

The Week That Was^{TW2}

August 12 – August 15, 2024



1. Fleet Maintenance Repairs Trolley Quickly and Returns into Service the Same Day

Last week, the Fleet Maintenance Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department made speedy repairs to a trolley that was hit and damaged in an auto collision. The trolley had significant damage to the rear bumper and body and could not be used until properly repaired. Equipment Mechanic Tony Figueroa quickly diagnosed the issue and promptly made the necessary repairs in order to return the trolley back into service by the end of the same day. This work was coordinated by Senior Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Austin Comp.

2. Facilities Maintenance Removes Graffiti at Main Beach and West Street Beach

The Public Works & Utilities Department removes graffiti from public spaces year-round and along with this summer's increased visitor traffic, we have noticed an increase in public graffiti. Last week, the Facilities Maintenance Division removed a significant amount of painted graffiti from a wall near Main Beach and earlier this week, staff removed painted graffiti from multiple areas of the West Street beach access stairs. This work was coordinated by Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Chintala.

3. No Parking Signage Installed at Rockledge Road

At the June 27 Parking, Traffic and Circulation (PTC) Committee meeting, the Committee approved the installation of "Private Street No Parking" signage at the entrance of Rockledge Road to allow for parking enforcement of this private road, if requested by residents. Installation of the new sign was completed this week. For more information, contact PTC Committee Staff Liaison, Josh McDonald, Associate Civil Engineer, at (949) 497-0711 or jmcdonald@lagunabeachcity.net.

4. Ti Amo Property Sale Update

On April 23, 2024, the City Council directed staff to pursue the sale of the City-owned property at 31729 & 31735 Coast Highway (Ti Amo). On August 8, 2024, the City [listed the property for sale](#). Letters of Interest are due September 6, 2024, to Alex Lawrence at 714.316.2104 (Direct) or alawrence@rsgsolutions.com.

5. Fire Department Implements New Software for Business Inspections and Permitting

The Fire Department has started to utilize new business inspection software that allows a business to receive its annual operating permits, inspection documentation, and an invoice on the same day the inspection is conducted. Business owners are encouraged to visit the [Fire Department's webpage](#) for details regarding fire inspection billing. Fire

Prevention staff are available to address any concerns or questions business owners may have by contacting fireprevention@lagunabeachcity.net

6. California Surf Lifesaving Championships

On July 27, top lifeguard athletes competed at the California Surf Lifesaving Championships at Dockweiler State Beach. Out of the 12 competing agencies, off-duty Laguna Beach Lifeguards represented the community well by placing third overall. Some of the event highlights for team Laguna Beach included:

1st place in the Women's Run Swim Run

1st place in the Men's Individual Dory Boat

1st place in the Men's 2K Beach Run

2nd place in the Women's Board Relay

2nd place in the Men's 2K Beach Run

2nd place in the Men's Board Rescue

2nd place in the Men's Rescue Relay

2nd place in the Men's Ocean Swim

7. Police Department Reports

Patrol Activity

- On Thursday, July 11, at 12:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to 800 block of Glenneyre Street for a robbery. The suspect was fighting with the reporting party when confronted. When the officers arrived, they saw the suspect fleeing the store and a foot pursuit ensued. An officer stopped him across the street, and he was identified as a local minor. After the parents were contacted, the store denied prosecution and the minor was returned to his parents.
- Between August 7, 2024, and August 14, 2024, officers have made 35 arrests, 11 of which were for Driving Under the Influence (DUI).
- On Wednesday, August 7, at 6:14 p.m., a vehicle turned left out of Emerald Bay, causing a three-vehicle collision. All traffic lanes were temporarily impacted. Three patients were transported to Mission Hospital with moderate injuries.
- At 8:20 p.m. officers responded to Agate Street Beach regarding a female who attacked beachgoers with a stick with a knife possibly attached to the end. A containment was set up and the female was located near Mountain Street Beach. The victims positively identified the female, and she was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The stick was located, but no knife. While in custody, the female threw urine-soaked toilet paper at officers. The female was later taken to Orange County Jail for booking.

- On Thursday, August 8, at 11:30 a.m., officers responded to Main Beach for a man displaying flags on sticks and poles. The possession of the poles in the grass area is a violation, and the person agreed to remove the stakes.
- At 7:40 p.m., officers responded to Irvine Cove gated community for a report of a trespasser. The security company called saying a subject attempted to enter the community using a fake ID and claimed a resident approved their entry. The resident was called but did not know the subject. The subject was denied entry but drove through the open gate anyway. When police arrived, the unoccupied vehicle was located, and a drone was used to locate the driver. The driver was located on the beach and was later issued a misdemeanor citation for trespass and false ID. He was removed from Irvine Cove.
- On Friday, August 9, nightshift remained busy with five DUI arrests.
- At 11:00 a.m., San Rafael PD (Marin County) called dispatched to advise they received a call from a possible child somewhere in Laguna Beach. The phone number was not traceable, and the child has called San Rafael PD in the past with different stories. Since there was no traceable address, no credible information, and no workable leads, and a history with San Rafael PD, it was decided it may be another swatting call.
- On Sunday, August 11, 2024, at 11:08 am, officers responded to Ralphs Grocery Store regarding a shoplifting call. A description of the suspect was provided to officers, and he was located within the 100 block of St. Anns. The male subject was arrested for theft.
- On Monday, August 12, 2024, at 12:26 p.m., officers responded to a local resort in reference to a domestic violence incident. The male suspect has fled the scene prior to the officer's arrival. However, a vehicle description was provided. Officers located the vehicle and conducted an enforcement stop near 200 Agate Street. The male driver was arrested for felony domestic violence and later taken to Orange County Jail.
- At 3:12 p.m., officers responded to the 1200 block of Roosevelt Lane in reference to a burglary in progress. Officers arrived on scene to find a female inside the property eating the resident's food and wearing the resident's clothing. Further investigation revealed the female had committed several other crimes inside the neighbor's house as well. She was placed under arrest for burglary.