

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2020
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

New Business Announcements - The City of Laguna Beach would like to welcome some of our new businesses to the City: Fred + Cathy, located at 1854 S. Coast Highway, is a Southern-California based retailer and manufacturer of concrete products for hospitality and residential applications. Founded in 2019, Fred + Cathy is a family-owned and operated business that includes indoor/outdoor tiles, breeze blocks and other home accessories in concrete. Bare Bones Tattoo, located at 2940 S. Coast Highway, is one of Laguna Beach's newest tattoo shops. Welcome to all of our new Laguna Beach businesses and business owners!

"City Chats" on KX FM - A special winter edition of "City Chats" continues on KX FM! This week, Sgt. Jim Cota from the Laguna Beach Police Department will talk about how 2019 is the second straight year that overall crime has decreased in the City. Find out more about the Police Department's programs, and Sgt. Cota's role and duties within the Police Department. Listeners can tune in to the podcast segment online at <https://www.kxfmradio.org>. Sgt. Cota will also play some of his favorite songs for listeners and share the stories behind them (if you love 80s alternative, you'll love Jim's playlist!) Tune in to the "City Chats" radio program on KX FM 104.7! (see accompanying photo)

Arbor Day Event - The City of Laguna Beach will celebrate its 2019 Tree City USA designation at its upcoming annual Arbor Day celebration on Thursday, March 12, at Lang Park (located at the corner of Coast Highway and Wesley Drive) from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The tree planting ceremony will tentatively start at 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Nate Faris, City Arborist at (949) 715-0821 or nfaris@lagunabeachcity.net.

SCE Pole Replacements - Southern California Edison (SCE) will be working in two areas of town next week:

- **Pole Replacement by Helicopter** – On Monday, March 2, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., SCE's contractor, Pro Energy Services, will be replacing a utility pole located in the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. The pole is located approximately 4,000 feet southeast of Moulton Meadows Park. A helicopter will be used to remove and replace the pole. The landing zone and staging area for the helicopter will occur within the wilderness park approximately 2,100 feet north of Moulton Meadows Park and adjacent to the emergency fire access road. The emergency fire access road will remain unobstructed during the work. For questions or concerns, please contact Pro Energy Services at (760) 504-8127.
- **259 Pearl Street** – On Wednesday, March 4, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., SCE will be replacing a utility pole located at 259 Pearl Street. The eastbound lane of Pearl Street will be blocked between S. Coast Highway and Glenneyre Street, and flaggers will be used to direct traffic. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

Temple Hills Drive Pedestrian Improvements - Sidewalk construction on the east side of Temple Hills Drive, between Dunning Drive and Rim Rock Canyon Road, is underway. Minor traffic impacts can be expected during the working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of May. For additional information, please contact Assistant City Engineer, Natalie Chan at (949) 497-0741 or nchan@lagunabeachcity.net.

Coast Highway Intersections Improvements - In an ongoing effort to improve traffic circulation and enhance pedestrian safety in the downtown area, the City of Laguna Beach is preparing to construct intersection improvements along Coast Highway between Broadway and Legion Street. Construction is scheduled to begin in early March and is expected to be completed by the end of May 2020. Parking restrictions and traffic impacts can be expected during lane closure hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, excluding holidays. For additional information, please contact Consultant Inspector, John Przbyszewski at (714) 815-1799 or jprzbyszewski@dudek.com, or Assistant City Engineer, Natalie Chan at (949) 497-0741 or nchan@lagunabeachcity.net.

Adult Indoor Pickleball Play - The City of Laguna Beach and the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Beach have partnered to offer indoor drop-in pickleball at the Boys and Girls Club gym located at 1085 Laguna Canyon Road. This pilot program begins Wednesday, February 26, and will run every Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. through the end of May excluding school holidays. The drop-in fee is \$5.00 per day. Questions, please call Alexis Braun, Senior Recreation Supervisor at (949) 497-0762.

Architects, Builders, Contractors & Public Invited to Open House - The Laguna Beach Community Development Department is hosting an open house on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Architects, designers, contractors, real estate professionals, residents, property and business owners are encouraged to attend. The open house will be hosted by Community Development Director Marc Wiener and is designed as a listening session to meet local architects, building and design professionals, and residents interested in the development process. For more information please contact Marc Wiener, Director, City of Laguna Beach Community Development Department at (949) 497-0361 or mwiener@lagunabeachcity.net.

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New Voting Process More Convenient for Laguna Beach Voters - Voters have the option to vote at one of two Vote Centers in Laguna Beach from February 29 – March 3 or visit a regional Vote Center now until March 3. [Click here](#) to view a list of all available Vote Centers, addresses and hours of operation. Laguna Beach Vote Centers are located at the Community Center & Susi Q Center, located at 380 3rd Street, or the American Legion Post 222, located at 384 Legion Street. The Vote Centers double as ballot drop box locations or you can also drop your ballot at the Laguna Beach Branch Library, located at 363 Glenneyre Street. You can find more information regarding the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on the Orange County Registrar of Voters website at www.ocvote.com. If you have questions about voting locally in Laguna Beach, contact Laguna Beach City Clerk Lisette Chel-Walker at (949) 497-0309 or lchel@lagunabeachcity.net.

Public Invited to Provide Input on Neighborhood Trolley Service - The City of Laguna Beach invites the public to provide input on the Neighborhood Trolley services, routes and usage at an upcoming public input session and through an online survey. On March 9, the session will focus on North and South Laguna neighborhoods served by the Coastal Route. This input session will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center. The public is also invited to take an online survey to provide feedback by visiting <http://bit.ly/NeighborhoodTransitSurvey2020>. Printed copies of the survey are also available at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center and at the cashier's counter at City Hall. For more information please contact Michael Litschi, Deputy Director of Public Works, Transit and Parking, at (949) 497-0303 or mlitschi@lagunabeachcity.net.

