



Avalon City Council Weekly Update

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July 4th Safety

It's time for Fourth of July celebrations – fireworks, a backyard barbecue, maybe a trip to the beach. Whatever people have planned, the Avalon Fire Department wants them to enjoy their holiday and has steps they can follow to be safe.

FIREWORKS SAFETY; all fireworks are illegal in the City of Avalon and island wide. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public fireworks show put on by professionals.

Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
Never grill indoors – not in your house, camper, tent, or any enclosed area.
Make sure everyone, including the pets, stays away from the grill.
Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.
Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

BEACH SAFETY If someone's visit to the shore includes swimming in the ocean, they should learn how to swim in the surf and only swim at a lifeguarded beach, within the designated swimming area. Obey all instructions and orders from lifeguards. Other safety tips include:

Keep alert for local weather conditions. Check to see if any warning signs or flags are posted.
Swim sober and always swim with a buddy.
Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
Protect the neck – don't dive headfirst. Walk carefully into open waters.
Keep a close eye and constant attention on children and adults while at the beach. Wave action can cause someone to lose their footing, even in shallow water.
Watch out for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants and leave animals alone.

RIP CURRENTS Rip currents are responsible for deaths on our nation's beaches every year, and for most of the rescues performed by lifeguards. Any beach with breaking waves may have rip currents. Be aware of the danger of rip currents and remember the following:

If someone is caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore until out of the current. Once free, they should turn and swim toward shore. If they can't swim to the shore, they should float or tread water until free of the rip current and then head toward shore.
Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist near these structures.

SUN PROTECTION Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen often. Remember to drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. Protect the eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight. Protect the feet - the sand can burn them and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

During hot weather, watch for signs of heat stroke—hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke:

Call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place.
Quickly cool the body by applying cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and fanning the person.
Watch for signs of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.

Harbor Department Carnival Imagination

Carnival Imagination will visit as scheduled on Monday July 4, 2016. Tenders will operate as normal with the last tender back to the ship at 4:30pm. The Imagination will move out of the fireworks barge exclusionary zone and drift in front of Avalon until after the fireworks show is complete.

Harbor Department HOS Dominator

The research vessel HOS Dominator visited Avalon on Wednesday June 22 for a little R&R and allowed their crew to dive the Valiant wreck. Rare to be able to see such a large ship so close to shore in Descanso!



Harbor Department Rock and Sand Build Up on South Beach

The surge has caused a mountain of rocks to build up on South Beach near the pier. On Tuesday June 21st the City Council authorized a RFP for an Avalon Bay Wave Refraction/ Diffraction Analysis and Sand Transport Model that will help give us a solution to the problem.

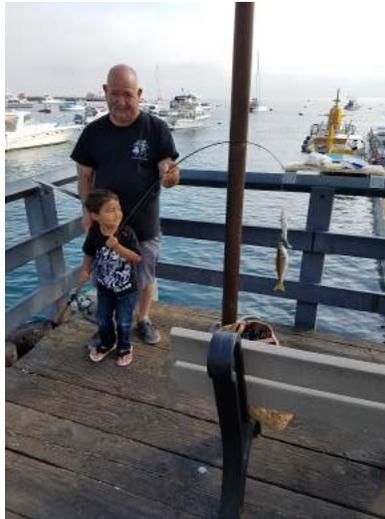


Sheriff - Golf Cart Thefts

We are six months into 2016 and are happy to report that the problems we experienced in years past regarding golf cart thefts has been significantly reduced. In the first six months of 2014, twenty golf carts were reported as possibly stolen. In the first six months of 2015, twenty-one golf carts were reported as possibly stolen. This year, only seven golf carts have been reported as possibly stolen, a sixty-six percent reduction from last year! In most cases, during the past three years, the vast majority of carts were misplaced, mistaken for a similar golf cart or taken a short distance most likely to avoid walking home. Everyone who thinks it is fun to take another person's golf cart, without their permission, needs to know that it is a Felony in California. In all cases of theft, even for a short distance, if the victim is willing to prosecute, we will thoroughly investigate each theft and present the strongest possible case to the District Attorney's Office for filing consideration.

Rec. Dept - Kids Fishing Derby

Wednesday June 20 started the annual summer Kids Fishing Derby! Every Wednesday from 7am-9am kids using rod, reel, and drop lines start fishing. Parents are encouraged to help teach the kids to fish. We had 22 kids participate last week with over 100 fish caught. Awards were given out for ages 10 and under, 11 and over categories. With Prizes for biggest fish caught, most caught, most unusual and the most caught by any age. For the fish to count the child must reel it in themselves. This is a great bonding event for parents and children to create memories on the Island that last a lifetime. We would again like to thank all the support we get from the community, including the local businesses who support with their donations.



Rec. Dept - Beach Bingo

Tuesday June 19 started the Beach Bingo for the Summer! Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 pm, Beach Bingo on South Beach. Prizes are donated by local merchants. For just \$1 you can play and win a prize. Prizes can be fries and soda to a free para-sail ride. We thank all local merchants for their contributions to making this family fun event happen. Also we are appreciative towards Nancy Delahunt for another year of volunteering and doing a great job for being our B I N G O caller.

Rec. Dept - JMF Turf Project

We are excited to being the Joe Machado Field Turf Project with Hellas Construction <http://www.hellasconstruction.com/About/> with the work at JMF slated to start August 1. Total Cost of the conversion from natural to Synthetic will be \$1,275,000. With the \$500,000 donation from the Anheuser Busch #UpForWhatever event, the remaining portion will be financed out over the life of the 8 yr Warranty. The staff is looking at options to raise money for the remaining portion to offset the cost to the City. By going Synthetic with all organic infill and a Reclaim water system, the City is looking forward to reduced water usage, lower maintenance cost, and increased recreational usage. The Rec leagues will still have use of the field until 8/1. We look forward to sharing with you the progress of this important project!

Public Works - Getting Ready

Crews have been prepping town, which includes washing down the sidewalks and streets. Before washing down the streets are swept for debris so it doesn't enter the storm drain system. Non-potable water is then used to clean off the area.



City Hall Closed for the 4th of July

City Hall will be closed Monday July 4th in celebration of Independence Day. We hope to see everyone at the parade! There is so much to enjoy this year, the USC Marching Band, the Clydesdale horses, a dinghy parade and so much more. Check out www.cityofavalon.com/fireworks for more information. It takes a lot of effort and a lot of people to put on all these festivities, and we'd like to thank everyone who had a role in making 2016 another special year to be on Catalina for the 4th.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Avalon City Staff