

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Historic Resource Inventory Update - The City's Heritage Committee and historic consultant, Ostashay and Associates Consulting are in the process of conducting three public meetings regarding the City's historic preservation program. The third public meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. At this meeting, the historic consultant will present a recent field survey of the homes identified on the 1982 Historic Resources Inventory. The updated survey results and proposed property ratings will be discussed. Information about the upcoming meeting, as well as, a link to the updated Historic Inventory survey and past meetings can be accessed at:

http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/zoning/heritage_committee/default.asp. For additional information or questions, please contact Martina Speare, Senior Planner/Heritage Committee Staff Liaison at (949) 464-6629 or email historicinventory@lagunabeachcity.net

Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition - The Arts Commission selected 12 designs from 194 submissions for the annual Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition. On exhibit at City Hall through January 2, 2015 are works by: Katie Baker, Catalina Barnes, Charlie Friedman, Declan Henry, Weston Long, Fritz Melchert, Jane Mitchum, Ziggy Molteni, Emmalisa Randrup, Alma Romay, Kiana Toffelmier and Samantha Williams. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

City of Laguna Beach Receives National Endowment for the Arts Grant - National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu announced on December 2, 2014, that the City of Laguna Beach is one of 919 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Art Works grant. The City of Laguna Beach has been recommended for a \$25,000 grant to support the development of a city-wide Cultural Arts Plan. The Cultural Arts Plan will be important to securing the City's future cultural and economic growth. The development of this plan will take over a year to complete and will seek input from the entire community.

Wednesday, December 10 - Mobility Community Workshop - The Planning Commission and the Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee are hosting a workshop on Wednesday, December 10, from 5 to 6 p.m. to obtain community input on the Draft Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan. Please join City staff and the project team for the first review of the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan is the culmination of more than a year of Laguna Beach multi-modal and complete streets enhancement recommendations by the public and the consultant (including several surveys, walking/biking tours and many public meetings). After review of the Draft Plan is completed, the Plan will be forwarded to the City Council for Final Plan review. The Draft Plan will be posted for download from the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/enhanced_mobility_and_complete_streets.asp) before the December 10 joint meeting. The workshop will be held in the City Council Chambers at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach.

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New Community Services Staff Member - We are pleased to announce that Mariann Tracy has been selected as the new Administrative Assistant in the Community Services Department. The vacancy was created due to the retirement of Lynne Bisciegia after 18 years of service to the community. Mariann currently works in the City's Public Works Department and previously worked for Laguna Beach Seniors at the Community and Susi Q Center. Her official start date in Community Services will be Monday, December 15. Please join us in congratulating Lynne on her retirement and welcoming Mariann to the Community Services team.

Police Department's Citizen Academy Graduation - Class 20 of the Police Department's twelve week Citizen's Academy will have seventeen new graduates on December 4, 2014. They will join the ranks of almost 470 alumni members. The class teaches students about the different responsibilities of the Police Department and how to better use City resources which leads to a stronger partnership between the police department and the community. The next class date will be announced in January and is expected to start sometime in March 2015. Interested members of the public should contact Corporal Matt Meadows for details at mmeadows@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 497-0758.

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