

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 15, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**2016 Holiday Palette Competition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs to the annual competition. Winning artists will be provided with a wooden palette on which to paint their original design. The honorarium for this project is \$600. Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday October 3, 2016. The guidelines and application is available at:  
<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=16586>.

**Arts Marketing Workshop** - The City of Laguna Beach in collaboration with the National Arts Marketing Project, a program of Americans for the Arts, will be offering a free arts marketing workshop for arts organizations on October 7, 2016. The workshop titled, “Not All Marketing Dollars Are Created Equal...And That’s Okay,” will be led by Diane Wyenn, Visual Arts Marketing Consultant and former Marketing Director for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and REDCAT. If your arts organization is interested in obtaining more information, please contact Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager at [art@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:art@lagunabeachcity.net). This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

**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).

**World Music Series** - The Arts Commission is excited to present a new music series on Friday, October 7 and 14, 2016, at the Heisler Park Amphitheatre at 5:15 p.m. This new series presents the culture and music from around the world and is a free concert.

October 7 – Temple Bhajan Band (Manta and Chants of India)

October 14 – Tearful Usturoi (Gypsy)

This event is free and has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Retirement of Vic Hillstead** - After 16 years of dedicated service to the City of Laguna Beach as the Deputy Director of Public Facilities and over 32 years of overall public service, Vic Hillstead has announced his retirement as of October 1. During his tenure at the City, Vic has contributed significantly to the City’s efforts in maintaining its beautiful beaches, streets and sidewalks, parks, public buildings and facilities.

**AlertOC Regional Test:** AlertOC, the County’s mass notification system, is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of any required actions, such as evacuating their homes during an imminent fire. On **September 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.**, more than two million Orange County residents, including Laguna Beach residents, will receive a call to test AlertOC. The drill will replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across Orange County’s entire region.

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**Anita/Seaview Street Storm Drain Improvements** - Work continues to progress for storm drain construction along Anita Street, Avalon Avenue, and Seaview Street, between Gaviota Drive and Temple Terrace. Construction work hours are from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Starting the week of September 26, Anita Street at Coast Highway will be **CLOSED** in order to conduct boring under Coast Highway. Traffic will be prohibited from turning onto Anita Street from Coast Highway. Access to businesses and parking lots on Anita Street near Coast Highway will be maintained from Gaviota Drive and Glenneyre Street. The Anita Street closure will be in effect 24 hours a day for approximately 4 weeks. 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 – System Upgrade** - Southern California Edison continues to upgrade the aging 4 KVA electrical system to a more modern and efficient 12 KVA system. This work will be completed in phases. The first phase, along Santa Cruz Street and Temple Terrace, is expected to be completed by September 22. SCE will continue to notify all affected property owners of any work impacts and planned outages via mailing notices. Minor traffic impacts due to periodical street and/or lane closures can be expected.

**Southern California Edison – Pole Replacement Project** - On Tuesday, September 27, Southern California Edison will be replacing a deteriorated power pole on Cedar Way between Myrtle and Jasmine Street that requires Cedar Way to be closed from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. On Wednesday, September 28, SCE will be replacing 2 additional deteriorated poles on Cliff and Lower Cliff Dr. Lower Cliff Dr. will be closed from noon to 4:00 p.m. The pole replacement work on Cliff Drive will not require any lane closures, but may require a shift in traffic lanes.

**Newest Laguna Beach Police Officer Graduates from Academy** - On Friday September 16, 2016, Recruit Ron Goodwin will be graduating from the Goldenwest Police Academy after completing six months of intensive training. Ron has been employed by the City as a Beach Patrol Officer, Jailer and Police Aide since 2013.

**New! Date Night-An Evening with the Important Adolescent in Your Life** - Share this four-part series with your son or daughter, one-on-one in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, exploring new approaches to conversation. These courses are designed to help you and your child develop and enhance a relationship of warmth and respect. You will learn ways to remain open-hearted in the midst of disagreement, how to stay safe online and learn about the effects of substances on our bodies. Food will be provided and participants receive a certificate of completion. **Tuesday, October 4-25, 6:30-8:00pm** at the Community & Susi Q Center. Teens age 11-15 years. **\$55 per family**. More info: (949) 464-6645. Register at: <https://secure.rec1.com/>

## **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. Anna Gliadkovskaya (classical piano) will be performing on 9/16, John Lester (singer/solo bassist) will be performing on 9/23, and Alexandra Jack (singer songwriter) will be performing on 9/30. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

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