

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

53rd Brooks Street Surf Contest – The waiting period for the 53rd Brooks Street Surf Contest begins on Friday, June 3. The surf contest, touted as the oldest surfing classic in the world, is open to Laguna Beach residents only. This year, the contest “window” will include Fridays in addition to the weekend to increase the likelihood the event will occur. To download the registration form, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net or call the Community Services Department at (949) 497-0304 for more information.

Protest Against Monsanto: On Saturday, May 21, there will be a protest at the Main Beach cobblestone against Monsanto. This is a yearly occurrence and there have never been any issues. The police department will be monitoring the event.

Proposed Increases to Residential Solid Waste Service Rates - The City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers to consider increasing residential solid waste service rates by 2.5% for each of the next three fiscal years, starting in fiscal year 2016-17. Residential service rates are for single to five-plex units. Public hearing notices were sent to property owners in early April and mailed to their mailing addresses as shown on the latest property tax roll. Questions regarding the proposed rate increases should be directed to the Public Works Department’s Senior Administrative Analyst, Liz Avila, via email at lavila@lagunabeachcity.net or at (949) 497-0344.

Successful Annual Compost Giveaway - Last Saturday, the City conducted the annual compost giveaway event in appreciation of recycling efforts by Laguna Beach residents. The City’s contract waste hauler, Waste Management, supplied 20 tons of compost made from recycled green waste. Approximately 300 residents were there for their free compost.

Construction Work on Broadway – On May 23 and 24, one westbound lane on Broadway will be closed in front of Whole Foods market to allow construction of a sewer lateral in the roadway. Minor traffic delays can be anticipated during the working hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"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.

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