

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 25, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Winter Quarter 2015 Registration Activities - Registration for winter quarter recreation activities begins Monday, November 30. 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. The Community Services Department launched a new online recreation registration program making it faster and more convenient for you to sign up for your favorite classes. You will need to create a new account the first time you register for a new program. To register for activities online and to create a new account please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net click on Recreation Classes, then click on Register for Rec Classes, then Winter 2016 Classes click here, and setup a new user.

Field Maintenance and Park Closures – Annual maintenance and turf renovations at Riddle Field will begin on Monday, November 30. The field will remain closed through January 31, 2016. Alta Laguna Field Maintenance will begin on Thursday, December 3 and the field will close for two weeks and re-open on Thursday, December 17. Field Maintenance on Bluebird Park grass area will begin on Monday, December 7 and will close for 10 days and re-open on Thursday, December 17. Maintenance at Moulton Meadows Field will begin on Monday, December 21. The field will be closed for two weeks and will re-open on January 4, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

HIV Advisory Committee Prepares for World AIDS Day - The Laguna Beach HIV Advisory Committee is busy placing red ribbons on trees in the downtown area in preparation of World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. The red ribbons hold the names of Laguna Beach residents who have passed away from HIV/AIDS. The Committee will also be hosting an education and outreach event on the Main Beach Cobblestones on Sunday, November 29 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Free flu shots and anonymous HIV testing will be offered. Also, on Tuesday, December 1 at 5 p.m., the Committee is participating in the annual World AIDS Day candlelight vigil at the same cobblestone location on Main Beach in order to remember those who have lost their lives from HIV/AIDS.

Police Department Promotions - Chief Farinella announced the promotions of two veteran police officers earlier this week. Both promotions fill sergeant vacancies created by recent retirements. Traffic Corporal Rebecca White will be promoted to sergeant in December and Training Corporal William Downing will fill the next vacancy in January. Both came to the Laguna Beach Police Department in 2008 after starting their law enforcement careers at other organizations. Rebecca White was an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department for five years and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Society from UC Santa Barbara. William Downing has two years of experience as an Orange County Sheriff's Deputy and 22 years of experience as a United States Marine. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Union Institute.

Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition - The Arts Commission selected 12 designs from 193 submissions for the annual Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition. On exhibit at City Hall from December

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1 through December 31, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, will be works by: Helena Lowe, Maya Davis, Weston Long, Bailee White, Owen Lawson, Fritz Merchant, Catalina Barnes, Lucia Curan, Kathryn Callahan, Sebastian Mueller, Sydney Schaeffgen and Madison Weems. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. Attached are the selected designs. **(Attachment)**

“Sea Breeze” Sculpture Dedication - On Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. the public is invited to the dedication of the sculpture “Sea Breeze” by Sukhdev Dail on the ocean side of the Inn at Laguna Beach, 211 North Coast Highway. The dedication 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.

Arts Marketing Workshop - On November 20, 2015 the City of Laguna Beach in collaboration with National Arts Marketing Project, facilitated a very informative and successful arts marketing workshop on leveraging social media. The workshop, led by Linda Butler, Director of Marketing at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, was attended by 50 people representing arts organizations, galleries, artists, Visit Laguna Beach and the Chamber of Commerce. A second workshop for artists is tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2016. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

REMINDERS:

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.

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.

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Sewer Pipeline Relocation Project - Third & Forest Pipeline Project will be progressing between now and March 2016. Periodic road closures will occur during the duration of the project. More information can be found by calling the project hotline at (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.

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