

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Patriot's Day Parade - At this time, the Patriot's Day Committee is planning to move forward with the Parade on Saturday despite the forecasted rain. The Patriot's Day Committee will evaluate weather conditions and could cancel the Parade as late as early Saturday morning. If the Parade is cancelled, the community will be notified via a City traffic alert, a notice on the City website, and signs placed near the Parade route. City staff is prepared to support the Parade and we will notify everyone if the status of the parade changes.

Sandbags - With the forecasted rain this weekend, all residents are reminded that empty sandbags may be obtained at any one of our City's four fire stations. Residents are limited to ten sandbags each. Instructions are available at the fire stations on how to properly fill the sandbags. The City's fire stations are located at 501 Forest Avenue; 285 Agate Street; 2900 Alta Laguna Boulevard; and 31646 2nd Avenue. A limited number of filled sand bags will be available at the ACT V parking lot at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road.

Smoking and Open Fires in Hazardous Fire Areas - This week, the fines for anyone caught smoking or using open fires in an area determined to be a "Hazardous Fire Area" will increase to \$1,000 per occurrence. Hazardous Fire Areas are located throughout the City, including areas adjacent to Alta Laguna Park, Moulton Meadows Park, Pacific View Park, the Fire Road between Arch Beach Heights and Top of the World, and at the end of Canyon Acres.

Live Fire Training - The Fire Department is in the process of sending all of their firefighters through live fire training at the Huntington Beach Training Center. Firefighters are simulating actual fire conditions by raising ladders, laying hose, effecting rescue, practicing "buddy breathing," and fighting actual fires in a burn tower. This training exposes our newer personnel to conditions they can expect to encounter during an actual fire. All of the City's firefighters will complete the four hour training scenarios by the end of April.

Police Memorial -The Arts Commission is currently accepting applications from artists currently residing, working or exhibiting in Laguna Beach to create a sculpture and seating installation. The installation will represent the sacrifice of two Police Officers who lost their lives in the course of duty. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 7, 2014. The project information and application is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=9977>.

Police Citizen Academy - The Police Department will be hosting another Citizen Academy class starting Thursday, March 13, 2014. The Citizen Academy is a twelve-week course designed to provide community members with a better understanding of the Laguna Beach Police Department and to help foster better communications between police personnel and citizens. The class will meet on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Interested candidates should contact Ross Fallah at rfallah@lagunabeachcity.net.

Laguna Walk/Bike Tour - On March 15, 2014, the City of Laguna Beach will be kicking off an exciting plan to improve mobility in the City with a Community Bike Ride and Walk. Please join City staff and the project team as they explore parts of Laguna Beach. We want to hear your ideas on how to improve walking, bicycling and ways to get around town. The tours will include a three to four mile bike ride and an approximate two mile walk. See the attached press release for more information.

Transit Services Analysis - A web page has been added to the City's web site where documents developed through the Transit Services Program Analysis can be viewed or downloaded.

REMINDERS THAT WERE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK:

2014 Junior Lifeguard Swim Testing Begins - Friday, February 28, marks the first of twelve testing dates for this summer's Junior Lifeguard Program. All swim testing will be held at the Laguna Beach High School and Community Pool, located at 670 Park Avenue. The following is a list of dates and times: Friday, February 28; Friday, March 14; Saturday, March 15; Friday, March 28; Saturday, March 29; Friday, April 25; Saturday, April 26; Friday, May 2; Saturday, May 3; Friday, May 16; Saturday, May 17; Friday, June 13; Saturday, June 14; Friday, June 27; and Saturday, June 28. All Friday testing will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All Saturday testing will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Additional information is available on the City of Laguna Beach website at: http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/marine/junior_guardes_.asp.

Artist Open Studios - The concluding Artist Open Studios will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants can catch a free shuttle from the ACT V parking lot, located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road, and take advantage of free parking. Over 30 artists will be opening their studios, offering hands-on experiences and insights into their creative process. This is an opportunity to see artists working in a variety of media from glass blowing to bronze welding. This event is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

First Friday Flicks at the Forum - The concluding First Friday Flicks at the Forum will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Forum Theatre located at the Festival of Arts grounds at 650 Laguna Canyon Road. A no-host bar will be available at Tivoli Terrace at 6:00 p.m. and the film will be screened at 7:00 p.m. The Oscar nominated film titled "Cutie and the Boxer" is a moving portrait of a couple wrestling with the universal themes of sacrifice, disappointment, aging and love against the background of lives dedicated to art. This film is rated R with a running time of 82 minutes. This program has been funded through the generosity of Laguna Beach residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield.

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