

# The Week That Was<sup>TW2</sup>

June 17 – June 21, 2024



Happy start of summer 2024 to the Laguna Beach community.

## Part I - Important for You to Know:

### 1. Tenancy Termination Noticing Ordinance Community Workshop.

On Tuesday, June 18, the City of Laguna Beach hosted a community workshop for the new [Tenancy Termination Noticing Ordinance](#), which implements new notice and reporting requirements for tenant terminations. The City's objective is to improve transparency and track compliance with State laws such as Assembly Bill 1482 and Senate Bill 567. The workshop was attended by approximately 45 participants including property owners, tenants, and real estate brokers and provided an opportunity for participants to [compare key elements of the City's ordinance and State law](#) and review the State's definition of substantial remodel. Workshop materials about these requirements are [available online](#).

### 2. CR&R Hosts Solid Waste Transition Town Hall Meetings

On June 20, CR&R hosted a Solid Waste Transition Town Hall meeting with approximately 50 participants in attendance. The session provided an informative overview of the upcoming transition, including key dates, expectations, and support resources. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with the CR&R leadership team, ask questions, and receive clarifications on the transition process. To accommodate those who could not attend the Thursday session or have further questions, CR&R will be hosting a second Town Hall on Saturday, June 22 from 10 AM- 11:30 AM in the City Council Chambers. For more information on the transition, please visit the City's dedicated webpage [www.lagunabeachcity.net/crrtransition](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/crrtransition).

### 3. CR&R Driver Training in Residential Areas

Earlier this week, a CR&R residential side-load truck was in the City as part of CR&R's comprehensive driver training program. CR&R's experienced Orange County drivers will be practicing in non-collection day residential neighborhoods to continue familiarization with local streets and to conduct backing exercises and other maneuvers. CR&R driver training began earlier this year and has been ongoing, in collaboration with City staff, including shadowing the incumbent Waste Management drivers. Questions regarding CR&R's Transition Plan can be addressed to Senior Public Works Analyst/Solid Waste Program Coordinator Liz Avila at [lavila@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:lavila@lagunabeachcity.net) or 949-497-0344 and by visiting the City's dedicated webpage [www.lagunabeachcity.net/crrtransition](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/crrtransition).

#### **4. Laguna Canyon Road: Protect and Connect Community Engagement Update**

This week, the Laguna Canyon Road: Protect and Connect project team attended the Canyon Alliance of Neighborhoods Defense Organization (CANDO) monthly general meeting to present project details and to receive feedback. The meeting concluded the project's first phase of community engagement. The second phase of community engagement is now underway and expected to conclude in Fall 2024. Questions related to the Laguna Canyon Road: Protect and Connect project can be directed to Assistant Director of Public Works, Tom Perez at [tperez@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:tperez@lagunabeachcity.net).

#### **5. Utility Undergrounding Construction on Laguna Canyon Road**

This week, Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors began construction to underground the overhead utility lines along Laguna Canyon Road between El Toro Road and the SR-73 toll road. Southbound Laguna Canyon Road traffic will be detoured to the southbound toll road onramp to El Toro Road during working hours of 9:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday most weeks through May 2025. The overall project, including road widening, drainage improvements, and utility undergrounding, is expected to be completed in the spring of 2026. For more information, please contact Luis Lara, SCE Communications Advisor, at [luis.lara@sce.com](mailto:luis.lara@sce.com) or (909) 942-8020, or Mark Trestik, City Engineer, at [matrestik@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:matrestik@lagunabeachcity.net) or (949) 497-0300.

#### **6. Police Department Reports**

Congratulations to Lieutenant Cornelius Ashton, who graduated from the California Police Chiefs Association Executive Leadership program at the Claremont McKenna Drucker School of Management. This intensive leadership program challenged him to think differently and will elevate his leadership abilities and expand his professional network.

##### *Patrol Activity*

- On Wednesday, June 12, at 7:42 a.m., a male was standing near the radio station in the 200 block of Ocean Avenue. He was upset over the loss of his dog. Officers and Animal Control were contacted to investigate. The male claimed the dog was hit by a car around 6:00 a.m. that same day because the dog was unleashed and ran into the roadway. The dog was taken into custody by Animal Control for further review.
- At 3:00 p.m., officers assisted the high school graduates with their annual march from the Lumberyard to Main Beach. Approximately 250 students participated, and the event went smoothly.
- On Friday, June 14, in the afternoon, a corporal and her K9 Bear were requested to assist Costa Mesa PD with an investigation involving murder suspects.
- From 10:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., staff participated in a multi-agency DUI checkpoint on Coast Highway near Aliso Beach:
  - [1763] Vehicles through checkpoint
  - [535] Drivers greeted
  - [6] DUI-alcohol suspects arrested
  - [5] Vehicles towed from location
  - [1] Arrested on other criminal charges

- [21] Citations issued for unlicensed related violations
- On Saturday, June 15, at 1:47 a.m., officers were dispatched to Main Beach to address an apparent assault against a contracted security guard as well as the theft of the guard's radio. The suspect was arrested.
- On Sunday, June 16, at 9:52 a.m. a citizen confronted a male trying to access a piece of heavy machinery in the area of the Edison project on Laguna Canyon Road just before the 73 Toll Road. The subject was able to start a large excavator and drive it toward Irvine. Officers responded with lights and sirens and were able to catch up to the vehicle just past SR-73 on Laguna Canyon Road. The excavator yielded and the driver exited. The subject was taken into custody for vehicle theft without incident.
- At 7:51 p.m., a vehicle attempted to turn into Starbucks at 180 N. Coast Highway. The driver lost control and struck a pedestrian and a support pole for the Starbucks' patio. The pedestrian was transported to Mission Hospital, Mission Viejo for serious, but not life-threatening injuries. Drugs or alcohol were not involved.
- On Monday, June 17, at 8:05 a.m., officers responded to the 300 block of Cleo Street about a domestic violence incident. Upon arrival, officers determined a female threw hot coffee and a wine bottle at her boyfriend, who suffered minor injuries. Officers contacted the female and placed her under arrest for domestic violence.
- On Tuesday, June 18, at 6:16 p.m., officers responded to Main Beach about a missing female swimmer. Laguna Beach police, fire, and marine safety responded to the scene to assist with the search. Park Rangers and an officer located the missing female near Las Brisas. The 26-year-old female was intoxicated and wandered away from her group of friends.

## 7. Upcoming Events

*Saturday, June 22:*

- CR&R Townhall Meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers

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- Laguna Ocean Foundation/Chamber Beach Clean-Up at Main Beach from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

*June 25 – June 28:*

- Temporary closure of the Dog Park for bridge refurbishment.

*Monday, June 24:*

- Summer Parking Program Begins. On Monday, June 24, the City will transition to its summer parking rates and policies. This includes an extension of enforcement hours in the downtown area from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. In addition, Shopper Permits will NOT be valid in Village Entrance lots (10 and 11) or along Laguna Canyon Road and Frontage Road until after Labor Day (Sept. 2). However, Shopper Permits will be valid at Lot 16/Act V for the summer festival season beginning June 28.

*Friday, June 28:*

- City Hall closed

## Part II – On the Upcoming City Council Meeting Agenda

Some noteworthy items on the June 25, 2024, City Council Agenda include:

1. A summary of recent actions involving the removal of Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) from the **South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)**, including the transition of the Regional Treatment Plant (RTP) to MNWD.
2. A further review of **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan** strategies – some really interesting stuff there if you get a chance to read it.
3. A discussion of a **Commercial Property Beautification / Maintenance Ordinance** that would focus on private commercial properties in some level of disrepair.
4. Adoption of the **FY 24-25 Budget**, following the May workshop where a handful of items were discussed and added to the draft budget.

There are no appeals on this meeting's agenda.

*A disclaimer: Please know that I won't highlight all of the items on the agenda - if I missed calling one out that you're specifically interested in, please know that doing so was not purposeful.*

## Part III – Less Important Stuff – My Week That Was

- I had a nice time at the **Fete de la Musique** last Saturday, and particularly enjoyed the Laguna swing band and another small band (Suerte Argentina) set up near the Water District building.
- I was in at least three meetings this week where the **Community Pool** was a focus – I know that the community is strongly interested in what might happen in the coming months as LBUSD considers a larger pool project. I've used the pool since a bit after we first moved to Laguna in 1996 (the pool was built in 1993-ish) and it's still a special place all these years later.
- I was pleased to announce that David Contreras is our **new Community Development Director**. David has some experience with us (a bit more than a year) and a lot of experience in planning overall. David starts in his new role on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

As always, if you have any questions relating to this report or about any matter in the City, feel free to [send me an email](#). I always love hearing from folks about this great community.

Sincerely,

***Dave Kiff***

City Manager

*Note: Thanks to the department directors and city staff, as well as to Assistant City Managers Jeremy Frimond and Gavin Curran, for helping pull this together.*