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TO: City Council
FROM: Steve McClary, City Manager
DATE: September 22, 2017
SUBJECT: Biweekly Update

This biweekly update covers the period of September 9 to September 22, 2017.

Online Code Compliance Complaint Form: The City of Ojai has an online code compliance complaint form to allow residents to file complaints of code violations online anytime, and from anywhere. To access the form, simply visit ojaicity.org, click on the "Code Compliance Complaint Form" quick link, or click on the Public Safety tab and scroll down to "Code Compliance Complaint Form." You will be taken to a landing page that includes important Code Compliance information, including contact information, and frequently asked questions. On this page, click on the "Code Compliance Complaint Form" button, and you will be taken to the online complaint form. Fill in the necessary information and click submit to send the complaint to the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

Public Works Projects Update:

1. Sarzotti Parking Lot Rehabilitation – Crack-fill, slurry, and restriping was completed on middle and lower parking lots. Northerly lot was rehabilitated in June of 2017.
2. Sarzotti Boyd/Gym Breezeway Shade – A three-piece colored shade cloth was installed in the courtyard between the Boyd Center and the gym.
3. Grand Avenue at Montgomery Heritage Oak Tree – The tree has been stressed and struggling throughout the drought. In consultation with a Master Arborist, large portions of pavement have been removed to allow for better air and water penetration to the roots. The Gables of Ojai is cooperating by irrigating the lawn adjacent to the tree that helps provide water to the tree.

Ojai Creek Clean-Up Day a Success: This past Saturday, the Ojai Valley Green Coalition had its annual Ojai Creek Clean-Up Day. The event was a success and had several attendees, including City staff. The group gathered 40 bags of disposable and recyclable materials from the creek. The bags totaled 220 pounds! One volunteer even found a Ouija Board in the creek.

Ojai Named One of Top 50 Most Searched Small Cities for Long Distance Moves: The City was recently notified that Ojai will be included on a list of the most popular United States towns to relocate to with populations under 10,000. The "MoveBuddha" website, which provides information on long distance moving options, analyzed its thousands of searches and determined that Ojai is one of the top 50 most searched cities in the small city category. They will be publishing an article and the study in the next couple of weeks.

Response to Question Regarding Boyd Center Fire Extinguishers and Defibrillator: At the September 18, 2017, Special City Council meeting, questions were asked about whether the defibrillator and fire extinguisher were in working order. Staff has confirmed that the fire extinguishers were all recharged and updated on August 15, 2017. Staff also confirmed that the defibrillator is currently fully functional.