

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 21, 2019  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Bluebird SOCWA Sewer Lift Station Odor Control Project** - The City's Water Quality Department will begin construction of odor control improvements at the City's largest wastewater pumping facility located at the corner of Calliope and Glenneyre streets on Monday, August 26. The project will provide odor control for the surrounding area, known as the Glenneyre Dip. During construction, the stairs from Glenneyre Street to Galen Drive will be closed for public access until after construction is complete. A new stairway and improved public access pathway from Galen to Glenneyre is included in the project. Construction is anticipated to take three months. While the permanent odor control facility is being constructed, the City will provide temporary odor control for the immediate area. For more information, please contact the City's Project Manager, Hannah Johnson, at [hjohnson@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:hjohnson@lagunabeachcity.net).

**"City Chats" on KX 93.5** - This week, Civilian Services Administrator Jim Beres returns to the segment to talk about some timely issues - like what to do if you see wildlife out in the community, upcoming post-Labor Day rules for dogs on beaches, and some exciting changes coming for Laguna Beach pet owners. The show airs this Thursday, August 22, at 8:00 p.m. on KX 93.5's "City Chats" segment. Jim will also talk a bit about what he does for the City as Civilian Services Administrator and remind drivers to take extra time next Monday morning, August 26, as school starts in Laguna Beach. Listeners can also tune in to the segment online at [kx935.com](http://kx935.com) or on the iHeartRadio App. Jim will also play some of his favorite songs.

**Be Coyote Aware** - Like most communities located in semi-rural areas, Laguna Beach has active coyote populations. Due to the brushy canyon areas and natural "den" type rock formations, our hillsides provide an attractive environment for coyotes and other animals. Numerous small wild animals in the area provide a plentiful natural food supply for coyotes and other predators; however, coyotes are very resourceful predators. Refuse in commercial and private garbage dumpsters, pet food, and domestic cats now comprise a large percent of the diet for the "Urban Coyote." Garden plots, fruit trees, and golf courses offer additional incentives for these animals to move closer to humans. Some ill-informed citizens even leave food out for coyotes, racoons, and other wildlife which, of course, escalates the problem. Usually the only threat coyotes pose is to pets that are allowed to run loose. Most attacks occur during the evening hours, but daytime incidents have been reported. Animal Services recommends that pets not be let outside during evening hours unless the owner is next to the pet to prevent a coyote attack. This is most crucial in areas that border undeveloped open space. Also, when pets roam without identification, Animal

Services is unable to notify most pet owners of the fate of their missing pets. If you have any concerns regarding wild animals, or see a coyote in a residential area, please call Laguna Beach Animal Services at (949) 497-0701. You may also report coyote sightings to [coyotes@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:coyotes@lagunabeachcity.net).

**SCE Pole Replacement** - On Tuesday, August 27, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing a utility pole located at 10 Top of the World Drive. A portion of Alta Laguna Boulevard and Top of the World Drive in the vicinity will be closed during the work. Detour signs will be posted alerting residents of the temporary road closure. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

Reminders:

**Wildlife Information** - Laguna Beach Animal Services will be conducting a Living with Wildlife Community Workshop at Top of the World city park on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 5:00 pm. Animal Services Officer David Pietarila will be discussing coyotes, bobcats, and other topics related to wildlife. This will include information and recommendations on how residents and their pets can safely co-exist with the wildlife that lives within and adjacent to the City.

**CERT Registration Now Open** - The Laguna Beach Police Department in collaboration with the Laguna Beach Fire Department is excited to announce registration for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course. A Community Emergency Response Team is an organized and trained group of volunteers ready to assist in case of a disaster. The CERT program consists of 25 hours of classroom and hands on training and it concludes with an exercise drill to apply the skills and knowledge obtained during the classroom sessions. Training includes the following topics: Disaster Preparedness Fire Safety Disaster Medical Operations Light Search and Rescue CERT Organization Disaster Psychology CERT and Terrorism Traffic Control and Scene Management Training will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Classes will then meet weekly from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., including two Saturday morning meetings. The final exercise/drill takes place on Saturday, October 5, 2019. Mandatory attendance is required at all classes. To be considered for this training, you must be a resident of Laguna Beach or work within the city limits, be at least 18 years old and have no felony convictions. Applications must be submitted through the online recreation class sign-up: <http://bit.ly/2tmh9vi> All individuals will receive a confirmation email if accepted into the program.