

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Police Memorial Sculpture Dedication - On Sunday, September 21, 2014 the City of Laguna Beach will dedicate the Police Memorial sculpture "Eternal Legacy" by artists Gerard Stripling and Michele Taylor on Loma Terrace. The public is invited to attend the dedication which starts at 5 p.m. To accommodate the ceremony, Loma Terrace will be closed from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The sculpture dedication coincides with the 1st anniversary of Police Officer Jon Couchie's passing. This installation has been funded through donations raised by the Laguna Beach Police Employees' Association, Laguna Beach Community Foundation and the City of Laguna Beach.

Sunset Serenades - Every Friday evening from September 5 through September 26, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., the Arts Commission will present Sunset Serenades. The free concerts are held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre with a variety of music genres as shown below.

9/5 The Screaming Furniture Jazz Outlet (Jazz)

9/12 Gayle Skidmore (Singer/Songwriter)

9/19 The Kalama Bros. (Island Soul)

9/26 Miss Erika Davies (Jazz Singer)

This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

New "Stop" Signs at High School - The City Council recently directed the installation of three new "stop" signs at pedestrian crossings near Laguna Beach High School. One "stop" sign will be installed on eastbound Los Robles at El Camino Del Mar, and one "stop" sign will be installed on each direction of Short Street where it meets El Camino Del Mar. The installations are scheduled to be done on Monday, August 25.

Forum to discuss traits for the next Police Chief - The City Manager will hold a forum on September 9, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. for the community to provide its input regarding desired traits for the next Police Chief. The forum will be held in the City Council Chambers.

Update on Shirley's Bagels - Shirley's Bagels, which operates in a 590 square foot space at Broadway Plaza, wants to move to the larger 931 square foot space previously operated by Casey's Cupcakes. The main issue is that Shirley's Bagels is considered a restaurant (food service) use in that they prepare and cook food on-site in addition to consume food on-site, whereas the former Casey's Cupcakes tenant was not considered a restaurant use because they did not cook, prepare or provide seating on-site. The shopping center site is under-parked for its existing uses. In short, moving to intensify (move a restaurant use to a suite that is larger) requires more parking. City staff are working to try and find an alternatives including revising the existing shared parking study prepared for the existing uses, providing valet parking and/or outdoor dining credits.

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>

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>

REMINDER:

Police Citizen Academy to Start Thursday, September 4 - The Police Department's 13 week Citizen Academy is still accepting applications until August 28, 2014. It takes place every Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is an exciting educational experience. See attached press release.

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PRESS RELEASE

Laguna Beach Police Department
505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Paul Workman
Chief of Police

August 4, 2014

The Laguna Beach Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizen Academy. The academy starts **Thursday September 4, 2014** and will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for twelve consecutive weeks (the thirteenth week is graduation). Applications will be accepted until August 28th.

The Citizen Academy is a twelve-week non-stress course designed to provide community members with a better understanding of the Laguna Beach Police Department and to help foster better communications between police personnel and citizens. The Academy will include instruction in the following areas: History of the Laguna Beach Police Department, investigations, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, driving under the influence investigation, gangs, narcotics, neighborhood watch, crime prevention, crime scene investigation, police K-9 program and volunteer programs. There will also be a tour of the police facility as well as vehicles and equipment used by the department. Academy members will be given the chance to shoot at the police firing range and participate in mock scenarios. There is also a tour of the Orange County Jail.

To obtain an application and announcement for the Citizen Academy, contact the Laguna Beach Police Department at (949) 497-0701. For questions regarding this program, contact Class Assistant Ross Fallah at rfallah@lagunabeachcity.net or Corporal Matt Meadow at mmeadows@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 497-0758. For inquiries pertaining to this Press Release, contact Captain Darin Lenyi at (949) 497-0375 or dlenyi@lagunabeachcity.net.

Applications are mailed, faxed or emailed to you upon request.