

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2020
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Recommends the Public Follow CDC Guidelines Regarding Coronavirus - The City of Laguna Beach wants you to know that we share your concern about the potential local spread of COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus). The City is monitoring developments and coordinating with local and regional partners regarding precautionary measures and any appropriate next steps. Based on what we have learned so far from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we want to echo their recommendations and urge you to follow them in your day-to-day routine until the situation changes: [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Information webpage](#). The City is posting information at City Hall, at all public facilities and on all City Trolleys for your reference, and installing multiple hand sanitizing stations at City Hall, the Community and Susi Q Center, other public facilities, and on all Trolleys. The City urges all local restaurant owners, schools, churches, hotels and local business owners to provide hand sanitizer for all patrons. We are also constantly updating additional information on coronavirus our website at http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/resident/corona_virus_2020.htm If you have questions for the City of Laguna Beach about coronavirus, please [email Sergeant McGill](#) in the Laguna Beach Police Department or call him directly at (949) 497-0701.

Patriot's Day Parade - Ride a free City trolley into downtown for this year's Patriots Day Parade, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free parking is available in Lot 16 (ACT V, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road) where the trolleys will be available to take passengers into downtown. Paid parking is available in Lot 10 (former Christmas Tree lot), Lot 11 and Lot 11-E. Road closures near and along the parade route will begin downtown at 10:00 a.m. Neighborhood trolleys are also available and will be operating on a regular Saturday schedule starting at 9:30 a.m. The Coastal Routes will start early at 9:30 a.m. as well. The Farmers' Market will be closed that day, and will return on Saturday, March 9. For schedule and route information, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley.

Customer Service Improvements Made at Community Development Counter - As part of another effort to streamline and enhance customer service for the public at the Community Development counter at City Hall, a Permit Services Supervisor now oversees counter customer service operations. Over the past year, numerous customer service enhancements have been made as part of the Community Development Department's Action Plan. Over the next year, we will be updating our department procedures, information handouts, website and permitting software.

Registration Open for Leadership Laguna Citizen's Academy - The City of Laguna Beach is pleased to announce registration is now open for Leadership Laguna 2020, a citizen's academy consisting of a series of five workshops. The purpose of these workshops is to introduce participants to the various operations of the City. The program will provide information about the City's various departments, committees, and commissions. Speakers from each department will address the participant's questions. Leadership Laguna

takes place on five Thursday evenings beginning on March 12 and ending April 16. Space in the academy is limited, so interested candidates should submit their application as early as possible. To register go to www.lagunabeachcity.net/leadershiplaguna or contact Jeremy Frimond, Senior Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's Office, at jfrimond@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 464-6673.

SCE Vault Work at N. Coast Highway - On Tuesday, March 10, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) will be replacing equipment in a vault located at N. Coast Highway opposite of McKnight Drive. The northbound lane at N. Coast Highway closest to the curb will be blocked between Ledroit Street and Emerald Bay. For questions or concerns, please contact SCE's Customer Service number at (800) 655-4555.

Annual Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program - Laguna Beach Animal Services and PUP Laguna Beach are sponsoring the annual low-cost spay/neuter program for Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods residents. Residents may purchase a voucher from March 1, 2020, to March 31, 2020, at the city animal shelter located at 20612 Laguna Canyon Road (next to the Pacific Marine Mammal Center) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., seven days a week. Purchases must be made with cash or check only, no credit cards. The vouchers may be used from April 1, 2020, to April 30, 2020, at specified Laguna Beach veterinarians. There is a limit of two (2) vouchers per household. The attached flyer contains additional details about the program. The animal shelter may be contacted at (949) 497-3552 for questions about the program.

Reminder:

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. to 5:00 p.m. The tree planting ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. For more information contact City Arborist, Nate Faris at (949) 715-0821 or nfaris@lagunabeachcity.net.



Annual Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

April 1 - April 30

For Laguna Beach & Laguna Woods Residents Only

Protecting Unwanted Pets (PUP) will cover the majority of the costs to spay or neuter your pet during this annual event!

Spaying or neutering your pet has numerous health benefits for the animal and is essential in controlling pet overpopulation.

To take advantage of this opportunity



You must be a resident of Laguna Beach or Laguna Woods.



There is a maximum of two pets per household.

Each pet is evaluated by a veterinarian, and in the event your pet requires additional medical attention, you will be responsible for additional costs.

Voucher prices range \$35-\$100 for spays and \$25-\$75 for neuters.
(based on weight of the animal)

**Purchase vouchers at
the Laguna Beach Animal Shelter
20612 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach.
Phone: (949) 497-3552**

**Vouchers must be
purchased by March 31.
Procedures must occur in April.**

Participating Vets

Canyon Animal Hospital
Laguna Beach Animal Hospital
Laguna Beach Veterinary Medical Center

