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DATE: January 28, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

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 January 27 to February 12.** During the same period, 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 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.

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 until February 11, 2016. 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 at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/textalerts.htm>.

Cultural Arts Funding - The deadline to submit applications from non-profit organizations with functioning cultural programming based in Laguna Beach is February 1, 2016. Applications must be submitted on-line at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com.

Draft Cultural Arts Plan - On Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, the Arts Commission and Planning Commission will have a joint study session to review the first draft of the Cultural Arts Plan. Created by the Cultural Planning Group, the plan embodies the collective vision and ideas of the community. More than seven hundred residents and visitors actively participate in interviews, discussion groups, town hall meetings and two surveys. Comments can be made via e-mail to art@lagunabeachcity.net. The first draft can be reviewed on-line at: <http://lagunabeach-prod.civicasoft.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=15547>.

Parents' Night Out - On Friday, February 26, 2016, the Laguna Beach Community Services Department will be hosting its first Parents' Night Out. This event will give parents the opportunity to enjoy some adult time to see a movie, have a nice dinner out on the town, or catch up with friends while their children enjoy "kid time" in a safe, fun-filled environment. Children will be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center with trained instructors who will lead them in a night filled with games, music and dance, arts and crafts, video games, and a pizza snack. The evening is open to fully potty trained children to ages

10 years old. Check in will begin at 5:30 p.m. and children must be picked up no later than 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for Laguna Beach residents and \$25 for non-residents. Registration is required for this event by visiting: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index?search=parents>. If you have questions regarding Parents' Night Out, contact Program Coordinator, Patty Quilter, at (949) 464-9535.

REMINDERS:

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 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.

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.

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.

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, 2016. 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/blobload.aspx?BlobID=15082>.

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.