

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Downtown Specific Plan Update – Urban Design Presentation and Discussion - The City of Laguna Beach and consultant MIG will continue their efforts on the Downtown Specific Plan Update on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, during the Planning Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall (505 Forest Avenue). MIG will provide a presentation on the topic of Urban Design for discussion with the Planning Commission. The focus will be on MIG’s urban design height analysis and massing study, evaluation of building heights, vision graphics and overall illustrative plan for the Downtown, including potential areas for public realm and streetscape improvements. An urban design-related memo prepared by MIG is available to view on the City’s project webpage under the *MIG Deliverables* section (see link below). If you have questions, or for more information, please contact Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321; wjung@lagunabeachcity.net or visit: http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/mjrplanginity/downtown_specific_plan_amendment/default.htm.

New EV Charging Stations in the Glenneyre Parking Structure - Two new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations will be available on July 18, 2016, in the Glenneyre Parking Structure. Rates for these stations will be \$3/hour during summer months and \$2/hour during winter months (4-hour limit). The following link can be used to locate the new charging stations once they become operational - https://na.chargepoint.com/charge_point.

Summer Breeze Bus Service - The City of Laguna Beach, in partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority, has started a new, FREE bus service from a peripheral parking lot at the corner of Limestone and Laguna Canyon Rd., near the SR133/I-405 interchange in Irvine to Laguna Beach summer destinations. The “Summer Breeze Bus Service” is running every Saturday and Sunday, thru August 28, 2016 from 11 a.m. to midnight. The service is offered every 30 minutes and runs along Laguna Canyon Road stopping at the Sawdust Art Festival, Laguna Art-A-Fair, Festival of the Arts, Pageant of the Masters, the Laguna Playhouse and the Laguna Beach Bus Station where riders can also connect with the free Laguna Beach Trolley. For more information, visit www.lagunabeachcity.net.

Laguna Beach Neighborhood Trolley Hours - The Neighborhood Trolley Program will be offering expanded operating hours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays starting Friday, July 15. The Top of The World, Bluebird Canyon, and Arch Beach Heights neighborhood trolleys will operate Monday – Thursday, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m. – Midnight.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Midnight.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mainline service will continue as normal in North Laguna and South Laguna. The Neighborhood Program operates on a 30-minute frequency with fixed stops, as well as offering a flag down service anywhere along the route. For real-time trolley scheduling information, the Neighborhood Trolleys are now viewable on the Trolley Tracker via the Visit Laguna Beach App. For more information regarding the Neighborhood Trolley Pilot Program, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley or call 949-497-0746.

Parents' Night Out - On Friday, July 29, 2016, the Laguna Beach Community Services Department will be hosting its summer Carnival themed Parents' Night Out. This event will give parents the opportunity to enjoy some adult time to see a movie, have a nice dinner out on the town, or catch up with friends while their children enjoy "kid time" in a safe, fun-filled environment. The cost is \$20 for Laguna Beach residents and \$25 for non-residents with sibling discounts available. Registration is required for this event by visiting: <https://secure.recl.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index?search=parents>. The registration deadline is Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 p.m. If you have questions regarding Parents' Night Out, contact Program Coordinator, Patty Quilter, at (949) 464-9535.

REMINDERS:

Anita/Seaview Street Storm Drain Improvements - On July 18, work will begin on construction of the storm drain along Anita Street, Avalon Avenue, and Seaview Street, between Catalina Street and Temple Terrace. Portions of streets will be closed and restricted to local access only during the working hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Detours will be provided and minor traffic impacts can be anticipated. After Labor Day, the second phase of the project will continue construction of the storm drain along Anita Street between Catalina Street and Gaviota Drive. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. For questions, please contact Tom Sandefur at (949) 497-0792.

Red Phone Booth Temporary Art Installation - The Arts Commission is currently accepting proposals for a temporary art installation. The booth is located on Forest Avenue and the Commission is seeking imaginative, whimsical and colorful proposals. The winning design will be on exhibit for 24 months and will receive an honorarium of \$3,500. The deadline for proposals is Monday, August 15, 2016. Complete guidelines and application is available at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com. This project is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

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