

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 8, 2019  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**“City Chats” on KX93.5** - Hear Kevin Snow, Laguna Beach Chief of Marine Safety and Kai Bond, Marine Safety Captain, talk about how their department is preparing for the upcoming summer beach season this Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. on KX93.5’s new “City Chats” segment. They will offer tips for safety on our beaches, knowing your limits in the water and what it’s like to grow up a Laguna Beach lifeguard. Listeners can also tune in to the segment online at [kx935.com](http://kx935.com) or on the iHeartRadio App. Kevin and Kai are also going to play some of their favorite surfer tunes and share the stories behind them. Tune in to “City Chats” this Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. on KX93.5!

**15th Anniversary of Bluebird Branch Boys & Girls Club** - Saturday, May 18, will mark the fifteenth year the Bluebird Branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach has been open to serve youth members in the community. In honor of the anniversary, the branch will hold its annual Harry Bithell Pancake Breakfast in beautiful Bluebird Park from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There is no charge for the event; however, donations are appreciated. For more information about Bluebird Branch’s 15th Annual Harry Bithell Pancake Breakfast, contact Stephen Tinen at (949) 494-7630 or email [stephent@bgclaguna.org](mailto:stephent@bgclaguna.org). For more information on the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach including after school and summer camp programming, contact guest services at (949) 494-2535 or visit [www.bgclagunabeach.org](http://www.bgclagunabeach.org).

**This Week is Wildfire Preparedness Week** - The week of May 5 to May 11 has been declared “Wildfire Preparedness Week” by Governor Gavin Newsom. To help protect customers and communities during extreme weather events, the electrical utility company may decide to shut off power for public safety to prevent a wildfire. During a Public Safety Power Shutoff, ALL customers serviced by an affected power line will have their power shut off and it is critical that you have a plan in place for an extended power outage. For additional information on creating an emergency plan specific to Public Safety Power Shutoff visit [www.prepareforpowerdown.com](http://www.prepareforpowerdown.com). Go to [www.AlertOC.com](http://www.AlertOC.com) to register or update your cell phone numbers, text numbers, and email addresses into the emergency notification system. You should also register for Laguna Beach’s Nixle Community Alert system for local traffic related information, community events, as well as urgent safety messages in the City. To sign up, simply text 92651 to 888-777.

**SCE Night Work on Ocean Avenue** - On Sunday, May 12, through Friday, May 17, between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. each night, Southern California Edison (SCE) will be conducting work to reinforce a vault located in the vehicle lanes at 299 Ocean Avenue. The southbound lane of Ocean Avenue, immediately

south of the Ocean Avenue / Beach Street intersection, will be blocked. SCE personnel will direct traffic during the work. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 611-1911.

**SCE Pole Replacement** - On Monday, May 13, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing a utility pole located at the intersection of Bluebird Canyon Drive and Keller Way. The westbound lane at Bluebird Canyon Drive will be blocked in the vicinity of the work and personnel will be directing traffic. This project was originally scheduled for April 29 but was rescheduled due to poor weather conditions. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 611-1911.

**Cox Night Work on Ocean Avenue** - On Thursday, May 16, through Friday, May 17, between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Cox Communications will be replacing a vault located in the sidewalk at 460 Ocean Avenue. The sidewalk will be closed periodically and approximately six parking stalls adjacent to the site will be closed off during the work. For questions or concerns, please contact Cox's representative, Abe Medina at (949) 510-4968.

**Sunset Serenades and World Music Series** - On Friday evenings starting May 10, 2019, through June 14, 2019, enjoy free live music performances from 6:30 p.m. to sunset at the Heisler Park Amphitheater near the corner of Cliff Drive and Jasmine Street. The first performers are guitar duo Django Shredders. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Public Art Dedication** - On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, the Arts Commission invites the public to the dedication of "Super Heroes Changing Station" by local artist Robert Holton at the red telephone booth on Forest Avenue at 5:00 p.m. A reception hosted by Visit Laguna will follow the dedication. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**The Community and Susi Q Senior Center is turning 10 this year!** The center hosts Community Services classes for participants of all ages, and in collaboration with Laguna Beach Seniors, Inc. provides programs and services of interest to the senior community. Please join us at the center on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to view demonstrations of our programs for all ages, along with live music, refreshments, and opportunities to win gift certificates for Community Services classes.

**Summer Camp and Summer Recreation Activities Registration** - Registration for summer 2019 recreation activities for all ages, adult softball 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>