

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2016
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

“Draft” Historic Preservation Ordinance Presentation - Since September of 2015, the City of Laguna Beach has been in the process of updating its current Historic Preservation Ordinance as it relates to the City’s Historic Preservation Program. On September 28, 2016, the Heritage Committee finalized its recommendations to the City Council regarding the “Draft” Historic Preservation Ordinance (Municipal Code Section 25.45). On Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers (505 Forest Avenue), staff will provide an introductory presentation to the Design Review Board regarding the “Draft,” and will be present to answer any questions from the Board. The Board review of the “Draft” will be continued to a future meeting where the Board will provide its comments for future City Council consideration about the “Draft.”

Juried Fine Art Reception - On Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. the winners of the ninth annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition will be announced at an artist reception and awards ceremony at Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. The exhibition is currently on exhibit and can be viewed through November 23, 2016. The juror, Peter Zokosky, Chair of the Drawing and Painting MFA program at Laguna College of Art & Design, reviewed submissions from artists throughout Orange County and selected 30 for exhibit. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Arts Directory - The Cultural Arts Department is currently accepting information from artists, arts organization, and galleries for inclusion in the City’s Arts Directory. Information will be accepted through November 30, 2016. This online directory is free of charge and lists visual and performing artists residing, working or exhibiting in Laguna Beach. If you would like to be added to the directory, please contact Arts Program Coordinator Michael McGregor: mmcgregor@lagunabeachcity.net.

Restoration Projects - The Arts Commission recently approved the restoration of “Laguna Road Blossoms” on Ocean and Beach, “Canyon View” by the bus depot on Broadway and “Moving Forward” by the Community and Senior Center. Restoration of “Moving Forward” has been completed by artist Gerard Stripling. Work on “Laguna Blossoms” will commence on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, by artist Kyungmi Shin.

Special Film Screening “The Cats of Mirikitani” - November is National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month. As a public service the City of Laguna Beach Housing and Human Services Committee and Laguna Beach Seniors will host a special film screening of “The Cats of Mirikitani” on Monday, November 7, at 12:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center. Eighty year old Jimmy Mirikitani survived the trauma of WWII internment camps, Hiroshima and homelessness by creating art. An intimate exploration of the lingering wounds of war and homelessness and the healing powers of friendship and art, this documentary won the 2006 Tribeca Film Festival Audience Award. More info: (949) 464-6645. Register at: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index?filter=c2VhcmNoPVRoZStjYXRzK29mK21pcmlraXRhbmk> or register in person at the front desk of the Susi Q.

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Caltrans – Maintenance Work on Laguna Canyon Road - On Thursday, October 27, Caltrans is scheduled to perform maintenance work on their drainage inlets and erosion control measures on the westbound side of Laguna Canyon Road in the Big Bend area from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. One lane in each direction is expected to remain open during this period.

Southern California Edison (SCE) System Upgrade - SCE is planning to upgrade its electrical system along the 900 block of Summit Drive on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. The work will take approximately 12 hours to complete, and will require a power outage that will affect approximately 100 property owners. Notices have been mailed to all affected property owners. No traffic impacts are anticipated.

Off-Season Hours for Top of the World, Blue Bird Canyon and Arch Beach Heights Trolley Service starting October 31 - Starting Monday, October 31, these routes will resume the off-season operating hours. The off-season service will be offered hourly, Monday – Friday from 6:50 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is no service on Sundays. The service will still be served by City owned fleet of trolleys. For more information and to view the new schedules, visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/trolley.

REMINDERS:

Health Expo & Free Flu Shot Clinic - The annual Health Expo and Free Flu Shot Clinic will take place on Friday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street, Laguna Beach. Flu shots are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last for those 18 years and older. The Health Expo will feature a number of community services, resources providing awareness and educational information, as well as free blood pressure and hearing screenings. Sponsored by St. Joseph Health Mission Hospital in collaboration with Laguna Beach Seniors and the City of Laguna Beach, Community Services Department. For more information: (949) 464-6645.

Anita/Seaview Street Storm Drain Improvements - Anita Street at South Coast Highway will continue to be closed 24 hours a day for approximately two more weeks. In early November, one lane of Glenneyre Street will be closed in each direction at Anita Street from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to allow for construction of the storm drain across Glenneyre Street. The lane closures are expected to last for two weeks, and the overall project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. For questions, please contact Tom Sandefur at (949) 497-0792.

New! Behind the Classics - A Night at the Movies - This class will show a series of classic movies from the 30's to the 60's followed by discussion about the making of that movie, its impact and legacy. Instructor: Theo Siegel is a writer, researcher and television professional with over 30 years of industry experience. He worked for CBS News and E! Entertainment/Comcast Networks for twenty years. He also did freelance-work for the CBS daily show "The Talk" and the History Channel series, "America's Book of Secrets. For ages 18+. Every Thursday through November 10, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center. \$10 drop-in. More info: (949) 464-6645. Register at:

<https://secure.recl.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index?search=night+at+the+movies>.

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Top of the World Trail Project - Construction of the Top of the World Trail project has begun and will be completed in approximately three months. The existing trail from the Fire Road to Top of the World Drive will be closed during construction.

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