

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 2018
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Hospitality Night Friday, December 7 - Sing carols, mingle with neighbors, and watch Santa light the tree. The first Friday of each December the City of Laguna Beach and the Chamber of Commerce jointly sponsor Hospitality Night. Hospitality Night 2018 will be held on December 7, from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The festivities will take place in the Peppertree Lot (Lot 2), where Santa Claus will arrive to greet holiday revelers before the tree lighting at 6:10 p.m. Lower Forest Avenue will be filled with entertainment and merchant open houses. Street closures in the downtown area will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Portions of Forest Avenue, Beach Street, and the Pepper Tree Parking Lot will be closed to vehicular traffic prior to and during the event. The neighborhood trolleys will run from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and free public parking will be available at the City's Forest/Laguna Canyon (Lot 11), Lumberyard (Lot 12) and Community and Susi Q Center (Lot 13) parking lots. For more information, contact Adam Gufarotti, Senior Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0304.

Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule - No street sweeping will be performed on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, and parking restrictions will not be enforced. On November 23, only non-residential areas will be swept and residential parking restrictions will not be enforced. Regularly scheduled street sweeping and parking enforcement will resume on November 24.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule - Residential and commercial trash collection will be delayed one day for customers normally serviced on Thursday and Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Council Accepting Applications for Planning Commissioner - The City Clerk is accepting applications for an opening on the Planning Commission through November 30, 2018. The interviews and appointment will take place at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Laguna Beach residents who are interested in serving on the committee should obtain an application from the City Clerk's office or online from the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net and file in the City Clerk's office no later than Friday, November 30, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving and Day After Thanksgiving Transit Service - Laguna Beach Transit will be closed on Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Operations will resume on November 23, with neighborhood services running from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and coastal services from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the City's website at the following link: http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/transit_and_trolleys/default.htm, use the trolley tracker on the Visit Laguna Beach mobile app, or call (949) 497-0766.

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Small Business Saturday in Laguna Beach - Small business Saturday will take place Saturday, November 24, 2018, in Laguna Beach. Small Business Saturday falls between Black Friday (November 23) and Cyber Monday (November 26) and is a shopping holiday aimed at supporting small businesses during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. The [free trolley](#) will be running from 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., so [park](#) your car and hop on! Start your day by first stopping outside the Laguna Beach Library to pick up a FREE Shop Small bag from the [Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce](#). When you join us for Small Business Saturday be sure to use #ShopSmall and #MyLagunaBeach hashtags on your photos! Please contact the businesses directly for more information on their offerings.

Emergency Kit Backpacks Now Available for Purchase - A Laguna Beach-specific Emergency Kit Backpack is now available to residents and business owners for purchase. Each red backpack features an official City of Laguna Beach Seal, light sticks, a 4-in-1 gas and water shut off tool, bio-hazard bags, nitrile gloves, N95 mask, 54-piece first aid kit, duct tape, emergency poncho, solar blanket, AM/FM radio with flashlight and cell phone charger, and a personal hygiene kit. Additionally, it contains emergency plan guides and disaster-specific information. You can now purchase a Laguna Beach-specific Emergency Kit Backpack for \$50 on the City's website at <https://bit.ly/2DlnFGy>. No profits are being made from the sale of this backpack.

Animal Shelter Creek Erosion Protection - On November 29, the Design Review Board will consider a Public Works project to provide a long-term solution for reducing erosion and increasing capacity of Laguna Canyon creek adjacent to the Animal Shelter. For more information, please contact Tri Nguyen, Public Works Project Manager, at tnguyen@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 497-0741. Project plans and environmental documents are available on the City's website at the following link: http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/cityprojects/construction_projects_list.htm

North Coast Highway Lane Closures - On December 3, Caltrans will begin repairing storm drains on North Coast Highway adjacent to Emerald Bay. The work will require intermittent lane closures on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and minor traffic impacts can be anticipated. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2019. For more detailed project information, please contact Irvin Nguyen, Caltrans Resident Engineer, at (949) 279-8590.

Alta Laguna Field Maintenance and Closures - Alta Laguna Field will be closed for annual maintenance and turf renovations from November 26 – December 17, 2018. Questions, please call Alexis Braun, Senior Recreation Supervisor at (949) 497-0762.

Cultural Arts Funding -The City of Laguna Beach is currently accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations for cultural programming based in Laguna Beach. The deadline to submit an application is February 4, 2019. Applications must be submitted on-line at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com

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New Council Chamber Banners and Holiday Palettes - New Holiday Palettes have been installed on the lamp posts outside City Hall. The palettes were created by artists Marcel Mead, Michael Munroe, Kelly Goldstein and Dedre Sines. In addition, two new banners have been installed in the City's Council Chambers. These new banners were created by artists Kelly Goldstein and Al Esquerra. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Good Neighbor Outdoor Lighting - Did you know? Residential holiday lighting is permitted between November 15th and January 15th and to be turned off no later than 12:00 a.m. As defined by City Council resolution, residential holiday lighting during the remainder of the year (between January 16th and November 14th) is limited to no more than seven consecutive days and should be turned off no later than 12:00 a.m.

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11th Annual National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month - During the month of November, this event brings awareness to the Laguna Beach community about people who are hungry and homeless in our community, our county, and our nation. The purpose of Laguna Beach's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month is to enhance community awareness of the issue in our society, our own hungry and homeless in Laguna Beach, and the community organizations that assist with these concerns in Laguna Beach and Orange County. To learn more about Laguna Beach's Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month, the community is encouraged to visit: <https://lagunahungryandhomeless.org/>

The Laguna Food Pantry's Annual Food Drive (Month of November) - Sponsored by the City of Laguna Beach and Waste Management, the food drive benefits the Laguna Food Pantry, which provides free, fresh groceries to more than 300 local families in need each week. Located at 20652 Laguna Canyon Road north of the dog Park, the Pantry is open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Food collection sites include U.S. Bank at 310 Glenneyre Street near Forest Avenue, plus many of the city's churches, public and parochial schools, and Anneliese schools. New volunteers are always welcome. Phone (949) 497-7121 www.lagunafoodpantry.org.