

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

## Letter from the City Manager

Recently, my office has been receiving a number of complaints about litter and trash along the I-5 off-ramps throughout the City. Although I'd love to be able to respond to those complaints with swift action by our City's Maintenance Division, unfortunately the off-ramps are owned by The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). In an effort to clarify ownership and responsibility, as well as direct concerned residents to the appropriate outlet, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide more information about Caltrans maintenance, the Adopt-A-Highway Program, and direct residents where to go to submit their service requests.

Did you know that Caltrans owns or controls 350,000 acres of Right of Way and maintains 15,133 centerline miles of highway and 13,063 state highway bridges? That's a lot to be responsible for. In fact, Caltrans also inspects more than 12,200 local bridges – wow! As a part of their maintenance responsibilities Caltrans removes litter, debris, and sediment to help maintain traffic safety (for both motorized and non-motorized travelers and workers), protect water quality, maintain adequate drainage, and provide an attractive facility for travelers and local communities. Routine litter removal is performed by State forces, Special Programs forces, including supervised inmates and probationers, and Adopt-A-Highway Program participants. In addition to litter, Caltrans removes graffiti to maintain an attractive facility for travelers and local communities.

The accumulation of litter adversely affects the appearance of the highway and careful management of litter removal efforts is essential in maintaining and beautifying our City. All labor resources must be used together to achieve clean roadsides. In addition to the Caltrans employees performing this work, there is the Adopt-A-Highway Program to combat roadside litter. In fact, a substantial amount of roadside litter is collected by individuals, organizations, and businesses under the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Adopt-A-Highway participants also plant trees and wildflowers, remove graffiti, provide vegetation control, and perform other activities. Caltrans has celebrated participants in the Adopt-A-Highway program via courtesy signs, which I'm sure many of you have seen as you drive along our highways. Participants in the program agree to collect litter from a two-mile segment of roadside for five (5) years. The adopted segment may include one or both sides of the highway.

If you don't have the time or ability to get involved in the Adopt-A-Highway Program but would still like to see issues of trash and litter be addressed, you can submit a service request through the Caltrans website. The service request portal allows you to submit a request for the following roadside issues:

- Graffiti
- Illegal Encampments
- Landscaping issues – trees, weeds, bushes
- Trash and debris
- Potholes

If you're interested in submitting a customer service request to Caltrans or you would like to find out more information about Caltrans maintenance, please visit the Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/maintenance>.

All the best,

*James*



## City Council Meetings

The next City Council meeting will be held tonight, November 5th. Here are a few items on the agenda that may be of interest to you. To view the entire agenda for the November 5th City Council Meeting, [click here](#)

City Council Chambers is located at 100 Avenida Presidio.

### 6. Consent Calendar

#### H. [Consideration of Supporting the Prioritization of California Resident Students for Admission to the University of California.](#)

City Council is being asked to consider adopting a resolution in support of the prioritization of California Resident

#### L. [Utility Box Art Program-Phase 4 Implementation](#)

City Council is being asked to approve the fourth phase of the Utility Box Art Program, adding an additional five boxes.

### 7. Public Hearings

#### C. [Zoning Amendment 19-290-Regulations for Secondhand Dealers \(Thrift Store Ordinance\)](#)

City Council is being asked to approve a zoning amendment of San Clemente Municipal Code Title 17 establishing regulations for secondhand dealers. The purpose of the zoning amendment is to provide regulation's concerning the operations of secondhand dealers citywide.

## 8. Unfinished Business

A. [Code Amendment Relating to the Composition and Appointment of Members of Various City Commissions and Committees; and Establishment of a Public Safety Committee](#)

## 9. New Business

A. [Update on San Clemente Summer Trolley Program](#)

## Upcoming Events

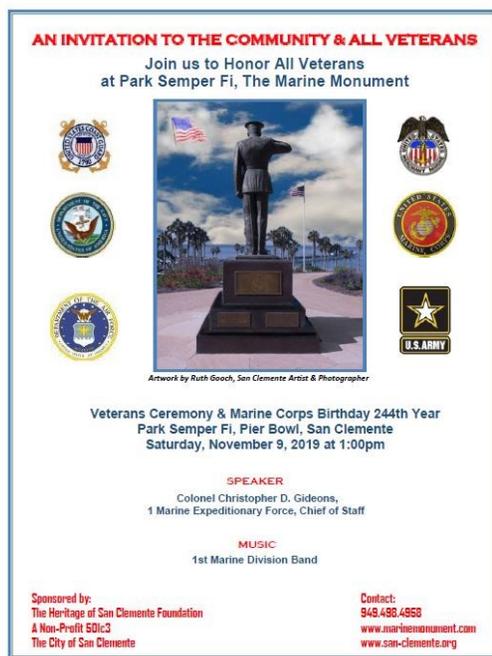
### Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us to Honor All Veterans at Park Semper Fi, The Marine Monument

November 19, 2019 (Saturday) 1-2pm

Park Semper Fi

622 Avenida Del Mar , San Clemente 92672



### City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on the following days in **November**

Monday, November 11th—Veterans Day

Friday, November 15th—Dark Friday

Thursday, November 28th —Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29th—Dark Friday