

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 21, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Off-Season Trolley Service** - Though summer may be coming to a close, the City's popular trolley service will continue to operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays year-round. The free trolleys will begin operating on Friday, September 4. The "Coastal Route" includes a loop along Coast Highway extending from the Ritz-Carlton in Dana Point to Cajon Street in North Laguna. 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 Labor Day trolley service will be offered on Monday, September 7, from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to take the free trolley rather than park downtown.

**Holiday Transit Operations** - Mainline transit service will not be offered on Monday, September 7, due to the Labor Day holiday. However, special Labor Day trolley service will be offered along Coast Highway from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Heisler Park Artist Designed Bench Competition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting request for qualifications for an artist designed bench at Heisler Park near Monument Point. Artists are invited to submit images of previous installations and their public art resume. The honorarium for this project is \$20,000. The deadline for submissions is October 5, 2015. Guidelines and application is available at <https://lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com/#/Login>

**Sunset Serenades** - Every Friday evening from September 4 through September 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The Arts Commission will present Sunset Serenades. The free concerts are held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre with a variety of music genres.

9/4 Jonathan Rowden Group (Jazz)  
9/11 Michael Ubaldini (Americana)  
9/18 South Coast Symphony String Quartet  
9/25 The Pendleton Sisters (Songwriter Harmony)

This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach and recently was awarded best Arts Program by the Laguna Beach Alliance for the Arts.

**Firefighters Return Home** - Laguna Beach Firefighters have been assisting with the large brush fires burning in Northern California since July 29. During this time, the Department has sent a total of ten firefighters staffing two engines and a command vehicle. The personnel are part of a "strike team" consisting of five fire engines from other fire departments in Orange County. All Laguna Beach Firefighters and equipment returned back to the City yesterday. This response is part of the State's Master Mutual Aid system and the City does get reimbursed for the costs associated with providing this aid.

**Laguna's Excellent Water Quality** - The County of Orange is now producing their water quality report on a triennial basis. The July 2015 edition of the Orange County Health Care Agency's Triennial Ocean, Harbor & Bay Water Quality Report was recently released. Seven locations along the City's coastline are monitored at least once a week. Since 2005, the City's success rate for compliance with AB411 standards has averaged 98.9% (recreational water standards analyzed between April 1 - October 31). The City's success is achieved by the maintenance and operation of the sewer collection system, dry-season urban water diversion units, street sweeping, and the beach cleaning operations.

**Fall Quarter 2015 Registration Activities** - Registration for Fall 2015 recreation activities and men's adult softball is now available. The quarterly recreation brochure has been mailed citywide and is 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.

**DUI Checkpoint** – This Saturday, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., the Police Department will be conducting a driving under the influence checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the City. These enforcement and education efforts are part of the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" grant in partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety. Laguna Beach will be one of many communities across California conducting saturation patrols or checkpoints in order to educate the public about the dangers of driving under the influence while also getting impaired motorists off our roadways.

## **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>

**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!

- Village Entrance Interactive Survey (available through August 31, 2015):  
<https://villageentrance.metroquest.com/>
- 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)

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