

MEMORANDUM

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

Ribbon-Cutting for High School Tennis Courts: November 19 - 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. Invitation flyer attached. If you have any questions, please contact Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762. (**Attachment**)

Downtown Specific Plan Update - Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session - The City of Laguna Beach and MIG consulting team will continue their efforts on the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Update with a Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session on Thursday, December 3, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers. The study session will focus on the following key topics: Retail, Commercial and the Conditional Use Permit Process. MIG will provide a review of related policies within the existing Downtown Specific Plan, an overview of their research and analysis and preliminary recommendations for updating policies for consideration. Additional meetings will occur during the winter and spring to review other key topics including, but not limited to Parking, Urban Design and Land Uses. This session and future meetings play an essential role for MIG to obtain direction from the City Council and Planning Commission, and to identify the City's priorities for the future of the Downtown. For more information, contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321 or wjung@lagunabeachcity.net.

Short-Term Lodging - The Laguna Beach City Council will discuss the topic of short-term lodging (also known as vacation rentals) at its next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, November 17 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 505 Forest Avenue in Laguna Beach. The City Council will consider and provide direction to City staff regarding a draft ordinance that proposes amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 25.23, Short-Term Lodging, including a prohibition on short-term-lodging in residential zones, additional standard conditions and requirements for short-term lodging permits, and amortization and abatement of existing short-term lodging permits in residential zones.

Public Art Dedication - On Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. the City of Laguna Beach will dedicate the public art installation "Road Blossoms: Laguna Beach" by artists Kyungmi Shin and Todd Gray on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street. The installation includes a sculpture, seating and decorative planter. This installation has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Coffee with a Cop - Saturday, November 7, the Police Department will be hosting their *Coffee with a Cop* at the Farmer's Market and the focus will be on Emergency Preparedness, with members of the CERT Team in attendance, as well as Emergency Operations Coordinator, Jordan Villwock.

Afterschool Sports Program at Thurston Middle School - The City is conducting a pilot program to offer organized afterschool sports at Thurston Middle School for 7th and 8th graders this winter. The winter sports offered are Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball. Tryouts are being held at 3:15 p.m. for Boys Basketball on Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12 and for Girls Volleyball on Wednesday, November 18 and Friday, November 20. Information flyer attached. For more information, please contact Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at abraun@lagunabeachcity.net or (949) 497-0762. **(Attachment)**

Citywide Food Drive - City of Laguna Beach and Waste Management are hosting the 8th Annual Non-Perishable Food Drive benefitting Laguna Food Pantry as part of Laguna Beach Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in November. Drop-off bins can be found at various locations throughout the City. Waste Management will pick up curbside donations in residential neighborhoods. Please place non-perishable food in boxes or paper bags at curbside on your regular waste collection day until Friday, November 13. Laguna Food Pantry has identified the items most in need, including: cereal, canned tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Donated items directly benefit locals in need. Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause!

Historic Preservation Workshops - The City will be holding a series of workshops with the Heritage Committee that will focus on different topic areas related to historic preservation with the purpose of formulating a revised Draft Ordinance and Historic Inventory Update. The second upcoming workshop will be held on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss historic property ratings and historic criteria. For more information or information about past meetings please visit: http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/zoning/heritage_committee/default.asp.

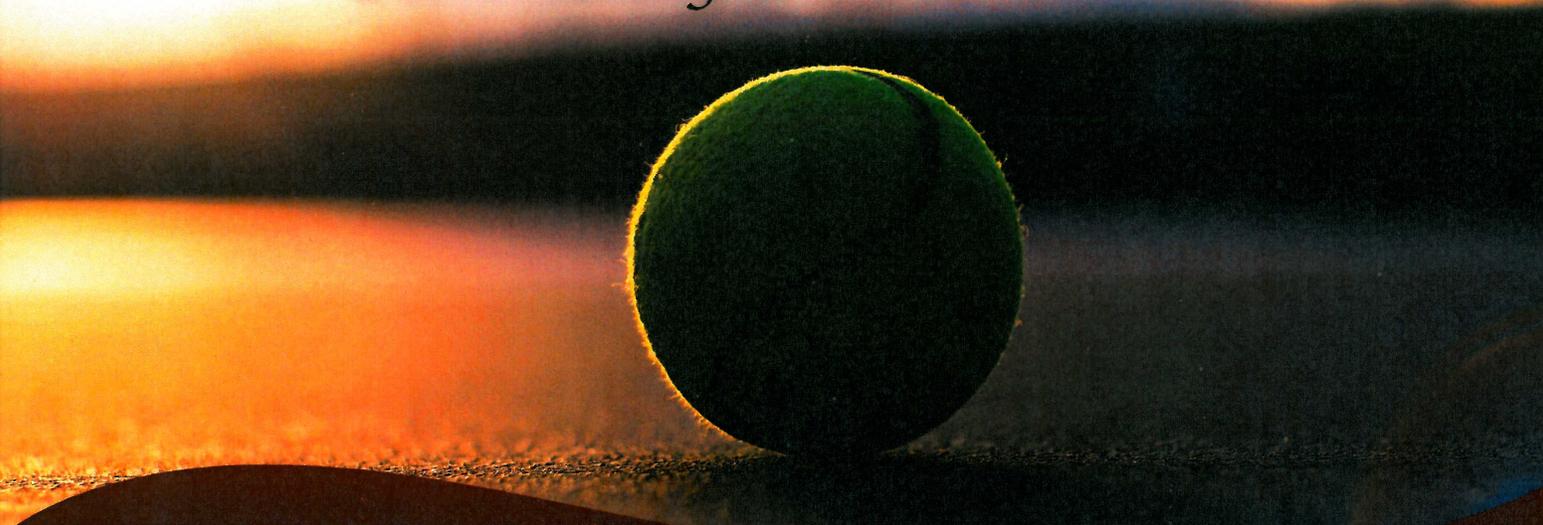
REMINDERS:

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. On Friday, November 6, the artist and production staff will be conducting pre-performance equipment testing during the evening hours.

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>.

*Laguna Beach High School
Community Tennis Courts*



GRAND REOPENING

*The City of Laguna Beach and the Laguna Beach Unified School District invite
you to attend the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Grand Reopening of the
Laguna Beach High School Community Tennis Courts*

Thursday, November 19 at 4pm

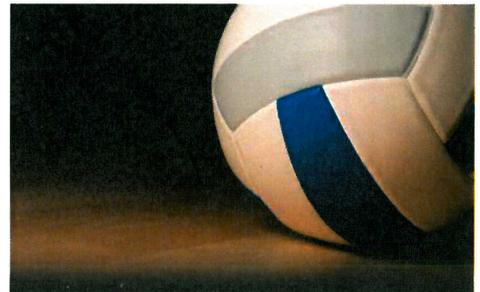
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Thurston Middle School Winter Sports Program



The City of Laguna Beach is now offering competitive Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball After-School Sports Programs for 7th and 8th graders

Boys Basketball Tryouts T, TH - November 10 & 12

Girls Volleyball Tryouts W, F— November 18 & 20

Tryouts/Practices/Games twice a week from

3:15 -4 :30 pm at Thurston Gym

Questions or to sign up for tryouts please contact Alexis at:

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