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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, MISSION TEAM UP TO CREATE PARKING SERVICE

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (July 6, 2015) -- The city of San Juan Capistrano and Mission San Juan Capistrano worked with local businesses to create a six-month trial run program to help ease the parking situation in the city's downtown using a valet service.

Mission San Juan Capistrano's Preservation Foundation has provided up to \$5,000 to support the program that will be offered on Saturdays throughout the summer starting July 11.

Funded by the Mission's subsidy and a \$4 charge per car, the community valet program will be offered on the scheduled Saturdays at noon and will end at 11 p.m. The goal of this start-up program is to provide a ready means way to direct guests for easy and convenient parking in the downtown area, and to create a few more precious spaces as well.

"Best Valet Parking Corporation is very appreciative and excited to partner up with the Mission San Juan Capistrano to bring a unified downtown valet parking program built to provide convenient and professional service to any and all guests visiting the many shops, restaurants and entertainment venues," said Aran Shelly, general manager of Best Valet Parking Corporation.

Visitors and guests may come off the freeway, go south on Camino Capistrano and park in front of the Provincial Building at 31815 Camino Capistrano.

About Mission San Juan Capistrano:

Known as the “Jewel of the Missions,” Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that boasts of quality permanent exhibits featuring original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits on a wide variety of topics.

The site itself serves as a living outdoor museum with original buildings constructed by Native Americans in the 18th century including the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church, and the original padres’ quarters of the South Wing.

The Mission was founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra as the seventh in the chain of the twenty-one California missions established by Spain, and is Orange County’s only mission. Every year, over 50,000 students visit the Mission and engage in an inspirational learning experience via the Mission Matters programming, as part of their State required California history studies.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders committed to ensuring the long term preservation and viability of Orange County’s only Mission. The Mission receives no funding from either the Church or the State of California and charges admission funds as a means of providing public access.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Open Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday afternoon. Admission is \$9 adults; \$8 seniors (60 years or over); \$6 children (ages 4 to 11); and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Free audio guide with senior and adult admission. For more information, call (949) 234-1300 or visit www.missionsjc.com.