

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Public Hearing Regarding Speed Limit Increases on Coast Highway Proposed by Caltrans - On March 27, 2014, the Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee (PTC Committee) will hold a public hearing to consider the recommendations from Caltrans. The meeting will be held in the Community and Susi Q Center, Community Room located at 380 Third Street at 6:00 p.m. The City Council considered this item on March 4, 2014, and referred the matter to the PTC Committee to hold a public hearing on this item. Laguna Beach residents are invited to attend the meeting and comment on the proposal.

Police Memorial - At its meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014 the Arts Commission reviewed nine applications to create a Police Memorial at City Hall. The Commission selected four Laguna Beach artists Jorg Dubin, Marsh Scott, Terry Thornsley and artist team Gerard Stripling and Michele Taylor to develop designs. The selected artists will present their proposals to the Arts Commission on April 14, 2014. One design will be selected and presented to the City Council for final approval. It is anticipated that the installation will be completed for the 1st anniversary of Police Officer Couthie's passing on September 21, 2014. This installation has been funded through donations raised by the Laguna Beach Police Employees' Association and contributions by the City of Laguna Beach.

Hedge Height Claim Facilitator - The City has assigned Code Enforcement Officer, Tony Farr, to replace Jim Dockstader, the City's contracted landscape architect, as the new Hedge Height Claim Facilitator. Tony has a Bachelor's Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Illinois and is a California Certified Nursery Professional. Tony has more than 20 years of experience working in the nursery/landscape industry in California, and six years with the City; including working with property owners to administer compliance guidelines for Hedge Height Claims. Tony is an appropriate person for these new duties and he will continue with his other assigned duties as a Code Enforcement Officer.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Recognition - At the March 6, 2013 Police Department Patrol Briefing, Tiffany Townson with MADD, recognized Officers Luke Gilbertson, James Gramer, and David Gensemer for their efforts in removing drunk drivers from our streets. Among the three, they arrested 152 DUI drivers in 2013.

REMINDERS OF ITEMS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED:

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. The walking tour starts at 10 a.m. and the bicycle tour starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center at 380 Third Street.

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 (red phone booth).

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 held on Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACT V lot located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road.

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.

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