

April 17, 2015

# City Manager Report



*"I read the news today, oh boy..." (Lennon/McCartney)*

## Message from the City Manager

Time for a trail run? You'll want to make time to either run, walk or cycle through the new Marblehead Coastal public trails that overlook the Pacific Ocean. If you haven't heard, these four miles of trails are officially open, having been dedicated this past Sunday with a ribbon cutting. The views are breathtaking and the level of difficulty really depends on how far you want to go. There are stairs in various parts further into the trail system, so be prepared to carry your bicycle if you plan on riding. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Dog waste bag dispensers are located on-site.



<https://youtu.be/EkHHwiENizU>

We truly are blessed in San Clemente to be surrounded by nature of this kind. We have the ocean, an abundance of trails and open space totaling nearly half of our town's geographic terrain. This includes beaches, trails, golf courses, and 20 parks, with 5 new parks at the Marblehead Coastal site coming soon (four of which will be public). The parks, like these new trails, are being constructed by developer Taylor Morrison, and will be turned over to the City to maintain as a public asset for everyone to enjoy.

Though there are a few different access points to the trails, the most convenient starting point is at West Avenida Vista Hermosa and Avenida Costa Azul (just north of the Avenida Vista Hermosa Bridge). A parking lot is located within the vicinity behind Shorecliffs Middle School near the I-5 freeway and West Vista Hermosa. There is no on-street parking, so please follow the signage to the parking lot. The 116 acres of protected mesa and canyon habitat that surrounds these trails are being managed by the Center for Natural Lands Management, which is granted an easement over the property. Let's all be mindful of this natural resource and stay on the trails.

We created a map to help you navigate through the new trail system. Also, kiosk signage is under construction which we will place on-site in the next few weeks. There will be multiple signs throughout the trail heads, within the parks and along the fence that have maps, rules and interpretive information on them. If you'd like to see a map of this trail, [click here](#).

I hope you enjoy this new addition to San Clemente. As in the words of Roy Rogers, "Happy trails to you... See you on the trail!"

*Sincerely,*

*James*



**James Makshanoff, City Manager**

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## Courtney SandCastle Charitable Foundation Wins Volunteer Merit Award

Congratulations to the Courtney SandCastle Charitable Foundation. The volunteers who worked so hard to bring to completion this successful, unique playground, received a well deserved Volunteer Merit Award at the California Parks & Recreation Society District 10 Awards Banquet. This honor was given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the community. Congratulations and thank you to ALL the volunteers that contributed!



## Cotton Point Senior Housing-Nominated for an Affordable Housing Award

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the Affordable Housing Awards (AHA) hosted by the Kennedy Commission, Orange County Community Housing Corporation, and Affordable Housing Clearinghouse.

Opening on October 15, 2014, Cotton's Point Apartment development consists of 75 units and brought additional senior affordable housing to our town.



It's an honor to be able to attend these events that recognizes our City and this project that city staff and other organizations worked passionately on to benefit our community.

## Celebrating Earth Day

On Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Parque Del Mar by the Pier please stop by and celebrate Earth Day!

The City of San Clemente and the Watershed Task Force has organized a day of educational information about how *everyone* can make a difference in reducing litter, and pollutants which end up in our streets, storm drains, and eventually our beaches, and ocean! The San Clemente Tree Foundation will be there to give away 100 free trees in a variety of sizes - 9-inch, 5-gallon and 15-gallon containers. The program is lively, featuring music, educational displays, demonstrations, artists, and awards for those who contribute. The day begins with a beach clean up at 8:30am- wear comfortable shoes, we provide the supplies! Come Join Us!!

## Upcoming Events

- April 18<sup>th</sup>** Earth Day – 10:00 am- 2:00 pm – Parque Del Mar in the Pier Bowl
- April 21<sup>st</sup>** City Council Meeting – 6:00 pm – City Council Chambers – 100 Avenida Presidio-[Agenda Packet](#)
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Cinco de Mayo Fiesta-Celebrating 25 Years- 12:00pm-6:00pm-Max Berg Plaza Park
- May 5<sup>th</sup>** City Council Meeting - 6:00 pm-City Council Chambers-100 Avenida Presidio

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