# 'MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 4, 2016

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**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.

**Sewer Line Construction Third and Forest Pipeline Project** - Work began on the deep jacking pit at the bottom of Third Street hill. For the next two weeks, the Contractor will be jacking a steel casing through the hill and inserting the new sewer pipe in the casing. Concurrently, a large sewer system junction structure is being constructed at the Lumber Yard Parking Lot. **TRAFFIC IMPACTS**: 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 in effect until February 19**. 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.

**91 Freeway Project in Corona – Weekend Full Closure** - As part of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) 91 Project, there will be a 55-hour weekend full closure of the 91 in both directions between the 71 and I-15 in Corona from Friday, February 19 at 9 p.m. to Monday, February 22, 2016, at 4 a.m. This closure, branded "91 Steer Clear," is needed to perform three major construction activities: Demolish the west side of the Maple Street Bridge over the 91; install support beams for the new westbound Maple Street flyover ramp bridge; and pave the new eastbound 91 alignment near I-15. For questions and updates, please call the Project Helpline 877-770-9191 or visit the website at www.sr91project.info.

**Nixle** - The Police Department in conjunction with the Digital Communications Coordinator will being launching the Nixle system to better communicate with our community. Nixle is a text, email, and phone message system that will allow all City Departments to engage the community regarding many different types of information such as traffic congestion, community events, and emergency information. Over time, this system will take the place of our current traffic alerts. Signing up is as easy as texting the Laguna Beach zip code (92651) to 888-777 on your cell phone to receive both advisory and alert messages. For further opt-in features such as community events, a resident can sign in through the Nixle website. An educational campaign will being next month through community meetings such as Coffee with a Cop, a press release, and links on the City website. Cut and paste this link in your web browser for more detained information. www.nixle.com

**CERT Graduates Twenty New Students** - This week the police department, along with the fire department completed Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for 20 employees from The Ranch, Laguna Beach. Training included disaster preparedness, fire suppression, search & rescue, amongst other topics. This brings the total number of City wide trained citizens to 220. CERT training consists of 20 hours of FEMA certified instruction on potentially life-saving disaster preparedness topics designed for community members. The skills learned in this training have proven very helpful across the nation during disasters.

**Joint Investigation Leads To Long Prison Term** - Laguna Beach and Newport Beach Detectives successfully investigated several fraud incidents which resulted in a guilty plea on Monday! The incidents all occurred in 2014 when a local man was accused of fraudulently obtaining services and vehicles from victims in both communities. He wrote at least $200,000 in bad checks and was able to obtain a 2003 Mercedes and a 2010 Range Rover from a Laguna Beach car dealer. Detectives from both agencies worked together in order to combine their cases and submit them to the District Attorney for prosecution. The defendant appeared in court on Monday and ended up pleading guilty to 16 felony counts of fraud and was sentenced to seven years in state prison, restitution, and a $444,000 fine.

**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. Parents are encouraged to park their cars at the Community & Susi Q Center and walk downtown with discounts available at local participating restaurants. Children are to 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 with sibling discounts available. 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. **(Attachment)**

**REMINDERS:**

**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/blobdload.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 be 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.

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# Parents' Night Out

Enjoy a night OUT while your kids enjoy
a fun night IN with us!

**Friday, February 26, 2016**

**5:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Community & Susi Q Center**

Music & Dance ★ Games ★ Arts & Crafts

Pizza Snack ★ Video Games

Registration required 48 hours in advance.

$20 resident $25 non-residents * Plus sibling discounts

Fully potty trained to 10 years old

Park your car at the Community & Susi Q Center and walk downtown
with discounts available at local participating restaurants

380 Third St. Laguna Beach

Register: www.lagunabeachcity.net

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