

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Olympic Welcome Home Celebration – Please join us in welcoming home our local Olympians, water polo gold medalists Aria and Makenzie Fischer, on September 11, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The festivities will take place at the Laguna Beach High School Stadium and will include food, carnival-style games, face painting, photo booth, arts and crafts, autograph signings, and much more. For questions, contact Adam Gufarotti, Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0304.

Hot off the Grill – What a great way to end the summer! Off-duty Firefighters, Lifeguards, and Police Officers will be flipping pancakes, cooking sausage, and pouring coffee at the Labor Day Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast on Monday, September 5, at Heisler Park. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with all proceeds benefiting the Exchange Club's youth through education projects and the prevention of child abuse. See you there!

Labor Day Holiday Trash Collection Schedule – Due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5, trash collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. All residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, September 12.

Police Citizen Academy to Start Thursday, September 8 - The Police Department's 13 week Citizen Academy starts next week and will take place every Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Twenty-seven community members are currently signed up to take this current class.

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.

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.

Trolley Updates:

1. **Neighborhood Trolley Service Extended** – The City Council has approved the extension of the Neighborhood Trolley Pilot Program servicing the Top of The World, Bluebird Canyon, and Arch Beach Heights neighborhoods till October 30, 2016. Service hours will not change due to the extension and will continue to run 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. This service will be provided using the City’s blue trolley fleet of vehicles in lieu of the red and green leased trolleys used during the summer months. In addition, the Mainline bus service to South and North Laguna will also continue its regular service Monday – Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. For additional information regarding the Neighborhood Service please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley or call 949-497-0746.
2. **Free Off-Season Weekend Festival Trolley Service** – The Summer Festivals have ended. The free Off-Season Weekend Trolley Service on Coast Highway 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.
3. **Labor Day Trolley Services** - Trolley service will be available for the Labor Day holiday for the Coastal (Coast Highway), Top of the World, Bluebird Canyon, and Arch Beach Heights Neighborhood Trolley Routes. Trolley service for these routes will run 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.

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.

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.

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