

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Sunset Serenades - Every Friday evening from May 6 through May 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., the Arts Commission will present Sunset Serenades. The free concerts are held at Heisler Park Amphitheatre with a variety of music genres.

5/6 Michelle Raitzin (Sings Bowie)
5/13 Devil's Box String Band (Fiddle & Guitar)
5/20 Hugh Jorgan Trio (Jazz)
5/27 Featuring 4 Singer Songwriters

This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Implementation of Temporary Parklet in front of 234 Forest (Alessá Restaurant) - As part of the temporary pilot demonstration projects approved by the City Council, the restaurant Alessá, located at 234 Forest Avenue, will install a temporary parklet within two parking spaces in front of the restaurant for a 60-day trial basis. The parklet concept involves creating more outdoor seating and dining areas in the downtown and may assist in addressing topics in the Downtown Specific Plan Update project related to parking, circulation, transit, landscaping and streetscape. Installation of the temporary parklet will begin the morning of Monday, May 2, 2016, and it is anticipated to be complete by the end of the week.

Neighborhood Meetings for Beach Access Replacements - The City of Laguna Beach is proposing to replace the existing beach access amenities at three locations: Agate Street, Thalia Street, and Pearl Street. The projects will remove and replace the existing stairs, pathways, benches and landscaping at each location. Conceptual designs have been prepared and can be reviewed at www.lagunabeachcity.net on the Public Works page. To learn more about the projects and to provide input, please attend one of the following on-site meetings:

Agate Street Beach Access on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Thalia Street Beach Access on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Pearl Street Beach Access on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, or are unable to attend the meeting and would like to provide comments, please contact Wade Brown at (949) 497-0360 or wbrown@lagunabeachcity.net.

Summer 2016 Recreation Registration - Registration for the summer quarter recreation activities begins Monday, May 2. The summer brochure is being mailed citywide this week and will be available at the Community & Susi Q Center, Community Pool and Community Services Department, as well as online beginning Monday May 2. A wide variety of programs and classes are being 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.

Urban Water Diversion Units Placed Online - The Water Quality Department has placed the City's urban water diversion units back online for the summer season. The city maintains 25 urban water diversion units primarily along the coastline. These diversion units serve to redirect over irrigation and other non-storm water, collected in the storm drain, to the sewer system. These structures function to divert pollutants such as brake dust, oil, hydrocarbons from tires, fertilizers from landscaping, pesticides, and other debris to the sewer system. Over the course of a year, an average of about 8 tons of debris and pollutants are pulled out of the diversion structures and hauled away for disposal.

Pipeline Construction on Victoria Place - An existing sewer pipeline will be replaced; located on Victoria Place, in between Solana Way and South Coast Highway. Construction will begin May 2, 2016 and will be completed no later than May 13, 2016. Victoria Place (in front of Dizz's As Is) will be closed to through traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be no impacts to Coast Highway traffic. The work area around Dizz's As Is will be opened for parking each evening during the project.

REMINDER:

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, or 949-497-0389. Applications must be submitted through the online recreation class sign-up: <https://secure.recl.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog>.

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