

# THE CATALINA ISLANDER



## BRIEFS

### Water level update

Southern California Edison reports that, as of Nov. 27, the water level of Middle Ranch Reservoir measured “651.93 feet above sea level. This equates to a storage capacity of 521.48 acre-feet.” An acre foot is enough water to cover an acre of flat land one-foot deep in water. That’s (roughly) enough water to submerge 16 tennis courts.

### National Weather Service news

The National Weather Service is forecasting a “mostly sunny” Friday, Nov. 30, though the weather agency expects the night to be “partly cloudy.” On Saturday, Dec. 1, “Rain likely after 10 a.m.” On Tuesday, Dec. 4, there is “a slight chance of rain,” and on Wednesday, Dec. 5, there’s “a chance of rain,” according to the National Weather Service.

### Council to hold hearings on wharfage and mooring fees

The Avalon City Council will hold a public hearing to consider raising mooring fees and wharfage on cross channel carriers on Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the City Council Chambers. The council meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

### Council hearing on cannabis permit

The Avalon City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the finalists for an Avalon medical cannabis delivery business permit on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

### Santa’s mailbox arrives at Atwater Arcade

Shortly after Thanksgiving, Mail-elves delivered Santa’s Mailbox to the Atwater Arcade across from the post office. See story, page 2

### 25th annual Shop Catalina Night is this Saturday

The 25th annual Shop Catalina Night is Saturday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. The annual promotion will feature prizes, strolling carolers and discount shopping. See story, page 6

### Island Museum honored for transparency

Catalina Island Museum recently received the Gold Seal of Transparency from Guidestar, the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. See story, page 7

## Turkey Trot to Mud Run

Medals, memories and mud highlighted the Two Harbors Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. A wet course couldn’t dampen the spirits of more than 40 runners who turned out Thanksgiving morning for the Two Harbors 5K Turkey Trot and Kids Gobble Wobble. Accurate times and order of finish were not available, as most competitors opted to skip the final half mile due to the muddy conditions. Still, everyone took home a medal and special memories from the second running of this annual west end event. Pictured at right, two young Gobble Wobblers pose for a post-race photo. Below, the medal all participants took home. Courtesy photos



## Chimes Tower Ornament fundraiser begins

COURTESY OF CATALINA CHIMES TOWER FOUNDATION

The Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation was established to make sure that future generations will continue to experience the enchanting tones and the beautiful structure that Ada and William Wrigley Jr. built in 1925 as a gift to the citizens of Avalon. Since then the chimes have entertained millions and are now a fabric of island life.

Since its creation in 2015, the Chimes Tower Foundation has been hard at work refreshing and restoring its iconic building. After an initial extensive cleanup of the site by dedicated volunteers, the Foundation was able to tackle some important projects, such as the addition of decorative, hand-forged ironwork—including a fence along the front, and a new front door—which allow visitors to get a good look at the chimes mechanism inside the tower and enjoy the panoramic views of Avalon Harbor beyond.

The Foundation also installed a terracotta tile front entry, with stairs leading down to the keyboard



In a special program set up for the month of December only, those who give \$100 or more will receive a Chimes Tower Christmas ornament. Courtesy photo

and mechanical room; restored the original building exterior, including refurbished and refinished stucco, repair of the cornice, beautiful fresh paint, and cleaning and sealing the Catalina tile roof. The Foundation installed new exterior lighting, illuminating the tower after dark; and

trimmed trees to improve views of the structure from town, as well as those from the building itself.

A lot has been accomplished, but there is much more to do—restoration of terrace walls, site drainage, landscaping design and installation,

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## Year to date cross channel visitor count down 0.4%

BY CHARLES M. KELLY

The combined figures for ferry and cruise ship visitors to Catalina Island show a year-to-date decrease of 0.4 percent, or less than half a percent.

Cross channel ferry traffic brought 47,555 visitors to Catalina in October 2018, according to data from the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

That’s a 15.5 percent decrease from October 2017. However, the month-to-month figure is not the entire story. The 2018 year-to-date cross channel carrier traffic visitor count of 629,615 is down 0.7 percent—that is, less than 1 percent—from last year’s year-to-date count of 634,137 visitors.

Cruise ships brought 29,820 visitors here in October 2018, a 2.2 percent decrease from October 2017. Again, the year-to-date change is different: as of October 2018, a year-to-date total of 223,212 visitors came here—a 6.5 percent decrease from the October 2017 year-to-date total of 238,714.

As was previously reported by the Avalon Harbor Department, there were 252 boats anchored here in October 2018 and 1,266 vessels moored here in October 2017.

In all, boats brought 5,064 people here in October 2018. The year-to-date number of people who came by boat is 10.7 percent lower than it was in October 2017.

Planes brought 1,161 people to the Airport-in-the-Sky last month, a 14.9 percent decrease from October 2017.

The year-to-date plane passenger count as of October 2018 was 14,105—a 7.4 percent increase from the overall 2017 plane passenger count. The Chamber did not start tracking air visitors until 2017.

The helicopter visitor count for October 2018 was slightly lower than October 2017: last month saw 1,499 visitors arrive by helicopter, a 2.9 percent decrease from last year at this time. The year-to-date helicopter visitor count is 17,453, which currently stands at 2.7 percent greater than last year’s overall visitor count.



# Sheriff's Log With Capt. John Hocking

**Editor's note:** The following is the Avalon Sheriff's Station significant incidents report for the week of Nov. 21 to Nov. 27, 2018. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Many people who are arrested do not get prosecuted in the first place and many who are prosecuted do not get convicted.

## November 21

• Deputies responded to Chimes Tower Road regarding a hit and run traffic collision. A motorist struck a fence and failed to stay at the scene. Deputies were able to identify the driver.

The case will be presented to District Attorney's Office.

## November 23

• Deputies responded to a vandalism call at 1 Cabrillo Mole. Someone shattered the glass to the front of a vending machine. Deputies are trying to locate video of the area.

• A victim reported that his wireless speaker was stolen from his golf cart.

As the deputies were starting their investigation, the victim reported he found his missing speaker nearby.

## November 24

• Deputies responded to the 100 block of Sumner Avenue regarding a traffic collision. A golf cart collided into a parked vehicle.

The traffic collision was minor with no injuries.

## November 25

• Deputies responded to Tremont Street regarding a family disturbance. The deputies arrested Oscar Sanchez from Avalon on suspicion of domestic violence battery.

• A victim came to the Avalon Sheriff's Station and reported that the suspect sent her text messages in violation of a court restraining order she obtained against the suspect. A criminal report was written and the case will be presented to the District Attorney Office.

## November 26

• A victim came to the Avalon Sheriff's Station and reported that someone from Africa tried to scam him out of \$700. The suspect had obtained screenshot photographs of the naked victim during a Face-Time telephone call. The suspect threatened to post the pictures on Facebook if the victim did not pay \$700.

## November 27

• Deputies received a call of a theft where two pairs of sunglasses were stolen from a business in the 200 block of Crescent Avenue. Deputies were able to locate the two juveniles on the cruise ship. At the request of the business, the juveniles paid for stolen sunglasses.

## Safety Note

It is illegal to drink alcohol or smoke marijuana at "Machine Gun Park." Deputies have been diligently enforcing these laws. Strick enforcement will continue.

itive certificate from the foundation. Another way to support the Chimes Tower is to enter their raffle for a gorgeous handmade quilt by the talented Paris Rebl.

Tickets are available for \$5 each or five for \$20, and can be purchased on the events page of the Chimes Tower Foundation website, or at the Island Company reception desk. The drawing will be held on Dec. 11. Donations to the Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation can be made by check and mailed or by credit card on our website. For more information, visit [www.CatalinaChimes.org](http://www.CatalinaChimes.org).

## Chimes

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and a complete overhaul of the aging chimes mechanism, to name just a few of the upcoming projects that need funding.

In a special program set up for the month of December only, those who give \$100 or more will receive a Chimes Tower Christmas ornament. Donors may wish to contribute "in honor of" or "in memory of" a friend, relative, or inspirational person and designate an honored recipient to receive a commemora-

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Date	Position:	Part Time Admin Assistant Due by 12/3/2018
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Last Name	First	M.I.	Cell #:
Mailing Address			Phone #:
City	State	ZIP	
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Are you a citizen of the United States? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Driver's License	State CA	Expiration Date	

### EDUCATION

High School	Address
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### MILITARY SERVICE

Branch	From To
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I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete, and that any misstatement of material facts may subject me to disqualification or dismissal.

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