

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2017
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Lumberyard Parking Lot Slurry Seal Scheduled - The City has scheduled to slurry seal and restripe the Lumberyard parking lot and part of the employee lot on Monday and Tuesday (**October 16 – 17, 2017**). The Lumberyard Parking Lot will be inaccessible to pedestrians and vehicles during that time. This is the final work planned for the completion of the City's sewer lift station rehabilitation project. Please contact the City's Water Quality Department for questions at 497-0378.

Laguna Beach Fire Department (LBFD) Assists with Fires - The LBFD had three engines and Chief Christopher assigned to the Canyon 2 fire. Chief Christopher and our Office of Emergency Services (OES) Engine 313 are expected to be released from Canyon 2 and redeployed to Northern California. While the LBFD was heavily committed to the Canyon 2 fire, we were able to staff all four of the City's fire stations.

OC Alert Test - On October 18, Laguna Beach residents will receive a call to test AlertOC, Orange County's Emergency Notification System. The drill will replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across Orange County. This is the seventh annual regional test and it will include twenty participating cities. Residents can do their part to prepare for emergencies by registering for AlertOC. The time is now to self-register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses to be part of the regional test. For more information or to register alternate phone numbers or e-mail addresses, visit the Alert OC website at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085613900#/login>.

Downtown Specific Plan Update – Review Recommended Changes to Land Use Permitting - The City of Laguna Beach and consultant MIG will continue their efforts on the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Update on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, during the Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. City staff will provide an update on the Planning Commission Subcommittee's suggested revisions to MIG's Table 1, which addresses land use permitting for various districts within the DSP area. A copy of the Subcommittee's suggested revisions is available to review on the City's website: www.lagunabeachcity.net. For more information on the Downtown Specific Plan Update project please contact: Wendy Jung, Senior Planner, at (949) 497-0321; wjung@lagunabeachcity.net.

Planning Commission Recommendation on the “Draft” Historic Preservation Ordinance - The Laguna Beach Planning Commission will review a revised draft of the Historic Preservation Ordinance at its next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (located at 505 Forest Avenue in Laguna Beach). The Planning Commission will be reviewing the revised draft to provide a recommendation to the City Council. To view a copy of the staff report for this item, please refer to the City's website: www.lagunabeachcity.net. For more information on the Historic Preservation Ordinance, please contact Martina Caron, Senior Planner at (949) 497-6629; mcaron@lagunabeachcity.net.

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Juried Fine Art Exhibition – Artist Reception and Award Ceremony - On Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. the winners of the eleventh annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition will be announced at an Artist Reception at Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. The exhibition can be viewed through November 22, 2017. The juror, Mackenzie Stevens, Curatorial Assistant at the Los Angeles Hammer Museum, reviewed submissions from artists from throughout Orange County and selected 34 for exhibit. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Children’s Holiday Palette Exhibition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs to the annual competition. Children ages 5 to 17 years old may submit an original design celebrating the holiday season. Up to 12 designs will be selected for display at City Hall throughout December. Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. Call Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator at (949) 497-0722 extension 5 for information.

Palette Competition - The Arts Commission selected one design by artist Kelly Hartigan Goldstein for this year’s competition. The new palette will be installed outside City Hall. The palettes can be seen throughout the City extending to South Laguna. Currently in its 51st year, this program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

Holiday Cookie Contest - Residents are invited to participate in the City’s first annual holiday cookie recipe contest. Each participant is asked to submit their favorite family cookie recipe and the story behind it. Three finalists will be selected to bake a sample batch of their cookies for a tasting ceremony on November 13. The first place winner’s story and recipe will be published in the *Winter 2018 Community Services* brochure, to be mailed citywide. Entries must be submitted at the front desk of the Community and Susi Q Center by October 31. For more information, contact Adam Gufarotti, Senior Recreation Supervisor, at (949) 497-0304. Entry forms can be downloaded from the following City website link:

<https://secure.recl.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index?filter=c2VhcmNoPUhvbGlkYXkrQ29va2lIK0NvbnRlc3Q=>

Intro to Mindfulness & Self Compassion for Parents & Teens - In partnership with Mission Hospital Laguna Beach, the City is pleased to offer a workshop that will help teens and their parents navigate the emotional ups and downs of life with greater ease, offering tools for coping with teen issues. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street, Laguna Beach. Teens, please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Cost: \$10 per person. To register, call (949) 464-6645 or visit, www.lagunabeachcity.net click “recreation classes.”

REMINDERS:

El Toro Road - SoCal Gas Advanced Meter DCU Installation Project - SoCalGas will install its advanced meter related equipment on the north side of El Toro Road, approximately 870 feet east of Laguna Canyon Road. The work is scheduled for October 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During construction hours, a portion of El Toro Road will be reduced to one lane. A portion of the bike lane on both Northbound and Southbound directions will be closed between Laguna Canyon Road and State Route 73. For additional information, please contact Shaun Baptiste, from SoCalGas, at 562-305-2977.

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Parents' Night Out - Parents, call it a break from the kids; kids call it a break from your parents. The City of Laguna Beach is hosting its quarterly Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community & Susi Q Center, 380 Third Street. Parents can enjoy some adult time to see a movie, catch up with friends or enjoy a kid-free meal. The children will have a blast enjoying games, movies, arts & crafts and dinner. Cost: \$20 per child, \$5 sibling discount available. Pre-registration is required 48 hours in advance. To register, call (949) 464-6645 or visit, www.lagunabeachcity.net click "recreation classes."

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