

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2018
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Testing of the Long Range Warning System - The City of Laguna Beach will be testing the newly installed Downtown Outdoor Warning System on Friday, May 4, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. Those who are in the coverage area, outlined in the attached map, will hear a recorded message clearly indicating that it is a test only. In the event of a real emergency, this system can be activated to provide life-saving instructions to residents and visitors in the downtown area. The system may be utilized for all hazards or disasters where immediate action from the public is necessary. Laguna Beach's Downtown Outdoor Warning System differs from others within Orange County as it provides verbal instructions along with a siren as opposed to just a siren. Specific emergency announcements can be broadcast over any one (or more) of the three speakers which are located at City Hall, Main Beach, and Heisler Park. The Cities of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach will also be testing their independent Outdoor Warning Systems at the same time.

New Fire Chief - Michael Garcia will start as the new Fire Chief on Monday, April 30. Chief Garcia has over 32 years of experience in the fire service, including 28 years with the City of Long Beach. An event for employees and the public to meet Chief Garcia will be held on May 3 at Fire Station One from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Access to Free Offers on the Trolley Tracker - You can now ride Laguna Beach Transit and use the Trolley Tracker app to gain access to exclusive offers from restaurants, retailers and attractions all over town! To unlock these offers, simply ride the trolley, and click on *Special Offers* on the Trolley Tracker app. To redeem, show the offer on your phone to the participating business. The Trolley Tracker is available on the Visit Laguna Beach app and in the Apple and Google Play Stores.

Caltrans – Coast Hwy Traffic Signals Replacement - Beginning Monday, April 30, Caltrans will mobilize to replace the traffic and pedestrian signal heads located at seven intersections between Cress Street and Ocean Avenue on Coast Highway. Work will be conducted on weekdays between 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Intermittent lane closures and flashing red signal lights can be expected through May 24, 2018. One northbound and southbound lane will be maintained for travel during this period. For more detailed project information, please contact Moussa Essayli, Caltrans Resident Engineer, at (949) 279-8816.

Heritage Month - Celebrate Heritage Month this May and enjoy the many scheduled activities and events. Activities and tours are scheduled throughout the entire month of May. A calendar of all the events can be found on the city website at: http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/cd/preserve/heritage_commtee.htm

Review Proposal for a Wayfinding Signage Pilot Project - The City of Laguna Beach will bring forward a proposal for a Wayfinding Signage Pilot Project on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, during the Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (505 Forest Avenue). The purpose of the wayfinding signage is to inform and direct visitors and residents to their desired destinations, amenities and features, and enhance the visitor and resident experience. Prior to the meeting, a prototype of the pedestrian directional sign will be installed within the existing planter at the southeast corner of

Forest Avenue and South Coast Highway. After review and upon recommendation by the Planning Commission, the project will be reviewed by the City Council at its meeting on May 22, 2018. The City's goal is to conduct the pilot project for pedestrian wayfinding signs in summer 2018.

Summer Camp and Summer Recreation Activities Registration: - Registration for summer 2018 recreation activities for all ages, adult softball and youth summer camps opens on Monday, April 30. To register and see the list of programs available please visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/city-of-laguna-beach/catalog/index>

Call to Artists: Council Chambers Banners - The Arts Commission is inviting artists to submit designs to replace the banners in the Council Chambers. The competition is open to Laguna Beach residents ages 18 and older. Entries must be submitted to the reception desk at Susi Q Community Center, 380 Third Street, by May 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. For more information, email Arts Program Coordinator Michael McGregor at mmcgregor@lagunabeachcity.net.

City Hall Exhibition - The Artist Fund at Festival of Arts is currently exhibiting their annual Board of Directors Show at City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue. See work by local artists Geraldine Crosper, Anne England, Roger Folk, Rick Graves, Elizabeth McGhee and Wendy Wirth. The exhibition can be viewed through May 22, 2018.

Sunset Serenades - Held on Friday evenings in May and June at 6:30 p.m. at the Heisler Park Amphitheater, Cliff Drive, enjoy the free concert series featuring:

- 5/4: Jackie Menter Trio – Classical
- 5/11: Jack Benny – Eclectic/Acoustic Pop trio
- 5/18: The Phil Gough/Alan Deremo Project
- 5/25: Maestro Lazaro Galarraga and Friends – Afro Cuban
- 6/1: Gamelan X with Mayang Sunda – Indonesian
- 6/8: L'Esprit D' Afrique – African

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