

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 26, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Weekend Trolley Service** - Free, off-season trolley service will begin in Laguna Beach every Friday and weekends beginning on Friday, March 6, 2015. The planned route includes a loop along Coast Highway extending from the Mission Hospital parking area in South Laguna to Cajon Street in North Laguna. The hours of operation are Fridays from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Special event trolley service will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, for the 2015 Patriots Day Parade. Residents are encouraged to take the free trolley rather than park downtown.

**Proposed Fuel Modification Project in Nyes/Oro Canyon** - A public workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers located at 505 Forest Avenue, regarding a proposed Fuel Modification Project for the Nyes/Oro Canyons. The project would result in approximately 50% thinning of the existing vegetation canopy, and includes removal of invasive pampas grass which has colonized along the drainages at the bottom of the canyons. During the meeting, staff will provide detailed project information, answer questions, and listen to any concerns.

**Spring Quarter 2015 Registration Activities** - Registration for spring quarter recreation activities begins Monday, March 2. The brochure has been mailed citywide and is now available at the Community & Susi Q Center, Community Pool and Community Services Department, as well as online. A wide variety of programs and classes are offered for all ages. Register for activities online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) (click on Recreation Activities), or by mail-in or drop-off to the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

**Summer Preview 2015** - Now you don't need to wait for the next Recreation Brochure to plan your child's summer activities! The Community Services Department is now offering a "Summer Preview 2015," which allows parents to register for popular summer programs on the same day spring registration begins, March 2. The Summer Preview can be accessed online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) (click the "Recreation Activities" icon) or at the Recreation Building at 515 Forest Avenue. Sign up now to ensure your spot this summer!

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**City-Wide Track & Field Meet** - The City of Laguna Beach will host the annual Boys & Girls Track Meet on Friday, March 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Laguna Beach High School Track and Field. All children born in or after the year 2000 and reside or attend school within the Laguna Beach Unified School District boundaries are invited to attend. Participants may enter a maximum of three (3) events. The top four finishers in each age division and event are eligible to compete at the Orange County Track Meet in early May. Entry forms are available in the Community Services Department (515 Forest Avenue), at the Community and Susi Q Center (380 Third St.) or online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) (click on "Recreation Activities" icon). To register, please submit a completed entry form along with \$17 entry fee per child (\$22 at the track meet) to the Community Services Department by Thursday, March 19. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

**Environmental Sustainability Committee Application Period Has Been Extended** - Applications for four openings on the Environmental Sustainability Committee are now due by Friday, March 6, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. The Committee consists of seven members who serve two-year terms. All applicants will be interviewed by the City Council at the regular City Council meeting on March 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 505 Forest Avenue. Applicants must reside in Laguna Beach. Residents of Laguna Beach who are interested in applying are required to submit an application that is available online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) or in the City Clerk's office.

**First Friday Flicks at the Forum** – The series concludes on Friday, March 6, 2015, at the Forum Theatre located at the Festival of Arts grounds at 650 Laguna Canyon Road. The 2014 Sundance Film Festival award winning film “20,000 Days on Earth” combines drama and reality in a fictitious 24 hours in the life of musician and international cultural icon Nick Cave. The film is an intimate portrait of the artistic process, celebrating the transformative power of the creative spirit. This film is not rated with a running time of 97 minutes. This program has been funded through the generosity of Laguna Beach residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield.

**Artist Open Studios** - Artist Open Studios concludes on Saturday, March 7, 2015, 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 opportunity to see artists working in a variety of media from glass fusion to bronze welding. This event is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. A brochure and map of participating studios is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10497>

**2015 Art That's Small at City Hall** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting pre-registration to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual “Art That's Small at City Hall” exhibition. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older with two dimensional works measuring 12” or smaller (including the frame). The first place winner will be awarded \$500. Artist may pre-register through March 10, 2015, by completing the application and e-mail to [art@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:art@lagunabeachcity.net). Artist may also register on the day of artwork delivery, Saturday, March 14, 2015, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Main doors to City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach. Applications are available at <http://lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10757>

**2015 Banner Competition** - Summer is on its way and the Arts Commission is accepting banner designs. The banners are displayed on lampposts through the City and are a celebration of the community. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older. The deadline for proposals is Monday, March 16, 2015. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach. Applications and information for the 2015 Banner Competition is available on the City website at: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10755>.

**2015 Postcards from Laguna** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs for four temporary murals to display on the Verizon Building located at 295 Broadway, facing the Whole Foods parking lot. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older. Proposed designs should be imaginative, colorful and include the theme of postcards. The design should convey a positive reference to Laguna Beach and may include a simple message, not to exceed 25% of the surface area. Winning artists will be provided with a 7' by 5' stretched canvas and will be awarded \$2,000. This program has been funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach. Applications and information is available at <http://lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10762>.

**Annual Composting Classes** - The City's solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer the first of four free composting classes to residents planned for 2015. The class will be held on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Community and Susi Q Center. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for purchase during the classes at a discounted price. For more information regarding the classes, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499, or by email at [lisyrydermoore@gmail.com](mailto:lisyrydermoore@gmail.com). Visit the City's website, [www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling) for additional classes offered this year.

**Annual Waste Collection Event** - The City and Waste Management will be hosting the annual event to collect and recycle E-waste, universal waste and paint, and to offer document shredding. The event will be on-site on Saturday, March 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACT V lot, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. This service is offered as part of the franchise agreement with Waste Management. Laguna Beach residents and businesses are invited to participate in this free event and dispose of unwanted E-Waste, universal waste and paint in a safe and responsible way. A detail list of acceptable items is available from the City's website at [www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling). Participants are reminded to follow the California Department of Transportation regulation limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds when driving items to the Act V Lot. An attendant will remove the items from the vehicle.

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