

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 17, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Ocean Avenue and Beach Street Public Art Project** - Artist Kyungmi Shin will commence work on the installation of “Road Blossoms Laguna Beach” on Monday, September 21, 2015. The installation area, on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street, will be cordoned off during construction. On Wednesday, September 23, 2015, the traffic lane adjacent to the installation site will be closed for the use of heavy equipment. Two way traffic will be maintained in the area during installation. Nearby businesses will be informed and Community Service Department staff have a traffic control plan in place. This project is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach Art-in-Lieu Fund.

**City Hall Exhibition** - The public is invited to an artist reception at City Hall, located at 505 Forest Avenue on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 5 p.m. The exhibit highlight’s the work of participants in the City’s event “Artist Open Studios.” The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be on display through Thursday, October 8, 2015.

**Shakespeare’s Fool** - On Sunday, October 4, 2015, the Arts Commission will present Shakespeare’s Fool. The free concert will be held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre at 5:00 p.m. This fast paced performance includes artists Jason Feddy and John Gardiner with the songs and speeches from the plays of William Shakespeare. 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.

**Annual Composting Classes** - The City’s solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer the last free composting class planned for 2015. Four free classes are offered each year. The class will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Top of the World School Garden/Outdoor Classroom, 21601 Treetop Lane. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for purchase during the class at a discounted price. Class attendees will be eligible to enter a raffle and win a free compost bin. For more information regarding the class, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499, or by email at [lisarydermoore@gmail.com](mailto:lisarydermoore@gmail.com).

**“Learn to Swim” Program Update** - In January 2015, the City Council approved a program to provide free swim lessons to children ages 3 – 13 who reside within the School District boundaries and meet family income eligibility requirements. We are pleased to report that 36 children participated in the program over the summer. In addition to swim lessons from trained instructors, each participant received a backpack, towel, swimsuit, goggles and sunscreen. The majority of swimmers requested to be placed in beginner-level classes, with those who signed-up for additional sessions progressing from beginner classes to intermediate and advanced levels. City staff worked closely with School District staff to publicize the program and assist parents with registration.

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**Afterschool Sports Program at Thurston Middle School** - The City is conducting a pilot program to offer organized afterschool sports at Thurston Middle School for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this fall. The sports currently offered are Girls Basketball and Boys Volleyball. Tryouts are being held the weeks of September 14 and 21. For more information, please contact Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at [abraun@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:abraun@lagunabeachcity.net) or (949) 497-0762.

## **REMINDERS:**

**Cultural Arts Plan – Town Hall Meeting** - We want your input! The community is invited to a Town Hall meeting to discuss ideas for a city wide Cultural Arts Plan. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street. For additional information contact Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager at [art@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:art@lagunabeachcity.net) or (949) 497-0727.

**Heisler Park Artist Designed Bench Competition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting requests 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>

**Holiday Palette Competition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs to the annual competition. Winning artists will be provided with a wooden palette on which to paint their original design. The honorarium for this project is \$600. Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015. The guidelines and application is available at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=11295>

**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)

**City Hosting SCE San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Decommissioning Education Fair** - The City is hosting an education fair organized and staffed by Southern California Edison to provide interested citizens with an opportunity to ask Edison representatives questions about the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The event is scheduled for October 8 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center located at 380 Third Street.

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**Off-Season Trolley Service** - The City's popular trolley service will continue to operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays year-round. 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. Residents are encouraged to take the free trolley rather than park downtown.

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