

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 31, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Lifeguard HQ and Public Restroom Reconstruction** - The California Coastal Commission has notified the City that the appeal period for the Coastal Development Permit for the Lifeguard Headquarters and Public Restroom project expired on March 24, 2011. The permit is now final.

**Animal Shelter Renovation Progress** - All masonry walls have been completed. The roof framing and the installation of the in-floor radiant heating system started this week. The project is on schedule for completion in July.

**Heisler Park Renovation Progress** - The area from the Gazebo to Main Beach was opened to the public last week while minor items in this area continue. The project is on track to be completed by June 15, 2011.

**Central Business District Sidewalk Pressure Washing** - Over the next two weeks the City's contractor will be conducting downtown sidewalk pressure washing. The streets include Forest Avenue, Broadway, Ocean Avenue, Beach Street, and portions of Coast Highway. The pressure washing equipment recovers 100% of the water and 80% of it is filtered for re-use.

**Broadway Streetscape Improvement Project** - A plan for the beautification of Broadway between Cliff Drive and Forest Avenue was approved by the Planning Commission last Wednesday. The project design includes decorative sidewalk, enhanced landscaping and public art. Construction is scheduled for Spring 2012. Up to 74% of project costs are funded through a Federal Transportation Enhancement grant.

**2011 Banner Competition** - At its meeting on Monday, the Arts Commission reviewed 37 entries to the annual banner competition. The Commission selected four designs by Laguna Beach artists Cliff Wassmann (two designs from him), Al Esquerra and Elliott Whalen. The banners will go on display throughout the city during the summer season. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Art That's Small at City Hall** - The Arts Commission received 126 entries to the competition which is currently on exhibit at City Hall. At a reception on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 5 p.m. Mayor Toni Iseman will announce the winners. This year the exhibition was juried by Carla Tesak Arzente (Salt Fine Art); Brad Coleman (Laguna College of Art& Design) and Jeff Horn (LPAPA). This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**City Youth Track Meet** - The Community Services Department is hosting the annual Boys & Girls City-Wide Track Meet on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the LBHS Track and Field. Youths born in 1996 through 2004 may enter up to three (3) events plus relays. The top finishers in each age division and event are eligible to compete at the County level.

**Donation to the Animal Shelter** - This week the City received a donation of \$362,000 from the estate of Marjorie Nelson. This donation is funding a significant portion of the Animal Shelter renovation project. The City greatly appreciates this generous gift.

**Circle Way Storm Drain Cleared through Coastal** – Design for an enlarged storm drain from Circle Way down to the beach outlet was initiated in 1995. The final approval needed to clear the way for construction to take place next Fall was issuance of a Coastal Development Permit from the Coastal Commission. The permit was received this week. The final design process was delayed due to issues related to flooding claims from adjacent property owners. The final design was approved by the Design Review Board and the City Council in November 2008 after which the Coastal Commission appealed the project because of the sea wall component of the project. The Coastal Commission conditionally approved the storm drain project without the sea wall component in May 2010. After the final design was revised to remove the sea wall, the Coastal Commission staff reviewed the final plans and issued the final CDP. The project includes new steps to the beach and completely new landscaping.

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