

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 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.

9/11 Memorial Service - Members of the City's Fire, Marine Safety and Police Departments will participate in a memorial service honoring the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our Country. The service will be held at Heisler Park at the City's 9/11 memorial art work "Semper Memento." The ceremony is organized by the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association and is timed to coincide with the actual times the attack, beginning at 8:46 a.m. The public is invited to attend this brief service honoring the 2,996 lives that were lost, including 343 New York City Firefighters, 37 Police Officers of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and 23 New York City Police Officers.

Remembrance Ceremony at Police Memorial - In honor of Officer Jon Coutchie's ultimate sacrifice three years ago, members of the Police Department will be gathering in front of the Police Memorial on Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. This has become an annual tradition which is open to any member of the public wishing to attend. During the ceremony, members of the Laguna Beach Honor Guard will lower the American Flag at the memorial and give it to a recipient in the audience. This Police Memorial honors two Laguna Beach Police Officers who were killed in the line of duty (Gordon French in 1953 and Jon Coutchie in 2013).

Upcoming Closures on 91 Freeway - Beginning September 9, OCTA is undertaking a rehabilitation of the 91 Express Lanes along the SR-91 corridor between Orange and Riverside Counties. This project will require the closure of the 91 Express Lanes, and the #1 general purpose lane over a series of weekends. Branded "The 91 Weekend Shift", repaving is scheduled to occur approximately over 10 consecutive weekends, 5 weekends in each direction and 1 direction at a time. Paving will begin in the eastbound direction from about SR-55 to the county line. Once repaving is finished in the eastbound direction, crews will repave the 91 Express Lanes in the westbound direction, from about the county line to SR-55. Additional information can be found on the OCTA website at: [http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/All-Projects/Freeway-Projects/Riverside-Freeway-\(SR-91\)/The-91-Weekend-Shift/?frm=8532](http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/All-Projects/Freeway-Projects/Riverside-Freeway-(SR-91)/The-91-Weekend-Shift/?frm=8532)

Annual Composting Classes - The City's solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer the last free composting class planned for 2016. The class will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bluebird Park, located at 798 Bluebird Canyon Drive. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for purchase during the class at a discounted price. Class attendees will be eligible to enter a raffle and win a free compost bin. For more information regarding the class, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499 or by email at lisarydermoore@gmail.com.

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New! Money Basics for Parents & Teens - This workshop discusses the importance of money skills to youth and the advantage of knowing how to budget, fundamentals of wants and needs and the importance of establishing a relationship with a financial institution. Monday, September 19, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center. Teens ages 11-18 years **FREE!** More info: (949) 464-6645. Register at: <https://secure.rec1.com/>

Milligan Drive Bridge Replacement - Construction of Milligan Drive bridge replacement will begin on September 26. Working hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Access across the bridge from Laguna Canyon Road will be unavailable during construction. Temporary access to the Sarah Thurston Park neighborhood will be provided through the vacant lot at 113 Canyon Acres Drive from Laguna Canyon Road. Affected residents are being notified by mail. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2017. For questions, please contact Tri Nguyen at (949) 497-0741.

Mission Hospital Gives \$1.3 Million to Local Nonprofits - On August 30, Mission Hospital announced that it awarded \$1.3 million in grants to 12 local non-profit organizations. According to Christy Cornwall, Director of Community Benefit at Mission Hospital, the grants “further strengthen programs that address the prevention of substance abuse among youths, and provide mental health, urgent care, and housing support services that align with [Mission Hospital’s] core focus on creating healthy communities.” Four local grant recipients include the Laguna Beach Community Clinic, the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach, Laguna Beach Seniors, and the Friendship Shelter. We would like to recognize and congratulate Mission Hospital for its commitment to building strong and healthy communities. More information can be found at: <http://www.ocreger.com/articles/health-727571-care-provide.html>.

REMINDERS:

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.

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