.com/RFP) or call Harbor Master Brian Bray at (310) 510-0535

## **Information Technology - Fleet Management Software**

City staff went live with the fleet maintenance portion of the maintenance management software that was implemented approximately one month ago. Utilizing software to manage the fleet will automate the tracking of scheduled maintenance and track the true costs for each City vehicle and boat. The software automatically creates work orders of tasks to be performed based on routine maintenance schedules or schedules based on odometer or hour readings of each vehicle. Once the work is complete, all of the costs are entered into the software including labor and materials. By tracking these detailed costs, reports can be generated to determine the yearly cost of each vehicle.

## **Sheriff - Adult Protective Services**

Adult Protective Services (APS) is a 24-hour service program mandated by the State to investigate all situations involving elders (65 or older) and dependent adults (18 - 64 and physically or mentally impaired) who are reported to be endangered by physical, sexual or financial abuse, isolation, neglect, or self-neglect. Reports may be made to APS through the Elder Abuse Hotline 877-477-3646.

The following are examples of situations that are handled by Adult Protective Services; inability to perform daily living activities, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or the threat of such abuse, neglect by caregiver or self-neglect, malnourishment, physical restraint or confinement, severe mental/emotional impairment, threat of eviction or serious financial loss, due to inability to protect or to manage finances or assets and living conditions which constitute a serious health or safety hazard.

For more information contact Avalon Sheriff's Station at 310-510-0174.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Avalon City Staff