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Community Newsletter

City News & Events

Winter 2012/13

Holiday Show • Snow Fest • Economic Development • Street Repair & More

2nd Annual Aliso Viejo Holiday Show

Make plans for 2nd Annual Aliso Viejo Holiday Show December 8

Enjoy some holiday cheer at the 2nd Annual Aliso Viejo Holiday Show on Saturday, December 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Soka University's Performing Arts Center, 1 University Drive.

This fun-filled show will feature an array of talented Aliso Viejo and Soka University dancers, singers, and instrumentalists in a magical and memorable performance. Mrs. Claus and Jingles the elf will return with new adventures, too.

Along with celebrating the sights and sounds of the holidays, this event will celebrate the spirit of the season with a canned food drive to benefit the less fortunate in the area. Canned food donations will be accepted at the door for South County Outreach.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students for open seating. Tickets are available online at www.Soka.edu. Make this one of your new holiday traditions!

Snow Fest!

Grand Park will be Covered in Snow

January 26, 2013

Snow will blanket Grand Park once again during the City's Snow Fest on Saturday, January 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

More than 50 tons of snow will cover Grand Park to create a grand mountain, bunny slope and snow man park. Sleds are provided, and tickets are only $5 per person. Children under 1 get in free!

Pre-registration is required and begins for Aliso Viejo residents on December 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at City Hall, 12 Journey. Registration continues on December 17-18 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., if space is still available. Visit www.cityofalisoviejo.com for more information. Rain dates are set for February 2 and February 9 if needed.

Holiday Safety

The holiday season is a festive time, but it's also a time when folks become easy targets to crime. Remember the following tips:

- Always lock your vehicle and remove your valuables, especially gifts, while parked anywhere, even in your garage. Also, remove the garage door remote when you park in your driveway or street.
- Always take your purse or wallet with you – never leave it in your car. Never set your purse in a grocery cart and on the counter or floor in a public place.
- Teach your kids to ask a store clerk for help if they become separated from you. Never let them go to a parking lot or your car alone.
- Do not display holiday gifts under a Christmas tree showcased in your home's front window.
- Keep your garage door closed at all times to prevent thefts from your garage, vehicle or home.
- Call 949-770-6011 to report suspicious people or activity.

Street Repair Set For Early 2013

The City has been closely monitoring an area in Laguna Audubon II along Canyon Wren where a wide crack opened up several years ago and has continued to slowly grow. The City installed testing stations to measure the amount of movement in the slope and last year excavated a section of the roadway to investigate the soil and rock conditions beneath the street. The investigation showed no danger of a potential landslide, but work is necessary to repair the street.

That work is expected to take place in early 2013. The City's annual slurry seal program will follow in the spring to complete the repairs.

For more information, contact 949-425-2531 or public-works@cityofalisoviejo.com.

New Aliso Viejo Exchange (AVX) Program

One-stop-shop program will match Volunteers, Organizations and Businesses

The City is launching a first-of-its-kind program that offers a dynamic new approach to volunteer and community services and opportunities. The new Aliso Viejo Exchange (AVX) website will serve as the central hub for community, public service and volunteer opportunities within Aliso Viejo. Individuals, schools, churches, students, non-profit organizations and businesses will be able to access the new AVX website to connect with volunteer opportunities or to post your volunteer needs. Whether it is providing tutoring services, participating in a park clean-up project, providing assistance to the elderly or volunteering for the numerous civic activities in the City, AVX will have something for everyone!

You will be able to go directly to the site at alisoviejoexchange.com and sign up, either as a volunteer or an organization in need of volunteers. For more information about this new and exciting program, contact Karen Crocker.

kcrocker@cityofalisoviejo.com.

ALISO VIEJO EXCHANGE

Economic Development at the Forefront

The City has remained fiscally strong thanks to conservative spending, proactive measures - and the success of the business community. Economic development continues to be at the core of the City's agenda.

This year, the City launched an economic development section to its website cityofalisoviejo.com to provide helpful information for existing and prospective businesses.

As part of a Business Visitation Program, City officials are meeting with business owners, property managers and commercial brokers to identify key issues, discuss potential solutions and build awareness of City facilities and resources.

On the horizon is a "Town Center Vision Plan" to enhance businesses and public amenities at the Aliso Viejo Town Center. Attracting new businesses to key undeveloped sites in town and developing a “Buy in Aliso Viejo” program is also in the works.

For more information, call 425-2511.

The City of Aliso Viejo has launched its new Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/CityOfAlisoViejo

The page will serve as a source for residents, business owners and visitors to find out about upcoming events, updates and more. The page features photos and a multitude of information. It is designed to increase communication, promote business development and retention and tourism. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to "like" the City and share their events and news.

The Facebook page complements the City's Twitter, launched in 2009, and newly revamped website recently launched iApp and longtime eNews service as a way to get faster communication and news and information to the community.

Important City Telephone Numbers

City Hall	425-2500	Public Works	425-2530
City Council	425-2510	Public Safety	425-2560
City Clerk	425-2505	Financial Services	425-2521
City Manager	425-2510	Building Safety	425-2540
Code Enforcement	425-2543	Aquatic Center	425-2559
Community Services	425-2550	Conference Center	425-2555
Planning	425-2525		

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