

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 13, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Laguna Canyon Creek and Storm Drain Maintenance** - City crew clean City drainage systems twice a year, typically in the spring and fall. Crews will begin cleaning over 900 drain inlets and over five miles of storm drain lines in early September. Also in early September, the Laguna Canyon Foundation, partnering with the Orange County Conservation Corps, will begin cleaning the City maintained areas of the Laguna Canyon Creek. The cleaning includes the removal of all invasive plant species, debris, and litter within the creek and outer banks. This project normally takes about four weeks to complete.

**Tell Us What you Think!** - The City of Laguna Beach invites you to participate in three surveys that are important in planning for our future. Please participate in surveys relating to the Cultural Arts Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan Update and the Village Entrance Project. Thanks in advance for helping to shape the future of Laguna Beach!

- Cultural Arts Plan Community Survey (available through October 5, 2015): <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2251774/Laguna-Beach-Survey>
- Downtown Specific Plan Retail Survey (available through October 5, 2015): [http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/downtown\\_specific\\_plan\\_amendment/survey.asp](http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/downtown_specific_plan_amendment/survey.asp)
- Village Entrance Interactive Survey (available through August 31, 2015): <https://villageentrance.metroquest.com/>

**New Pool Manager** – Please join us in welcoming Roger Coldiron to the City team! Roger was hired as the new Pool Manager following a very competitive recruitment. He comes to Laguna Beach from the City of Palm Desert, where he oversaw the daily operations of a major aquatics facility. Roger holds a Bachelor's degree in Recreation Administration and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

**New Transit Supervisor** – Please join us in welcoming Scott Manchan to the City's transit team! Scott was hired as the new Transit Supervisor and comes to Laguna Beach from Southland Transit in the San Gabriel Valley. He has nearly twenty years of experience in transit operations. Scott holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Organizational Management.

**Animal Shelter Donation** - The Police Department was informed that a deceased female resident donated on her trust \$218,000 to the animal shelter. Once we know all the details we will publically thank the family.

**Police Explorer Graduation** - Congratulations to Grant Brakke who graduated from the Orange County Law Enforcement Explorer Academy on August 9! He is the godson of Fallen Officer Jon Coutchie.

**California Police Chiefs Homelessness and Mentally Ill Working Group** - The police chief is participating in this state-wide working group that will meet monthly and make recommendations for best practices in dealing with this issue. The best practices will be scalable based on the size of a city, size of homeless population and city resources.

**Pearl Street Steps to Beach Closed** - A retaining wall at the Pearl Street steps to the beach failed a couple of weeks ago. The steps were closed for repairs since this past Monday, August 10. The repairs were completed by D. P. Reynolds Corporation and the steps were opened by the end of the day Wednesday, August 12. The Coastal Commission staff were very helpful in issuing an emergency Coastal Development Permit for the repair work so that there was minimal inconvenience to the public.

**Goat Update** - The goats have completed their work off of the Fire Road between Top of the World (TOW) and Arch Beach Heights. They will be moved to TOW school and work their way to Thurston School. The approximately 200 goats, in addition to hand crews, maintain 14 fuel modification zones throughout the City.

**REMINDERS:**

**2015 Juried Fine Art Exhibition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting submissions to the annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition at City Hall. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older with two dimensional works. The juror will be Malcolm Warner, Executive Director of the Laguna Art Museum. The first place winner will be awarded \$1,000. Applications must be made on-line with a non-refundable entry fee of \$25. The deadline for submissions is September 8, 2015. <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=11229>

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