

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 16, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Old Top of The World Park Turf Removal** - In response to the need to reduce potable water usage, the City has turned off the water to the Old Top of The World Park turf. The grass will eventually die for lack of water. Design for renovation of that park will begin soon, and will focus on a low or not water usage design. The park renovation is expected to occur during the summer of 2016.

**Ocean Avenue and Beach Street Public Art Project** - Artist Kyungmi Shin will commence work on the installation of "Road Blossoms Laguna Beach" on Friday, April 17, 2015. The installation area, on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street, will be cordoned off during construction. The installation is expected to take three weeks to complete. The tree located in the planter will remain. A dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 11 a.m. This project is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach Art-in-Lieu Fund.

**Crescent Bay Point Park Artist Designed Bench** - At its meeting on Monday, April 23, 2015, the Arts Commission reviewed applications for a sculptural bench installation at Crescent Bay Point Park. The finalists selected to develop proposals are Gerard Stripling, Terry Thornsley and artist team Jose Calderon and Roberto Delgado. The finalists will present their proposals to the Arts Commission on Monday, June 8, 2015. The Commission will recommend one design to the City Council for approval. This project is funded through a by a donation by Laguna Beach resident Norman J. Powell.

**Sunset Serenades** - Every Friday evening from May 8 through May 29, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. The Arts Commission will present Sunset Serenades. The free concerts are held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre with a variety of music genres.

5/8 Trapdoor Social - Acoustic alternative-rock

5/15 El Re'al Players - Classical chamber music

5/22 Jason Harnell Trio – Jazz

5/29 John Troy - Singer/songwriter and writer

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.

**Fencing Completed at End of Alta Laguna Blvd.** - A two rail fence at the northerly end of Alta Laguna Blvd. was completed this week. The fence is a two rail wood fence that matched the existing fencing around the Alta Laguna Park parking area and that is intended to discourage people from going into the open space area at night. The fence has a gate that will be locked each evening and opened each morning.

**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.

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