

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 4, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Utility Undergrounding on Ruby Street, Ruby Place, Catalina Street, and Radcliff Court** - On Monday, June 8, construction for Underground Utility Assessment District 13-1 will begin. The first phase is to build the underground infrastructure including conduits and vaults, which should be completed by the end of August. The utility companies will then install cable and equipment within the infrastructure, and followed by connecting homes to the underground system after individual property owners have had utility services on their properties placed underground. Finally, the poles and wires will be removed. All work is expected be completed within one year.

**Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation** - The Police Department is “stepping up” pedestrian safety and enforcement operations on Thursday, June 11. The focus will be on collision factors involving motorists and pedestrians. The goal is to bring attention to drivers and pedestrians who commit violations which tend to lead to avoidable collisions. This special enforcement team will speak with pedestrians who cross the street when they do not have the right away while also looking for drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians who are legally crossing the street. The day will also include educational opportunities for strategies on sharing the roadway with one another.

**Crescent Bay Point Park Artist Designed Bench** - On Monday, June 8, 2015, the Arts Commission will review two proposals for a sculptural bench installation at Crescent Bay Point Park. The finalists Gerard Stripling and artist team Jose Calderon and Roberto Delgado will present their designs at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue. The Commission will recommend one design to the City Council for approval. This project is funded through a donation by Laguna Beach resident Norman J. Powell. Artist renderings are attached. (**Attachment**)

**Library Parking Lot Resurfacing** - Next week the library will be resurfacing their parking lot and their portion of the adjacent alley. The work is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 8, and to be completed by Friday June 12. During construction, the alley behind the library will be reduced to one lane.

**Main Beach Basketball Courts** - Routine maintenance and resurfacing work at the Main Beach basketball courts will begin 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.

**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](mailto:lisarydermoore@gmail.com). Visit the City’s website, [www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling) for additional classes offered this year.

**REMINDERS:**

**52nd Brooks Street Surf Contest** - The waiting period for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Brooks Street Surf Contest begins on Friday, June 5! The surf contest, touted as the oldest surfing classic in the world, is open to Laguna Beach residents only. This year, the contest “window” will include Fridays in addition to the weekend to increase the likelihood the event will occur. To download the registration form, please visit [www.lagunabeachcity.net/recreationactivities](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/recreationactivities) or call the Community Services Department at (949) 497-0304 for more information.

**Shakespeare’s Fool** - On Sunday, June 7, 2015, the Arts Commission will present Shakespeare’s Fool. The free concert will be held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre at 5:30 p.m. This fast paced performance includes artists Jason Feddy and John Gardiner with the songs and speeches from the plays of William Shakespeare. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**City Photo Contest** - To celebrate Laguna Beach and provide high-quality photographs for the City’s new website design, the City is sponsoring a photo contest. Individuals who live, work or exhibit in the City are invited to submit photographs fitting the theme of “My Laguna” by 5:00 p.m. June 12, 2015. Photographs can be of any subject that represents the Laguna Beach experience. We encourage images that represent the vibrancy, vitality, and livability of our city. Some possible photo subjects include: art, art events, beaches, downtown, hardscape vistas, neighborhoods, ocean, parks, public events, recreation, residents, transit, trails, and action shots. Winning entries from both the youth and adult category would receive recognition at a City Council meeting, the photograph will be posted in a gallery on the City’s website and a cash prize will be awarded: first place \$150, second place \$75, and third place \$50. City employees are eligible to participate only if photos they submit are or were taken on their own time with their own equipment. For more information, please visit the City website at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net).

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