## Mayor's Message



Hello Laguna Niguel!

Volunteering is the essence of our community, embodying the spirit of generosity, compassion, and kindness that makes Laguna Niguel such a wonderful place to live. When we volunteer, we not only enrich the lives of others but also find a deeper sense of purpose and connection within ourselves. Our City thrives on the dedication and energy of its volunteers, whose contributions are vital in creating a vibrant, supportive, and engaged community.

This summer, we have an exciting opportunity for you to get involved and give back to our community by volunteering at the Sea Country Festival, which will be held from Friday, August 23rd to Sunday, August 25th. This annual celebration is a highlight of the summer season, featuring a variety of activities, live entertainment, and attractions that draw residents and visitors alike. As the City's biggest volunteer opportunity of the season, the Sea Country Festival is not only a fun and festive event but also a chance to make a meaningful impact. Your participation will help ensure that the 3-day event runs smoothly and that everyone has a memorable experience. Volunteers must be 15 years of age or older, and those under 18 must have a liability waiver signed by a parent or guardian. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and individuals to come together and contribute to the success of one of Laguna Niguel's most cherished events.

The last day to sign up to volunteer for the Sea Country Festival is Wednesday, August 21st, at 5 pm. Community service hours will be awarded to those who work their entire shift, with hours distributed at the end of the shift. Shifts vary per day, and you can choose to volunteer for one or multiple days. When signing up, you can select your assignment, location, date, and time. Some of the volunteer roles include Crafts Table Assistant, Main Stage Help, and Marketplace Set-Up, just to name a few. To view all the available assignments and shift times, please visit bit.ly/SCFVolunteers2024.

As a small token of our appreciation, all Sea Country Festival volunteers will receive an awesome Laguna Niguel swag pack, which includes a backpack, reusable water bottle, and sunglasses. It's our way of saying thank you for your invaluable contributions.

I also encourage you to sign up for our quarterly volunteer e-newsletter, titled 'Laguna Niguel Lends a Hand.' This e-newsletter will keep you updated on the many upcoming volunteer opportunities offered by our Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year. It also provides us with the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference in our community. Additionally, please visit cityoflagunaniguel.org/Incares to explore the organizations recently highlighted as part the 'Laguna Niguel Cares' program - a community-driven initiative spotlighting local organizations that positively impact the lives of our community members. This valuable webpage connects you to available volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. Your willingness to volunteer is what makes Laguna Niguel such a special place. Together, our city continues to shine as a compassionate, kind, and thriving community.

Warm regards,

**Kelly Jennings** 

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