

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Run with a Cop - On Thursday, May 30, the Laguna Beach Police Department along with the Fire and Marine Safety Departments will be participating as a group in the Special Olympics Torch Run to raise money for this great organization. The run will be from City Hall to Crystal Cove where the torch will be handed off to Newport Beach PD. The run is approximately 5.4 miles at about a 9.5-minute mile. If you are interested in joining us for the run, please meet at Laguna Beach PD at 7:20 a.m. You can register to run with us or donate to the Special Olympics at <https://bit.ly/2Mb4Lbk>.

“City Chats” on KX93.5 - This week hear Laguna Beach Civilian Services Administrator Jim Beres explain how the City’s new Smart Parking App will help drivers find available parking and reduce traffic congestion in the City this Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. on KX93.5’s new “City Chats” segment. Find out more about how the app will show users parking availability in real time, enable users to pay for parking directly from the app and encourage drivers to park and hop on the free Laguna Beach Trolley. He’ll also provide timely reminders about when and where dogs are allowed on beaches and a reminder of the City’s smoking ban. Listeners can also tune in to the segment online at kx935.com or on the iHeartRadio App. Jim will also play some of his favorite songs for listeners and share the stories behind them. Tune in to “City Chats” this Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. on KX93.5! (see accompanying photo)

Bluebird Park Restroom Repainting - From June 4 through June 7, the restrooms at Bluebird Park will be closed for maintenance and painting of the floors and walls. Portable toilets and a hand washing station will be provided for the public for the duration of the project. For more information, please contact Maintenance Supervisor, Wayne Chintala at (949) 464-6644.

Annual Composting Classes - The City’s solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer the second of four free composting classes planned for 2019 on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Lang Park, located on Wesley Drive off Coast Highway. Compost and worm bins will be available for purchase during the class at a discounted price. For more information visit the city’s website at www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling, or contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499.

SCE Pole Replacement at 614 Seaview Street - On Friday, June 7, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing a utility pole located at 614 Seaview Street. The westbound lane at Seaview Street will be blocked immediately east of Wilson Street and personnel will be directing traffic. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE’s Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

Be Rattlesnake Aware - According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), rattlesnakes are widespread in California and are found in a variety of habitat throughout the state from Coastal to desert. They may also turn up around homes and yards in brushy areas and under wood piles. Generally, not aggressive, rattlesnakes will likely retreat if given room and not provoked or threatened. Most bites occur when a rattlesnake is handled or accidentally brushed against by someone walking or climbing. The California Poison Control System notes that the chances of being bitten are small compared to the risk of other environmental injuries. Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors. CDFW provides [tips for safely living in snake country](#) on its website, at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Rattlesnakes> as well as tips for keeping snakes out of your yard and what do to do (and not do) in the event of a snake bite. Additional resources can be found on the www.CaliforniaHerps.com [Living with Rattlesnakes](#) webpage.

Emergency Kit Backpacks for Sale - Getting prepared for emergencies has never been easier! A Laguna Beach specific Emergency Kit Backpack is available for purchase. The kit includes the following: AM/FM hand crank radio with flashlight and cell phone charger, 4-in-1 gas and water utility shut off tool, glow sticks, bio-hazard bags, nitrile gloves, N95 mask, 54-piece first aid kit, duct tape, emergency poncho, solar blanket, and a personal hygiene kit. Additionally, the kit will contain emergency plan templates and disaster-specific information. Each red backpack will feature an official City of Laguna Beach Seal. You can purchase the Laguna Beach specific Emergency Kit Backpack for \$50.00 on the City's website via <https://bit.ly/2DlnFGy> or in person at the Community and Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street during normal business hours. No profits are being made from the sale of this backpack. Let's get PREPARED!

Reminders:

Community Pool Closed - The Laguna Beach High School and Community Pool will be closed for maintenance and repairs until June 9, 2019. A list of other pools in the area is posted to the City's website, and we encourage swimmers to sign up for schedule update emails using the link on the website as well. Visit <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/community/aquatics/poolhours.htm> or call (949) 497-0788 for more information.