

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 13, 2017  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Caltrans – Sidewalk Maintenance Work** - Caltrans has started a project to remove and replace damaged and/or displaced concrete sidewalks, curbs, and driveways on Coast Highway from Mountain Road to Ledroit Street and on Broadway Street from Coast Highway to Forest Avenue from April through May. Work is being conducted between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Closures will include one lane of traffic in each direction and sidewalks depending on the direction of the travel. For more detailed project information, see the press on the City's website at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/news/displaynews.htm?NewsID=1399&TargetID=17> or contact Yvonne Washington at (657) 328-6000.

**Downtown Specific Plan Update – Review Draft Amendments (Section III, Topics 1-2)** - The City of Laguna Beach and consultant MIG will continue their efforts on the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Update on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, during the Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (505 Forest Avenue). The focus of the presentation and discussion will be on Topic 1 (Village Character) and Topic 2 (Identity as an Art Colony) of the existing DSP document. A copy of the draft amendments are available to view on the project webpage (see link below). The staff report will be available to view on the City's website by Friday (April 14). If you have questions, or for more information, please contact: Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321; [wjung@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:wjung@lagunabeachcity.net); or visit: [http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/mjrplanginitv/downtown\\_specific\\_plan\\_amendment/default.htm](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/planning/mjrplanginitv/downtown_specific_plan_amendment/default.htm).

**More Goats!** - In order to address additional vegetation growth from the rainy season, the City has brought in a second herd of 250 additional goats. There are now 500 goats, in two herds, grazing the fuel modification areas of the City to lessen the risk from wildfire.

**Heisler Park Turf Renovation** - The lawn areas at Heisler Park are undergoing turf renovation for a period of 2-4 weeks, followed by a rapid greening of the existing turf and establishment of new grass in the renovated areas.

**Cox Communications** - A contractor working for Cox Communications will be working along LCR from the tennis courts to the entrance of the Festival of the Arts, beginning on Monday, April 17, 2017. The contractor will be installing an underground fiber optic line to the Festival grounds. This work will be completed at night between 8:00 pm to 5:00 am and will take three nights to complete. The work will require that the inbound lane closest to the curb be closed and parking restrictions put in place during work hours. Completing this work a night will help avoid daytime traffic delays.

**Art That's Small at City Hall – Winners** - On Thursday, April 6, 2017, Mayor Toni Iseman announced the winners of the “Art That’s Small at City Hall” exhibition. 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Elizabeth McGhee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kelly Haritgan Goldstein, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sabra Lande and City Hall Choice: Ben Desoto. Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Adler Deardorff, Wendy Wirth, Bill Denham and Nina Ulett. The exhibition will be on display through April 21, 2017.

**Public Art Restoration** - The bronze sculpture, “The Shopper” by artist Andrew Myers, located on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Beach Street, has been removed for restoration. Restoration and re-installation will be completed by the end of April.

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