

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Patriot's Day Parade - This year's Patriot's Day Parade was canceled due to steady rain and safety concerns for parade participants. Unfortunately, due to the complex scheduling required for the 92 parade entries, the Parade Committee is not able to reschedule the parade and will instead focus its efforts on planning next year's parade which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The 2019 theme "Everyday Heroes," Honored Patriot Arnold Silverman, Chairman Ed Hanke, Grand Marshal Barbara Diamond, Citizen of the Year Sande St. John, Artist of the Year Roxanna Ward, and Athlete of the Year Jade Howson. They will now be honored in the 2020 parade.

Community Development Customer Service Questionnaire - The Community Development Department has launched a questionnaire to collect customer feedback. The questionnaire is available on the City's website and a kiosk in City Hall's lobby. It will also be sent to customers who visit the Community Development counter as well as architects, designers, residents, and neighbors who participate in the Design Review or Planning Commission process. You may fill out the questionnaire and learn more about the Community Development's Customer Service initiative at www.lagunabeachcity.net/questionnaire.

City Hall Restroom Renovations - Construction is wrapping up, and the newly remodeled restrooms on the first floor of City Hall are scheduled to reopen to the public on March 11.

Free Paint/E-Waste Drop-off and Shredding Event on Saturday March 16 - Residents and businesses are invited to participate in the annual free drop-off event to dispose of unwanted paint, batteries, CFL bulbs, and E-Waste on Saturday, March 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the City Maintenance Facilities, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. Free shredding service will also be available on site. This service is sponsored by the City and Waste Management. For more information, including a detailed list of acceptable E-Waste items, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling or contact Liz Avila at lavila@lagunabeachcity.net.

Parking and Trolley at ACT V on March 16 - On Saturday, March 16, ACT V (Lot 16) is closed for parking and trolley service until 1:00 p.m. due to the Free paint/E-Waste Drop-Off and Shredding Event. For more information on parking options go to www.lagunabeachcity.net/parking or call (949) 497-0766.

Lane Closure at Forest Avenue and Laguna Canyon Road - On March 20, from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Laguna Beach County Water District will close the outgoing merge lane from Forest Avenue onto Laguna Canyon Road to work on a water line. Outgoing traffic will be detoured to Ocean Avenue, Beach Street and Broadway. For information, please contact Lisa Dunbar at (949) 464-3119.

Laguna Firefighters Climb for Cancer - Four members of Laguna Beach Fire Department are volunteering to participate in an “on-air stair climb,” raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Firefighter’s Forrestt Lazicki, Brandon Hawkins, Brent Buccola, and Engineer David Lopez will be donning full firefighting protective gear including air packs, and will climb 788 ft, (1,400 steps, 69 stories) in a race that is designed to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society (LLS). The LLS Firefighter Stair climb is the world's largest on-air stair climb competition.

Junior Lifeguards - Registration for the 2019 Junior Lifeguard program is now open to Laguna Beach residents and non-residents. Participants must pass the required swim test or have participated in the 2018 program to be eligible to register. Upcoming swim tests will be held this Friday, March 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All swim tests take place at the Laguna Beach High School and Community Pool, located at 670 Park Avenue. Additional information about the program, including a list of swim test dates, is available at: <http://bit.ly/2RAIQcl> or call (949) 497-0788 for questions.

Summer Camp and Spring Recreation Activities Registration - Registration for spring 2019 recreation activities and youth summer camps is now open. To register and see the list of programs available please visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index>

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Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, March 8 - The City's second Arbor Day and first year Tree City USA Celebration will be held at Main Beach Park (cobblestone area) on Friday, March 8, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The tree planting ceremony will start at 4:00 p.m. To kick off the event, the City Council proclaimed March 8 as Arbor Day in Laguna Beach to coincide with the annual State of California recognition of California Arbor Week at its February 19 meeting. This fun event will feature activities and crafts for kids, live music, tree experts, garden clubs and organizations, and giveaways. This will be a fun educational event for the whole family! Visit the City’s website at www.lagunabeachcity.net for more information or contact Liz Avila, Senior Public Works Analyst/Solid Waste Program Coordinator at lavila@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 497-0344.