

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Trick-or-Treat for Laguna Beach Preschool Kids - The Community Services Department will hold their free annual Halloween Event on Thursday, October 31, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on the Community & Susi Q Center Terrace, 380 Third Street. Residents are invited to bring their little ghosts and goblins for a fun morning of treats, snacks, music & photo ops. More information: (949) 464-6645.

Trolley Service Discussion at the October 29 City Council Meeting - We'd like to offer some clarification about the upcoming discussion scheduled for the October 29 City Council Meeting about the Weekday and Saturday Laguna Beach trolley service. The specific nature of what City staff will recommend to City Council has not yet been finalized. That information will be available on Thursday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. on the City's website. The topic of the October 29 discussion will be ONLY the Weekday and Saturday Neighborhood Trolley Service: North and South Laguna (Routes 1 and 2), Top of the World (Route 3), Bluebird Canyon (Route 4), and Arch Beach Heights (Route 5) during the hours of Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SCE Pole Replacement - On Monday, October 28, between 5:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing a utility pole located in the alley behind 278 Broadway Street. The alley will be closed approximately 100 feet north and south of the utility pole. Residents and commercial customers are advised to remove their vehicles from the affected portion of the alley during the work hours. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, October 26 - The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and health issue. In 2017, approximately 6 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day provides an opportunity for citizens to prevent drug addiction and overdose. On October 26, 2019, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Laguna Beach Police Department will be partnering with the DEA to host the DEA's 18th annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day drop spot will be located in front of the Laguna Beach Police Department. Several members of our Police Department will be there to greet each community member and assist in the disposal of their prescription drugs. The Police Department will NOT be accepting Hypodermic Needles. For further information, please contact Public Information Officer Sergeant Jim Cota at (949) 464-6671 or jcota@lagunabeachcity.net.

City Launches New Ask Laguna Mobile App - The City of Laguna Beach is pleased to announce the launch of its mobile app, "Ask Laguna," as part of an ongoing effort to enhance communication and make City services more accessible to residents and visitors. The Ask Laguna mobile app is a free smartphone application available for Apple and Android devices that allows users to submit service requests to the City for issues such as graffiti, broken parking meters, and potholes with just the touch of a button. The service request is then automatically sent to the respective City Department for review. Ask Laguna is available for free download on all iPhone and Android devices. Simply search Ask Laguna on the App Store or GooglePlay. The Ask Laguna app is not intended for use in reporting emergency situations or crimes in progress. If you have an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

Help Keep Your Sewer Lateral Clean - A private sewer lateral is the pipe that drains your sinks, bathtubs, toilets and showers from your home or building to City's sewer main line. Proper maintenance of a private sewer lateral is important because they can clog with roots and grease and can cause a backup inside your property or spill from the line. Property owners are responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of their property's sewer lateral from the home including the point of connection with the City's sewer main line. It is recommended that all homeowners have their sewer laterals video inspected on a periodic basis to ensure it is functioning properly. Contact a plumbing company participating in the City's program for a video inspection and lateral assessment. No matter the company you choose, be sure your plumber contacts the City's Plumber's Hotline before they begin work at (949) 464-6616. Be sure to request a copy of the lateral video inspection!

Feedback Sought on City Website - We need your ideas, thoughts, and feedback. We're redesigning the City of Laguna Beach's website, so it works better for YOU. Whether you visit our site once a year or every day, please take our anonymous survey at www.lagunabeachcity.net/website. Share the link and ask friends and neighbors to take the survey too, because the more input we have, the more clearly we can see what needs to be improved.

Adult Education Classes - The City of Laguna Beach partnered with the Laguna Beach Unified School District to provide an Adult Education Program dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for adult learners. The upcoming free classes available include: Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills, Intermediate Computer Skills, and an Excel Course. To register please visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog> and for questions please contact Sr. Recreation Supervisor, Alexis Braun at (949) 497-0762.