

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 25, 2009  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kenneth Frank, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES**

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**OCTA Bus Service** – The OCTA Board voted to cut services by only 20% starting in March. These changes did not affect Route 1 (Coast Highway) or Route 89 (Laguna Canyon Road), however, another round of cuts may be needed in March which would most likely impact the Laguna Beach service.

**Green Building Code** – This week our Building Division staff met with about 40 architects and contractors to discuss the new Green Building Code.

**Redesigned Website** – On Wednesday, December 2 the City will unveil a redesigned website. It is intended to provide information in a format that enables web users to quickly and easily find exactly what they are looking for. New features include a more robust calendar, enhanced search tools and site navigation, printer-friendly pages and the ability to view Council meetings live over the web. Web users are encouraged to visit [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) to check out the new features and give us feedback.

**Sally's Fund Expands Services** – Sally's Fund has expanded transportation services for Laguna Beach seniors by making individual and group rides available to seniors who use the Community and Senior Center. In the past Sally's Fund provided rides to the senior lunch program and the expanded service will offer seniors rides to classes, programs and activities at the Center in addition to the lunch. Rides can be arranged by calling 715-1866.

**Third Street Retaining Wall Replacement** – Retaining wall construction on the Third Street hill is nearly complete. The sidewalk will be opened for the Thanksgiving weekend, but will need to be closed intermittently next week to put on the finishing touches. Construction was delayed slightly due to the excessive amount of groundwater encountered and the presence of unforeseen utility pipes. Also, work stopped early on several occasions so Third Street could be reopened to ease congestion caused by recent lane closures on South Coast Highway.

**Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition** – On Monday November 23, 2009 the Arts Commission reviewed over 180 entries for the Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition. Designs were selected from students aged 6-12 attending school or art classes in Laguna Beach. The selected art works will be on display at City Hall from November 30 through December 31, 2009. The following 12 artists' designs were selected: Makena Minailo (age 6), Zoe Strickland (7), Gianna Josephs (7), Jade Petrovich (7), Lucinda Becker (8), Claire Kelly (8), Jade Nicoletti (8), Sofia Hefter-Smith (8), Haley Colton (9), Shea Skenderian (9), Skylar Strickland (9) and Halle Redfern (12). This program was funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

**Downtown Construction** – Over the last few weeks there has been construction work in the downtown area to install underground fiber optics lines on Glenneyre Street, Forest Avenue and Beach Street. This construction work has been completed.