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**DATE:** January 21, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Sewer Line Construction Third and Forest Pipeline Project** - For the upcoming three weeks, the Contractor will continue construction on the Third Street hill. The construction includes jacking a steel casing through the hill and inserting the new sewer pipe in the casing. **TRAFFIC IMPACTS:** Because the jacking and receiving pits are so large and deep, traffic safety will require the Third Street hill, from Park Avenue and Mermaid Street, to be closed, in both directions, 24-hours a day until completion of this phase of work. **The hill closure will be from Wednesday, January 27 to February 12.** Further, the westbound lane on Mermaid Street, from Second Street to Glenneyre Street, will also be closed. Police traffic control will be present during peak periods to assist downtown traffic flow. For more details see the Coastline Pilot page 2. For questions concerning construction please call the project hotline at (949) 464-6686 or visit the Construction Projects section of the Water Quality Department website: [www.clbwq.net](http://www.clbwq.net).

**Southern California Edison (SCE) Construction on South Coast Highway** - SCE is progressing with the removal and replacement of three deteriorating subterranean vaults along southbound South Coast Highway between Mountain Road and Bluebird Canyon Drive. The work requires the outside travel lane to remain closed 24 hours per day. Please direct any questions to Justin Van Tassel, SCE Project General Supervisor, at (951) 217-4363. Concerned residents may sign up to receive traffic alert email messages on the City's website via <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/textalerts.htm>.

**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 Wednesday, January 27, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers. The study session will focus on Parking. For more information, contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321 or at her email [wjung@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:wjung@lagunabeachcity.net).

**First Friday Flicks at the Forum** - First Friday Flicks at the Forum starts on February 5, 2016, at the Forum Theatre located at the Festival of Arts grounds at 650 Laguna Canyon Road. The first screening will be the 2015 film “The Wolfpack.” This coming of age story follows the six Angulo brothers who have spent their entire lives locked away from society. All they know of the outside world is gleaned from the films they watch obsessively and recreate meticulously. For years this has served as a productive way to stave off loneliness — but when one of the brothers escapes, everything changes. This film is rated R with a running time of 90 minutes. This program has been funded through the generosity of Laguna Beach residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield.

**City Hall Exhibition** - The current exhibition at City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue, features the works by candidate of the Laguna College of Art + Design MFA program. Titled “Pacific Currents” the exhibition has been co-curated by Peter Zokosky, chair of the MFA programs in Drawing and Painting and Andrea Harris-McGee, LCAD gallery director. The exhibition runs through March 11, 2016, and can be viewed Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cultural Arts Funding** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting applications from non-profit organizations with functioning cultural programming based in Laguna Beach. The deadline to submit the application is February 1, 2016. For additional information contact Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager (949) 497-0722 ext. 4. Applications must be submitted on-line at [www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com](http://www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com).

**Forest Avenue Banner Program** - All Laguna Beach non-profit organizations interested in participating in the 2017 Forest Avenue Banner Program are encouraged to submit their email address to Patty Slowsky at [pslowsky@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:pslowsky@lagunabeachcity.net) in the Community Services Department by Friday, February 5, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. Detailed and revised banner information will then be emailed out to all participating non-profits on Monday, February 8.

**Alta Laguna Park and Boat Canyon Park Restroom Fumigation** - The restrooms at Alta Laguna Park and Boat Canyon Park will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 27, for fumigation.

#### **REMINDERS:**

**The January Planning Commission, Design Review and View Preservation meetings will not broadcast live on the City’s Cable Channel (852) on the City Website** - The City Council Chambers audio/visual and broadcast system is undergoing a significant upgrade. The January 4 View Restoration and January 6 Planning Commission meetings were not broadcasted live over the City’s Cable Channel (852) or the City website. These meetings were videotaped and made available the following day for viewing on the City website. The same will apply to the upcoming January 14 Design Review Board meeting and the January 20 Planning Commission meeting.

**Historic Preservation Workshops** - The City is in the process of holding a series of workshops with the Heritage Committee that will focus on different topic areas related to historic preservation with the purpose of formulating a revised Draft Ordinance and Historic Inventory Update. The next workshop will be held on Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss the potential of incorporating an opt-out provision into the Ordinance. The City Attorney will also be present to discuss this topic as it relates to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). For more information or information about past meetings please visit: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/preserve/historicresources.htm>.

**Community Assistance Grants** – The City of Laguna Beach is now accepting applications for 2016-2017 Community Assistance Grants. The Community Assistance Grant program is available to non-profit and/or public organizations that provide special services to residents of Laguna Beach. The objective of this program is to assist local organizations in funding new projects and/or expanded services within our community. Organizations applying for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Community Assistance Grant funds will find additional information and may download the application from the City’s website: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/community/grants/>. To be considered for a grant, applications must be received by Friday, February 26, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

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**2016 Banner Competition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting banner designs for the annual competition. The banners are displayed on lampposts through the City and are a celebration of the community. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older. Artists may submit one proposal to the scale of 4" x 16". Winning artists will be awarded \$2,200 to paint their design on a provided banner which measures 4' by 16'. The deadline for proposals is Friday, March 11, 2015. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach. Applications and information for this competition is available at:

<http://lagunabeach-rod.civicasoft.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=15082>.

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