



City Manager Weekly Update



January 15, 2026



City Hall Closure for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

City Hall and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Both facilities will re-open on Tuesday, January 20, for normal business hours.

Free Disaster Preparedness Training

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is designed to increase individual and community preparedness and self-reliance in the event of a disaster. Registration for free CERT Basic Training is open to those who live and/or work in the cities of Dana Point, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano. The 4-week training will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings (6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) between April 20 – May 6, 2026, with a final exercise and graduation scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For additional information and to register, please visit the City's [website](#) and see the attached flyer.





Skatepark Maintenance

The City is performing repair and maintenance work in various areas of the skatepark as shown on the map below. Each work area will be temporarily closed to users for up to three days to accommodate maintenance activity; however, all other areas of the skatepark will remain open and available for use. We appreciate your cooperation in observing posted signage and staying clear of all closed areas so the work can be completed safely and efficiently. For additional information, please contact the Engineering and Environmental Services Department at (949) 487-4307.



Alipaz Street Repavement & Beautification Project

The new sidewalk, ADA-accessible curb ramps and median islands have been installed as part of the Alipaz Street Repavement and Beautification Project. The roadway paving phase of the project is anticipated to last approximately six weeks, pending weather conditions. Traffic impacts are expected, though the City will make every effort to minimize lane closures during peak travel periods. Additionally, on-street parking will be limited, and No Parking signs will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the start of work. Traffic message boards are being deployed to encourage motorists to use Del Obispo Street as a detour whenever possible. Following completion of the paving work, the contractor will begin installation of pavement striping and traffic signal loops. The project should be complete in early March. For additional information, please contact the Engineering and Environmental Services Department at (949) 487-4307.



Free Tax Preparation

Orange County United Way is offering free tax preparation services at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center, located at 25925 Camino del Avion. Services are provided by IRS-certified experts who can help taxpayers claim eligible tax credits and receive the maximum refund. It's fast and easy. Appointments are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with appointments offered February 2 through April 15. To schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or book [online](#). Please see attached flyer for additional information.

OCTA – Active Transportation Safety

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is committed to promoting active transportation — like walking, biking and skating — as safe, healthy, and sustainable ways to get around. Through the OC Active initiative, OCTA serves as a central resource for safety improvements, community outreach and active transportation projects that make it easier for residents of all ages and abilities to move throughout Orange County. For additional information and safety tips please visit the OCTA [website](#) or please see the attached flyer.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

(Tentative and Subject to Change)

January 20, 2025

- Continued Consideration for a Performing Arts Center Located on the Eastern Portion of Historic Town Center Park
- Initiation of General Plan Amendment at the Distrito La Novia Site for a Proposed Auto Dealership and Housing Development
- Design Options for Monument Signs at City Medians



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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Spring 2026 CERT Basic Training

The CERT Program is designed to prepare citizens with the knowledge and skills necessary to help their families, neighborhoods, and communities in emergency situations.

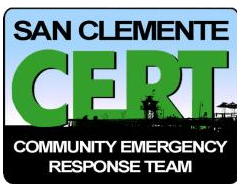
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April 20, 22, 27 and, 29
May 4 and 6
Monday & Wednesday
6:30pm - 9pm
and
May 9
Saturday
7:30am - 1pm

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training
- Medical Operations I
- Medical Operations II
- Light Search & Rescue
- Disaster Psychology, Radio, Terrorism
- Course Review, Disaster Simulation, Final Exercise & Graduation

Talega Swim & Athletic Club

100 Calle Altea
San Clemente, CA 92673





GET YOUR TAXES
DONE FOR **FREE**

OC FREE
TAX PREP \$

Visit the San Juan Capistrano Community Center to file your taxes for FREE.

Appointments available February 2, 2026 – April 15, 2026

San Juan Capistrano Community Center

25925 Camino Del Avion
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Schedule Your Appointment!



Scan the QR code or visit ocfreetax.to/SJC to schedule online.

You may also schedule by calling **2-1-1**, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Why file with OC Free Tax Prep?

- ✓ IRS-Certified Experts
- ✓ Claim Tax Credits
- ✓ Maximum Refund
- ✓ Fast & Easy

See the back for important documents to bring to your appointment.



TAX PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Prepare Your Documents for the Tax Season

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Required to File)

Bring **all** documents below. **No photocopies accepted.**

- Original picture ID for you and your spouse (if married filing jointly)
- NOTICE: If married filing jointly, both spouses must be present at appointment.
- Taxpayer Identification Number for you, your spouse, and all dependents: Social Security Card, Social Security Number verification letter, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter
- IP PIN (if applicable): IRS Identity Protection PIN notice (CP-01A)

2. PROOF OF INCOME

Bring **all** documents that apply

- W-2s for all jobs last year
- 1099s for any other income received last year, including unemployment and self-employment income
- Statements for prizes, scholarships/fellowships, or lottery/gambling winnings

3. PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Bring **all** documents that apply

- 1095-A and California Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, if you had coverage through the Marketplace (Covered California)
- 1095-B or 1095-C if you had other kinds of insurance or coverage

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Bring **all** documents that apply

- Checking and savings account information to have your refund directly
- Tax return from last year, if available
- Child care expenses: provider's address, phone #, and federal tax ID #
- Homeowners: 1098 mortgage statement and property tax bill
- Education: 1098-T college tuition and 1098-E student loan statements
- Alimony paid or received
- Notices: IRS, Franchise Tax Board (FTB), Health Insurance Marketplace, or anything that says "IMPORTANT TAX DOCUMENT"

Be safe. Bike smart.



Tips for Safe Biking



Helmets Required - Bicyclists and passengers under the age of 18 must wear a helmet while riding.



Listen Up - Bicyclists may not wear earplugs in both ears or a headset covering both ears (hearing aids are allowed).



Don't Ride Impaired - Bicyclists may not ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Yield to Pedestrians - Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians within marked crosswalks or within unmarked crosswalks at intersections.



Sidewalk Riding Laws Vary - Cities and the county control whether bicyclists may ride on sidewalks (check website for the latest).



Stay Alert - Be aware of your surroundings and make sure to observe traffic signals and patterns.

Be safe. Walk and run smart.



Pedestrian Safety Tips



Make Yourself Visible - Wear bright-colored clothes and carry a light if you are walking at night.



Make Eye Contact – Make eye contact with drivers and don't assume the driver can see you.



Avoid Distracted Walking - Stay off your phones because texting or talking can be a distraction.



Look Before You Walk - Cross the street at marked crosswalks/intersections and obey traffic signals.



Always Look – Always look for turning vehicles before stepping into the street.



Look left-right-left - Look left-right-left before crossing a street.

Be safe. Drive smart for pedestrians and bicyclists.



Motorist Safety Tips



Watch for Bicyclists – Yield to bicyclists as you would motorists and do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, often at an intersection or driveway.



Search Your Surroundings - In parking lots or at stop signs, stay alert. Be cautious when parking, opening car doors, search for other vehicles and bicycles nearby.



Look to the Right - Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.



Obey the Speed Limit - Reduce speed for road conditions and drive defensively to avoid a crash with a cyclist.



Give Cyclists Room - Do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

En bicicleta, sé inteligente y conduce seguro/a.



Consejos para una conducción segura



Casco obligatorio – Todos los ciclistas y pasajeros menores de 18 años deben usar casco cuando montan en bicicleta.



Atención – Los ciclistas no deben llevar auriculares en ambos oídos u otro tipo de auriculares que cubran los dos oídos (solo los audífonos están permitidos).



Si bebes, no conduzcas – Los ciclistas no deben conducir bajo la influencia de alcohol o drogas.



Cede el paso a los peatones – Los ciclistas deben ceder el paso a los peatones en los pasos de peatones señalados, o dentro de los pasos de peatones no señalados en una intersección.



Las normas de circulación por la acera varían – Es el condado o las ciudades quienes deciden si los ciclistas pueden o no circular por las aceras (consulta la página web para mantenerte informado/a).



Mantente alerta – Observa tu entorno y asegúrate de que cumples con los patrones o con las señales de tráfico.

La seguridad es lo primero. Camina y corre de manera inteligente.



Consejos para la seguridad de los peatones



Hazte visible – Viste con ropa de colores brillantes y lleva algún tipo de luz si caminas por la noche.



Haz contacto visual – Establece contacto visual con los conductores, y no des por hecho que el conductor te ha visto.



No camines distraído/a – No uses el teléfono, porque mandar mensajes o hablar por teléfono puede distraerte.



Mira antes de cruzar – Cruza la calle en las intersecciones o pasos para peatones señalados y obedece las señales de tráfico.



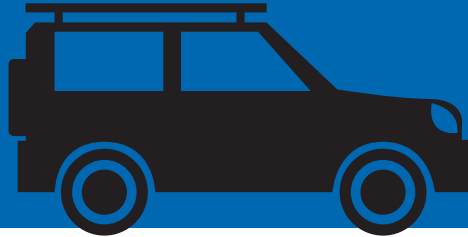
Siempre hay que mirar – Mira siempre antes de cruzar la calle por si hay vehículos girando..



Mira a izquierda y derechat – Mira siempre a izquierda y derecha antes de cruzar una calle.



La seguridad es lo primero. Conduce de manera inteligente tanto para los peatones como para los ciclistas.



Consejos de seguridad para automovilistas



Cuidado con los ciclistas – Cede el paso a los ciclistas tal y como lo harías con otros automovilistas y no subestimes su velocidad. Evita girar delante de un ciclista que conduce por la carretera o por la acera, a menudo en una intersección o en el camino de entrada a una casa.



Explora tu entorno – Estate alerta en los aparcamientos o ante las señales de stop. Ten cuidado en el momento de aparcar o al abrir las puertas de los coches. Estate atento/a ante otros vehículos y bicicletas que se encuentren cerca..



Mira a la derecha – Los conductores que giren a su derecha en rojo deben mirar a la derecha y evitar golpear a los posibles ciclistas que puedan aproximarse desde la parte trasera derecha. Detente por completo y mira a derecha, a izquierda y atrás antes de girar a la derecha en rojo.



Respetar el límite de velocidad – Adapta tu velocidad a las condiciones de la carretera, y conduce defensivamente para evitar chocar con un ciclista.



Deja espacio a los ciclistas – No pases demasiado cerca de ellos. Adelanta a los ciclistas tal y como lo harías con cualquier otro vehículo, esto es, cuando sea seguro adelantarlos para pasar a un carril adyacente.