

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Drill - CERT is doing a neighborhood drill on Saturday, August 27 for a few hours in the morning. This drill is volunteer planned, organized, and staffed. The small drill will be as follows: CERT members are setting up approximately five (5) posts around the city. Each post is being organized and maned by newly appointed neighborhood leader. Neighborhood CERT members will come through and report damage to each post. Each post will be tasked with relaying the information back to a central post. In total the exercise will last about 2 hours.

Firefighters Respond to Assist in Fires Burning Across the State - Laguna Beach Firefighters have been busy this year responding under the State's Master Mutual Aid System to assist in the many fires burning across the State. Presently, Laguna Beach Firefighters are assisting at the Chimney Fire in San Luis Obispo and at the Blue Cut Fire in San Bernardino. Already this year the Fire Department has responded to nine wildland fires in the following counties: Monterey, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego and Orange counties. Firefighters assigned to these incidents are gaining valuable experience that can be used when and if Laguna Beach experiences a wildfire. During the October 1993 Laguna Beach Fire there were more than 300 fire engines from all over the State deployed in the City.

Police Department Wins the California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC) - Police employees Sergeant Rebecca White, Corporal Matt Gregg, Natasha Hernandez, and Rowena St. Moritz, worked together the best all-around project submission for 2016, and for winning the Impaired Driving Special Award and the Rookie of the Year Award for the **best** traffic safety programs in California. On September 13, CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow will be traveling from Sacramento to present the award to the Laguna Beach Police Department at the City Council meeting.

Southern California Edison – Laguna Canyon Road Utility Undergrounding - Phase 2 of the Southern California Edison process to underground overhead utilities along the northerly curve of the "Big Bend" portion of Laguna Canyon Road is scheduled to begin on September 6, 2016. The construction work will require portions of the outbound lane to periodically be moved to the center lane between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, through September 24, 2016. One lane in each direction is expected to be maintained open during most of this period. This phase of the project includes the placement of SCE's underground cables, equipment, connecting properties and removal of SCE's overhead distribution system. To avoid construction conflicts between SCE and other communications crews, Cox, Frontier and other communications companies will schedule work after SCE has completed their work. Information and scheduling will be provided on this final phase to the project in the next 2-3 weeks.

Construction Work in San Clemente Area - As part of the Interstate 5 South County Improvements project sponsored by Orange County Transportation Authority in conjunction with Caltrans, the Southbound I-5 will be reduced to one lane at Avenida Pico and four adjacent ramps will be closed from tomorrow, August 19 at 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 20. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area and use alternate routes. For questions, please contact OCTA at southOC5info@octa.net.

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Construction Work in Capistrano Beach Area - The County of Orange will be performing pavement work on Coast Highway between Doheny Park Road and Palisades Drive this Saturday, August 20 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coast highway will be reduced to one lane in each direction. For questions, please contact the County at (714) 856-4533.

REMINDERS:

Anita/Seaview Street Storm Drain Improvements - Work continues to progress for storm drain construction 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 project will continue along Anita Street between Catalina Street and Gaviota Drive. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November in advance of winter rains. For questions, please contact Tom Sandefur at (949) 497-0792.

Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance - The City of Laguna Beach will hold a public workshop with the Heritage Committee on Thursday, August 25, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers (505 Forest Avenue). The workshop will be held to discuss and receive public comment on the most recent revisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance (Municipal Code Section 25.45). The workshop information, a revised draft of the proposed Ordinance and other workshop information will be posted by August 18, on the City website: <http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/preserve/historicresources.htm>.

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