

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 28, 2018

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Children's Holiday Palettes** - The Arts Commission reviewed 174 submissions from children ages 5 to 17 and selected the following artists to exhibit at City Hall: Tiam Rouhi (age 5), Stormy Bullington (6), Grace Wojtaszek (8), Benjamin Mann (8) Solomon Scheper-Herard (8), Addison Knight (9), Ella Berberian (10) Erin Meihaus (10), Katie Baker (11) Isabella Scarcelli (12) P.J. Mullin (12), Lauren Trautenberg (13) and Charlotte Sekerka (13). The exhibition can be viewed on the main corridor of City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**World AIDS Day Remembrance and Ribbons** - World AIDS Day takes place every year on December 1. This Saturday, December 1, the Laguna Beach HIV Advisory Committee will hold a candlelight vigil on the Main Beach Cobblestones at 5:00 p.m. to remember Laguna Beach residents lost to the disease. In addition, since 2005, the Arts Commission has annually recognized World AIDS Day on December 1 by installing black and red ribbons on public art installations. This year the ribbons will be installed on sculptures in the downtown area. The ribbons are funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Rain Forecasted for Wednesday and into the Weekend** - The National Weather Service is predicting that the region's first significant storm of the season will arrive Wednesday night and Thursday, with more rain possible on the weekend. Now is a good time to look around your home to make sure that drainage areas are clear and free of debris.

**City Council Changes** - On Tuesday, December 4, the outgoing City Council members will be honored, and the new City Council members will be sworn in. A new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will also be selected. The events will take place in the City Council Chambers starting at 6:00 p.m.

**Spark of Love Toy Drive** - The Laguna Beach Fire Department, in partnership with Southern California Firefighters and ABC7, is taking part in the Spark of Love Toy Drive. Drop off your new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment to any of Laguna Beach's four fire stations. We will also have donation bins at Hospitality Night on Friday, December 7. The campaign collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for underserved children and teens in Southern California. For more information on the event, please contact Firefighter Pat Cary at (949) 497-0700.

**Laguna Canyon Frontage Road Landscape Improvements** - On December 3, construction work to improve landscaping within the parkway between Laguna Canyon Road and the Frontage Road will begin. Minor parking impacts can be expected. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of

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January 2019. For questions, please contact Tri Nguyen at [tnguyen@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:tnguyen@lagunabeachcity.net) or (949) 497-0741.

**City Tree Replanting Project** - The City has started the replanting of 30 street trees in the downtown area and along Coast Highway this week. The project is expected to be completed by December 14, 2018. For more information, please contact Senior Administrative Analyst, Robert Sedita, at (949) 497-0740.

**Ocean Avenue One-way Conversion Public Workshop** - The City of Laguna Beach invites the public to attend a workshop on December 11 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the proposed conversion of Ocean Avenue to a one-way street from Beach Street to Coast Highway. The workshop will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to provide comments, please contact Tom Sandefur at [tsandefur@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:tsandefur@lagunabeachcity.net) or (949) 497-0792 or complete a short survey at the following link: [http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/ocean\\_avenue\\_one\\_way\\_survey.htm](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/ocean_avenue_one_way_survey.htm)

**School Resource Officer (SRO) Cornelius Ashton Keynote Speaker** - SRO Ashton will be the keynote speaker at the annual Anti-Defamation League (ADL) "Make a Difference" Awards being held at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach on Sunday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.

**City Hall Exhibition** - A new art exhibition will be installed in the first-floor gallery at City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue on Monday, December 3, 2018, featuring works from the Festival of Arts Permanent Collection. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Riddle Field Maintenance and Closures** - Riddle Field will be closed for annual maintenance and turf renovations from December 3, 2018 – January 28, 2019. Questions, please call Alexis Braun, Senior Recreation Supervisor at (949) 497-0762.

**Disposal of Leaf Bags** - Doing some fall yard work before winter? From now through the end of February you may place bags of leaves on the curb next to your green waste cart. Waste Management will take them away on your regular pick-up day. Happy raking!

**Sawdust Winter Fantasy Now Open** - The Sawdust Winter Fantasy features 175 artists and makers, three stages of live music and entertainment, thousands of lights and decorations, glassblowing and art demos, hands-on pottery wheel and art classes, falling snow and holiday photo-ops with Santa, outdoor eateries and cafes, festive saloon offerings, and so much more! Experience Sawdust's magical 3-acre art village during the holiday season, transformed into a picture-perfect winter wonderland in the heart of Laguna Beach now through December 16. Park in the Act V lot (Lot 16) and we'll take you there on our free trolley. Tickets are available at <https://sawdustartfestival.org/tickets/>

Repeats:

**Hospitality Night Friday, December 7** - Hospitality Night 2018 will be held on December 7, from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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**City Council Accepting Applications for Planning Commissioner** - The City Clerk is accepting applications through November 30, 2018, for an opening on the Planning Commission. 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](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) and file in the City Clerk's office no later than Friday, November 30, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.