

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 19, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Sewer Pipeline Relocation Project - Third & Forest Pipeline Project will be progressing between now and March 2016. Construction activity on Third Street will require the Third Street hill to be closed to through traffic next week, Monday thru Wednesday, November 23-25. The closure will occur between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The project hotline is (949) 464-6686. That line is updated at least once a week and offers an opportunity to leave a question for a response. The project website <http://lagunabeach-prod.civicasoft.com/cityhall/wq/default.htm> will be kept up to date with the latest project information.

Channel 30 No Longer Available - As part of the Cox Communications transition to all digital signal television programming channel 30 is no longer available for broadcasting of city meetings. Instead, residents can watch City Council, Planning Commission, Design review and other city meetings by turning to channel 852 or over the City website by visiting the city website at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.asp>.

Downtown Specific Plan Update - Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session - The City of Laguna Beach and MIG consulting team will continue their efforts on the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Update with a Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session on Thursday, December 3, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers. The study session will focus on the following key topics: Retail, Commercial and the Conditional Use Permit Process. MIG will provide a review of related policies within the existing Downtown Specific Plan, an overview of their research and analysis and preliminary recommendations for updating policies for consideration. Additional meetings will occur during the winter and spring to review other key topics including, but not limited to Parking, Urban Design and Land Uses. This session and future meetings play an essential role for MIG to obtain direction from the City Council and Planning Commission, and to identify the City's priorities for the future of the Downtown. For more information, contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321 or wjung@lagunabeachcity.net.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Graduation - On Saturday, the 7th CERT class graduated! Laguna Beach now has 198 CERT members. Councilmember Rob Zur Schmiede was also a graduate!

“Sea Breeze” Sculpture Installation and Dedication - Work has started on the installation of the sculpture “Sea Breeze” located on the ocean side of the Inn at Laguna, 211 North Coast Highway. The work will be completed by December 1, 2015. On Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. the public is invited to a dedication ceremony, held on site which will be followed by a reception at Forest & Ocean Gallery located at 480 Ocean Avenue. This project has been funded by the City of Laguna Beach.

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Juried Fine Art Exhibition – Winners Announced - The Arts Commission conducted its ninth annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition this month which is currently on display at City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. It could be viewed through November 25, 2015. The juror, Laguna Art Museum, Executive Director, Malcolm Warner reviewed 186 submissions from artists throughout Orange County. The winners of the exhibition were announced as 1st Place Elizabeth McGhee; 2nd Place Brett Caplinger; 3rd Place Cliff Wassmann; each were awarded \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Honorable mention was awarded to Noriho Uriu, Gary Zuercher, Carole Daley, Mike Lucas, Josie Weber and Ellen Rose.

Holiday Transit Operations - Mainline Transit service will not be offered on Thanksgiving, November 26, 2015. Both Mainline and Weekend Trolley service will resume at their regular hours on Friday, November 27, 2015.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule - Residential and commercial trash collection will be delayed one day for customers normally serviced on Thursday and Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

No Holiday Street Sweeping - There will be no street sweeping on Thursday, November 26, 2015. Parking restrictions for street sweeping will not be enforced on that day.

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