



Avalon City Council Weekly Update

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Avalon Fire – Snakes

This week Avalon Fire responded on two snake incidents at residential structures. One turned out to be a fairly large eleven button Rattlesnake and the other a small harmless non-venomous Ringneck snake. Spring has clearly arrived and animals are certainly moving around. Below are some items to make your home less attractive to snakes and keep them in the wild areas they belong.

Your chances of having a snake control problem increase greatly when you have a healthy ecosystem with a variety of vegetation, animals and insects. These reptiles can be a danger to home owners in almost every country around the globe. Most species are not venomous but it is still very unsettling to know they are on your property.

Prevention and Maintenance:

Snakes are not any different from every other creature on this planet. They are merely seeking a steady supply of food and a safe place to live. The first step in keeping snakes away from your house is to control the factors that are attracting them there in the first place. It is time to roll up your sleeves and do some work in your yard.

Remove weeds, excess vegetation, piles of debris and any other areas where snakes can hide.

Don't use birdseeds or baths and clean up fruits and nuts that have fallen onto your lawn. This is mostly to eliminate rodents and other food supplies.

Inspect and seal any crevices around the foundation of your house to keep snakes from getting inside. Install screens over vents and seal openings around plumbing that is entering or exiting your home.

Store lumber and woodpiles at least 2 feet off the ground.

Harbor Department – Part Time Harbor Patrol Officer Openings

Applications for Part Time Harbor Patrol Officer positions may be obtained from the Finance Department at Avalon City Hall. All applications must be turned in by 4:30pm Thursday May 19, 2016. This position requires year round availability to work 5 days a week in the summer season and be available for relief work in the winter. Applicants must be a resident of Santa Catalina Island.

Harbor Department – Swim Lines and Seasonal Dinghy Dock Installed

The Harbor Maintenance Crew installed the swim lines and the Barbara Pearson Dinghy Dock for the summer season.

Harbor Department- Hosts La Quinta High School Public Service Academy

On Monday May 9th Avalon Harbor Patrol and Baywatch Avalon hosted La Quinta High School's Public Service Academy.

Students and staff visited Avalon Harbor and got underway with Rescue 2 and Baywatch Avalon for an in-depth look at harbor operations and the surrounding coast line.

The students learned first hand the importance of public agencies working together to serve residents and visitors on Catalina Island.

The instructor of the Public Service Academy is none other than our own Kevin Schmidt who is an administrator at La Quinta High School and has spent the last 16 summers as a part time Harbor Patrol Officer in Avalon!

Rec. Dept/Public Works - Downhill Skate Race

The Catalina Island Classic Downhill Skate Race returned to the Island on Friday May 6-8th. Under the new restructuring of ownership of Highline Productions, the Classic was held for the 5th year in a row.

The race starts on top of Wrigley Road next to the Inn at Mt. Ada and twist and turns to the finish at entrance road to Wrigley Road Terrace. 64 Pro skaters came soaring down at high speeds in full leather, helmets, and a total lack of fear. The preliminary rounds were held on Friday, the Finals were held on Saturday and there was a free skate for all on Sunday.

Highline would like to thank the Phil Hernandez, Jeffery Hernandez and the entire City's Public Work Crew for preparing the track as well as setting up and breaking down the entire event. Other outstanding thank yous go out to community members who volunteered and help make the event happen: Josh Butte - Shuttle Driver, Nicky Flynn - Race Marshall Scooter, Monica Seals - liason, Clark Morris and Tomas Moreno, Councilman Joe Sampson - basically took on a full time assist role and Eric Shultz for getting riders food all day, and anyone else Highline forgot to mention. Without community support this event would not be able to happen.

We will be meeting with Highline Productions in the next couple of weeks to figure out how to make this event better and bigger.



Rec. Dept/Public Works - Tremont Hall Renovation

As we move forward in improving our recreational facilities we have to take care of the ones we have. Tremont Halls floor is giving out and has been snapping in different areas. We wanted to fix those areas to make Tremont Hall safer until we are able to do a full renovation.

Public Works crew Jeffery Hernandez and Frank Rojo spent 5/9-10 fixing and reinforcing the floor so we can make it through the graduation season. Even though they did a fine job, I know they are excited about doing a more complete renovation so our Public has a quality place to come together as a community.



Respectfully Submitted,
The Avalon City Staff