

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Open House - On Saturday, May 16, 2015, the City will be holding an “Open House” at City Hall, located at 505 Forest Avenue. Representatives from every Department in the City will be on site to answer questions and share how their specific Departments serve the City. The City Council will have a booth set up so Councilmembers may meet with members of the Community. There will be a balloon artist and face painter for the kids, refreshments, static displays of City vehicles and demonstrations by several departments. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and last through 2:00 p.m. Local radio station KX 93.5 will be broadcasting live from the event. Please come out and learn about your City services!

Goat Update - The goats are back in town and are currently working on the fuel modification zone in Bluebird Canyon. The City has over 100 goats in this area to keep fuel levels down to slow the spread of a possible wildfire. As the State is entering its fourth year of drought conditions, most of the light flashy fuels have died. Residents are encouraged to participate in the “Ready! Set! Go!” program to ensure their home and property could withstand a wildfire. Information is available on the Fire Department’s web site at http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire_prevention/default.asp.

Dog Walker Watch Meeting - On Saturday, May 2 between noon and 1 p.m., the Police Department is hosting its first “Dog Walker Watch” meeting in Alta Laguna Park. This innovative program is designed to educate recreational and commercial dog walkers when to reach out to the Police Department. Participants will learn when, where and why they should call the Police to report unusual activities in their neighborhoods. This kick off meeting is open to all Laguna Beach dog walkers and their canine companions. Come out and meet your fellow Dog Walkers and enjoy the afternoon in Alta Laguna Park!

Live Fire Training - Laguna Beach Firefighters have been conducting “Live Fire Training” in Huntington Beach this past month. As Firefighters do not get the opportunity to train often in live fire scenarios, each member will go through one half-day of training at a “burn tower.” Training topics will include search and rescue procedures, live fire attack, ventilation, nozzle techniques, and the Incident Command System. Firefighters will also get to use specialty equipment in a realistic environment, including personal protective equipment, thermal imaging cameras, self-contained breathing apparatus, ladders and fire hose. The goal of this training is to ensure our Firefighters are ready to safely and effectively respond to a structure fire in our community.

Summer Quarter 2015 Registration Activities - Registration for summer recreation activities, camps, and men’s adult softball league begins Monday, May 4. 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.

Senior Personnel Specialist Cathy King Retires - Friday, May 1 marks the retirement of Senior Personnel Specialist, Cathy King. For over thirty years, Cathy has delivered premier customer service to her coworkers and the public. We wish Cathy the best as she enters this new chapter in her life. Congratulations Cathy!

REMINDERS:

Compost Giveaway in May - The annual compost giveaway event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the ACT V Lot located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. In appreciation of the recycling efforts by Laguna Beach residents, 40 tons of compost will be made available for pickup by residents. The compost is provided by our contract solid waste hauler, Waste Management of Orange County and their green waste recycler, Tierra Verde Industries. Residents will have the option to select either the “drive-through” service or the self-service to pick-up the compost. Limited quantities of bagged compost will be available to residents using the drive-through service. There will be a limit of four bags per household. Residents opting to self-serve the compost will be provided with empty sand bags, which residents can fill with compost. There will be a limit of six sand bags per household. Residents are reminded to bring gloves and shovels. Distributions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Heritage Month - Celebrate Heritage Month this May and enjoy the many scheduled activities and events. Opening festivities commence on Thursday, May 7 at the Madison Square Garden Cafe at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, music and entertainment, including live performances. Activities and tours are scheduled throughout the entire month of May. A calendar of all the events can be found on the city website at: http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/zoning/heritage_committee/default.asp.

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