

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Council Appointed Committees - The City Council is accepting applications for the following Committees, Commissions and Boards: (4) positions on the Arts Commission; (5) positions on the Emergency Disaster Preparedness Committee; (6) positions on the Housing and Human Services Committee; (2) positions on the Planning Commission; and (4) positions on the Personnel Board. All terms will be two-years beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021. Interviews and appointments will be conducted on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California. Laguna Beach residents who are interested in serving on one of these committees should obtain an application from the City Clerk's office or on-line from the City's website, www.lagunabeachcity.net and file in the City Clerk's office no later than Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Applications will not be accepted after the April 25, 2019, 5:00 p.m. deadline.

Caltrans Work at 7th Avenue - On Monday, April 15, Caltrans will begin work to upgrade traffic signals at the intersection of Coast Highway and Seventh Avenue. Minor traffic impacts can be anticipated during lane closures from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of May. For additional information, please contact Oussama Issa at (949) 936-3593.

Free Compost Giveaway on Saturday, April 13 - The annual compost giveaway event will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at the City Maintenance Facilities parking lot (Act V), located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. Free compost will be available in appreciation of the recycling efforts by Laguna Beach residents. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. This is a self-service event. Please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling for more information.

Summer Recreation Activities & Youth Camps Registration - Registration for Summer 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>

Bluebird Park Slide Update - City Staff has dedicated much research and consideration recently to the process of replacing a custom hillside slide in Bluebird Park deemed to be cracked and unusable. Given the customized nature of the original design, including concrete sculpting to accommodate the slide, custom entry and exit areas and custom landing areas at the bottom of the slope, custom ramps and sidewalks leading to and from the slide and the fact that the original slide manufacturer is no longer making the same product, the options to replace the slide are limited and costly. The slide is so custom that the cost of the slide itself makes up less than 25% of the project; the significant installation costs like the modification of the slope to accommodate a new slide with different profile and pitch, replacement of rubberized surface areas at the top and bottom of the slide, and replacement of the lower seat wall to comply with current safety standards make up the bulk of the costs. A deeper dive into this matter led to

the conclusion that the work is needed, and the project cost is justifiable when given the entire scope of the project vs. redesigning the hillside and pathways to provide another feature. Therefore, the City is moving forward with the installation of a new slide for residents to enjoy at Bluebird Park as soon as possible.