

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Hospitality Night Trolley Service - Free trolley service runs every Friday and weekends along Coast Highway from the Ritz-Carlton in Dana Point to Cajon Street in North Laguna. In order to avoid road closures and the heavy traffic congestion associated with Hospitality Night, residents are encouraged to take the free trolley this Friday night rather than park downtown. The trolley hours of operation this Friday are from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Night festivities will begin with entertainment at City Hall and the arrival of Santa Claus to light the Pepper Tree at 6:00 p.m.

Coyote Education - The Police Department produced and hand distributed an educational press release regarding coyote safety to residents in the Oak Street area. This information was also shared on Facebook and sent to the media. Jim Beres attended a meeting with residents and discussed all of the strategies the city has implemented to address this issue.

Spark of Love Toy Drive - The Laguna Beach Fire Department is proud to again participate in the annual “Spark of Love” toy drive. It began yesterday and goes through Thursday, December 24, all four of the City’s fire stations will be accepting new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for disadvantaged children in our County. 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 (949) 497-0700.

Downtown Construction: Third and Forest Pipeline Project - Stage 1 work in the Lumber Yard Parking Lot will be substantially complete this week. Stage 2 will involve trenching from the Parking Lot, along City Hall, to Loma Terrace. The work will begin Monday, December 7 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of next week. **TRAFFIC IMPACTS:** During Stage 2, two way traffic will be open along Forest Avenue. NO Parking signs will be posted on both sides of this section of Forest Avenue. Stage 3 is trenching from Loma Terrace to Mermaid and is scheduled to begin Monday, December 14. For more details and questions concerning construction please call the project line at (949) 464-6686 or visit www.clbwq.net, under the Construction Projects section of the Water Quality Department.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch - The Police Department hosted a holiday brunch in appreciation for all of the volunteers and their countless hours of outreach to the community as well as administrative work. COP Monique Daniels was presented with her badge encased in leucite as she has retired from the program after serving 15 years of service and over 4,747 hours of volunteer hours!

World Aids Day - The Police Department participated in the World Aids Days events. Ribbons were placed around downtown on trees and educational outreach and remembrance of those lost was provided.

Homeowners' Flood and Fire Insurance - The State of California Department of Insurance is recommending that homeowners take the time to review their flood and fire insurance coverage or consider purchasing coverage if they don't have it. Flood damage is often not covered by traditional homeowners' insurance. Learn more at www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/ and www.cfpnet.com.

REMINDERS:

"Sea Breeze" Sculpture Dedication - On Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. the public is invited to the dedication of the sculpture "Sea Breeze" by Sukhdev Dail on the ocean side of the Inn at Laguna Beach, 211 North Coast Highway. The dedication will be followed by a reception at Forest & Ocean Gallery located at 480 Ocean Avenue. This project has been funded by the City of Laguna Beach.

Winter Quarter 2015 Registration Activities - Registration for winter quarter recreation activities has begun. The brochure has been mailed citywide and is now available at the Community & Susi Q Center, Community Pool and Community Services Department, as well as online. A wide variety of programs and classes are offered for all ages. The Community Services Department launched a new online recreation registration program making it faster and more convenient for you to sign up for your favorite classes. You will need to create a new account the first time you register for a new program. To register for activities online and to create a new account please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net click on Recreation Classes, then click on Register for Rec Classes, then Winter 2016 Classes click here, and setup a new user.

Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition - The Arts Commission selected 12 designs from 193 submissions for the annual Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition. On exhibit at City Hall from December 1 through December 31, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, will be works by: Helena Lowe, Maya Davis, Weston Long, Bailee White, Owen Lawson, Fritz Merchant, Catalina Barnes, Lucia Curan, Kathryn Callahan, Sebastian Mueller, Sydney Schaeffgen and Madison Weems. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. Attached are the selected designs. **(Attachment)**

Field Maintenance and Park Closures – Annual maintenance and turf renovations at Riddle Field has begun. The field will remain closed through January 31, 2016. Alta Laguna Field Maintenance will begin on Thursday, December 3 and the field will close for two weeks and re-open on Thursday, December 17. Field Maintenance on Bluebird Park grass area will begin on Monday, December 7 and will close for 10 days and re-open on Thursday, December 17. Maintenance at Moulton Meadows Field will begin on Monday, December 21. The field will be closed for two weeks and will re-open on January 4, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

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2015 Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition



Helena Lowe (Age 5)



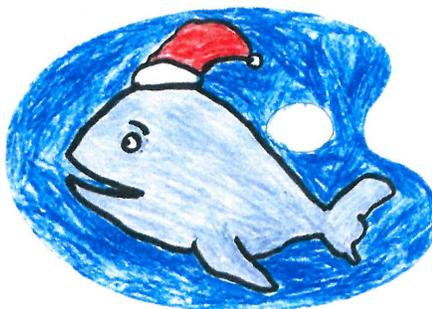
Maya Davis (6)



Weston Long (7)



Bailee White (8)



Owen Lawson (8)



Fritz Melchert (10)

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Catalina Barnes (11)



Lucia Curan (11)



Kathryn Callahan (12)



Sebastian Mueller (12)



Sydney Schaeffgen (12)



Madison Weems (12)