

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Significant Storm Event Predicted Wednesday Through Friday - The City of Laguna Beach is expected to be impacted by a storm on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 through Friday, November 29, 2019, which will bring intermittent periods of heavy rain and potential localized flooding. The most significant phases of the storm are predicted during the morning and afternoon on Wednesday and then again Thursday afternoon through evening. Prediction models can change so stay tuned to local weather reports. Out of an abundance of caution, Downtown and Canyon residents and business owners are encouraged to put your flood gates into place while your business is closed as a precautionary measure to protect your property and inventory.

In addition, the City is providing pre-filled sandbags on a first-come first-served basis to residents and business owners from two locations: the Act V parking lot located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road and at the Aliso Beach east parking lot located at 31118 Coast Highway (at the inland parking lot). These pre-filled sandbags are not for contractors. Empty sandbags are also available at Laguna Beach's four fire stations. They are free; however, you must provide your own sand. It is not permitted to fill them with sand from Laguna's beaches or playgrounds. For local locations of where you can purchase sand please visit our website www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/emergprep/sandbags.htm. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, sandbags work best when they are filled two-thirds full and folded at the top. The best way to place a sandbag is to first remove any debris from the areas where bags are to be placed, then place the bags lengthwise and parallel to the direction of water flow. Fill the low spots first before placing bags the full length of the area to be raised. Fold the open end of the bag under the filled portion. Place succeeding bags with the bottom of the bag tightly and partially overlapping the previous bag. To eliminate voids and form a tight seal, compact and shape each bag by walking on it. This flattens the top of the bag and prevents slippage between succeeding layers. Continue the process as each layer is placed.

Take the Trolley to Small Business Saturday in Laguna Beach - Leave your car at home and take the Trolley to Small Business Saturday on November 30. Neighborhood Trolleys will be running from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Coastal Trolleys from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For trolley arrival times and schedules, download the Laguna Beach Trolley app, available on the Apple and Google app stores or visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley. For more information, call (949) 497-0766.

Weekday Coastal Service Begins Friday, December 6 - Beginning December 6, the North Laguna route and the South Laguna route will be canceled and replaced with the new Weekday Coastal Route. The **Weekday Coastal** route will run weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

northbound on Coast Highway to Cliff Drive and southbound to the Ritz Carlton. For more information on the Weekday Coastal, route go to www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule - Residential and commercial trash collection will be delayed by one day for customers normally serviced on Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving and Day after Thanksgiving Transit Service - Laguna Beach Transit will be closed on Thursday, November 28, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Operations will resume on November 29, with neighborhood services running from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and coastal services from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the City's website at the lagunabeachcity.net/trolley, use the new Laguna Beach Trolley app or call (949) 497-0766.

Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule - No street sweeping will be performed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, and parking restrictions will not be enforced. On November 29, only non-residential areas will be swept, and residential parking restrictions will not be enforced. Regularly scheduled street sweeping, and parking enforcement will resume on November 30.

Annual 2020 Citizen's Police Academy - The Laguna Beach Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy. The academy starts on Thursday, January 16, 2020, and will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for 12 weeks. The Citizen's Police Academy is a non-stress course designed to provide community members with a better understanding of the Laguna Beach Police Department operations and to help foster better communications between police personnel and citizens. To be considered for this program, 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 no later than December 27, 2019. To apply you must register through the City's Recreation Class sign-up, which can be found at <http://lagunabeachcity.net> or by contacting Academy Class Coordinator Ross Fallah at 949-464-6624 or rfallah@lagunabeachcity.net.

Does Your Mobile Contractor Have a Business License to Work in Laguna Beach? - Mobile contractors like gardeners, landscapers, carpet cleaners, mobile car detailers, and swimming pool or pond services all need to hold a Laguna Beach Business License to operate within the City. A business license ensures contractors are aware of the City's regulations and guidelines to avoid the illegal discharge of fertilizers, pesticides, lawn, dirt, sediment, organic materials, and cleaning chemicals to the streets and gutters that drain to the ocean. Residents and businesses are responsible for the actions of their contractors and have a responsibility to ensure that their contractors are aware of local regulations, beginning with securing a City of Laguna Beach Business License. More information on the City Business Licensing process can be found at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/administrative_services/finance/busilicense/default.htm

SCE Pole Replacements - Southern California Edison (SCE) will be working in two areas of town next week. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

- 124 Acacia Drive - On Monday, December 2, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., SCE will be replacing a utility pole located at 124 Acacia Drive. Traffic lanes at Acacia Drive near the High Drive intersection will be maintained, but shifted, in the vicinity of the work. Signs will be posted alerting residents of the work.
- 1540 Bluebird Canyon Drive - On Tuesday, December 3, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., SCE will be replacing a utility pole at 1540 Bluebird Canyon Drive. The street will be closed approximately 100 feet both east and west of the utility pole. Access for all residents will be maintained from opposite ends of the street. Signs will be posted alerting residents of the temporary street closure.

Riddle Field Maintenance and Closures - Riddle Field will be closed for annual maintenance and turf renovations from November 25, 2019 – January 27, 2020. Questions, please call Alexis Braun, Senior Recreation Supervisor at (949) 497-0762.

Spark of Love Toy Drive - The Laguna Beach Fire Department, in partnership with other Southern California Firefighters and ABC7, is taking part in the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. Over the past 27 years, the Spark of Love Toy Drive has successfully collected more than ten million toys. The campaign collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for underserved children and teens in Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura and Riverside counties. Toys collected in the respective counties are distributed locally. Drop off your new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment to any of Laguna Beach's four fire stations starting December 1. We will also have donation bins at Hospitality Night on December 6. For more information on the event, please contact Engineer Paramedic Pat Cary at (949) 497-0700.