

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 25, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**End of Summer Festival Trolley Service** - The last day of the Summer Festival Trolley Service will be Wednesday, August 31. The free Off-Season Weekend Trolley Service will continue on Friday, September 2 and run Fridays 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturdays 11:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m. and Sundays 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Trolley frequency will be approximately every 20 minutes.

**Labor Day Trolley Services** – The Coastal Trolley and Top of the World, Bluebird Canyon, and Arch Beach Heights Neighborhood Trolley Routes will be available on the Labor Day holiday from 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. For information regarding the Labor Day trolley service, please contact the Transit Division at 949-497-0746.

**Village Entrance Project** - Two conceptual designs for the Village Entrance project have been drafted by the City's consultant with input from the public gathered through three public workshops, an online informational tool and other public events. On August 30, 2016 the City Council will consider the two conceptual designs and provide direction to staff prior to preparing the drawings and environmental documents necessary for the design review process. The presentation outlining the two concept designs is available on the City's web site at [http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/cityprojects/village\\_entrance\\_project\\_.htm](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/cityprojects/village_entrance_project_.htm).

**Laguna's newest officer graduates from the Police Academy** – This evening, Kseniya Orlovska will be graduating from Orange County Sheriff's Academy Class 221. She will be completing six months of classroom training and beginning field training with an experienced Laguna Beach Officer. Kseniya was born and raised in Odessa, Ukraine where she received a PhD in Psychology. In 2009, she immigrated to the United States after accepting a teaching position. Law enforcement was always her passion and lead her to apply for a position with the Laguna Beach Police Department in 2015. She went through an extensive background process and was hired as a police academy trainee in February 2016. Kseniya is excited to put her practical training into use and looks forward to meeting the residents and business owners in Laguna Beach.

**Fire Department Badge Pinning** - The Fire Department will be holding a "Badge Pinning Ceremony" for four recently promoted employees and will also be recognizing two recent Fire Captains that have retired after over 30 years to the City each. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. A reception will follow after the ceremony at Fire Station One, which is located adjacent to City Hall. Those being promoted include: Crissy Teichmann and Dan Conroy to Fire Captains; Pat Cary to Fire Engineer; and Adam Fugate to Firefighter. Retired Fire Captains Steve Rening and Pat Brennan will also be recognized for their service. The event is open to the public.

**2016 Juried Fine Art Exhibition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting submissions to the annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition at City Hall. The competition is open to Orange County artists 18 years of age or older with two dimensional works. The juror will be Peter Zokosky, Chair of MFA in Drawing and Painting at the Laguna College of Art + Design. The first place winner will be awarded \$1,000. Applications must be made on-line with a non-refundable entry fee of \$25. The deadline for submissions is September 10, 2016. [www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com](http://www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com).

**Sunset Serenades** - Every Friday evening from September 9 through September 30, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. The Arts Commission will present Sunset Serenades. The free concerts are held at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre with a variety of music genres.

9/9 Denmantau - pop/rock

9/16 Anna Gliadkovskaya - classical piano

9/23 John Lester - singer/ solo bassist

9/30 Alexandra Jack - singer songwriter

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

#### **REMINDERS:**

**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.

**Fall Quarter 2016 Registration Activities** - Registration for Fall 2016 recreation activities is now available. The quarterly recreation brochure has been mailed citywide and is available at the Community & Susi Q Center, Community Pool and Community Services Department. A wide variety of programs and classes are offered for all ages. Register for activities online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net), by mail-in or in person at the Community Center at 380 Third Street or at the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue.

**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.