

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 5, 2014  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Update on Coast Highway Emergency Repair** – Work on a 16” gas line within Coast Highway in South Laguna continues by the Gas Company. The work is causing traffic delays for southbound traffic through South Laguna. The work is in the southbound left turn pocket at Third Avenue and in the southbound number one lane just north of Third Avenue. The Gas Company expects the work to be completed by the end of the day on June 12. Working hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The travel lanes will be open during non-working hours. Work will not be done on weekends. For questions or concerns please contact Southern California Gas Company Public Affairs Manager, Emily France, at 714-388-4889.

**Lifeguard Headquarters Opening and Public Art Dedication** – Come join us in celebrating the official opening of the Laguna Beach Lifeguard Headquarters! The ribbon cutting ceremony and public art dedication for this long-awaited project will be held on June 20, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. The Lifeguard Headquarters will be open to the public for tours and light refreshments will be served.

**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, June 7 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](mailto:lisarydermoore@gmail.com).

**Aerial Weed Survey** - Between June 9 and June 20, 2014, the Nature Reserve of Orange County, in collaboration with several other agencies, will conduct an aerial weed survey during daylight hours using a small, low-flying helicopter to document and map the distribution of over 30 weed species located in the following park areas in and/or adjacent to Laguna Beach: Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, Crystal Cove State Park, Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, and the James Dilley Greenbelt Preserve. The resulting information will provide details about the abundance and distribution of invasive weeds and help land managers evaluate the effectiveness of current weed monitoring practices, identify emergency weed problems, and strategically plan future weed management actions. Surveys will be conducted at low speeds and altitudes – 15 to 20 mph and 30 to 150 feet respectfully. The hours for the surveys will be limited between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Village Entrance Public Workshop** – Please save the date! The City will hold a community workshop to discuss the Village Entrance Project on Wednesday, July 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an overview of the updated project concept and, more importantly, seek feedback on specific elements and features, such as the historic sewer digester, car ports and Laguna Canyon Road median.

**Fire Watch Camera** - The Fire Department will be installing a new camera at the north end of Alta Laguna Drive later this week. This camera can be used to assist in the documentation and investigation by law enforcement officials of criminal activity in the area, such as smoking, use of open fires, or access to the wilderness park outside normal hours of operation. The camera, in the future, will also be able to provide “real-time” images to the Police/Fire Dispatch Center if calls for emergency response are generated in this area.

**Laguna Beach Entry Signs Removal** - The entry signs to Laguna Beach at the north and south entry point to the city on Coast Highway will be taken down for a week for refurbishing.

**New Parking Signs** - New directional signage is being installed this week in the downtown area. The temporary signs, part of the City’s 2014 Summer Parking Pilot Program, are designed to direct motorists to off-street parking lots and reduce traffic congestion that results from vehicles circling downtown streets. Examples of the signs are attached. (**Attachment**)

**Tuesday, June 10 Mobility and Transit Community Workshop** - A public workshop is scheduled on June 10, 2014, at the Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to obtain community input on preliminary ideas for two plans, the Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan and the Transit Program Service Analysis. The outreach effort will be led by the same person who led the public outreach for the Parking Management Plan. For information contact Scott Drapkin, Principal Planner at (949) 497-0362 or [sdrapkin@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:sdrapkin@lagunabeachcity.net).

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