

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Team Training News – Laguna Beach CERT members will be participating in two exciting training activities this spring. On April 11, seventeen members will participate in John Wayne Airport’s mass casualty exercise involving CERT teams from around the county. This will help the group learn to work with injured persons, paramedics, and ambulance transportation. Then, on May 31, our team will participate with San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point and San Clemente in a simulated 7.9 magnitude earthquake in San Juan Capistrano. This training will involve small fires, gas leaks, downed power lines, and injured residents.

Lifeguard Headquarters and Public Restroom Project - The construction of the new Lifeguard Headquarters and Public Restroom building is nearly complete. The contractor is currently installing the interior finishes of cabinets, tile and paint. The communications radio and dispatch equipment is being installed so that testing can begin. The solar panel installation began this Wednesday while skylight and roofing components are being completed. The park improvements are underway and include pervious paving, a stairway to Heisler Park, new sidewalks along Coast Highway, and landscaping. These improvements should be completed in Mid-April.

Art That’s Small at City Hall - The Arts Commission is currently accepting pre-registrations for the twelfth annual Art That’s Small at City Hall exhibition. Pre-registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Artwork must be delivered on Saturday, March 15, 2014 to City Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Entries will be accepted from current residents of Orange County and must be 12” or smaller. Registration form and submittal information is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdownload.aspx?BlobID=9911>

Police Memorial - At its meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014, the Arts Commission will review and select finalists for a Police Memorial. Applications will be accepted from artists currently residing, working or exhibiting in Laguna Beach to create a sculpture and seating installation through Friday, March 7, 2014. The Arts Commission meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 505 Forest Avenue at 5:30 p.m. The project information and application is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdownload.aspx?BlobID=9977>

Public Art Dedication - On Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. the City of Laguna Beach will dedicate the sculpture “I Want to Make a Call” by Michael Graham on Forest Avenue. The sculpture, attached to the red phone booth, will be on display for two years. The dedication will be followed by a reception at Visit Laguna Beach located at 381 Forest Avenue. This installation has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Community Services Summer 2014 Preview - No need to wait for the next Recreation Brochure to plan your child's summer activities! The Community Services Department is now offering a "Summer Preview," which allows parents to register early for popular summer programs. The Summer Preview can be accessed online at www.lagunabeachcity.net (click the "Recreation Activities" icon) or at the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue. Sign up now to ensure your spot this summer!

Babysitting Class Instructed by Laguna Beach Fire Department - The "Babysitters Plus" class, instructed by Laguna Beach Fire Department Staff, is back by popular demand! Pre-teens and teens will learn how to supervise children in a responsible manner. Emergency preparedness and introduction to medical first aid will be included. The class costs \$25 and will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #2. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.lagunabeachcity.net (click the "Recreation Activities" icon) or at the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

Boys & Girls City Track Meet - The City's annual Boys & Girls Track Meet will take place Friday, April 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Laguna Beach High School track and field. All children born in or after 1999 and reside or attend school within the Laguna Beach Unified School District are invited to attend. Participants may enter a maximum of three (3) events. The top finishers in each age division and event are eligible to compete at the County Track Meet in May. Entry forms are available at the Community Services Department, 515 Forest Avenue, at the Community and Susi Q Center or online at www.lagunabeachcity.net (click on "Recreation Activities" icon). To register, please submit a completed entry form along with the \$16 entry fee per child (\$21 at the Track Meet) to the Community Services Department by Thursday, April 3. For questions, contact Recreation Supervisor Tom Toman at toman@lagunabeachcity.net or 497-0303.

Annual Waste Collection Event - The City and Waste Management will be hosting the first annual event to collect and recycle E-waste, universal waste and paint, and to offer document shredding. The event will be on-site on Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACT V lot, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. This new service is offered as part of the franchise agreement with Waste Management. Laguna Beach residents and businesses are invited to participate in this free event and dispose of unwanted E-Waste, universal waste and paint in a safe and responsible way. A detail list of acceptable items is available from the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling. Participants are reminded to follow the California Department of Transportation regulation limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds when driving items to the Act V Lot. An attendant will remove the items from the vehicle.

Change your clocks; Change your batteries; change your emergency food supplies: This Sunday, March 9, 2014, marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. In addition to moving your clocks forward one hour, the Fire Department urges all residents to change out the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Also, if you have not checked on your emergency food supplies to be used during a disaster, such as an earthquake, you should ensure that both the food and water supplies have not expired. Food supplies should be sufficient to last for each household member for at least three days; and don't forget about your animals! A good rule of thumb is to store one gallon of water, per person, per day. More disaster preparedness information may be obtained at the City's website: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/disaster/default.asp>.

Firefighter Promoted: Firefighter Bryan Sarjeant was promoted to the position of Fire Engineer effective Monday, March 3, 2014, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Knox Tiernan. Prior to his employment as a Reserve Firefighter with the City of Laguna Beach Fire Department in 2005, Bryan was a Firefighter for the South Placer Fire District for 18 months. In his new position as Fire Engineer, Bryan will be responsible for the safety of his crew and equipment while responding and operating at emergency incidents.

REMINDERS OF ITEMS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED:

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.

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.

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