

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

New Code Enforcement Officer - The Code Enforcement Division is pleased to welcome its newest member Mr. Ross Corona. Ross is filling an existing Code Enforcement Officer position that was vacated several months ago. He began his Code Enforcement career in the City of Corona in 2006 and comes to us from the City of Sierra Madre. Prior to working in Code Enforcement, he completed a two year internship with the City of Corona Finance Department and later a six month internship with the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau. Ross holds numerous Code Enforcement certifications along with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from CSU-Fullerton. He is currently enrolled in the Master's in Public Administration Program at Cal-Baptist University in Riverside.

Applications Being Accepted for The Housing and Human Services Committee - The City Council is accepting applications to serve on the City's Housing and Human Services Committee. The Committee consists of seven members who serve two-year terms. The terms of two members expire on June 30, 2015, and the two newly appointed members will begin their terms immediately. The Housing and Human Services Committee was created to provide input to the Council regarding affordable housing, as well as housing opportunities for all segments of the community. Residents of Laguna Beach who are interested in applying are required to submit an application that is available at the City Clerk's office or on line at the City's website, www.lagunabeachcity.net. The application must be filed with the City Clerk by Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. All applicants will be interviewed by the City Council at their regular meeting of July 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach.

Tree Removal - There is a City maintained Red-flowering Gum tree at 31566 Eagle Rock Way that has died and will be removed by the City's contractor. The tree was inspected by two separate arborists retained by the City, and both agree that removal of the tree is the only option.

"My Laguna" 2015 Photo contest Winners - To celebrate Laguna Beach and provide high-quality photographs for the City's new website design, the City sponsored a photo contest. Individuals who live, work or exhibit in the City were invited to submit photographs fitting the theme of "My Laguna". The contest ran between May 22 and June 12, 2015. The juror, photographer Tom Lamb, reviewed 159 submissions from 63 photographers. Tom Lamb is the owner of Lamb Studio. The winners in the Adult Category: 1st Place Mitch Ridder; 2nd Place Allard van der Graaf; and 3rd Place Cheyne Walls. In the Youth Category: 1st Place Charlie Dickerson, 2nd Place Chloe Mansour, and 3rd Place Deja Whitney. Congratulations to the Winners! Winning photographs are now on display on the City's website: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/admin/contest.asp>.

Day Trash Collection for Commercial Customers – There will be no interruption of commercial trash and recycling collection scheduled for Saturday, July 4.

Farmer's Market Cancelled for July 4 - Due to the Independence Day holiday and related activities, the Farmer's Market has been cancelled for Saturday, July 4. Normal operations for the Farmer's Market will resume on Saturday, July 11.

Participate in the Design of Village Entrance Project! - Beginning Saturday, June 27, the City will offer an interactive, online tool for the community to learn about the Village Entrance site and provide feedback on priorities for this important project. The interactive program will be available through mid-August and is accessible on a PC, tablet or mobile device. To participate, please visit the project website (www.Village-Entrance.com). At the website, you will also be able to download the Village Entrance Project Workbook, which includes eight "stops" with a map, photos, site details, and a set of questions for your consideration. Turn in your completed Workbook at City Hall or email a scanned copy to wbrown@lagunabeachcity.net.

Holiday Transit Operations – Mainline transit service will not be offered on the Fourth of July. Summer Festival Trolley operations will run with special hours of service from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department Badge Pinning - The Fire Department will be holding a Badge Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, July 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Council Chambers. The Department will be recognizing the promotion of a new fire engineer, three firefighters, one division chief, and recognizing a probationary firefighter.

Fire Department responds to Big Bear - The Fire Department has sent one fire engine and one division chief to the Lake Fire, which is currently burning out of control in the San Bernardino National Forest near Big Bear. Crews left last Thursday and have been actively involved in the fire fight. All Fire Agencies in the State are part of the mutual aid system that responds to large incidents such as this fire. In 1993 over 300 fire engines from across the State assisted during the "Laguna Fire."

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