

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Beach Boys Concert – The City did not receive any complaint calls regarding the Beach Boys Concert at the Irvine Bowl on Saturday, September 27, 2014, which played to a well-attended and enthusiastic audience.

Annual Fall Tree Trimming – West Coast Arborists started the annual fall tree trimming. This project will take three months to complete. The contractor will be trimming all palm trees throughout the City. The major streets where other City trees will be trimmed this cycle will be Forest Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Beach Street, Broadway Street and Laguna Canyon Road.

Artist Open Studios – The first Artist Open Studios event will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 an 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 the City of Laguna Beach.

Laguna Beach Rotary Club Car Show – On Sunday, October 5 the Forest/Laguna Canyon parking lot will be closed from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Laguna Beach Rotary Club's 11th Annual Classic Car Show. The Classic Car Show raises funds for local scholarships, charities and outreach projects.

Fire Prevention Week – In partnership with the National Fire Protection Association Association (NFPA), the Fire Department will be taking part in National Fire Prevention Week from October 5 – 11. This year's theme is "*working smoke alarms save lives*". The Fire Department is using the month of October to ensure that all residents have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that not only function properly, but are installed in correct locations. On average about 60% of the fire related deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that were not working properly. The Fire Department offers free batteries, installation, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms for residents of Laguna please go to http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire_prevention/smoke_alarms.asp. Also, the Fire Department will be offering station tours at any one of the City's four fire stations on Saturday, October 11 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Fire station locations are also available on the City's website.

Main Beach Park Sculpture Competition – The Arts Commission is currently accepting Requests 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 are available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?Blob/D-10449>

Holiday Palette Competition - /the Arts Commission is currently accepting designs for the annual competition. Winning artists will be provided with a wooden palette on which to paint their original

designs. The honorarium for this project is \$600. Designs must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014. The guidelines and application are available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civica/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID-10466>

Statewide Plastic Bag Ban – Governor Brown this week signed SB 270 into law, banning the retail distribution of single-use, point-of-sale carryout plastic bags from supermarkets and pharmacies on a statewide basis by July 1, 2015 and would extend to convenience stores in 2016. The new law does not preempt the City ordinance, which was adopted in 2012. The state law is largely similar to the City's ordinance in that it prohibits the point-of-sale distribution of single-use, take-out bags from grocery stores, pharmacies and convenience stores, requires stores to provide either reusable bags or recycled paper bags with a 10-cent charge for each paper bag, which is retained by the store. The key difference is that the state law is limited to supermarkets, pharmacies and convenience stores, while the City's ordinance applies to all local retail, except eating establishments.

Laguna Canyon Road Task Force – The City Council established the Laguna Canyon Road Task Force to obtain a wide range of input from the community regarding conceptual improvements to the Laguna Canyon Road corridor. The Task Force will prepare an evaluation of the top two or three Laguna Canyon Road corridor improvement options (or combination thereof) for City Council consideration in spring 2015. The first Task Force meeting will be held on October 15, 2014, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers and is open to the public. The meeting will be available for viewing on the City's website starting on October 16.

2nd Annual Flood Prevention Device Practice Installation Day – In an ongoing effort to assist with the implementation of the recently adopted Floodplain Management Ordinance, the Code Enforcement Division has notified the Laguna Beach property and business owners located in the flood hazard zone of the upcoming 2nd Annual Flood Device Practice Installation Day. This is a voluntary educational emergency preparedness event encouraged by FEMA. All persons employed to work in a business located within areas of special flood hazards are requested to be trained by the business owner on how to install the flood prevention devices and be provided a copy of the flood contingency measures plan. Each year on the last Monday in October the business owner and employees are encouraged to practice installation of the flood prevention devices. Therefore, Monday, October 27, 2014, is designated as the 2nd Annual Flood Prevention Device Practice Installation Day. (Attachment)

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