

# It's always summer in Orange County

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Special to the News

Somewhere between Emerald Bay and Seal Rock we achieve ocean-kayaking nirvana.

The sun is burning off the morning marine mist and we're slicing through the smooth Pacific, at one with nature, counting ourselves lucky to be in this surreal Southern California setting.

My son, Alex, and I are on La Vida Laguna's two-hour Ocean Kayak Eco Tour just off the coast of Laguna Beach.

As such, guide Doug Oygen's chatter is about the environment, how the sea kelp beneath us is a keystone species that provides nourishment and habitat for myriad sea life and we're likely to spot sea lions, seals and dolphins.

However, Alex's and I's gaze is squarely on the eye-candy that is the ocean, cove after cove of beaches and all those waterfront and cliff top mansions.

Laguna Beach is a quintessential SoCal beach town, taken up a notch, with some of the swankiest and priciest oceanfront real estate on the West Coast.

But we do avert our eyes for the sea lion and seal appearances and witness a pod of dolphins before coming ashore at Diver's Cove.

Post-kayak we reward ourselves with brunch, and more spectacular views, at cliff top Mexican restaurant Las Brisas.

Alex and I make the most of our three days in Orange County, which those in the know call The OC and uses the tagline 'forever summer.'

After all, The OC is the swath south of Los Angeles, famous for amusement parks (read: Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm) and classic beach towns.

Since The OC is a tourist destination and business hub in its own right, Air Canada has started to fly between Vancouver and John Wayne Airport (Orange County) in Santa Ana four times weekly with the new, quiet and comfortable Airbus A220 jet.

Yes, the airport is named after John Wayne, the famous Western actor from the golden age of Hollywood, who called Orange Country home.

Since we wanted our home base for the long weekend to be iconically SoCal in Laguna Beach, I searched Booking.com for a boutique hotel right on the Pacific.

Booking.com's search engine perfectly matched us with the 45-room Capri Laguna on the Beach, a Mediterranean-style, white-washed hotel built up the cliff at Mountain Road Beach.

It's located on the southern stretch of Laguna Beach's downtown in the HIP (historic and interesting places) District full of other resorts, shops, restaurants and art galleries (Laguna Beach started as an artist colony in the 1920s).

As such, it was handy for happy-hour drinks at The Rooftop Lounge and dinner at Comedor in the nearby La Casa del Camino Hotel and dinner at fine-dining Splashes at the Surf & Sand Resort.

Man, especially Canadian man, cannot live by beach alone.

So, we ventured to nearby Anaheim one day to experience the other attractions Orange Country is famous for — theme parks and hockey.

We hit up Knott's Berry Farm for a roller coaster jag on such aggressive thrill rides as HangTime, Sidewinder, Silver Bullet, Montezuma's Revenge and GhostRider, the tallest, fastest and longest wooden roller coaster on the West Coast.

And then it's dinner at Roxy's, a before-and-after-game favourite of Anaheim Ducks fans, before taking in the end-to-end action of the Ducks-Calgary Flames game at the Honda Centre.

By the way, the Flames win 4-3 on a slick shootout goal



SUBMITTED PHOTOS STEVE MACNAULL

HangTime is one of the gnarliest roller coaster at Knott's Berry Farm amusement park in Anaheim.

by Matt Tkachuk.

All in all, a superb way to wrap up a SoCal long weekend in The OC: Forever Summer.

Check out VisitLagunaBeach.com, VisitAnaheim.com, AirCanada.ca and Booking.com.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED DECEMBER 16 TO DECEMBER 22, 2021 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

##### 227 12 STREET SE

(Lot 8, Block 7, Plan 1132M) PLDP20211306. Single Detached House (Addition, Front Covered Deck, and Rear Covered Deck).



#### COMMERCIAL

##### 615 DIVISION AVENUE SE

(Lot 1, Block 36, Plan 1013540) PLDP20211243. One Fascia Sign and One Specialized Sign.

##### 1299 TRANS CANADA WAY SE

(Lot 15, Block 3, Plan 0513206) PLDP20211302. One Fascia Sign.

#### HOME OCCUPATION

##### 2842 22 AVENUE SE

(Lot 46, Plan 7, Block 1171LK) PLDP20211228. Office With Storage On Site. Sign Installation.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

### PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines:

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
  - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
  - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing.
  - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
- Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
- Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.
- Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap.
- Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out.
- A thin stream of water (as thick as a pen) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
- If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take all possible precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

For more information, refer to [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca) or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

### PROPOSED DIRECT CONTROL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 603 1 STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council will be considering a Direct Control Development Application for the placement of 14 seacans and construction of a large canopy supported by columns at 603 1 Street SE. The seacans will be used as bays for vendors for temporary markets throughout the warmer seasons, and the canopy will be used to provide shade for the public. For further information, or to view copy of proposed Development Application and related documents, please contact Planning & Development Services at 403.529.8374.

A Non-Statutory Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at approximately 6:30 p.m. at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting being held in the City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE, SW entrance). This meeting will be open to the public with adjustments in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health requirements related to COVID-19. Seating for the public will be limited.

At the Hearing, any person may make representation to City Council and discuss, support, object to or ask questions about the proposed development. Oral submissions are normally restricted to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to:

City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6

by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 18th day of December, 2021.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
Phone: 403.529.8234  
Fax: 403.529.8324  
E-mail: [clerk@medicinehat.ca](mailto:clerk@medicinehat.ca)

### REAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between December 27, 2021 – January 28, 2022 by dropping it off at one of the following convenient drop off locations:

- 20 Northlands Way NE – Northlands Co-op Recycling Depot
- 240 Kipling Street SE - Kipling Street Recycling Depot
- 3292 Dunmore Rd SE - Southwest corner of the Medicine Hat Mall parking lot

Prior to drop off, please remove all plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations.

Please note that artificial trees cannot be recycled in this program nor in the blue recycling cart program. Artificial trees that can no longer be used or donated should be discarded in the garbage. Refer to [www.medicinehat.ca/recycle](http://www.medicinehat.ca/recycle) for more information.

Alternatively, you can take your real Christmas Tree to the Compost Facility, or your artificial tree to the Landfill, both located within the Waste Management Facility.

The Waste Management Facility hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sundays and all Statutory Holidays

Download the Recycle Coach App, refer to [www.medicinehat.ca/landfill](http://www.medicinehat.ca/landfill), or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

### 8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828

### RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

#### COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

There will be no residential waste collection on **December 27 & 28, 2021 as well as January 3, 2022** in lieu of the **Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day Statutory holidays.**

Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Monday, December 27, 2021	NO COLLECTION
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	NO COLLECTION
Wednesday, December 29, 2021	Zone 5
Thursday, December 30, 2021	Zone 1
Friday, December 31, 2021	Zone 2
Monday, January 3, 2022	NO COLLECTION
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Zone 3

Download the Recycle Coach App, refer to [www.medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule](http://www.medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule) or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

### CART COLLECTION TIPS

- Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Waste carts are collected separately with collection times that vary throughout the day.
- Make sure carts are accessible with 3ft (1m) clearance on all sides.
- Ensure cart lids are closed to avoid litter or collection problems.
- Contaminated blue recycling carts will not be collected.

To prevent theft or damage to your cart; remove carts off roadways, sidewalks, back lanes etc. and return to private property within 24 hours of collection.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Residents are reminded that the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will be closed December 25 & 27, 2021, re-opening on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

The facility will close again on January 1, 2022, returning to regular hours of operation the following business day on January 3, 2022.

Hours of Operation are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sunday

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