

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 5, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

"My Laguna" Photo Contest 2016 - "My Laguna" Photo Contest 2016: To celebrate Laguna Beach, the City is sponsoring its second annual Photo Contest. Photographers are invited to submit high-resolution photographs fitting the theme "My Laguna." Entries are due by 5:30 p.m. On June 1, 2016. We are looking for original perspectives on life in Laguna Beach and encourage images that depict the vibrancy, vitality, and livability of our City. Photographs may be entered in the categories of "Parks and Open Space," "Built Environment," "Community Life," and "Beach Life." Participants must live, work, or exhibit in Laguna Beach. All images must be taken within the city limits of Laguna Beach. Winning entries will receive \$100, recognition at a City Council Meeting, be featured on the City's social media channels, and be posted in a gallery on the City's website. For details, complete rules, and information about how to enter, visit http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/community/photo_contest.htm.

Laguna Beach Represented at County Track Meet - On Sunday, May 1, fifty local youth participated in the Orange County Track and Field Championships at Laguna Hills High School. The Laguna Beach Track Team is comprised of boys and girls ranging from 5 to 14 years of age. They competed in various running and field events. The Laguna Beach team had 16 participants that placed in the top four in their respective events and are moving on to the Southern California Championships in Downey on Sunday, June 5.

Coast Highway Utility Removal - Southern California Gas Company is scheduled to de-energize and remove a gas line on Coast Highway from May 9 through 26, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The utility removal work will require the closure of the southbound sidewalk, shoulder and outside travel lane of Coast Highway from Wesley Drive to Aliso Way. One southbound lane will be maintained for travel and northbound lanes will not be affected during this period. The contact for this project is Devon Weakland, Southern California Gas Company Project Field Supervisor, at (951) 867-8129.

Public Restrooms at 375 Broadway St. Closed for Sidewalk Replacement - Removal and replacement of the deteriorated sidewalks leading to the public restrooms at 375 Broadway started yesterday. The public restrooms will be closed during the construction. Portable restrooms will be provided on the site. The project is scheduled to be completed on Friday, May 13.

Free Compost Giveaway on May 14th - The annual compost giveaway event will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at the ACT V Lot #16, located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. Free compost will be available in appreciation of the recycling efforts by Laguna Beach residents by the City's contract solid waste hauler, Waste Management and their green waste recycler, Tierra Verde Industries. This is a self-service event. Please bring gloves, shovels, and 5-gallon containers. There will be a limit of 5 containers per household and Sand bags will be available if you don't have any containers. Limited quantities of bagged compost for up to four bags per household will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling for more information.

Farmers' Market Relocation - On Saturday, May 7, the Laguna Beach Farmers' Market will return to the Lumberyard parking lot (Lot 12) located at 521 Forest Avenue. The market is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon (rain or shine).

North Laguna Neighborhood Trolley Service - On Thursday, April 28, City staff held a town hall meeting with residents in North Laguna to answer questions and address concerns regarding the Neighborhood Trolley Pilot Program. Residents shared significant concerns about the proposed pilot program, indicating that the proposed modified route could have negative impacts to their coastal community by intensifying parking needs, vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic, noise and light impacts. As a result of the residential feedback and the close proximity of North Laguna neighborhoods to the existing summer festival coastal route, staff will recommend to the City Council on May 10 that the North Laguna neighborhood trolley route be removed from the 10-week pilot program.

Wildfire Awareness Week - This week is National Wildfire Awareness Week. It is a good time to remember that the 1993 "Laguna Fire," which occurred on October 27, is still the seventh most costliest wildfire in US history. This fire burned over 16,000 acres of wildland and destroyed or damaged over 400 homes in Laguna Beach. Only last week the State's fire agency, Cal Fire, identified power lines as the cause of the deadly "Butte Fire" that burned 70,000 acres, destroyed 900 structures, and killed two people last year in Northern California. Residents and property owners are encouraged to ensure their homes are "fire-safe" today before a wildfire strikes. Information on how to protect your property can be found on the Fire Department webpage at: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/fire_prevention/default.htm. You can also sign up for a free Wildfire Consultation and a member of the Fire Department will come out and provide information on how you can "harden" your home against wildfire. Finally, it is also important to know that the City is taking wildfire prevention measures to the State Capital with the introduction of SB1463 to require utility companies to ensure that their systems are safe to operate in areas of high fire hazards.

Firefighter Quest for Burn Survivors to Visit Laguna Beach on Tuesday - A caravan of fire engines, police cars, support vehicles and burn survivors will be visiting Fire Station One next to City Hall on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at approximately 1:00 p.m.

CERT Spots Still Available! - The Laguna Beach Police Department still has spaces left for individuals interested in taking the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Training will begin on Wednesday, May 11. Classes will then meet weekly from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including two Saturday morning meetings. Applications must be submitted through the online recreation class sign-up <https://secure.recl.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog>.

Police Chief Speaking to Rotary Club - On Friday, May 6, the police chief will speak at the weekly Rotary club meeting at the Hotel Laguna at noon.

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