

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

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

High Surf Impacts - A large south swell arrived late Tuesday afternoon and continues to impact local beaches. The large surf was caused by a Category Five hurricane off the tip of Baja California. Laguna Beach has not experienced a hurricane swell of this size and strength in more than two decades. Marine Safety staff has been vigilant in preventing inexperienced ocean swimmers and surfers from entering the water. Many beaches have had major sand erosion due to the severe south angle of the swell. The surf is forecasted to taper off through Friday before another swell from the southern hemisphere arrives for the holiday weekend.

City Hall Exhibition - The public is invited to an artist reception at City Hall (505 Forest Avenue) on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 5 p.m. The exhibit highlights the work of participants from the “Artist Open Studios.” The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be on display through Thursday, October 9, 2014.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS OF NOTE:

Village Entrance Project - At its September 2 meeting, the City Council will receive a presentation on the Village Entrance community workshop, held July 16, 2014. The purpose of the workshop was to seek public input on specific elements and features of the project, such as the historic sewer digester, car ports and Laguna Canyon Road median. Staff and the project manager will summarize the feedback from workshop participants, seek City Council direction on a scope of work, and outline the necessary steps to retain a design team for the project. The City Council meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information on the Village Entrance, please visit the City’s website (www.lagunabeachcity.net), and click on “Village Entrance Project” under the “Popular Links” section of the homepage.

REMINDER:

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 5:00 p.m. To accommodate the ceremony, Loma Terrace will be closed from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The sculpture dedication coincides with the 1st anniversary of Police Officer Jon Coutchie’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.

Police Citizen Academy to Start Thursday, September 4 - The Police Department’s 13 week Citizen Academy is accepting applications until September 3, 2014. This exciting, educational experience takes place every Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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 the City of Laguna Beach.

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>

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