

Good morning, below are the Weekly Updates from City Manager John Pietig as of Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Sewer Project Traffic Closures - Beginning Monday, March 21, the Third Street Hill will be closed in both directions 24/7 until March 30. This is to accommodate demolition and reconstruction of the special concrete pavement used on the steep street. The special treatment used provides the highest degree of surface traction. The majority of work should be complete by the end of the first full week in April. However, there will still be work on the project that will require intermittent, short-term, closures of lanes on Third Street and Loma Terrace primarily during normal working hours. 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 the end of the project 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.

Budget Symposium - Please join us on Wednesday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, when the Director of Finance and Finance Officer will be presenting a budget symposium. This symposium is open to the public and will be discussing the timeline and process for adopting the City's budget, an overview of the City's governmental and proprietary funds, and a general discussion of the City's major revenues and how these funds are spent.

Disposal of Sandbags - Residents can dispose of filled sand bags at the Act V Lot, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. Waste Management has provided a roll-off container for the disposal of filled sand bags. A recycling cart is also available to recycle clean empty sand bags. Residents can also dispose of up to 10 filled sand bags by scheduling a bulky item pickup. Residents are provided free bulky item collection three (3) times per calendar year and up to 10 items may be collected each time. To schedule a pick-up, contact Waste Management at (949) 642-1191. Filled sand bags should not be placed in the trash or recycling carts. Storage and re-use of the sand bags is recommended at least through the end of April.

REMINDERS:

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>.

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. #becoytoesmart 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.

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.

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.

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 (click on Recreation Classes), or by mail-in or drop-off to the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

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