

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 25, 2019  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters** - The Laguna Beach Fire Department will be participating in “Light the Night” for Fallen Firefighters from September 29 to October 6, 2019. Every October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, the official national tribute to those firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. The Laguna Beach Fire Department in collaboration with City Hall and the Police and Marine Safety Departments will light all four fire stations, main beach lifeguard tower, lifeguard headquarters, and the entrance of city hall with red lights in honor of fallen firefighters.

**Website Redesign Survey** - The City is redesigning its website, with the goal of making it work better for the community. As a result, we need your input! Please take our anonymous survey at [www.lagunabeachcity.net/website](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/website) to tell us what you like and what you don't.

**Thurston School Traffic Enforcement** - The City has heard some complaints regarding the traffic surrounding Thurston Middle School on Park Avenue particularly when school gets out. The Police Department will be conducting selective enforcement in the area to help alleviate the issues that are being reported. Thank you!

**Moulton Meadows Park Playground Reopening September 27** - Construction to replace the Moulton Meadows Park Playground safety surface has been completed ahead of schedule. The playground will be reopened for public use on Friday, September 27. For questions, contact Maintenance Supervisor, Wayne Chintala, at (949) 464-6644.

**Harry Lawrence Day, October 1** - Harry Lawrence was a long-time resident, business owner and community activist until his death in 2012. His most notable accomplishments include volunteering for the Playhouse, Rotary Club, Festival of Arts and the Laguna Art Museum. He also founded the Beautification Council and was given the nickname “Mr. Laguna.” However, one of his most famous legacy's in Laguna Beach was creating the financing that allowed for the purchase of Main Beach Park also referred to as the “window to the sea.” To honor all that he did for the Laguna Beach Community, the City Council approved a proclamation in 2008 proclaiming October 1 as Harry Lawrence Day.

**“City Chats” on KX 93.5** - This week Laguna Beach Emergency Operations Coordinator Jordan Villwock offers tips on how residents and visitors can best prepare for an emergency on KX 93.5's

“City Chats” podcast segment. Find out more about the City’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan, different emergency notification systems you can sign up for and more about the City’s Emergency Kit Backpack program. Listeners can also tune in to the podcast segment online at [kx935.com](http://kx935.com). Jordan will also play some of his favorite country music songs for listeners and share the stories behind them. Tune in to the “City Chats” podcast on [kx935.com](http://kx935.com)! (see accompanying photo)

**Newly Released Neighborhood Specific Evacuation Maps Also Available Online** - September is National Disaster Preparedness Month and the City encourages its residents to get prepared. This year's theme is "Be Prepared, Not Scared!" This month every resident in Laguna Beach should have received our Wildfire Preparedness Mailer which details all neighborhood evacuation routes. Visit: [www.lagunabeachcity.net/evacuation](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/evacuation) to view or download your neighborhood specific evacuation map!

**Registration Open for Upcoming ‘Open for Construction’ Workshop** - The City of Laguna Beach and the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the next “Open for Construction” workshop on Friday, October 4, 2019, at Mozambique Restaurant, 1740 S. Coast Hwy. from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The workshop’s presentation will cover significant changes to the 2019 California Residential and Building Code Standards. Please visit [lagunabeachchamber.org](http://lagunabeachchamber.org) and click on the Events tab to locate and register for the event or contact Paula Hornbuckle-Arnold, Executive Director, Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce at (949) 494-1018 or [paula@lagunabeachchamber.org](mailto:paula@lagunabeachchamber.org). An optional pre-determined lunch is available for \$12.00 at the door. For more information on the content of the workshop, please contact Maria Ring, Sr. Permit Technician, City of Laguna Beach Building Division at (949) 497-0798 or [mring@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:mring@lagunabeachcity.net).

**Halloween Kids Night Out** - Parents enjoy a night out while kids enjoy a night in with Community Services Staff. The City of Laguna Beach is hosting its quarterly Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street. The children will have a blast decorating pumpkins, playing games, dancing, and dinner. Pre-registration is required 48 hours in advance. To register, call (949) 464-6645 or visit, [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) click “recreation classes.”

**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](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/asklaguna). To report an emergency or immediate safety concern, always call 9-1-1.



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