

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Sewer Line Construction Along Forest Avenue - Preparations are being made to begin the Loma Terrace Sewer Relocation Project. The City's contractor, Mike Prlich & Sons, will begin utility locating (potholing) along Forest and 3rd Street. Potholing began today and will go through Friday, October 30, 2015. "No parking" signs have been posted along Forest and 3rd Street to accommodate diverting traffic around the operations. Next week the contractor will begin moving in equipment and supplies and the following week excavations will begin. To spread the word, the construction team met with nearly all of the businesses along Forest and 3rd Street last Friday. For questions concerning construction please call the project line at (949) 464-6686 or visit www.clbwq.net, under the Projects section of the Water Quality Department.

Oak Street/Brooks Street Halloween Event - City staff will provide barricades to block vehicle traffic on Oak Street and Brooks Street between Catalina and Temple Terrace for the annual Halloween event this Saturday, October 31. Police personnel will set the barricades up at 5:00 p.m. The event will conclude at 9:00 p.m., and police personnel will reopen the streets at approximately 9:30 p.m. after the residents have had the opportunity to clean up. Police personnel will be assigned to the event to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Sunday morning, November 1, is the end of daylight saving time. Residents are reminded to turn their clocks back one hour on Sunday, and are also reminded that this is a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and change out your emergency drinking water. If you need assistance with your smoke detector, feel free to contact the Fire Department to schedule a time to come out and ensure your smoke detector is working properly, that you have sufficient detectors for your home, and that you have a fresh battery for your detector. The Fire Department can be reached at 497-0700.

Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs to the annual competition. Children ages 5 to 17 years old may submit an original design celebrating the holiday season. Up to 12 designs will be selected for display at City Hall throughout December. Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. The guidelines and application is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=11326>.

Juried Fine Art Exhibition – Artist Reception and Award Ceremony - On Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 5 p.m. the winners of the ninth annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition will be announced at an Artist Reception at Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. The exhibition can be viewed through November 25, 2015. The juror, Malcolm Warner, Executive Director at the Laguna Art Museum reviewed submissions from artists from throughout Orange County and selected 35 for exhibit. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Arts Marketing Workshop - The City of Laguna Beach is collaborating with the National Arts Marketing Project, a program of Americans for the Arts and will be offering a free arts marketing workshop on November 20, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop will be led by Linda Butler, Director of Marketing at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, attendees will learn best practices for engaging younger arts audiences as well as the practical tools and implementable strategies for staying-ahead-of-the-marketing and audience engagement curve through the use of social media. Registration is required. To register and receive additional information e-mail Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager at art@lagunabeachcity.net on or before November 11, 2015. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

Fuel Modification Project - The Fuel Modification project for the Nyes/Oro Canyon area will begin on Monday, November 2. The goal is to reduce the dead and non-native vegetation that, should a wildfire occur, Firefighters will have a greater opportunity to effectively fight the fire and save the homes. Contractors will be working in the area though early January removing 50% of the dead and dying vegetation within 100' of the homes. The Laguna Canyon Foundation is the project manager and will be on site each day with the workers. For further information on this project contact the Fire Department at 497-0700.

REMINDERS:

Compost Your Pumpkin - Pumpkins have long been part of Halloween celebrations. To properly dispose pumpkins, residents should place the pumpkin in the green waste cart where it will be sent off for composting.

Storm Preparation Community Workshop - On Thursday, November 5 at 6 p.m. the city will be hosting a storm preparation meeting at the Susi Q. There will be a series of presentations by the Fire Chief, Emergency Operations Coordinator, Marine Safety, and a meteorologist from the National Weather Service.

Sandbags Available to Local Residents - To help residents prepare for winter storms, the City will be offering free, filled sandbags at two locations in the days leading up to a forecasted major rain event. The sandbags will be available at the ACT V parking lot on Laguna Canyon Road, and the rear area of the Aliso Creek Beach inland parking lot. Additionally, empty sand bags are available at all fire stations in the city. For more information, including where sand can be purchased and how to effectively install sandbags around your home, please visit the City's website at:

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/sb.asp>

Art and Nature Event at Main Beach - On Saturday, November 7, the Laguna Art Museum will hold a laser light show at Main Beach and the south end of Heisler Park as part of its annual Art and Nature event. Over the next two weeks, the artist and production staff will be conducting brief pre-performance equipment testing during the evening hours.

Resurfacing on the 133 - Caltrans is resurfacing Laguna Canyon Road between the 73 Toll Road and the 405 Freeway. Working hours are night time, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday. One lane of travel will be open at all times. The work is expected to be completed by the middle of November, subject to change if there is an unusual amount of rain during the course of the project.

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Ribbon-Cutting for High School Tennis Courts: November 19 - Please save the date! The City and School District will host a ribbon-cutting event for the High School Tennis Facility Improvement Project on Thursday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m. Please wear your tennis shoes and bring a racquet for an informal mixer following the event. Light refreshments will be served. More information to follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

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