

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

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.

Ocean Avenue Crosswalk – Repair of the brick crosswalk on Ocean Avenue at Beach Street is underway. The bricks here have a history of cracking and dislodging because of poor subsoil. A new concrete base has been installed and stronger brick-colored concrete pavers will be added in about five weeks.

March Against Monsanto - The Police Department is preparing for the "March Against Monsanto" protest taking place on Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. Participants are meeting at Main Beach Park and marching along Coast Highway towards Cleo Street in order to protest chemically engineered food products. Previous events have produced little to no problems except for minor traffic delays. The Police Department will be present to assist with any traffic control or pedestrian related problems. Approximately 100-150 people are expected to attend. This is an internationally organized event with several marches taking place around the country.

Cox Conserves Heroes Local Finalist - Cox Conserves Heroes is an awards program created by [Cox Enterprises](#) and [The Trust for Public Land](#) (TPL) that honors volunteers who create, preserve or enhance the shared outdoor places in our communities. The program takes place in multiple Cox locations across the nation. Nearly \$500,000 has been donated to local nonprofits and more than 140 volunteers have been honored through the Cox Conserves Heroes program. I am pleased to note that local James Pribram is one of the finalists! You may read about James Pribram's work and vote for your favorite hero at <http://www.coxconservesheroes.com/california/finalists.aspx>.

REMINDERS:

Summer Quarter 2015 Registration Activities - Registration for summer recreation activities, camps, and men's adult softball league is available. The brochure has been mailed citywide and is now available at the Community & Susi Q Center, Community Pool and Community Services Department, as well as online. A wide variety of programs and classes are offered for all ages. Register for activities online at www.lagunabeachcity.net (click on Recreation Activities), or by mail-in or drop-off to the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

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