

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2014

TO: City Council

FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

9/11 Remembrance - The Police, Fire, and Marine Safety Departments participated in a “9/11 Remembrance Event” this morning at Heisler Park. Public Safety personnel met around the Semper Memento art work this morning at 0846 hours, the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center. The event is to remember the Firefighters, Police Officers, Port Authority Police Officers, and nearly 3,000 civilians killed on 9/11.

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 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.

AT&T Wireless Update – The City is working with AT&T to consider placement of a mobile antenna on the reservoir site adjacent to St. Catherine of Siena Church on Temple Terrace. The mobile unit would be placed near the tank and on Water District property. AT&T is supposed to submit a site plan by the end of this week for further review. If approved, it will probably still take a week or so to put a mobile unit in place and the neighbors will be notified.

Aliso Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study - The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will be holding a Stakeholder Information Meeting on September 17, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Laguna Hills Community Center, located at 25555 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills. This meeting will provide stakeholders an update on the status of the feasibility study and related activities, including (1) resolution of the Aliso Creek Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project mitigation agreement; (2) new Corps feasibility study process; (3) review of existing conditions in the study area, and forecast of future without-project conditions pertaining to physical, biological, and cultural resources, socioeconomics, and recreation; (4) identifying problems, opportunities, objectives, and constraints for the study area; and (5) formulation of preliminary alternative plans. Next steps of the ongoing feasibility study will also be discussed. More information is available by calling Charles Busslinger, OC Environmental Resources, at (714) 955-0614.

Artist Open Studios - The first in a series of Artist Open Studios will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants can catch a free shuttle service from the Act V parking lot, located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road, and take advantage of free parking. Over 30 artists will be opening their studios, offering hands-on experiences and insights into their creative process. This is

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opportunity to see artists working in a variety of media from glass blowing to bronze welding. This event is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Main Beach Park Sculpture Competition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting request for qualifications for an Art in Public Places project at Main Beach Park. Artists are invited to submit images of previous installations and their public art resume. The honorarium for this project is \$56,000. The deadline for submissions is October 6, 2014. Guidelines and application is available at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10449>.

Holiday Palette Competition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs to the annual competition. Winning artists will be provided with a wooden palette on which to paint their original design. The honorarium for this project is \$600. Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday October 6, 2014. The guidelines and application is available at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10466>.

REMINDERS:

Significant Road Closure in Planned in Newport Beach - For our commuters, please take note of planned lane closures on Pacific Coast Highway between Dover Drive and Newport Boulevard in Newport Beach. The closures will occur Monday through Friday, from now, to mid-May 2015. The closures are necessary to replace a major sewage force main. More information can be obtained at a hotline set up for the event at 714-679-2088 or constructionhotline@ocsd.com. The following website may also contain helpful information: <http://www.ocsd.com/home/showdocument?id=16165>.

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