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DATE: February 11, 2016

TO: City Council

FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

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.

Training On How To Use The New City Website - City staff will host two educational training sessions on the new City website. Residents will learn about the site's new features and how to easily navigate through the menus and pages to find information about City meetings, departments, news and events. The first sessions will be held on Thursday, February 18, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Susi Q Community Center MPR Room. The second training will be on Monday, February 29, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. For those who cannot attend, the training sessions will be videotaped and made available on the City website.

Use the City website to renew or apply for a Business License - Businesses can now renew or apply for a new business license using the City website. This great, new one-stop feature allows new or existing businesses to easily apply for or renew their license and make the payment all through the City website. For more information please visit: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/finance/busilicense/default.htm>.

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 be closed from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. between February 16 – 19 and February 22 - 23. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Justin Van Tassel, SCE Project General Supervisor, at (951) 217-4363.

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Sewer Line Construction Third and Forest Pipeline Project - The Contractor completed construction of the jacking pit and began tunneling operations at the bottom of the Third Street hill. For Winter Break beginning 2-15-16, the Contractor will be working in three areas; 1) the Third Street Hill, 2) Park Avenue, and 3) the Lumberyard Parking lot. At the first two locations tunneling and trenching operations will be engaged, and in the Lumberyard Lot an underground structure will continue to be constructed. **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. During the same period, the westbound lane on Mermaid Street, from Second Street to Glenneyre Street, will also be closed. The pipeline construction in Park Avenue will require the road to be closed between Bent Street and Third Street. The Park Avenue closure will be between the hours of 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. 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.

Heritage Committee 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 Tuesday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss the “C- Contributive” property rating and the option to include a Structure of Merit Program in the draft update to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. For more information or information about past meetings please visit: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/preserve/historicresources.htm>.

Holiday Transit Operations – Main line Transit service will run from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Presidents Day, Monday, February 15.

City-Wide Track & Field Meet - The City of Laguna Beach will host the annual Boys & Girls Track Meet on Friday, March 18, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Laguna Beach High School Track and Field. All children born in or after the year 2001 and reside or attend school within the Laguna Beach Unified School District boundaries are invited to attend. Participants may enter a maximum of three (3) events. The top four finishers in each age division and event are eligible to compete at the Orange County Track Meet on May 1, 2016. Please register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index?search=track> or submit a completed entry form along with \$17 entry fee per child (\$22 at the track meet) to the Community Services Department by Thursday, March 17. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Alexis Braun, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0762.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - The Police Department recognized 10 CERT members who completed a significant amount of additional training to become CERT Mutual Aid Program (CMAP) members. CMAP CERT members are available to respond to any CERT call-outs throughout Orange County. In the past they have been activated to support the wildland fires in 2007 and 2008 in different areas of Orange County. CMAP members from other cities can also be request to assist with events in Laguna Beach, if needed. These individuals have committed themselves to be leaders in their community as well as the County. Congratulations!

Public Service Announcements - The Fire Department has created three Public Service Announcements (PSA) that are now available on the City's website. The PSA's cover how to fill sandbags; how to check your smoke detector, and how to shut off the gas service to your home. Each PSA is approximately one minute in length and are intended to assist and instruct residents on the various techniques for each of the above subjects. The PSA's can be found on both the Fire and Police Department's Emergency Preparedness web page <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/emergprep/default.htm> or the Fire Department's Fire Prevention web page: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire_prevention/default.htm.

REMINDERS:

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. 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.

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 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.

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