

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 28, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Downtown Specific Plan Update and Pilot Demonstration Projects** - On June 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., MIG will give a presentation and hold a Q&A session in the Council Chambers to seek input from the downtown business owners regarding the implementation of the temporary pilot demonstration projects. The City and the Chamber of Commerce encourage participation and feedback from downtown business owners and interested persons. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner at (949) 497-0321 or [wjung@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:wjung@lagunabeachcity.net).

**Construction at High School Pool and Tennis Courts** - On Monday, June 1, the School District will begin construction at the High School tennis courts on Park Avenue. The work includes repair and replacement of the retaining wall along Court 6, and will require the closure of Courts 4 and 6 for approximately two months. Portions of the sidewalk and on-street parking along Park Avenue will also be closed during construction to allow access for equipment and removal of soil and debris. The full renovation of the tennis courts is anticipated to occur later this summer, following completion of the retaining wall project. Additionally, beginning on June 1, the High School and Community Pool will close for repairs and maintenance. The pool is expected to be closed through Wednesday, June 10. The work will include exterior painting, locker room improvements and other routine maintenance to ensure safe and efficient operations. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Jeff Dixon, Facilities Director for Laguna Beach Unified School District, at (949) 497-7700 ext. 5222, or by email at [jdixon@lagunabeachschools.org](mailto:jdixon@lagunabeachschools.org).

**New Engineering Technician** - The Public Works Department is pleased to welcome the newest member of the Department's staff, Engineering Technician Alpha Santos-Guinto. Alpha holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University and has worked several years for construction contractors in the San Diego area.

**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.

**Sunset Serenades** - The Arts Commission will present the concluding Sunset Serenade on Friday, May 29, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with a performance by singer songwriter John Troy. The free concerts are held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach and recently was awarded best Arts Program by the Laguna Beach Alliance for the Arts.

**City Hall Exhibition** - The public is invited to the “Art to Go” artist reception on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 5 p.m. at City Hall located at 505 Forest Avenue. This preview exhibition organized by the Artist Fund at the Festival of Arts is based on the theme “Happiness is...” The exhibition runs through July 1, 2015 and can be viewed Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**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.

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