



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 06-03-16

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Avalon Fire – Summery

Memorial Day Weekend was extremely busy for emergency services over the long three day weekend. In addition to the somewhat normal calls for service, a small fire was quickly reported and controlled from a malfunctioning electrical appliance. A SCUBA diver was revived after bystanders initiated CPR prior to emergency services' arrival. A bicyclist was relatively uninjured, because he was wearing a helmet, when he struck a guard rail and was then thrown over and down a hillside. A small plane, with two persons aboard, is still missing after leaving the Airport-in-the-Sky around 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 28th. Extensive land and sea search operations were conducted over several days with nothing found.

Safety Stand-Down:

In cooperation with the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency, Avalon Fire participated in Sidewalk CPR Day on Thursday June 2nd, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., at the Avalon Fire Station. This was an opportunity for people to review CPR skills; not a certification class. The spirit of the program was to give people the opportunity for a quick refresher rather than a class. AFD also offered fire extinguisher training and a review of non-aerial day/night marine signaling devices to interested boat owners.

Administration - Community Survey

The community income survey will be mailed out next week and we are urging all residents to keep an eye out to respond promptly. Responses can be made on line via the provided link or via mail. We want to remind everyone that your information is anonymous and confidential. We are interested in compiling an accurate representation of our communities income for a better assessment of how we match up with the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) criteria which is generally a percentage, such as 80% of the states Median Household Income (MHI). For more information please visit <http://www.cityofavalon.com/qcontent/NewsFeed.aspx?FeedID=993>

**THE CITY OF AVALON
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The City is promoting a household survey to improve the U.S. Census information about Catalina Island. Each address will receive a survey, with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. Fill out the survey and mail it back in the provided envelope. OR you can take the survey online with the confidentiality code from your mailed survey. The data will help Avalon apply for grants to improve the sewer, water, and transportation services on the Island.

COMING SOON!

The Survey is 100% confidential, and will not be shared with any other State or Federal agencies.

Help us improve our community!

For questions, contact Audra McDonald at 310-510-0220, ext. 118, or Audra1@cityofavalon.com, or Jordan Monroe at jmonroe@cityofavalon.com.

**LA CIUDAD DE AVALON
NECESITA TU AYUDA!**

La ciudad es la promoción de una encuesta de hogares para mejorar la información del Censo de U.S. sobre la isla de Catalina. Cada dirección recibirá una encuesta, con un retorno sobre sellado con su dirección. Llenar la encuesta y enviarlo por correo en el sobre adjunto. O puede tomar la encuesta en línea con el código secreto de su encuesta por correo. Los datos ayudarán a Avalon solicitar subvenciones para mejorar la red de alcantarillado, agua y servicios de transporte en la isla.

¡Ayúdenos a mejorar nuestra infraestructura de la comunidad!

La encuesta es 100% confidencial y no será compartida con ninguna otra agencia estatal o federal.

Si tiene preguntas, póngase en contacto con Audra McDonald al 310-510-0220, ext. 118, o Audra1@cityofavalon.com, o Jordan Monroe en jmonroe@cityofavalon.com.

Administration - eBus

The three new eBus are on the island! You may have seen them around town getting used to the island life. You can find out more about the fixed route service and stops, as well as info on Dial-A-Ride and Avalon Access, by visiting www.avalontransit.org



Avalon Access & Dial-A-Ride

Reservations 8:00am – 5:00pm
Fares visit www.avalontransit.org or call 310-510-0081

Avalon Access

ADA Complementary Paratransit for individuals who are unable to use the Garibaldi service due to disability.

Operation Hours are the same as The Garibaldi

Avalon Dial-A-Ride

A curb-to-curb, immediate request, shared-ride paratransit service for seniors 65+ and individuals with disabilities that do not necessarily prevent them from using the Garibaldi fixed route bus. Service is provided on a space-available basis.

Operation Hours 7 days a week, 7:00am – 8:00pm

Transit Service Hours

Hours apply to The Garibaldi & Avalon Access
Service to Wrigley Botanical Gardens begins at 9:30am

Buses come approximately every 20 minutes

Summer Season (Mid-June thru Labor Day)

Sunday	8:00am – 6:00pm
Mon-Thurs	7:20am – 6:00pm
Friday	7:20am – 7:00pm
Saturday	8:20am – 7:00pm

Off Season

Sunday	8:00am – 5:00pm
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Friday	7:20am – 7:00pm
Saturday	8:20am – 7:00pm

Transit Services operate 365 days a year, including holidays



Administration - Gateway Cities Council Of Governments

This week Management Aide Jordan Monroe attended the GCCOG joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee in place of Council member MacGugan-Cassidy who is out of the country traveling through Korea for the 2016 Rotary International Convention. It is always good to get off the island to personally see, and participate, in important meetings such as this - both for staff and council. I'd like to thank Cinde for taking the time to attend these meetings, and have to apologize because this Wednesday was the annual group photo, so I am in the picture representing Avalon while Cinde did all the work this year! Thank you also to Connie Sziebl from Supervisor Knabe's office for introducing me to a few people before the meeting.

Administration/Finance - Insurance

The City has received checks totaling \$1,043,574.11 from our insurance claim for damages due to Hurricane Marie and the Avalon Complex in 2014. The areas covered in the claim include: Casino Dive Park Stairs, Cabrillo Mole Seaplane Ramp, Step Beach Access, Debris Removal, Break Walls Palapa & Step Beach, Pebbly Beach Road, the Fuel Dock, and Coastline Storm Drains.

We'd like to thank Alaina in Fiance, Brian and the Harbor Patrolmen and Dennis for their help in research and documenting the damages, and in showing the insurance adjusters and engineers around the sites. We'd also like to thank PARSAC, McLaren, Alliant and everyone else involved in this policy who helped us process this claim as everyone was very helpful and accommodating in working through this.

For the City's part, some of the repairs have already been completed, while others, notably the Cabrillo Mole and Pebbly Beach Road are still outstanding, as they will be part of larger upgrades to the area.

Finance - New Intern

There is a new face in the Finance Department. This summer, Edgar Alvarez will be providing needed clerical assistance while learning what it is like to work for a city finance department. Edgar feels blessed to have been born and raised on this beautiful island of Santa Catalina and call it home. His grandparents established themselves in Avalon during the early 70's and his family has been here ever since. In June of 2013, he graduated from Avalon High School and decided to pursue a bachelor's degree at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This upcoming school year, he will be a senior at Coe, completing a double major in Business Administration and Spanish. If you see Edgar, please introduce yourself and welcome him.



Rec. Dept/ CIF Fundraising

On Tuesday, May 31st Interim Recreation Coordinator David Hart attended the Catalina Island Foundation (CIF) grant writing training at Overlook Hall. CIF offered a free training program on leadership, proposal writing and fundraising for all non-profit organizations operating on Catalina Island. The training is designed to help local civic groups improve their proposal writing and fundraising skills to successfully apply for grant funds, both available through CIF and other organizations statewide and nationally.

The topics and speakers included:

Introduction to CIF - Mike Rivkin

Leadership Principals and Strategies for Catalina Non-Profits - Cliff Hague

Need Money? Here's How to Ask: Basics of Proposal Writing - Jim Luttjohann

Special Event Fundraising for Catalina Non-Profits: Rules of Thumb - Tom Sutherland

Hart felt this training was incredibly valuable information and walked away with resources and tools to look towards funding future programs and projects for the City and how we might be able to partner with other local organizations supporting similar missions and goals. (High School Basketball Coach) Hart accepted a check on behalf of the High School Volleyball team.



Public Works - Avalon Cemetery

Crews have continued to maintain the cemetery using non-potable water.



Public Works - Sidewalk Clean Up

Crews pressure washed sidewalks (using non-potable water) to clean them of debris, gum and stains in preparation for the busy summer season.



Public Works - Tiles

Broken tiles along Front Street have been repaired, including some on Wrigley Stage. Take a walk along the harbor and see if you can tell what has been fixed!

Public Works - Prepping the Beach

While Avalon is graced with much natural beauty, we do give it a helping hand here and there. Recently we started using the infield drag mat on the South and Middle Beach to ensure the sand is ready for beach towels and umbrellas, and is optimal for warming up after a swim (or play on one of our TWO floats). And of course as my one year old will attest, the sand is great for eating and getting as much as you can in your pants/diaper. Hope to see you on the beach this weekend!



Public Works - Tremont Hall

Tremont Hall is already a heavily used facility between classes, programs and events, but with graduation upon us there is a lot of celebration going on and Tremont will be quite busy. We've been working on fixing up many details, such as removing the old large ceiling hanging heater which no longer worked and replacing the large built in mirrors with portable mirrors to open up the space. This week crews painted one of the sheds in the parking lot which had many 'coats' of colorful paint splattered on it over the years. We know Tremont is a valuable resource for our community as there are few spaces to gather for events and activities. Maybe we will see you at a graduation celebration!



Respectfully Submitted,
The Avalon City Staff