

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 3, 2012
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

4th of July Fireworks Update – The Fourth of July fireworks show, which consists of roughly 700 fireworks, will start about 9:00 p.m. and last approximately 20 minutes. There will be a mandatory 350' safety radius around Monument Point (including the area by the new amphitheater and whale) which requires this area to be closed the entire day Wednesday.

Bobcat in Three Arch Bay – Animals Services Officers attempted to apprehend a bobcat Tuesday morning that was hiding under a car in Three Arch Bay. Unfortunately, it fled before officers could tranquilize it. The bobcat is possibly responsible for the loss of as many as four domestic cats in that neighborhood recently. The 35 pound bobcat does not appear to be afraid of humans which is concerning although they are not known for attacking people. Officers are notifying the residents and posting notices as well as consulting with county officials. An effort will be made to trap the animal.

Prescription Medication Awareness Presentation - The City of Laguna Beach and Laguna Beach Seniors invite you to attend a brief presentation about prescription and over-the-counter medication issues in our community. The program, entitled "*A Teen Community Service Presentation,*" was created by Laguna Beach High School students in conjunction with the Laguna Beach Police Department. It will be held on Thursday, July 12, from 12:00-12:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street. Learn how to take action to limit access to family members and how to properly dispose of unwanted/expired medications. In addition, a representative from the Orange County Health Care Agency will be onsite with valuable handouts and information.

Holiday Schedules for Independence Day – Residential trash collection scheduled for Wednesday through Friday will be delayed one day this week. City mainline buses will not operate on the 4th, and the trolleys will only run until 7:00 pm on the 4th. Street sweeping will only be done in the Downtown area on the 4th.

Waste Management Customer Service Improvements – The customer service phone lines for Waste Management began experiencing long delays a month ago. At that time, the delays were up to 7 minutes. More recently, the delays have been as much as 15 minutes. Waste Management has implemented remedial measures and has brought the delays down to less than 1-1/2 minutes.

Main Beach Lift Station - The sewer lift station is very near completion. The final site work of setting the last of the hatches, constructing small retaining walls, and installing decomposed granite paving will occur over the next two weeks. The connection to Edison power is being scheduled so that preliminary testing can begin. Testing the lift station by recirculating clean water will occur for several weeks after power is provided.

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