

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule and Tree Recycling - For the next two weeks, due to the holidays, residential and commercial trash collection will be delayed one day for customers normally serviced Thursday and Friday. Waste Management will collect and recycle holiday trees on the regular or rescheduled collection days at no charge between Friday, December 26, and Friday, January 16. Trees must be cut to lengths less than four feet. Decorations, tinsel, metal ornaments, and metal stands must be removed from the trees. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be made into compost due to their chemical content. After January 16, non-flocked trees can also be recycled by cutting them up and placing them in the green waste carts.

No Holiday Street Sweeping - Street sweeping will be suspended on Thursday, December 25, and on Thursday, January 1, and there will not be parking enforcement for those streets on those days.

Street Slurry Seal Project - This year's street slurry seal project began in late October and is planned to be completed by the middle of February. Work will be suspended through the holidays and will resume January 5. The first five weeks of the project involved preparatory work such as pavement repair and some drainage improvements. The actual application of slurry seal began last week and is 20% completed. The areas of slurry seal this year include 42 streets in the Arch Beach Heights and Temple Hills neighborhoods.

DUI Checkpoint scheduled - The Police Department will conduct a DUI Checkpoint on Saturday December 20, 2014, between 8:00 pm and 3:00 am. Enjoy your evening out but if you intend to drink, plan ahead and be sure to have a designated sober and safe driver to get you home.

First Friday Flicks at the Forum - First Friday Flicks at the Forum will start on Friday, January 2, 2015, at the Forum Theatre located at the Festival of Arts grounds at 650 Laguna Canyon Road. The critically acclaimed documentary "Finding Vivian Maier" is about a mysterious nanny, who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that were hidden in storage lockers. Discovered decades later, her artwork has earned her a posthumous reputation as one of the most accomplished street photographers. This film is not rated with a running time of 83 minutes. This program has been funded through the generosity of Laguna Beach residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield.

Artist Open Studios - Artist Open Studios will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants can catch a free shuttle service from the Act V parking lot, located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road, and take advantage of free parking. Over 30 artists will be opening their studios, offering hands-on experiences and insights into their creative process. This is an opportunity to see artists working in a variety of media from glass fusion to bronze welding. This event is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. A brochure and map of participating studios is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10497>.

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Holiday Transit Operations - Mainline transit service will not be offered on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, or New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1.

Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center - The Center will be closed for the holidays beginning Saturday, December 20, and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2015.

View Preservation and Restoration Ordinance Implementation - Last June, the City Council adopted the View Preservation and Restoration Ordinance. Application forms for processing either a View Preservation or Restoration Claim are now available to the public at the Community Development Department or on the City's website. To help implement the Ordinance, the Community Development Director is proud to announce that after an extensive interview process, current Code Enforcement Officer Tony Farr has been transferred to fill the position of Associate Planner for View Restoration. Tony has been a City employee for over six years and has a background in Horticulture, Code Enforcement, and Hedge Height Claims which will be helpful in providing this new service.

Spark of Love Toy Drive - It is not too late to make a toy donation at any City fire station as part of the "Spark of Love" toy drive. New, unwrapped, toys and sports equipment for disadvantaged children in Orange County are being accepted at any of the City's four fire stations. The City's fire stations are located at 501 Forest Avenue; 285 Agate Street; 2900 Alta Laguna Blvd.; and 31646 2nd Avenue. For questions, please contact Fire Administration at 497-0700.

Reminder: City Hall Closed on Friday after Christmas and New Year's - This year the Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, January 1. City Hall will be closed on the holidays and the following Fridays on December 26 and January 2. Essential public safety services will still be operating every day.

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