

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Police Personnel Recruitment is Well Underway – The City recently hired recruit Bryn Fedderson who graduates this Friday from the Golden West Police Academy and will immediately begin field training. One of Fedderson’s classmates, Taylor Ryan, is finishing his pre-employment testing process this week and will join his classmate on the streets of Laguna. Two additional candidates are nearing completion of the hiring process which will complete the Police Officer recruitment. In addition to the sworn officers, two new dispatchers began training this month; Kari Moreno and Lizette Chavez. Both women are experienced dispatchers and are beginning a complex six to eight month training program. We look forward to welcoming these new employees to the City.

Applications for Heritage Committee Members - The City Council is reopening and accepting applications for the Heritage Committee. Laguna Beach residents who are interested in serving on this committee should obtain an application from the City Clerk’s office or on-line from the City’s website. Applications must be filed by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2014. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. by the City Council at their regular meeting in the City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California. All applicants will be interviewed. The committee generally meets once a month. Questions may be directed to the City Clerk’s office at 497-0705.

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed 41-unit Permanent Supportive Housing - The City Council will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2014 to receive a presentation from representatives of the Friendship Shelter and Jamboree Housing Corporation regarding their proposed 41-unit Permanent Supportive Housing project. The project is proposed to be developed on City-owned land located at 20652 Laguna Canyon Road and would include space to operate the City’s Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL). During the public hearing, the City Council will receive input from the public on the proposed project and provide direction to City staff. In order to inform the public about the location, size and massing of the proposed project, the City has required the developer to stake the site starting on March 26, 2014. The project is still in its concept stage. No development application has been submitted at this time. Please contact Assistant City Manager Christa Johnson at 949-497-0797 if you have questions regarding the staking or the April 22 public hearing.

No Smoking in Hazardous Fire Areas - The public is reminded that smoking in much of the wild-land areas is prohibited. Last Friday, an individual was cited near Alta Laguna Park. A fire in these areas could have a devastating impact on our community. We want to remind everyone that effective February 22, 2014, fines for smoking in hazardous fire areas increased to \$1,000.

REMINDERS OF ITEMS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED:

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.

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.

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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