

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2017
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Youth Water Polo Celebration - The City of Laguna Beach is having a special community event on Tuesday, September 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to honor the Laguna Beach girl's age group water polo teams. All three of our Laguna Beach girl's teams won gold medals at the 2017 Junior Olympics. The event will take place on the terrace at the Community and Susi Q Senior Center and will feature an introduction by the Mayor, short speeches, light refreshments, and a celebratory atmosphere.

Arts Audience Spending by Zip Code - The Arts Commission partnered with Americans for the Arts and recently published the findings of Arts and Economic Prosperity Report 5. In addition to the report, the City participated in a survey of audience spending by zip code. The study indicates 65.3% of attendees at arts events were from Orange County and 34.7% from outside the County. The detailed report can be viewed at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/inc/blobfetch.aspx?BlobID=18823>

Art Updates - Want to receive the latest City Arts updates, sign up [HERE](#) or our newsletter or <https://app.robly.com/subscribe?a=a6aa5eb0fa48629efcf44a04013f8bb1>

Poet Laureate Showcase at LCAD Gallery - [Kate Buckley](#), City of Laguna Beach's inaugural [Poet Laureate](#), has launched a Poet Laureate's Showcase series of readings, aimed at bringing nationally known poets to Laguna Beach. The next Showcase will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Laguna College of Art + Design Gallery, 374 Ocean Avenue. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Agate Street and Thalia Street Beach Access Rehabilitation - Construction is set to begin on September 11 for the replacement of the beach stairs at both sites. The permitted working hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no anticipated traffic impacts, other than occasional equipment and material deliveries. Both access points will remain closed while work is ongoing. Construction is expected to be completed in April 2018.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) - The City of Laguna Beach has begun preparation of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), a five-year strategic plan to improve local resilience to hazard events. Development of the plan, the first such plan for Laguna Beach, is being funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Laguna Beach LHMP will summarize the natural and human-caused hazards that pose a threat to the community, including drought, flooding, earthquakes, and wildfires. The City would like your input and encourage you to join us for the following workshops:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Community Kick-off Meeting	September 14, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Susi Q Center - 380 3rd St

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Hazard Profiles Open House	October 18, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Susi Q Center - 380 3rd St
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Fall Quarter 2017 Registration Activities - Registration for fall 2017 recreation activities for all ages is still open. To register and see the list of programs available please visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index>.

Pancake Breakfast Success - This past Labor Day Monday the Laguna Beach Fire Department (LBFD) held the annual Labor Day Breakfast at Heisler Park. The event was a great success with over 650 breakfasts served. Special thanks to the lifeguards that came and helped, as well as staff from Public Works that provided additional logistical support. Fire fighter/Paramedic Matt Rolfe did a great job coordinating the event for the LBFD. As always we had great support from our community friends in organizing the event (Sandi St. John especially) and for all our residents and friends that joined us for a seaside breakfast. Thanks to all!

New Paramedic - Laguna Beach Firefighter Brent Buccola has recently completed the arduous process of becoming certified as an Orange County Paramedic. Congratulations to Firefighter Paramedic Brent!

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