

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 30, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Reminder: City Hall Closed on Friday New Year's Day - City Hall will be closed this Friday for the New Year's Day holiday. Essential public safety services will be operating.

Holiday Transit Operations - Both Mainline Transit and Weekend Trolley service will not be offered on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1. Regularly-scheduled service will resume on Saturday, January 2.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule and Tree Recycling - Residential and commercial trash collection will be delayed one day for customers normally serviced on Friday. Customers will receive service on Saturday, January 2. Waste Management will collect and recycle holiday trees on the regular or rescheduled collection days through Saturday, 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 - Due to the New Year's holiday, there will be no street sweeping on Friday, January 1. Additionally, there will not be parking enforcement for those streets posted for street sweeping on this day.

Sewer Line Construction Third and Forest Pipeline Project - Construction of the sewer pipeline in front of the Fire Station and on the Loma Place/Forest Avenue intersection was completed on December 28th. For the upcoming week, the contractor will continue to trench and install the pipeline on Third Street from Loma Place to Mermaid Street. **TRAFFIC IMPACTS:** The northbound lane on Third Street will be closed from Park Avenue to Loma Place. Lane closure is expected only between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more details or questions concerning construction please call the project hotline at (949) 464-6686 or visit the Construction Projects section of the Water Quality Department website: www.clbwq.net.

The January Planning Commission, Design Review and View Preservation meetings will not broadcast live on the City's Cable Channel (852) on the City Website - From January 4 through January 22, 2016, the City Council Chambers audio/visual and broadcast system is undergoing a significant upgrade. During that time the January 4 View Preservation, January 6 and 20 Planning Commission Meeting, and January 14 Design Review Board Meeting will not be broadcast live over the City's Cable Channel (852) or the City website. However, the meetings will be videotaped and made available the following day for viewing on the City website.

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Retirement of Sergeant John Falk - On December 31, 2015, Sergeant John Falk wraps up a 30 year law enforcement career! John came to the Laguna Beach Police Department in 1989 after spending four years with the Sunnyvale Public Safety Department where he was cross trained as a police officer and firefighter. With this unique skill set, he was put in charge of several public safety programs such as; First Aid, CPR and hazardous exposure incidents. Over the years, John trained several employees, who in turn, used their skill sets to save the lives of many people. John was also instrumental in getting defibrillators placed in each of the police vehicles so officers could take immediate action in the field. His lifesaving impact will be felt long after his retirement. John will be greatly missed, but is ready to “kayak off into the sunset” and enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

REMINDERS:

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.

Field Maintenance and Park Closures - Annual maintenance and turf renovations at Riddle Field has begun. The field will remain closed through January 31, 2016. Maintenance at Moulton Meadows Field has also begun. The field will re-open on January 4, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

Heisler Park Scenic Overlook and Artist Designed Bench Competition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting request for qualifications from professional, practicing artists for a project in Heisler Park near Monument Point. Artists are invited to submit images of previous installations and their public art resume. The honorarium for this project is \$50,000. The deadline for submissions is January 16, 2016. Guidelines and application is available at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com.

2016 Cultural Arts Funding Applications - The Arts Commission is currently accepting applications from non-profit organizations with functioning cultural programming based in Laguna Beach. The deadline to submit the application is February 1, 2016. For additional information contact Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager at (949) 497-0722 extension 4. Applications must be submitted on-line at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com.

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