

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

2014 Juried Fine Art Exhibition -The Arts Commission is currently accepting submissions to the annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition at City Hall. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older with two dimensional works. The juror will be Jonathan Burke, President of the Laguna College of Art + Design. The first place winner will be awarded \$1,000. Applications must be made on-line with a non-refundable entry fee of \$25. The deadline for submissions is September 8, 2014. <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10352>

Arts Directory - The Cultural Arts Department is currently accepting artist information for inclusion in the City's Arts Directory. This on-line directory is free of charge and lists visual and performing artists residing, working or exhibiting in Laguna Beach. Artist information will be accepted through September 12, 2014. <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10359>

New Fire Division Chief - The City has hired Edward S. Valdez to fill a vacant Fire Division Chief position. Chief Valdez will begin work on August 4, 2014, and will fill the Fire Marshal position that was vacated when Dan Stefano left to become the Fire Chief for the Costa Mesa Fire Department. Chief Valdez is presently a Command Staff Officer for the Los Angeles Fire Department and brings a vast amount of experience obtained while working in their training, dispatch, fire officer, and emergency medical services units during his career. Chief Valdez, and his wife, reside in Dana Point.

Firefighters Help Fight MDA - Off-duty Laguna Beach Firefighters will participate in the annual "Fill the Boot" fundraiser to help fight to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy on Saturday, August 2. Laguna Beach Firefighters have partnered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for the last several years, raising over \$5,400 last year alone. Firefighters and the MDA raise over \$2 million a year annually in California through local "Fill the Boot" drives.

Moulton Meadows Park Renovation Update - The grass field reconstruction work at Moulton Meadows Park is underway and is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Many large dump trucks are being used to haul the extensive amount of soil export and import needed. The trucking operation is scheduled to continue for approximately three more weeks. The truck hauling route includes Laguna Canyon Road, South Coast Highway, Nyes Place, and Balboa Avenue.

Southern California Edison (SCE) Pole Replacement Program Update - Southern California Edison (SCE) has been engaged in an extensive, multi-year, utility pole replacement project in the city since early 2013. To date, approximately 150 poles have been replaced. An additional 39 poles are planned to be replaced by the end of the year. When updated information is received from SCE, it will be put on the City's website.