

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2020
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

New Business Announcements – The City of Laguna Beach would like to welcome some of our new businesses to the City: Beej Studios, located in the Laguna Shores Building at 419 N. Coast Highway, offers Yoga, Meditation, Acting for the Camera, and Sound and Art classes. Classes are offered in both individual or small group setting. Authentic Art Gallery, located at 350 Broadway Street (formerly Laguna Rug Gallery) is under new ownership and now offers art as well as high-quality handmade carpets and rugs. Welcome to all of our new Laguna Beach businesses!

Sandbag Availability – The City of Laguna Beach is providing pre-filled sandbags to residents and business owners from two locations. These sandbags are not for contractors. 1) Act V parking lot – 1900 Laguna Canyon Road and 2) Aliso Beach East parking lot – 31118 Coast Highway. 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

Register for Emergency Alerts - Go to www.AlertOC.com to register your cell phone numbers, text numbers, and email addresses into the mass notification system. It is recommended that you register your work and home addresses separately to ensure you receive proper notifications for each location. AlertOC is a critical link for residents and businesses to immediately learn of any required actions in an emergency. You should also register for Laguna Beach’s Nixle Community Alert system for local weather-related information, traffic-related information, and urgent safety messages in the City. To sign up, simply text 92651 to 888-777.

Dog Parks Closed Due to Muddy Conditions - When it rains, the City often close the Dog Park due to wet and muddy conditions. We now send out text alerts when we close and re-open the Laguna Beach Dog Park. To sign up text LBDOGPARK to 888-777. Closures (and re-openings) are also posted on the home page of our website: www.lagunabeachcity.net.

Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Program Available - Laguna Beach Animal Services and PUP Laguna Beach are sponsoring the annual low-cost spay/neuter program for Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods residents. Residents may purchase vouchers until March 31, 2020 at the City animal shelter located at 20612 Laguna Canyon Road (next to the Pacific Marine Mammal Center) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., seven days a week. The attached flyer contains additional details about the program.

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

Architects, Builders, Contractors & Public Invited to Open House - The Laguna Beach Community Development Department is hosting an open house on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The open house will be hosted by Community Development Director Marc Wiener and is designed as a listening session to meet local architects, building and design professionals, and residents interested in the development process. For more information please contact Christina Brown, Administrative Assistant, at (949) 497-0329 or cbrown@lagunabeachcity.net.

Junior Lifeguards – Registration for the 2020 Junior Lifeguard program is now open to Laguna Beach residents. Participants must pass the required swim test or have participated in the 2019 program to be eligible to register. Qualifying swim tests will be held this Friday, March 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All swim tests take place at the Laguna Beach High School and Community Pool, located at 670 Park Avenue. Additional information about the program, including a list of swim test dates, is available at: <http://bit.ly/2RAIQcl>, or call (949) 497-0788 for questions.

Arbor Day Event – Weather permitting, the City of Laguna Beach will celebrate its 2019 Tree City USA designation at its upcoming annual Arbor Day celebration on Thursday, March 12, at Lang Park (located at the corner of Coast Highway and Wesley Drive) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The tree planting ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. For more information contact City Arborist, Nate Faris at (949) 715-0821 or nfaris@lagunabeachcity.net. Please check the City website for a weather update on the day of the event.

Downtown Specific Plan Update – The City of Laguna Beach will continue their efforts on the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Update on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, during a special City Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (505 Forest Avenue). The City Council will receive a presentation on the findings and recommendations of the Draft DSP Area Retail Market Evaluation and continue to review and discuss the Final Draft DSP Update Document. For more information or to view a copies of the draft documents, please visit:

www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/mjrplanginitv/downtown_specific_plan_amendment/default.htm or contact: Wendy Jung, Senior Planner at (949) 497-0321 or wjung@lagunabeachcity.net.



Annual Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

April 1 - April 30

For Laguna Beach & Laguna Woods Residents Only

Protecting Unwanted Pets (PUP) will cover the majority of the costs to spay or neuter your pet during this annual event!

Spaying or neutering your pet has numerous health benefits for the animal and is essential in controlling pet overpopulation.

To take advantage of this opportunity



You must be a resident of Laguna Beach or Laguna Woods.



There is a maximum of two pets per household.

Each pet is evaluated by a veterinarian, and in the event your pet requires additional medical attention, you will be responsible for additional costs.

Voucher prices range \$35-\$100 for spays and \$25-\$75 for neuters.
(based on weight of the animal)

Purchase vouchers at
the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter
20612 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach.
Phone: (949) 497-3552

**Vouchers must be purchased by March 31.
Procedures must occur in April.**

Participating Vets

Canyon Animal Hospital
Laguna Beach Animal Hospital
Laguna Beach Veterinary Medical Center

