



Avalon City Council Weekly Update

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Avalon Fire – Heat Illness

Exposure to heat can cause illness and death. The most serious heat illness is heat stroke. Other heat illnesses, such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat rash, should also be avoided.

Risk Factors for Heat Illness:

- High temperature and humidity, direct sun exposure, no breeze or wind
- Low liquid intake
- Heavy physical labor
- Waterproof clothing

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Headache, dizziness, or fainting
- Weakness and wet skin
- Irritability or confusion
- Thirst, nausea, or vomiting

Symptoms of Heat Stroke:

- May be confused, unable to think clearly, pass out, collapse, or have seizures (fits)
- May stop sweating

To Prevent Heat Illness:

- Know signs/symptoms of heat illnesses; monitor yourself; use a buddy system.
- Block out direct sun and other heat sources. • Drink plenty of fluids. Drink often and BEFORE you are thirsty. Drink water every 15 minutes.
- Avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loosefitting clothes.

What to Do When if Ill from the Heat:

- Call 911, have someone stay until help arrives.
- Move to a cooler/shaded area.
- Remove outer clothing.
- Fan and mist with water; apply ice (ice bags or ice towels).
- Provide cool drinking water, if able to drink.

Sheriff - National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 2, 2016, Avalon Sheriffs Station personnel will participate in this national event. This is a community event that is held to remind people about the importance of crime prevention as a means to reducing crime. Along with dispersing crime prevention information, it is rumored that McGruff the Crime Dog will be here in Avalon to help take a bite out of crime.

Sheriff - The Deaths of Our Fallen Brethren

The past few weeks have been particularly difficult for those of us in law enforcement. We all chose to become deputy sheriffs for honorable reasons and are very proud of our profession. Tragically, several fellow officers were killed in the past few weeks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those that were killed. I would like to thank all of you who have made contact with a deputy to express your support for law enforcement, stopped by the station to drop off a token of your appreciation or publicly recognized our loss. Believe me when I tell you how much every member of our station appreciates the opportunity we have to serve every member of this amazing community.

Finance - Visitor Driven Revenue as of May 2016

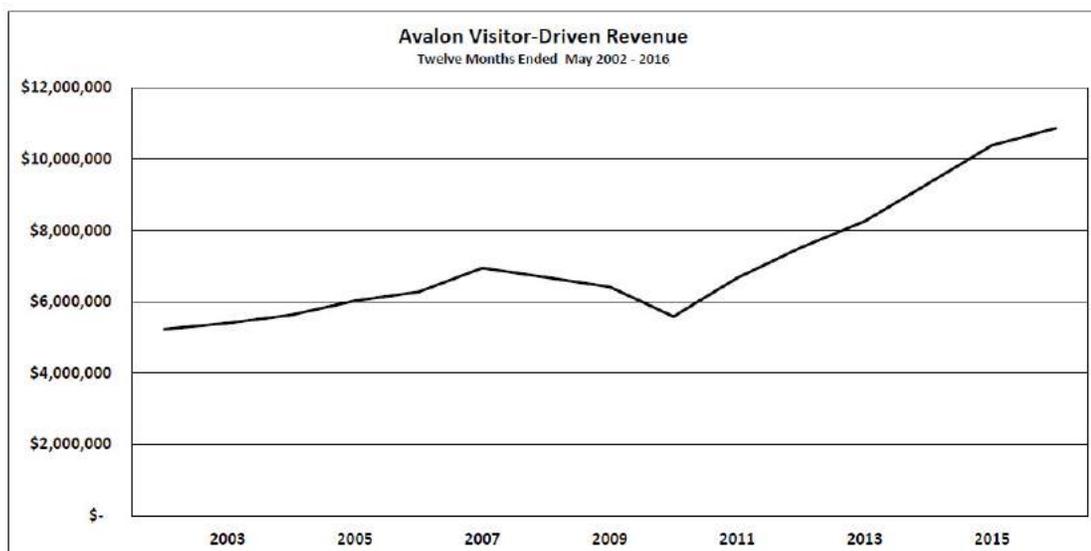
The Report of Visitor Generated Revenues as of May 2016 can be found on the Finance Department Page of the City's web site: <http://www.cityofavalon.com/finance>

The City continues to see growth in its visitor generated revenue.

Comparing the twelve-month period of June through May of this year to the prior year:

- Harbor Use Fees were up by 8% due to higher revenue in July and August 2015;
- The increase of Transient Occupancy Tax continued, but at a slower pace of 7%, with hotel occupancy remaining relatively flat;
- Sales Tax was higher by 5%;
- Cross-Channel Wharfage was up by 3%, primarily due to Catalina Flyer operating in January and February 2016, but not in the prior year;
- Cruise Ship Wharfage was up by 3% primarily due to no canceled cruises in May 2016 and extra cruise ships in November 2015; and
- Admissions Tax was down slightly by just more than 1%;
- Overall, total visitor-generated revenue was up by almost 5%. The growth was still healthy, but the rate of growth was less than the prior five years.

The graph illustrates that overall revenue has continued the upward trend since 2010, but seems to be slowing.



Rec. Dept/Public works - JMF Turf Project Prepping

On 7/28/2016 The City's Public Work crew started the prep work to JMF so Hellas construction can start staging their product on Monday 8/2/2016 and to be placed on the field as ready.



Rec. Dept/Public works - JMF Sign

7/29/2016 The Joe Machado Field sign is back up after being blown down and bent. Due to Phil Hernandez magical work, the sign is clean, straight, and welded secured back on the scoreboard.



Rec. Dept/Public Works - Avalon Kids Park

With the popularity of Avalon Kids Park/Peoples Park and with more Commemorative Bricks being donated, the recreation dept decided to build out a BBQ and dining area that reflects the pattern, and continuity of the Gazebo space. By creating this new Dining space we are beautifying our park, creating a more inviting event space, as well as, keeping food off the Commemorative Bricks. This is the first part of our ongoing improvements for Avalon Kids Park/Peoples park.



Harbor Department - Full Harbor

As of Friday July 29th at 2:00pm, Avalon, Descanso Bay and Hamilton Cove moorings are full to capacity.

Harbor Department - Boat Fire

On Friday July 29th Rescue 2 along with Baywatch Avalon and County Fire responded to a 47' sports fisher that had experienced an engine room fire. The fire was out on arrival and the vessel was towed back to Avalon.



Administration - Homelessness in Avalon

Councilmember MacGugan-Cassidy and Mayor Marshall along with City Staff, the Sheriff, Fire Department and the Catalina Island Medical Center met with PATH, People Assisting The Homeless to discuss what resources might be available to our community to provide assistance to the homeless in Avalon. While homelessness in Avalon is not to the scale or level the rest of the County is facing, we want to be better connect with off island resources who can help us and Avalon's homeless. Our January 2016 point in time count was about 16 homeless, of varying needs. We would like to say a huge thank you to the representatives of PATH, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the City of Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services for taking the time to come to Avalon and share their expertise with us. Thank you Gary, Bernard, Patricia, Jorge, Shannon, Candace, Tomasz, and Lisa for spending the day with us, we greatly appreciate your time. We'd also like to thank the Avalon Community Church for taking the time to share their experiences with us. Homelessness in Avalon has many different faces, and there will be some follow up discussions continuing to evaluate what resources are needed to help.



Respectfully Submitted,
The Avalon City Staff