

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



Thanksgiving...The act of giving Thanks

(as defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary)

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving and gather with friends and family. With the hustle and bustle of daily life and commotion in our world of late, Thanksgiving is a reminder to stop and take time to express gratitude for that which makes us happy. For me, it's a time to be thankful to live in this wonderful town that my family and I are blessed to call home.

I am also grateful to our residents and business owners who have been supportive of me and my endeavors during my first year serving as your City Manager. I have enjoyed getting acclimated to San Clemente and feel it is a privilege to be able to serve this community. Our citizenry inspires me to work hard to keep San Clemente the magical place that it is, and I will do my best to make improvements along the way.



As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take time to enjoy one another and be thankful for the small comforts in life we often take for granted. Should you wish to share your holiday spirit with others, here are some opportunities in San Clemente to help those less fortunate by volunteering or making a donation. In the words of Author W.T. Purkiser: "Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving."

- November 25th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.: Family Assistance Ministries Thanksgiving Community Meal and Adopt-a-Family. To donate, adopt a family or attend, call (949) 492-8477.
- November 26th 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Brick Community Thanksgiving for the homeless and families in need. To volunteer or donate, call (949) 429-1199.

Also, mark your calendars for these festive family-friendly seasonal events.

- November 28th, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Putting on the Glitz on Avenida Del Mar. For more information, call (949) 218-5378.
- December 1st: Angel tree gift exchange at the Community Center. Sponsored by the San Clemente Jr. Women's Club, this gift program benefits local children, adults and seniors in need. Tags are available on a first come, first served basis. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to with the original tag to the Community Center by December 11th.
- December 5th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Santa's Village by the Sea at the Community Center complete with sledding down a snow hill, Santa, cookie decorating and games. For more information, call (949) 361-8264. Later, stop by the Casa Romantica from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Santa, holiday entertainment and children's crafts. For more information, call (949) 498-2139.

I wish you happiness and many things to be thankful for on this day.

Best Regards,

James



Public Works receives Best of 2015 Award

The City of San Clemente Public Works Department will be receiving a 2015 BEST Award for projects from the American Public Works Association for a Non Functional Turf Removal and Irrigation Retrofit Project for Water Conservation.

The City of San Clemente set an example to the rest of the Community to inspire businesses and residents to evaluate their own water usage BEFORE the Governor of California called for a 25% mandatory reduction in water use. Staff began planning this project in mid-2013 and the project was completed in June 2015. Grant funding was available from two regional agencies for the removal of turf grass with the goal of reducing irrigation runoff and water consumption. The City of San Clemente's forward thinking and proactive approach make the Non Functional Turf Removal and Irrigation Retrofit for Water Conservation Project award worthy. Leading by example is a Win-Win not only for the agency, but also for the community, the environment and the state wide water concerns that we all face.

The locations identified were within 5 City Parks, Medians, the Community Development building and the Water Reclamation Plant. On the next page are a few before and after pictures.

Congratulations to our Public Works Department!

Mira Costa Park





Forester Ranch Community Park





Los Mares Medians





Marblehead Inland Park





Ole Hanson Beach Club

Here is a look at the most recent Ole Hanson Beach Club update in pictures.



Preparations for new pool deck underway.





Rough plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems installed.





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Exterior and historic restoration underway.





Repair of second floor balcony underway.





Iron gates refurbished.



Tile pool markings installed.



Refurbishment of wood doors and windows underway.





