

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2020
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Chats” on KX 93.5 - A special winter edition of “City Chats” is back on KX 93.5! This week hear Laguna Beach City Arborist Nate Faris talk about the City’s urban forest on KX 93.5’s “City Chats” podcast segment. Find out more about the City’s Urban Forest Management Program and Tree Care Services, and Nate’s new role as the City’s first arborist. Listeners can also tune in to the podcast segment online at kx935.com. Nate will also play some of his favorite songs for listeners and share the stories behind them (no surprise, he admits he likes “earthy” music.) Tune in to the “City Chats” podcast on kx935.com! (see accompanying photo)

Temple Hills Drive Pedestrian and Pavement Improvements - Work to install a sidewalk on the east side of Temple Hills Drive, between Dunning Drive and Rim Rock Canyon Road, will begin the first week of February. Minor traffic impacts can be expected during the working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The project also includes street resurfacing and traffic calming measures as well. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of May. For additional information, please contact Assistant City Engineer, Natalie Chan at (949) 497-0741 or nchan@lagunabeachcity.net.

New Business Announcements - The City of Laguna Beach would like to welcome some of our new restaurant businesses to the City: The Wharf, located at 237 Ocean Avenue, has opened in the former OC Craft Gastro Brew space and offers a seafood-focused menu with an Asian-Cajun fusion. Wild Taco, located at 188 S. Coast Highway, has opened in the former Johnny Rockets space at the corner of S. Coast Highway and Ocean Avenue. Wild Taco offers modern Mexican cuisine in a nautical-themed tavern with a festive vibe. Coming Soon: Saigon Beach 2, offering a Vietnamese menu located at 1750 S. Coast Highway (formerly Royal Thai Cuisine.) Welcome to all our new Laguna Beach businesses!

Laguna Beach County Water District Work at Park Avenue - On Wednesday, February 5, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Laguna Beach County Water District (LBCWD) will be performing street paving associated with previous water main work. The eastbound lane of Park Avenue will be closed between Through Street and Blumont Street. Detour signs will be posted alerting residents of the temporary lane closure. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Dunbar with the LBCWD at (949) 464-3119.

LEAD Alcohol Laws & Responsibility Training - The County of Orange Healthcare Agency and the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce invite the public to a California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs Program (LEAD) training session on Tuesday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach. The LEAD program educates businesses on laws involving the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. The curriculum is designed for licensees, managers, and employees. Last year, thousands of employees in California’s alcoholic beverage industry were trained in this program. Since 1991, the LEAD Program has trained over 200,000 people. “LEAD

training provides practical information for responsible beverage service to the employees and staff of our local liquor establishments, so as a community we can prevent alcohol related crimes and deaths,” said Laguna Beach Police Department Captain Jeff Calvert. Participants must register before the class. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2RBy4oh>.

Trimming Private Vegetation - Did you know? Parcels with a landscape plan approved through the Design Review process with maximum height limits established must trim trees in accordance with the conditions on the approved plan. The City suggests that property owners with questions about trimming trees and other vegetation on their property consult with a certified arborist who can develop a pruning plan and maintenance schedule specific to the species and age of the trees while considering the site conditions on the parcel.

Check Before You Burn - Have a fireplace? Check before you burn! Don't burn wood when the forecast predicts unhealthy air quality. It's easy to sign up for alerts so you know when it's a "no burn day." Find out more at <https://bit.ly/2ZiZgbR>

Be Coyote Aware - Like most communities located in semi-rural areas, Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods have 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. 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. 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.

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. To report an emergency or immediate safety concern, always call 9-1-1.

