



September 2019

Big A: baseball in Anaheim



You've probably been hearing a lot about baseball in Anaheim these days.

We wish it were for a playoff run by the Angels, but it's looking like we'll have to look to next year for that.

All the talk is because Anaheim is looking at the future of baseball in our city.

The city is getting ready to sit down with the Angels to talk about the prospect of a new long-term agreement in Anaheim, the city the team has called home since 1966.

As a city, we're looking for an agreement that works for our residents and neighborhoods and also brings benefits to our community.

Directly below, you can find out more about where we're at. You can always follow along and find out more at Anaheim.net/BigA.

Big A: Where we're at



Anaheim and the Angels are expected to sit down in October.

The talks are seen as a starting point for negotiations about what a new agreement for baseball in Anaheim could look like.

Both sides have a goal of seeing significant progress toward or even a proposed agreement by year's end.

Our city negotiating team includes City Manager Chris Zapata, City Attorney Robert Fabela and the mayor, who is the City Council-designated representative.

They'll be supported by key city executive staff as well as sports consultant Dan Barrett and economic development consultant Larry Kosmont. You can learn more about our consultants [here](#).

While it's too early to talk specifics, we would expect to see a potential agreement that keeps the Angels playing in Anaheim.

Any potential agreement would go before our City Council for approval, with opportunities beforehand for public discussion and input.

Last month, our City Council discussed potential deal considerations and heard from the public as we get ready for talks with the Angels.

You can watch the discussion and find out a lot more at Anaheim.net/BigA.

Free Anaheim Health & Citizenship Fair



The annual Anaheim Health & Citizenship Fair, offering free medical, dental and vision care, plus help becoming a U.S. citizen, is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, and Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Anaheim Convention Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free Citizenship Clinic offers help for those seeking citizenship will take place on *Saturday only*.

Now in its 13th year, the health fair provides free health screenings and services for family members of all ages.

More than 150 doctors, healthcare professionals and community members are set to volunteer their time.

Free health services include:

- Dental extractions and fillings
- Vision services
- Specialist consultations
- Flu shots
- EKG, physicals
- Hearing tests
- Chiropractor, acupuncture
- Bone density assessment
- Diabetes, cholesterol, hemoglobin testing

- Mammograms, pap smears

Free citizenship clinic services include:

- N-400 citizenship application help
- Naturalization legal advice
- Citizenship courses
- Citizenship educational materials
- Immigration fee waiver for low-income

The Anaheim Health & Citizenship Fair is open to anyone in need of health services, updates to ensure optimal wellness and legal help becoming a U.S. citizen.

For general information, call (714) 765-5162. For medical related questions, call Dr. Nitin Shah at (562) 244-9035.

Free parking is available at the convention center.

For more information and to register, visit Anaheim.net/healthfair.

Walk to school



Mark your calendars — Oct. 2 is International Walk to School Day.

Kids from across the country and more than 40 countries will be strapping on their sneakers and ditching the car to walk to school.

They'll help the environment by reducing vehicle emissions and also embrace a more active, healthy lifestyle with a morning and afternoon walk.

And Anaheim students will have an easier time participating thanks to several sidewalk projects recently completed by our city teams.

On La Palma Avenue just west of East Street, we just finished a new sidewalk where before there had only been dirt.

The 500-foot sidewalk will help students walking to Sycamore Junior High School have a safer and easier time on their route.

This year we've also completed new sidewalk segments on South Street west of East Street and Cerritos Avenue at Euclid Street.

These projects are all part of our Safe Routes to School program.

So get out there and walk to school this October — and beyond!

Be ready



Make a plan, pack a bag, make a list.

We know preparing for an emergency isn't always exciting or high on the list of priorities.

But during September, we're encouraging everyone to do at least one thing that makes you better prepared for an earthquake, wildfire or other emergency that would disrupt daily life.

Think about the type of emergency most likely to affect you and your family. What would you need to get by for 72 hours without water, power or access to the grocery store?

Bottled water, canned and dry goods with a long shelf life, flashlights and lanterns, extra batteries and medications are a few things that come to mind.

If you have infants or small children, do you have enough formula, food or snacks for them?

If you have pets, think about their needs too. Do you have enough food for them on hand today that could get you through the next three days?

Now that you've given these things some thought, take the next step by gathering and putting them in a box or assembling a bag that you keep in your closet.

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to being prepared but also a great exercise to get you going.

We have many other resources and tips to help you prepare for an emergency, from knowing your evacuation route to convenient checklists. Check out Anaheim.net/Prepare.

During the month of September, we're sharing preparedness tips on social media. Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram and Twitter.

Mariachi Festival



Enjoy an evening of music, food and family fun at the 14th annual Anaheim Mariachi Festival on Sept. 28 at Pearson Park.

This year's theme will be "Viva Veracruz," celebrating the beauty and culture of one of Mexico's largest and oldest port cities along the Gulf of Mexico.

The event will kick off with a street fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park, featuring live music, local artisan vendors and food booths serving Mexican cuisine. The fair starts with the traditional "Caminata around the Park" featuring festival participants.

Admission to the street fair is free and open to all.

Then at 5 p.m. head inside the amphitheater for the main event, featuring a variety of mariachi performers.

Acts will include Mariachi Angeles de Pepe Martinez Jr., Mariachi Anacatlan, Mariachi Rosas del Tepeyac and Fuego en la Sangre. The show will be hosted by entertainment reporter and social media influencer Arasely Martinez and singer Danny Muñoz.

Tickets can be bought online at AnaheimMariachiFestival.com.

All proceeds from the concert will go toward Rythmo Mariachi Kids, an Anaheim-based nonprofit mariachi academy.

For more visit AnaheimMariachiFestival.com or call (714) 504-1762.

Dawn-to-dusk lights



We're on the other side of Labor Day, which means fall is fast approaching.

That signals shorter days on the horizon.

Anaheim Public Utilities is here to help keep your home or business bright and safe with free dusk-to-dawn lights available for Anaheim Public Utilities customers.

You can get your free LED outdoor lights by contacting Anaheim Public Utilities or during a scheduled home utility check-up.

For customers who are income qualified, you can get free installation.

If you want to purchase your own light fixtures at your favorite hardware store, you can even apply for a rebate.

To get more information or schedule an appointment, call (714) 765-4250 or visit Anaheim.net/rebates.

