

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 19, 2013
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

View Preservation and Restoration Ordinance - The City had tentatively planned to discuss a draft ordinance at a February 18 City Council meeting. Those working on the ordinance have asked for more time to address concerns raised at a recent meeting. The matter will be rescheduled to a future City Council meeting after February.

Holiday trash collection schedule and Tree Recycling - For the weeks of December 23 and December 30, residential and commercial trash collection will be delayed one day for customers normally serviced Wednesday through Friday. Waste Management will collect and recycle holiday trees on the regular or rescheduled collection days at no charge between Thursday, December 26 and Friday, January 17. Trees must be cut to lengths less than four feet. Decorations, tinsel, metal ornaments, and metal stands must be removed from the trees. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be made into compost due to their chemical content. After January 17, non-flocked trees can also be recycled by cutting them up and placing them in the green waste carts.

No Holiday Street Sweeping - There will be no street sweeping on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1, and there will not be parking enforcement for those streets posted for street sweeping on those days.

City Hall Closed - City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1, in observance of the holidays.

El Toro Road Resurfacing - The slurry seal resurfacing on El Toro Road will begin Friday and will continue through the weekend. The work is scheduled to be completed on Monday, December 23. Work is being done over the weekend to minimize inconveniences to commuter and school traffic. Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., there will be lane closures and inbound traffic will be redirected to Laguna Canyon Road via the northbound toll road ramp.

Police Department Promotions - The Police Department recently completed testing for three open corporal positions and has selected Becky White, Darrel Short, and Matt Meadows to fill those assignments. The corporal rank makes up a group of officers who have demonstrated broad expertise and leadership skills. They also conduct most of the field training to our newer sworn employees.

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Fire Department Receives 12 iPads - The Fire Department is taking delivery of 12 grant funded iPads that will be used by personnel on emergency medical incidents. Firefighters and Paramedics will use the iPads to first document medical information at the emergency scene. The information will then be transmitted to the receiving hospital so emergency room staff will know specific information regarding the patient's condition and treatment in the field before Fire Department personnel arrive at the hospital. The grant was part of a county-wide program to provide tablet type devices to fire agencies to provide for more efficient documentation and communication of a patient's medical history. The \$500,000 grant also provides for a central server and software which will be managed by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Spark Of Love Toy Drive - It is not too late to make a toy donation at any City fire station as part of the "Spark of Love" toy drive. New, unwrapped, toys and sports equipment for disadvantaged children in Orange County are being accepted at any of the City's four fire stations. The City's fire stations are located at 501 Forest Avenue; 285 Agate Street; 2900 Alta Laguna Blvd.; and 31646 2nd Avenue. For questions, please contact Fire Administration at 949-497-0700.

Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center - The Center will be closed for the holidays beginning Saturday, December 21 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014. The staff and volunteers wish the Laguna Beach community a joyous holiday season.

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