



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 03-25-16

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City Awarded \$300,000 from Supervisor Knabe for Cabrillo Mole Park

Staff was notified this week that a grant application submitted to the Los Angeles County Parks and Open Space District to revitalize the Cabrillo Mole Park has been awarded. The \$300,000 grant will be used to revitalize the Cabrillo Mole Park between Veteran's Park and the Basketball Court. The City would like to extend its sincere thanks to Supervisor Don Knabe for his continued support of Avalon and specifically our recreation needs. Past recreation related grant awards the City has received with the Supervisor's support include Joe Machado Field upgrades completed in 2010, the play equipment at People's Park and the soon to be constructed Avalon Canyon Fit Trail.

eBus Update

The City contracted to purchase three new electric buses (e-buses) to replace the tired trolleys that have reached the end of their useful lives. The manufacture of the e-buses was completed at the end of 2015. Logo and branding design is almost complete. Public Works is coordinating with Southern California Edison to construct the recharging station between Tremont Street and City Hall. The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has provided a \$1.02 million grant to cover most of the \$1.30 million total cost. So far, the City has received from MTA \$329,000 in December and \$640,000 last week. MTA is retaining 5% of the grant until the buses are delivered to the City and inspected by MTA later this year.

Gateway Cities Cap and Trade Workshop

On Wednesday, March 23, 2016, Staff attended a workshop hosted by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. The purpose of the workshop was to provide education, increased connections and resources regarding the State of California's growing Cap and Trade funding. Grants through Cap and Trade are available for a wide and diverse variety of projects. A common theme we have seen in much of grant funds the State have been rolling out is the trend toward larger funding dollars going to agencies that are designated as "Disadvantaged". To that end, the City has been working with MBI to perform a community wide income survey to possibly receive a disadvantaged designation allowing for potentially more competitive grant applications.

Sheriff - Training

Deputies from Avalon Station along with personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Advanced Officer's Training Bureau provided 16 hours of Off-Road Vehicle Operations training throughout the interior of Catalina Island. Numerous first responders attended the training sessions, including personnel from LA County Fire, Baywatch, Catalina Island Search and Rescue team and Conservancy Rangers.

Avalon Fire Department - Easter Safety

EASTER SAFETY TIPS:

Searching for a hidden Easter basket is an activity that children of all ages enjoy, however, the little gifts inside can create problems if parents are not careful.

Candy & Toy Safety:

- In order to prevent choking, avoid hard, round candy; thick or sticky candy; or candy with nuts. Caramel, sour balls and jaw breakers can be dangerous because children's airways are higher and narrower than an adult's, creating a choking hazard.
- Fake grass is not easily digestible, so keep it away from little children.
- Be sure that Easter toys and dolls (such as bunnies, chicks etc) are free of choking hazards. Pieces that can be removed from a doll or toy pose a potential choking danger to small children.
- Chocolate Bunny's are an Easter tradition...however, be very careful when giving such gifts to children who are peanut or nut allergic. Make sure you read the label of contents, as many chocolates, although said to be "pure chocolate", may have been in contact with nuts or peanuts during their preparation or packaging.

Egg Safety:

- Eggs are a potentially hazardous food, in the same category as meat, poultry, fish, and milk. In other words, they are capable of supporting the rapid growth of disease-causing bacteria like Salmonella. Before boiling eggs for Easter decorating/painting, they must be kept refrigerated.
- Never leave raw eggs in any form at room temperature for more than 2 hours. Don't eat or cook with cracked eggs or eggs that have been un-refrigerated for more than two hours.
- Hard-boiled Easter (decorated) eggs left in room temperature for many hours or days as a decoration or table centerpiece should be discarded and not eaten.
- Use only clean, unbroken eggs. Discard dirty or broken eggs. When you boil your eggs, make sure the water is hot (185-190 degrees F). Cool your eggs in cold water or just in the air.
- Cleanliness of hands, utensils and work surfaces is essential in preventing spread of bacteria. Always wash your hands when handling your eggs, especially between cooking, cooling and dyeing. Wash hands again, along with all utensils, equipment and counter tops that have been in contact with any raw food before preparing other foods. If you keep these few simple tips in mind, you should be able to enjoy a fun, problem-free Easter celebration.

Recreation/Public Works-JMF

In the process of trying to unify and simplify our facilities, Jeffrey Hernandez re-keyed all of JMF so one key will open all the gates. The only doors that are different is the door to the Maintenance shed that has all the power tools and the Locker Room that has all the sports equipment. The good news is we will not have to remake the keys for everyone, they will just have to come down to one key. If you need a key ask Jeffrey.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Avalon City Staff