

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Labor Day Transit Schedule - The Laguna Beach Transit will be running special hours this Labor Day. Neighborhood Transit Service (Top of the World, Bluebird Canyon, Arch Beach Heights) will run from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be no service to North Laguna and South Laguna neighborhoods. We will also be running service to the Coastal and Canyon routes from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, go to <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley> or call (949) 497-0766.

Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule - On Monday, September 2, 2019, only non-residential areas will be swept. Residential street sweeping will not occur, and parking restrictions will not be enforced.

Labor Day Holiday Trash Collection Schedule - In observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2019, trash and recycle collection will be delayed by one day for the entire week. All residents should place their carts out for collection on the day after their regular trash collection day.

New Trolley Hours Starting September 3 - Beginning on Tuesday, September 3, the Laguna Beach Trolleys will have new off-season hours:

- Weekend Coastal Trolleys will operate on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Arch Beach Heights, Bluebird Canyon, Top of the World Neighborhood Trolleys will operate Monday to Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- North and South Laguna routes will operate Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Use the Trolley Tracker on the Visit Laguna Beach mobile app for arrival times. For more information, visit <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley>.

Sunset Serenades - The Sunset Serenades concert series will return to the Heisler Park Amphitheater on September 6, 2019, with a performance by ukulele virtuoso Andrew Molina. Concerts will take place on Fridays in September from 5:30 p.m. to sunset. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. For schedule information, visit <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/art/>.

New Wildland Fire Engine and Neighborhood Outreach Event - The Laguna Beach Fire Department invites the community to attend a christening of the new wildland fire engine along with a neighborhood wildfire evacuation and outreach event on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Fire Station 2, located at 285 Agate Street in Laguna Beach. Fire Department personnel and officials will push the new engine into the apparatus bay, “officially” placing the engine into service along with pushing the old retiring 1999 wildland engine out of service. The community is invited to witness this ceremonial placement into service and the christening of the new engine. Additionally, the City’s newly released neighborhood-specific evacuation maps will be shared with the community to kick-off our evacuation outreach campaign. This campaign is detailed in the Wildfire Mitigation and Fire Safety Report which was approved by the City Council in July. Disaster preparedness material will be handed out and the City’s Emergency Kit Backpacks will also be available for purchase. Coffee, pastries, and donuts will be provided.

Village Entrance - Construction for the next phase of the Village Entrance project will begin on Tuesday, September 3. For this phase of work, the employee parking lot and the parking area behind City Hall will be closed. A portion of newly constructed Lot 11, located at the intersection of Laguna Canyon Road and Forest Avenue, will remain open to the public. Lot 10, located next to Art-A-Fair and Lot 12, located adjacent to City Hall on Forest Avenue will be reserved for City vehicles and employee parking Monday through Friday. Lots 10 and 11 will be available for public parking on weekends. For more information, please visit the Village Entrance website at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/villageentrance>.

Bluebird Park Slide Renovation - On September 9, construction will begin to remove and replace the damaged slide at Bluebird Park. The slide will be reopened to the public at the end of October. For questions, contact Maintenance Supervisor, Wayne Chintala, at wchintala@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 464-6644.

“City Chats” on KX 93.5 - This week, hear Laguna Beach Police Chief Laura Farinella on KX 93.5’s “City Chats” segment. Chief Farinella will talk about the City’s record-low crime rates and the reasons behind them, success with new homeless outreach efforts and the Department’s Pink Patch initiative. Listeners can tune in to the segment online at kx935.com or on the iHeartRadio App. Chief Farinella will also play some of her favorite songs and share the stories behind them! Tune in to the “City Chats” podcast this week on KX 93.5.com! (see accompanying photo)

Police Department Participates in Pink Patch Project - The Laguna Beach Police Department is excited to announce its participation in the Pink Patch Project. To show support and bring awareness to breast cancer, the Laguna Beach Police Department had designed its very first pink patch which will be worn by officers in the month of October. As part of the program, these patches are available for purchase. All proceeds from the sales will be donated to a local charity for breast cancer research and awareness. If you are interested in purchasing a pink patch visit www.lbpdpinkpatch.com. Patches are also available for purchase at the front counter of the Laguna Beach Police Department.

Southern California Gas Company Paving Repairs on Coast Highway - On Friday, September 6, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the southbound lane closest to the curb on Coast Highway will be closed between Camel Point Drive and Bluff Drive. Southern California Gas Company's contractor will be paving the street associated with previous gas line work. For questions or concerns, please contact the Gas Company's project coordinator, Jorge Hernandez, at (714) 989-5147.

CERT Registration Extended - 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 has been extended until Wednesday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m. 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.

