

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Sewer Project Traffic Closures - 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 surface that allows the hill to remain open during rain events. During the first week of April, there will still be closures during the daytime. The remainder of April there will be 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.

Laguna Canyon Road Utility Undergrounding - On April 4, Southern California Edison is scheduled to begin the process of undergrounding the overhead utilities along the northerly curve of the “big bend” on Laguna Canyon Road. The construction work will require the outbound lane to be moved to the center lane between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, through June 15, 2016. One lane in each direction is expected to be maintained during most of this period. Depending on traffic impacts, the anticipated day work may be completed at night. Work outside the roadway is targeted to begin in September, with the poles and wires being removed in mid-2017.

Village Entrance Design Workshop #3 - Community members are invited to participate in a Design Workshop for the Village Entrance Project on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center (380 Third Street). The public input that was received at the two previous workshops has been compiled into preliminary designs that will be discussed and refined at the workshop.

Art That’s Small at City Hall – Artist Reception and Award Ceremony - On Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 5 p.m. the winners of the annual Art That’s Small at City Hall exhibition will be announced at an Artist Reception at Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. The exhibition can be viewed through April 21, 2016. The jurors Hedy Buzan (Artist), Kelsey Irvin (Kelsey Michaels Gallery) and Arabella Cant (Laguna Art Museum) reviewed submissions from artists from throughout Orange County. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

First Friday Flicks at the Forum - First Friday Flicks at the Forum will conclude on Friday, April 1, 2016, at the Forum Theatre located at the Festival of Arts grounds at 650 Laguna Canyon Road. The film, “The Salt of the Earth” is about the life and work of photographer Sebastião Salgado, who has spent forty years documenting deprived societies in hidden corners of the world. This film is rated PG-13 with a running time of 110 minutes. This program has been funded through the generosity of Laguna Beach residents Steve Chadima and Mark Porterfield.

Boat Canyon and Alta Laguna Park Restroom Renovations - Interior renovations at the restroom buildings at Boat Canyon Park and Alta Laguna Park have been completed and the restrooms will be reopened on the afternoon of Thursday, March 24. Temporary restroom facilities will be removed by this weekend. Installation of a short fence around the Boat Canyon tot lot will be completed by the end of March.

Free Paint and E-Waste Drop-off Event - Laguna Beach residents and businesses are invited to participate in this free drop-off event to dispose of unwanted paint, batteries, CFL bulbs, and E-Waste in a safe and responsible way. Free shredding service will also be available on site. The event will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACT V Parking lot #16, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. This service is hosted by the City and Waste Management. A detail list of acceptable E-Waste items is available from the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling. Participants are reminded to follow the California Department of Transportation regulation limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds when delivering items to the Act V Parking Lot. An attendant will remove the items from the vehicle. Parking will be available for the document shredding services.

REMINDERS:

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. Spring session classes begin Monday, April 4.