



Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District May 2017 Newsletter

Harbor Manager Notes - Welcome to the May 2017 Edition of the Port San Luis Harbor District Newsletter. This monthly newsletter is provided to you in an effort to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port. Enjoy the news.

Holiday Office Closures – Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day, Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.



Action from the May 23, 2017 Commission Meeting - The May meeting was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, the agenda and staff reports can be found here:

<http://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/05232017-286>

Closed Session included 3 items:

- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Harbor Terrace.
- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Zippy's.
- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Patriot Sportfishing.

Open Session included 11 consent items and 7 discussion items, the discussion items are as follows:

- 2017/18 District Goals: Prioritization of District Goals for the budget year 2017/18; approved.
- District Advocacy Plan: Review the Advocacy Plan for 2017/18; approved.
- Mooring Ordinance - Proposed Changes: Reviewed proposed changes to the District's Code of Ordinances for Chapter 16 – Mooring and Water Use Regulations and Chapter 4 – Fees, Tariffs and Other Charges; reviewed and will come back for public hearing and Ordinance adoption.
- Harbor Patrol: Review of Proposed Job Description and Salary Range for Supervising Harbor Patrol Officer Position; approved.
- Harbor Terrace Development: Request from Red Tail Acquisitions to extend the Exclusive Right to Negotiate for an additional 30 days; approved.
- Olde Port Fish and Seafood Company – Public Area: Placement of tables and outdoor sink on Harford Pier; approved for 30 days.
- Water Taxi Use During San Luis Yacht Club Events: Discuss alternative; approved.



Government Finance Officers Association

Harbor District Achieves the Highest Form of Recognition – District staff accountant Heather Zacker led the District to receive The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The award comes to the District from the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA). As reported by the GFOA, “the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management”.

Parking Machine Changes for the Avila Beach Lot – The Harbor District is encouraging you to remember or note your license plate number when you make a parking pass purchase for the Avila Beach lot. Coming in the next few weeks, parking patrons will need to enter their license plate number when paying for a parking pass. The License Plate number will be printed on the parking pass that is displayed in each parking patrons windshield. This change is being made to encourage individuals to no longer “transfer” their parking passes. Parking passes have always been “non-transferable”, as stated on the pass, but the practice of transferring has been noted numerous times. The District is aware this change may initially increase lines at the parking pass machines and we appreciate your patience as we implement this new procedure.



Lifeguards in Full Swing for the Summer - guard services include 7 days per week on Avila Beach and weekends on Olde Port Beach. The District hired four new lifeguards this year who are a great addition to the already talented Lifeguard staff led by Senior Lifeguard Suz Forzetting. New guards include Gerrit a senior from Nipomo High looking to go into the military and who grew up in our junior guard program, Kiley a marine biology major from Cal Poly, Steve an experienced lifeguard from Connecticut, and Yuta a Cuesta student studying to be a paramedic. They all show great enthusiasm to be part of the department!



Breakwater Repair Funded \$5 Million - The Port San Luis Harbor District Breakwater Repair Project will receive 5 million dollars of federal funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY17 Work Plan, just released this week. The Breakwater Repair Project was funded \$400,000 in last year's Work Plan for completion of plans, specifications and environmental work. This is excellent news for the Harbor District and County of San Luis Obispo and is a result of the diligent advocacy work done by the District both locally and in Washington D.C. The need for this breakwater repair cannot be underestimated and the results of a "catastrophic breaching" would have serious impacts on many areas, including Public Safety, Commercial Fishing, Port Commerce, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Recreational Boating, Low-lying portions of the Community of Avila Beach and Homeland Security issues related to Diablo Nuclear Power Plant.



Avila Beach Junior Lifeguard Program – the Avila Beach Junior Lifeguard Program, in operation for the past 17 years, is one of the finest programs for developing young watermen and women in the state of California. This year 200 participants between the ages of 10 – 17, will learn to understand the ocean, train by swimming, paddling, running, playing beach games and engaging in basic lifeguarding.

This year's program runs from June 26 - July 28 and there may still be some spots left for this summer, to register check the website at <http://www.avilabeachjuniorguards.org/>.



Each summer the Avila JG's compete against other programs from all over the state and have won the prestigious Santa Barbara Fiesta Competition. Last year, over 80 athletes participated in the state competition, with 25 "top 8" finishes in the different age groups, and 4 state champions crowned. Over 2 dozen of our Alumni have moved from paid JG Aide positions to become seasonal and full time Lifeguards throughout the state.



Under the "Other Duties as Assigned" Category – Port San Luis Harbor District Officers Chris Weddle and Marcos Green rescued a black Labrador retriever with a love for water and distance swimming. The Harbor Patrol received a call on the radio about a dog paddling out to sea and owners trying to swim out after it. The 3-year-old Lab swam about 300 yards from shore — just outside of a kelp bed. The Officers got on the Harbor Patrol boat as quickly as they could and headed over to the dog. The dog was successfully rescued and reunited with her owners, tired but in good shape otherwise.

FAQ's/ How Do I Pay My Parking Citation – Port San Luis Harbor District provides education to patrons and visitors on our rules, regulations and ordinances. We certainly hope you don't receive a citation, but if you do, the District provides an easy way to pay the citation online at this link <https://www.paymycite.com/>.

Branded Port San Luis Wear – Come by the Harbor Office to purchase your Port San Luis hats, t-shirts, hoodies and zippered sweatshirts. If there is a style you think would be a great seller, please let us know!



Upcoming Events

Harford Pier Workshop II – mid-June, TBA.

June Board of Commissioners Meeting – scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

International Surfing Day Beach Clean-up – scheduled for Saturday June 17th, 9:30 a.m. at Avila Beach.



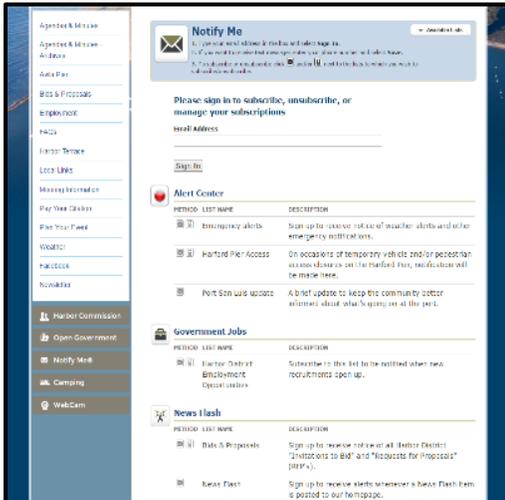
Closing Notes -

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Port San Luis Facebook Page – Be sure to “Like” the Port San Luis Harbor District on Facebook and you will be treated to up-to-date news, activities and wonderful photographs depicting what is happening in the Port.



Take a look at our Website – www.portsanluis.com, where you can subscribe to alerts and updates, you can also automatically be notified of Commission and/or Committee meetings, employment opportunities, bid and proposals. Click on “Notify Me” on the left-hand column to subscribe to this service.



Our Mission

To serve the public with an array of commercial and recreational boating, fishing, and coastal-related opportunities, while ensuring an environmentally responsible, safe, well-managed, and financially sustainable harbor that preserves our marine heritage and character.

If you know someone who would like to be added to the **Newsletter list** or if you no longer wish to receive this e-mail, please let me know at AndreaL@portsanluis.com. You can also sign up for the Port San Luis Update on the website through Notify Me, then you will automatically receive the Newsletter each month when it is posted.