

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Patriot's Day Parade - The Patriots Day Parade is this Saturday, March 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Road closures associated with the parade will begin downtown at 10:00 a.m. The entire length of Forest Avenue and 3rd Street, Glenneyre Street between Legion Street and Forest Avenue, and Park Avenue between St. Anns Drive and Glenneyre Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more detailed information and to view the press release, please visit: www.lagunabeachcity.net/recreationactivities.

New Trolley Service - The long-awaited off-season trolley service will begin this Friday! To help reduce congestion related to the Patriots Day Parade, free trolley service will begin on Saturday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m. The route includes a loop along Coast Highway extending from the Mission Hospital parking area in South Laguna to Cajon Street in North Laguna. The regular 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.

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. 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. 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: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10775>.

2015 Artist Designed Bench Competition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting applications from qualified artists for an installation at Crescent Bay Point Park. The park has stunning 180 degree views for the coastline and has a bluff top setting. The opportunity is open to artists who reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego countries. The budget for design, fabrication and installation is \$23,000. Interested artists must submit their application on-line at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com by April 6, 2015. This public art project has been funded by Laguna Beach resident Norman J. Powell. Applications and information is available at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10802>.

Daylight Savings Time - The Fire Department wants to ensure that all residents check their smoke alarm batteries on Sunday, March 8, when they move their clocks forward one hour for daylight savings time. If you do not have a smoke alarm, batteries, or a carbon monoxide detector, the Fire Department will provide and install these devices in your home at no cost while supplies last. Once the online form is submitted a representative from the Fire Department will contact you and schedule an appointment to determine how many detectors are needed and installed. It is also a good time to check your disaster supplies and ensure you have sufficient food and water for at least three days for each person in the home and all pets. Detailed information for this program is available on the City's website at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire_prevention/smoke_alarms.asp.

Goats Are Back in Town - The goats that maintain the Fuel Modification areas for the City are back in town after a five month hiatus. Back in October the goats were given a vacation in Perris, California (not France), as the brush on the hillsides had not grown due to lack of rainfall this season. Now that we have experienced some rain you can see that the hillsides are green and the brush has started to grow back. A herd of approximately 110 goats are grazing in the hills above Allview Terrace and they will continue to move south towards the area behind the Pageant of the Masters in the next month. As a reminder, while our area has experienced some rain we are still in our fourth year of drought conditions and the fire threat still is extremely high.

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