

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Community Development Department Continues to Streamline Review Process - The Laguna Beach Community Development Department continues to make progress on its Action Plan to improve the project review process for property owners as the City Council recently approved changes to the project review process. Changes made to the City's Municipal Code and Local Coastal Plan to improve the process include the approval of air conditioning units administratively instead of needing Design Review Board approval, shortening the 28-day staking requirement to 21-days to allow property owners to get a hearing sooner, and transferring some types of projects from the Design Review Board to the Planning Commission – like commercial projects, streets, storm drain, fuel modification and other similar Capital Improvement Projects. The City Council also agreed to streamline how administrative design review appeals are processed. The City Council passed a second reading of the ordinance at its meeting on July 23. The approved changes will now be sent to the California Coastal Commission for review.

Pizza with A Motor - Join the Laguna Beach Police Department on Saturday, July 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for our Pizza with a Motor event at Gina's Pizza (610 N. Coast Hwy). Residents can stop by and receive a free slice or two of pizza and chat with our Motor Officer about any community concerns they may have. There are no agendas or speeches, just a chance to have pizza and conversation with the officers who keep our community safe. Come out and have a slice on us!

Alta Laguna Field Maintenance and Closure - Alta Laguna Field will be closed for maintenance and turf renovations from July 29 – August 26, 2019. Questions, please call Alexis Braun, Senior Recreation Supervisor at (949) 497-0762.

California REAL ID Requirements Take Effect October 1, 2020 - Federally compliant REAL ID driver licenses and identification (ID) cards are being made available by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to Californians who want to continue to use their driver license or ID card to board a domestic flight or enter secure federal facilities when new federal requirements take effect October 1, 2020. Californians will have the choice to apply for a REAL ID driver license or ID card or renew or apply for a federal non-compliant card. Until October 1, 2020, a valid California driver license or ID card can be used for federal purposes, including boarding a domestic flight and entering military bases or secure federal facilities. After that date, only a REAL ID card or other federally approved documents will be accepted, such as a U.S.

passport, passport card or military ID. For more information about REAL ID, visit REALID.dmv.ca.gov. Customers can also use the REAL ID interactive [checklist](#) to gather the documents needed to apply for a California REAL ID driver license or ID card.

SCE Pole Replacement by Helicopter - On Monday, July 29, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing a utility pole located in the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. The pole is located approximately 4,000 feet southeast of Moulton Meadows Park. A helicopter will be used to remove and replace the pole. The landing zone and staging area for the helicopter will occur within the wilderness park approximately 2,100 feet north of Moulton Meadows Park and adjacent to the emergency fire access road. The emergency fire access road will remain unobstructed during the work. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

Concerns Regarding Storage or Placement of Property in the Area of Main Beach - The Police Department is aware of the concerns about storage or placement of property in the area of Main Beach. Our Patrol Officers, Beach Patrol Officers, Community Outreach Officers, and Public Works staff regularly patrol the beaches and parks and take appropriate actions which may include booking/removing abandoned property or issuing citations for violations as the law or municipal code allows. Specifically, at Main Beach, the City Council has authorized funds for increased foot patrols, bike patrols, and on the weekends staffs an outreach and engagement pop-up on the cobblestones to increase presence and improve interaction with community members. This staffing is in addition to routine patrol operations. The Police Department also works in partnership with Marine Safety to identify and address issues as they arise. If you see any violations, you are encouraged to call the Police Department at (949) 497-0701. Thank you!

Electric Lawn Mower Rebate - Did you know? The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) offers a year-round Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program for residents of Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Residents can purchase a new, cordless electric lawn mower, scrap their old gas mower and receive a rebate check based on the purchase price of their new mower. Help improve air quality by participating in the electric Lawnmower Rebate Program. The online application is available at www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower. For more information, please call (888) 425-6247 (Tuesday – Friday).

Find a Dead Bird? - Birds can die if they contract West Nile virus from mosquitoes. If you find a dead bird in Orange County and it appears to have died in the last 24 hours, carefully and without touching it, place the carcass in a plastic bag and place it in a cool and shady place. After these steps have been completed call the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) Dead Bird Hotline at (714) 971-2421, extension 117.

Ask Laguna - Ask Laguna is a service the City offers as a way for residents and visitors to report concerns and make service requests to the City. It's fast, free, and the easiest way to communicate directly with City Hall! You can access Ask Laguna via the easy-to-remember link of www.lagunabeachcity.net/asklaguna. To report an emergency or immediate safety concern, always call 9-1-1.