

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Award from American Planning Association - On June 10, 2015, City staff accepted an award presented by the Orange County Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) for the recently completed *Laguna Beach Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan*. The Plan is designed to implement multi-modal and active transportation strategies in the City of Laguna Beach. The Plan generally balances the needs of all transportation types including pedestrian, bicycle, transit and automobile and is expected to be useful in current and future capital improvement projects and the anticipated update to the City's General Plan Circulation Element (as required by the State). The Plan was an approximate two-year effort with intensive public outreach that included over a dozen public meetings. The Plan was primarily funded by a State Community Assistance Grant that was awarded to the City after an extensive application submittal process. This APA program celebrates leaders in the planning field and outstanding planning projects in Orange County. The award was specifically given to the City for excellent transportation planning. The Award's dinner was attended by the City's Community Development Director, Gregory Pfof and Principal Planner, Scott Drapkin.

Main Beach Basketball Courts - Routine maintenance and resurfacing work at the Main Beach basketball courts began on Wednesday, June 10. The courts will re-open on Monday, June 15. If you have any questions, please call Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

Pool Construction Update - The Laguna Beach High School & Community Pool will re-open on Friday, June 12, at 7:00 a.m. for normal hours. The locker rooms will remain closed through Saturday, June 13, and portable restrooms have been delivered. The locker rooms will re-open on Sunday, June 14, but will close intermittently throughout the next week to allow work crews to complete repairs. The pool will remain open during these intermittent locker room closures. All renovations will be completed before the busy summer season starts on June 22, 2015.

Coyote Awareness Meeting - On Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., the Laguna Beach Animal Services Department will be hosting a community meeting in Bluebird Park to discuss "Living with Wildlife." This important meeting will educate residents about coyotes and other wildlife that live amongst us in Laguna Beach. Animal safety tips will be provided so citizens know how to protect themselves and their pets from coyotes. In 2013 a similar meeting took place at Top of the World Elementary School and was attended by 50 residents.

Village Entrance Community Workshop - The City of Laguna Beach will kick-off the conceptual design phase of the Village Entrance Project with a community workshop on Tuesday, June 23, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME OF 5:00 P.M.* The Village Entrance site and related project elements are located near the intersection of Broadway and Forest Avenue. The proposed project will beautify the area with landscaping, a pedestrian/bicycle pathway and an exterior renovation of the historic sewer digester facility. The June 23 community workshop will begin at the City Council Chambers (505 Forest Avenue) and represents the first of several opportunities for the public to participate in the design of the Village Entrance improvements. The workshop will include a walking tour of the site, and participants will be encouraged to provide feedback regarding priorities for the Village Entrance. Following the June 23 workshop, the City will launch an interactive, online engagement tool designed to foster meaningful project participation outside of the workshop environment. For more information on the Village Entrance Project, please visit: www.Village-Entrance.com.

Laguna Canyon Planning Study – Upcoming Community Workshop - The City of Laguna Beach and MIG consulting team will continue the public outreach phase of the Laguna Canyon Planning Study Project with a community workshop on Thursday, June 25, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The intent of the Laguna Canyon Planning Study is to review the zoning and land use standards along Laguna Canyon Road. The June 25 community workshop will take place at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center (380 3rd Street) and represents the first of several opportunities for the public to participate and provide valuable input. This interactive workshop will include an overview of existing conditions and planning context, and participants will be encouraged to provide feedback at various stations regarding topics such as: design character, land use, mobility and natural systems of Laguna Canyon. For more information on the Laguna Canyon Planning Study, please contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321; email her at wjung@lagunabeachcity.net or visit the City website page at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/laguna_canyon_planning_study.asp.

REMINDERS:

Annual Composting Classes - The City's solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer the third of four free composting classes to residents planned for 2015. The class will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bluebird Park, 798 Bluebird Canyon Drive. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for purchase during the classes at a discounted price. Laguna Beach residents who attend the class will be eligible to enter a drawing to win a free composting bin. For more information regarding the classes, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499, or by email at lisarydermoore@gmail.com. Visit the City's website, www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling for additional classes offered this year.

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