

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 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.

Southern California Edison Construction on South Coast Highway - Southern California Edison (SCE) is finalizing the removal and replacement of three deteriorated 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. to 2:00 p.m. on February 19, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 22. There will also be night work from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on February 22 to stripe the pavement and work on a traffic signal, as this work would be very disruptive to traffic if done during the day. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Justin Van Tassel, SCE Project General Supervisor, at (951) 217-4363.

Sewer Project Traffic Closures - Starting Friday, February 19, the uphill side of the Third Street hill will reopen at 5:30 p.m. each weekday. The uphill side of the Third Street hill will be open all day on the weekends. The downhill side of Third Street hill and the westbound lane on Mermaid, between Second Street and Glenneyre, will remain closed through the end of March. Traffic control personnel will be engaged through March to help with traffic flow throughout the downtown area. 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.

Dog Walker Watch - Come join the Laguna Beach Police Department next Tuesday to learn how Dog Walkers can help prevent crime in our community and help to keep Laguna safe at the Dog Walker Watch Meeting. The Dog Walker Watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at Susi Q, 380 Third St., Laguna Beach, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The training session will promote a heightened awareness of behaviors that might be suspicious, what information is important and how to report it to law enforcement. Please contact Community Services Officer Natasha Hernandez at 949-497-0382. We will also sign people up for Nixle.

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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.

Training On How To Use The New City Website - City staff will be hosting an 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 session will be held 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 session will be videotaped and made available on the City website.

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>.

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-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

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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.

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