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City Manager Report

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



'Just Take It Or Leave It' (Rolling Stones)

Take a Book, Return a Book

In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. These little projects provide big impacts and recently a "Little Free Library" was built and installed within our City at the Community Garden at Henderson House Transitional Shelter.

For years, James Docksteder a landscape architect has created wonderful community opportunities, one of which is the only community garden in town. In working this garden and meeting new "green thumbed" students James and City staff realized that many of the elementary aged students were not exposed to reading in a quiet space. With so many grade level reading concerns at school James and Denise Obrero, City Housing Coordinator, quickly came up with idea to install a Little Free Library at the community garden providing students an opportunity to have access to books and a quiet spot to read. So, Just take it or leave it. Who doesn't love a good book!



Special acknowledgment to St Margaret's School Librarian Ms. Carla Magan who collected and donated over 150 new books and to Council Member Lori Donchak for delivery of these books for our Little Free Library.

Vacation Home Checks

Vacation Home Check service is offered at no charge to San Clemente residents. Home Checks are provided by members of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), working in partnership with the police department.

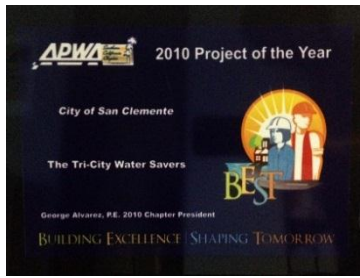
Vacation Home Checks are security checks of your property. Volunteers patrol your home and yard while you are away paying close attention to the details provided by the homeowner. Anything of a suspicious nature is reported to the police department. If further action is warranted, a police officer is dispatched. You can leave on your vacation with peace of mind that your home is being watched.

To receive a Vacation Home Check call 949-361-8269 or pick up an application at Police Services, 100 Avenida Presidio. Complete the application form, making sure to provide all details requested. Mail or drop off the completed form to the police department at least 5 days prior to your departure. Our volunteers will take it from there!

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H2O for HOA's



Recently a workshop was held by The Tri-City Water Savers. A small group of Stormwater and Water Agency representatives from San Clemente, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, South Coast Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County and The UC Davis Cooperative Extension. These agencies all have a common mission to reduce water runoff from landscapes for various reasons. These include water conservation, achieving great water quality at the beaches for our residents and visitors, reductions in pollutants of concern to our receiving waters, meeting environmental regulations.

This award winning programs annual workshop is specifically targeted to HOAs with the hope that they will take advantage of many rebates and programs to help them use less water, pesticides and fertilizers in their landscaping.

For more information contact Mary Vondrak, City of San Clemente Representative, at 949-361-8204.

Marblehead Update:

Commercial:

Work on the underground parking structure is going full steam ahead. Development of the commercial buildings will most likely be beginning within the next week.

Residential:

Work is continuing on the sensitive habitat and development of trails and parks. Planning staff is actively working with the new property owners regarding development of the various residential areas. As of now there is no definitive timeline when lots will be available for sale or when an interested party list will be created.

Upcoming Events

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

May 3

12pm-6pm

Max Berg Plaza Park

City Council Meeting

May 6

6pm

Council Chambers

100 Avenida Presidio



Look for the summer edition of *San Clemente Magazine* in your mailbox this week-end.



Mission Statement

The City of San Clemente, in partnership with the community we serve, will foster a tradition dedicated to:

- Maintaining a safe, healthy atmosphere in which to live, work and play;
- Guiding development to ensure responsible growth while preserving and enhancing our village character, unique environment and natural amenities;
- Providing for the City's long term stability through promotion of economic vitality and diversity;
- Resulting in a balanced community committed to protection of what is valued today while meeting tomorrow's needs.