

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 10, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Sewer Project Traffic Closures** – For the week of March 14, the Third Street hill will be closed weekdays between 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. By the end of the week, we are striving to open both directions of the Third Street hill after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends assuming there are not rain delays. 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).

**Shoulder Tap Operation** - On Saturday, March 12, the police department will be participating with ABC in a Shoulder Tap Operation that will enforce not serving to under-aged patrons.

**Living with Wildlife Community Meeting** - On Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., Laguna Beach Animal Services will conduct a community presentation on Living with Wildlife at the Susi Q Community Center in the Multi-Purpose Room. The purpose of the presentation is to provide residents with information on how to protect themselves and their pets from attacks by coyotes and other wildlife. The Susi Q Community Center is located at 380 3rd Street in downtown Laguna Beach. For further information, please contact Civilian Services Supervisor Jim Beres at (949) 464-6669 or via email at [jberes@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:jberes@lagunabeachcity.net).

**Registration for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course** - Please register for the upcoming CERT class. Training will begin on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Classes will then meet weekly from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including two Saturday morning meetings. Mandatory attendance is required at all classes. To be considered for this training, you must be a resident of Laguna Beach or work within the city limits, be at least 18 years old and have no felony convictions. For questions regarding this press release contact Jordan Villwock, Emergency Operations Coordinator, [jvillwock@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:jvillwock@lagunabeachcity.net), or 949-497-0389. Applications must be submitted through the online recreation class sign-up: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-lagun...>

**Artist Open Studios** - Artist Open Studios will be held on the weekend of March 19 and 20, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants can catch a free shuttle service from the Act V parking lot, located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road, and take advantage of free parking. Over 30 artists will be opening their studios, offering hands-on experiences and insights into their creative process. This is opportunity to see artists working in a variety of media from glass fusion to bronze welding. This event is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. A brochure and map is available at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=14666>.

**Laguna Avenue Loading Zone** - On February 9, 2016, the City Council approved a resolution establishing two passenger loading spaces on the south side of Laguna Avenue between South Coast Highway and

Ramona Avenue to be effective from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. City staff installed passenger loading signage this week and will report on the effectiveness of the loading zone in September 2016.

**Free Summer Parking in North Laguna** - Approximately 50 free parking spaces will once again be available for public parking from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., June 24 through August 31, at the Boat Canyon (“Pavilions”) parking lot at 600 North Coast Highway. The parking lot will be staffed during operating hours by a City attendant and temporary signage will be installed along Coast Highway directing drivers to the free parking area. Questions regarding this and other free parking opportunities may be directed to the Parking Management and Operations Division at (949) 497-0740.

**Nita Carman Park Fitness Equipment** - The installation of outdoor fitness equipment, consisting of a series of pull-up bars, has been completed at Nita Carman Park. The equipment is accessible for use with some low landscape construction fencing delineating the newly sodded area to allow for turf establishment.

**Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 13** - The Fire Department wants to ensure that all residents check their smoke alarm batteries this Sunday, March 13, when they move their clock forward one hour for daylight saving time. If you do not have a smoke alarm, batteries, or a carbon monoxide detector, the Fire Department will provide and install these devices in your home at no cost while supplies last. Once the online form is submitted, a representative from the Fire Department will contact you and schedule an appointment to determine how many detectors are needed. It is also a great time to check your disaster supplies and ensure you have sufficient food and water for at least three days for each person and pet in the home. Detailed information, and a Public Service Announcement, is available on the City’s website: [http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire\\_prevention/default.htm](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire_prevention/default.htm)

**Government Social Media Golden Post Awards** – The City of Laguna Beach’s #becoyotesmart campaign is one of four finalists for the Government Social Media Golden Post Awards in the category of "Social Media Crisis Communications." The campaign — which was part of a broad effort by the Police Department and other City officials to reach out to the community — offers a series of tips about how to haze coyotes to discourage them from coming into residential areas. #becoyotesmart is part of City’s work to improve the City of Laguna Beach’s social media presence. Residents can read more about the campaign and vote for it as a “crowd favorite” here (scroll down to the highlighted entry).

[http://conference.government-social-media.com/crowd-favorite-voting-2016-golden-post-award/#item\\_1580325](http://conference.government-social-media.com/crowd-favorite-voting-2016-golden-post-award/#item_1580325).

## **REMINDERS:**

**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 pre-registration may still be done today, March 9, by completing the application and e-mail to [art@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:art@lagunabeachcity.net). After today, artist may 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>.

**Short Term Lodging Ordinance** - At its March 16, 2016, meeting the Planning Commission will consider a draft ordinance that proposes amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 25.23, Short-Term Lodging,

including a prohibition on short-term-lodging in residential zones, additional standard conditions and requirements for short-term lodging permits in commercial zones, and grandfathering of existing short-term lodging permits. The Planning Commission will also discuss the concepts of home exchanges and home sharing in its consideration of the changes proposed to the ordinance.

**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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**Historic Preservation Ordinance and Inventory Update Workshops** - The City is 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 Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss the existing and proposed processes to modify a historic structure or a potential historic structure. For more information about upcoming or past meetings please visit: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/preserve/historicresources.htm>.

**Boat Canyon and Alta Laguna Park Restroom Renovations** - The restroom buildings at Boat Canyon Park and Alta Laguna Park are currently closed for renovations 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.

**Spring & Summer Camp 2016 Registration Activities** - Registration for spring quarter recreation activities and summer camps is under way. The brochure was mailed citywide and is 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.

**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.

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