

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Swimming Pool Moratorium - I have received a lot of questions about the current swimming pool moratorium. The 45-day moratorium approved by the City Council on Tuesday night prohibits the approval of any development applications to construct or install swimming pools (the definition of a swimming pool includes spas) that do not already have the necessary design review entitlements. City staff will be returning to the City Council at its August 4 meeting with a report to identify options regarding swimming pool regulations, at which time the City Council will receive public comment regarding the moratorium and possible future policies. The City presently has 27 applications that will be on hold until the moratorium is clarified.

Letter to Southern California Edison President For Support of Undergrounding Utility Lines - On July 15, Mayor Whalen sent a letter to the President of Southern California Edison requesting a dialogue with the City regarding how we can partner together to underground the remaining SCE overhead facilities in the City to avoid a future catastrophic regional disaster. (Attachment)

Tree Growth Regulators - Two years ago, the City experimented with treating 20 Ficus trees on Ocean Avenue with a growth regulator. The application is relatively inexpensive and has shown some reduction in the production of the berries that drop on sidewalks and vehicles. The program will be expanded to other Ficus trees in other areas of the Downtown.

Alta Vista Retaining Wall - Construction will begin on July 20 to replace the retaining wall that supports the roadway between 475 and 525 Alta Vista Way. The street will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic impacts are anticipated and use of alternate routes are encouraged. The work is scheduled to be complete by the end of December.

City Council to Receive Update on Stand-Up Paddling Ordinance - The City Council will receive an update regarding the regulation of commercial Stand-Up Paddling activity at its meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. The commercial SUP regulations took effect in July 2014, and were intended to improve safety and reduce neighborhood impacts associated with commercial, for-profit SUP activity, including classes, tours and instruction. Those who have an interest in the topic are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Tell Us What you Think! Retail Survey for the Downtown Specific Plan Update Project - The City and consultant MIG invite you to take a retail survey to provide feedback for the Downtown Specific Plan Update Project. Your feedback is important to us as we continue to evaluate retail uses and develop a better understanding of the various factors that impact the downtown's retail potential. To access the survey, simply click on the following link: [DSP Retail Survey](#). Thanks in advance for helping to shape the Downtown Specific Plan!

Enroll Your Child in Great Summer Camps! - The Community Services Department still has available spots for some fun summer camps. A variety of summer camps are being offered including art, learning, and sports camps. Sign-up your child today! Visit www.lagunabeachcity.net and click on “Recreation Activities.”

Special Olympics Final Leg Torch Run - The Special Olympics Final Leg Torch Run will be arriving at City Hall on Monday, July 20 at 10:15 a.m. About 50 to 60 runners will join the Police Chief, Mayor other dignitaries and the community in a celebration as the *Flame of Hope* travels through our city on the way to Los Angeles for the world games. The event is in place to spread the message of acceptance and inclusion for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

REMINDERS:

Downtown Specific Plan Update – Upcoming Community Workshop - The City of Laguna Beach and MIG consulting team will continue the public outreach phase of the Downtown Specific Plan Update Project with a community workshop on Monday, July 20, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center (380 3rd Street). The City of Laguna Beach invites you to view and provide input on the refined topic areas and strategies for updating the Downtown Specific Plan. Specific topic areas include: land use, parking, mobility, placemaking, urban design, key opportunity sites and infrastructure. Last fall, the community provided their visions and ideas for the Downtown through the use of interactive displays and survey tools during the exciting Plan Trolley and Pop-Up Downtown events. This next workshop is your opportunity to see how these ideas have been refined. We encourage you to learn more about the strategies and continue to share your thoughts for the future of Downtown Laguna Beach. For more information visit: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/downtown_specific_plan_amendment/default.asp or contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321 or wjung@lagunabeachcity.net.

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