

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2020
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Meet the New Laguna Beach Community Development Director - The City of Laguna Beach invites you to come and meet the City's new Director of Community Development, Marc Wiener, on Tuesday, January 14 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Wiener spent the last four years as Community Planning and Building Director for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, where he oversaw the Planning, Building Safety, Zoning and Code Compliance Divisions. He holds a master's degree in Urban Planning from San Jose State University and is certified by the American Institute for Certified Planners (AICP.) Light refreshments will be served.

Laguna Canyon Road Slope Repair - On January 15, Caltrans plans to begin slope stabilization work on the west side of Laguna Canyon Road between Canyon Acres Drive and Woodland Drive to address the December 26 rainstorm damage. The work consists of removing loose rocks/debris and replacing the damaged steel mesh blanket that protects the road. To accommodate the work, the single inbound traffic lane will be extended to Woodland Drive before it breaks into two lanes. Construction is expected to take four to six weeks and minor traffic and noise impacts are anticipated. Working hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for the first and last day when working hours will be 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Please direct any questions to Caltrans Project Manager, John Nowak, at (949) 279-8511.

Downtown Action Plan Informational Meeting - The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend an informational meeting on the Downtown Action Plan at City Hall on Friday, January 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Attendees will receive a presentation from City of Laguna Beach Staff and a consultant from SWA Group on the Plan and the public will have an opportunity to provide input. A light continental breakfast will be available. Go to <https://www.lagunabeachchamber.org> to register. The event is free to the public.

Parking Sensor Installation - On Thursday, January 9, crews will be installing parking sensors at metered spaces along the west side of Glenneyre Street between Cleo Street and Calliope Street as part of the second phase of the Smart Parking Guidance Project. Work will begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. On-street parking will be limited during this time. For questions, please contact Michael Litschi, Deputy Director of Public Works at (949) 497-0303 or mlitschi@lagunabeachcity.net.

Weekday Coastal Trolley Schedule Modifications - Effective Monday, January 6, 2020, the Weekday Coastal Trolley schedule has been slightly modified to include additional trips to and from Laguna Beach High School for the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. See the latest trolley schedules by visiting http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/transit_and_trolleys/citybus.htm. For additional information,

please contact Michael Litschi, Deputy Director of Public Works, at (949) 497-0303 or mlitschi@lagunabeachcity.net.

Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce to Host Annual State of the City Luncheon - The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "State of the City" luncheon on Thursday, May 14, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Montage Laguna Beach, 30801 South Coast Highway. Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen and City officials will present the State of the City Address. The luncheon is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and provides attendees a great opportunity to get an up-close look at City activities, recent highlights from the past 12 months and City goals for the near future. To reserve tickets or for more information, call (949) 494-1018 or go to <https://www.lagunabeachchamber.org>

PMMC in Need of Pedialyte - The Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC) is low on its Pedialyte stock with all of its recently rescued sea lion pups. When these little ones are first brought in, they are too weak to eat whole fish on their own. The PMMC's trained animal care team tube-feeds the pup patients 'fish smoothies' so they can regain their strength. Please drop off unflavored Pedialyte donations at the PMMC's visitor courtyard from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or have your donation shipped directly to the PMMC at 20612 Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach, 92651. Check out their wish list of all needed items at www.pacificmmc.org/our-wish-list

Friday Flicks at the Forum - On Friday, February 7, 2020, the public is invited to attend a free screening of "Ruben Brandt, Collector" at the Forum Theater located on the grounds of the Festival of Arts, 650 Laguna Canyon Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The film will start at 7:00 p.m. with a run time of 96 minutes and is rated R. For more information, contact Arts Program Coordinator Michael McGregor at mmcgregor@lagunabeachcity.net. Funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

City Hall Exhibitions - An exhibition of artwork from the Festival of Arts Permanent Collection is currently on display at City Hall and will conclude on January 16, 2020. The next exhibition, titled "2020 Vision" will feature work from the Laguna College of Art + Design's Painting and Drawing MFA program and be on display from January 28, 2020, to March 5, 2020.

Cultural Arts Funding Grants - The Arts Commission is accepting applications for cultural arts funding grants from organizations that provide cultural programs in Laguna Beach. The deadline to submit is Monday, February 3, 2020. Applications must be made online at <https://lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com/>

If You See Something, Say Something - The Laguna Beach Police Department is closely monitoring the events in the Middle East. We are communicating with our state and federal partners for any significant intel that develops. If you see anything that is suspicious to you, say something. A localized version of the nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something" anti-terrorism public awareness campaign is being promoted in Orange County called Keep OC Safe. Visit their [website](#) for more information about the campaign; a list of key indicators of questionable activity; and links to local, regional, and national crime prevention resources. Watch a video on the Orange County campaign at <https://bit.ly/39IZ78d>

Reminders:

Tree Recycling - Waste Management will collect and recycle holiday trees on the regular collection days at no charge from now until Friday, January 17, 2020. Trees must be cut to lengths less than six feet. Decorations, tinsel, metal ornaments, and metal stands must be removed from the trees. Please visit the city's website www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling for more information.

The City Council is accepting applications for Committees, Commissions and Boards - Spots are available on the Recreation Committee, Design Review Board, Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee, Heritage Committee, Environmental Sustainability Committee, and View Restoration Committee. Interviews and appointments for these positions will be conducted on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, by the City Council in the City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California. Laguna Beach residents who are interested in serving on one of these committees should obtain an application from the City Clerk's office or online from the City's website, www.lagunabeachcity.net and file by Friday, January 24, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The application on the City website is interactive and you are encouraged to fill in the application online. Questions may be directed to the City Clerk's office at (949) 497-0705. Applications will not be accepted after the January 24, 2020 deadline.

Good Neighbor Outdoor Lighting - Residential holiday lighting is permitted until January 15th and to be turned off no later than 12:00 a.m. As defined by City Council resolution, residential holiday lighting during the remainder of the year (between January 16th and November 14th) is limited to no more than seven consecutive days and should be turned off no later than 12:00 a.m.