

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 25, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Strong Weekend Trolley Ridership** - The popularity of the City's off-season weekend trolley service continues to grow. Total ridership for the past Presidents' Day weekend was 10,291 passengers compared to 7,185 passengers transported in March 2015. Some likely explanations for the service's recent growth include summer-like weather conditions, holiday break, and a growing familiarity with the service. Also, the City's transit team has improved its management of the operations based on lessons learned during last spring's rollout of the off-season program.

**How to Report Low flying Aircraft and Noise** - The FAA regulates the altitude, speed, direction, or location of aircraft in flight. To report Low Flying Aircraft, contact the local FAA Flight Standards District Office in Long Beach at (562) 420-1755. If you have a complaint about aircraft noise, email the FAA's Noise Ombudsman at [9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov](mailto:9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov) or call (202) 267-3521. It is important to provide specifics regarding your complaint, including dates and times of the aircraft generating the complaint. Flight tracks can be checked using John Wayne Airport's web-based aircraft flight tracking system at [www.ocair.com/communityrelations/flighttracking/](http://www.ocair.com/communityrelations/flighttracking/). Information available includes airline, aircraft type, altitude and flight track.

**City Approved to Purchase Three Vacant Parcels** - The County of Orange provides cities with limited opportunities to purchase tax defaulted properties within their jurisdictions. In June 2015, the City Council approved the purchase of three vacant parcels in Arch Beach Heights for a total of \$6,000 and the County Board of Supervisors recently approved the purchase. On February 9, 2016, the City Council adopted a resolution indicating their interest in acquiring another vacant parcel in Arch Beach Heights should it become available in the County's auction process. If the property becomes available, the City Council will consider approving its acquisition at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

**Boat Canyon and Alta Laguna Park Restroom Renovations** - The restroom buildings at Boat Canyon Park and Alta Laguna Park will be closed for renovations from February 29 through the end of March. Temporary restroom facilities will be provided during the renovation process. In addition, a short fence will be installed around the tot lot at Boat Canyon Park.

**Nita Carman Park Fitness Equipment** - New outdoor fitness equipment, consisting of a series of pull up bars, is currently being installed at Nita Carman Park. The park will remain open during construction, and the fitness equipment is scheduled to be available for use by March 4.

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**Sewer Project Traffic Closures** – For the week of February 29, the uphill side of the Third Street hill will be closed at 8:30 a.m. and reopened 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](http://www.clbwq.net).

**Spring & Summer Camp 2016 Registration Activities** - Registration for spring quarter recreation activities and summer camps begins Monday, February 29. The brochure has been mailed citywide and is now available at the Community & Susi Q Center, Community Pool and Community Services Department, as well as online. A wide variety of programs and classes are offered for all ages. Register for activities online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) (click on Recreation Classes), or by mail-in or drop-off to the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

**First Friday Flicks at the Forum** - First Friday Flicks at the Forum will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Forum Theatre located at the Festival of Arts grounds at 650 Laguna Canyon Road screening the film “Amy”. The story of Amy Winehouse in her own words, features unseen archival footage and unheard tracks. This film is rated R with a running time of 128 minutes. This program has been funded through the generosity of Laguna Beach residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield.

**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 is available at:

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

**2016 Art That’s Small at City Hall** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting pre-registration to the 14<sup>th</sup> annual “Art That’s Small at City Hall” exhibition. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older with two dimensional works measuring 12” or smaller (including the frame). The first place winner will be awarded \$500. Artist may pre-register through March 9, 2016 by completing the application and e-mail to [art@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:art@lagunabeachcity.net). Artist may also register on the day of artwork delivery, Saturday, March 12, 2016 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Main doors to City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach. Applications are available at <http://lagunabeach-prod.civicasoft.com/news/displaynews.htm?NewsID=1017&TargetID=20>.

**Arts Marketing Workshop** - The City of Laguna Beach is collaborating with the National Arts Marketing Project, a program of Americans for the Arts and will be offering a free arts marketing workshop for artists on March 3, 2016. Due to overwhelming demand the workshop limit of 60 was filled on the day of the announcement. If you are interested in participating in future workshops contact Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager will be at [art@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:art@lagunabeachcity.net). This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

**REMINDERS:**

**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 tomorrow, 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>.

**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.

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