

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: Christa Johnson, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Chief of Police to Retire – After nearly forty years of service to the City of Laguna Beach, Chief Paul Workman will retire this Friday, February 13. The Chief started with the City in 1975 and moved up through the ranks becoming Chief of Police in May 2009. A retirement celebration will be held at Tivoli Too the night of Thursday, February 12.

Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic – This Saturday, February 14, the Animal Shelter is hosting its annual low cost pet vaccination and licensing clinic. The event will take place from 1:00 - 3:00p.m. in the public parking lot located at 635 Laguna Canyon Road. For as little as \$10, residents will be able to obtain rabies vaccinations good for three years. Animal licensing renewal services will also be provided by shelter staff. Please see [attachment](#) for further details.

Speed Limits on Coast Highway – One year ago Caltrans proposed increasing speed limits on Coast Highway at several locations. The City Council held a public hearing on the proposal in May 2014 and voted to oppose any speed limit increases. The City Council also directed the City Manager to request that Caltrans reconsider the proposed speed limit increases. Caltrans reconsidered the issue and recently advised the City that the speed limits would remain unchanged.

Speed Limits Near Schools – In October 2014, the City Council directed the Parking, Traffic, and Circulation (PTC) Committee to consider options for lowering speed limits near Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School. The PTC Committee will conduct a public hearing on the issue on February 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Notices regarding the PTC Committee meeting were mailed on Monday to about 150 residents near the schools.

SCE Construction – On February 17, SCE will begin work to replace a large underground structure in the alley between Forest Avenue and Ocean Avenue, adjacent to the Bank of America building. Nearby businesses have been notified about the five week alley closure. The alley will remain open outside of working hours.

Laguna Canyon Road Median Turf Removal – Work is planned to begin any day on removal of the turf from the Laguna Canyon Road median. This is a water conservation measure funded through a \$100,000 grant from the Municipal Water District of Orange County. The work will involve lane closures from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., which requires a permit from Caltrans. Under the grant, the work must be completed by March 9, so the work needs to proceed on a fast track basis as soon as the Caltrans permit is issued.

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