

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Downtown Traffic Control - Last August, the City Council approved the initial start of the Forest Avenue Traffic Control program beginning April 1 each year. While you may have seen the team out recently for training, they will officially kick-off this year's effort this Saturday and Sunday. The program will continue into September.

Laguna Beach Downtown Specific Plan Committee Public Forum - The Laguna Beach Downtown Specific Plan Committee will hold a public forum on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, to review the three consultants that submitted proposals for the Laguna Beach Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Update. Each consultant will provide a 30-minute presentation that includes an overview of their proposal and answer questions of the Committee related to their proposal. Each presentation will be followed by a 15-minute question/answer period, led by each consultant's facilitator, with the DSP Committee and community members attending the public forum. All interested community members and business and property owners are invited to attend. The public forum will be televised on COX local channel 30 and made available afterwards on the City's website. Following the public forum, the DSP Committee will meet to discuss the proposals and its recommendation to the City Council. Selection of a consultant by the City Council is anticipated to occur on May 6, 2014. For more information, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net under "Popular Links – Downtown Specific Plan Amendment."

Planning Commission to Discuss Proposed Regulation of Commercial Stand-up Paddling - The Planning Commission will discuss potential regulations regarding commercial Stand-Up Paddling activity at its meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The proposed regulations would apply to commercial activity only, such as classes, tours, instruction, lessons or group activities. Those who have an interest in the topic are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide input. For more information, please contact Kristin Buhagiar, Recreation Supervisor, at 949-497-0304.

Distracted Driver Awareness Month - April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month and the Laguna Beach Police Department has increased enforcement to identify those individuals who text while driving. Additional officers will be working on April 3 and April 22 specifically enforcing this violation. Those who text while driving are four times as likely to get into an accident.

Closure of Northbound Coast Highway in Corona Del Mar - From April 8 through April 11, northbound Coast Hwy in Corona Del Mar will be closed to through traffic from Newport Coast Drive to MacArthur Blvd. from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. for construction. Local traffic will still have access. Northbound traffic will be detoured up Newport Coast Drive to San Joaquin Hills Road. If you have questions regarding this closure please contact: Mike Sinacori, P.E. Assistant City Engineer, from the City of Newport Beach. He may be reached at Phone: 949-644-3342, Cell: 949-795-8948, or Email: Msinacori@newportbeachca.gov.

Laguna Beach Heritage Month - Celebrate Heritage Month this May and enjoy the many scheduled activities and events. Opening festivities commence on May 1 at the Madison Square Garden Café at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, music and entertainment, including live performances. Activities and tours are scheduled throughout the entire month of May.

More Composting Classes - The City's solid waste hauler, Waste Management, offers four free composting classes to residents per year. The next class will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bluebird Park, located at 798 Bluebird Canyon Dr. Compost Bins and Worm Bins will be available for purchase at a discounted price. For more information regarding the class, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499 or email at lisarydermoore@gmail.com.

Are You Prepared - Last Friday's 5.1 earthquake in La Habra was a great reminder that April is "Earthquake Preparedness Month." Are you prepared? Do you have at least three day's supply of food, water, and medicine for you, your family and your pets? Have you prepared your home with securing devices to ensure heavy objects and furniture stay in place during the active shaking? Do you know how to secure your utilities if there was a gas leak or electrical arching? Does your family know how to reach you if the phone lines are down or cell phones are overloaded? If you are not yet prepared, it is not too late. Disaster preparedness information is available on the Fire Department's web page at: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/disaster/default.asp>. If you have not signed up for Alert OC you may do so at: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/resources/alertoc.asp>. Finally, become a member of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by signing up for our next class. Application forms are available on the Police Department's website at: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/programs/cert.asp>. Do your part by preparing today for the next earthquake.

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