

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 21, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Drunk Driver Saturation Patrols** -- On Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, Cinco de Mayo, the Police Department will be conducting Drunk Driver Saturation Patrols. The California Office of Traffic Safety under the AVOID 26 grant, is funding this effort. Officers trained and experienced in DUI investigations will be patrolling the streets of Laguna Beach for impaired drivers. Enjoy the festivities but act responsibly by planning in advance to have an alternate way to get home.

**Community Development Department Retirement and Transition** - After 15 years of employment with the City as the Administrative Assistant for the Director of the Community Development Department, Linda Kleppe retired on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. One of her major duties was taking minutes of the Planning Commission meetings. Both the Planning Commission and City staff will miss her very much. Taking her place will be Ann Marie McKay who has worked for the City for 3.3 years in the Community Development Department, most recently as a Senior Office Specialist in the Planning Division. Congratulations to both!

**City Youth Track Meet** - Under threatening skies, the City of Laguna Beach Youth Invitational Track Meet was held Friday, April 8. Approximately 50 local youth between the ages of 4 and 14 competed in track and field events at Laguna Beach High School. The top three boys and girls in each age division and event will represent the City at the County of Orange track meet in May.

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**Art That's Small at City Hall** - On Thursday, April 7, 2011, Mayor Toni Iseman announced the winners of the 2011 competition. The competition drew 126 entries and was juried by Carla Tesak Arzente (Salt Fine Art and member of First Thursday's Art Walk); Brad Coleman (Laguna College of Art & Design); and Jeff Horn (Laguna Plein Air Painters Association). The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Elizabeth McGhee; 2<sup>nd</sup> place John Cunningham; Third Place and City Hall Choice Yank Sefton; and Honorable Mentions Kacey Baker, Susan Linder, Kate Urshel and Annette Wimmer. The exhibit will be on display through April 28, 2011. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Council Chamber Banner Competition** -The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs for interior banners displayed in the Council Chambers. The theme for the competition is the scenery of Laguna Beach and winning artists will be awarded \$1,000. The banners measure 3' by 10' and the deadline to submit designs is by 5 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011. Application information is available on the City's web-site. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.

**Artist Designed Bench Competition** - At its meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011, the Arts Commission considered a request to re-open the Artist Designed Bench Competition for an installation at Mountain and Coast Highway. The Commission voted unanimously to re-open the competition, and will publish revised guidelines by mid-May. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**World Trade Center Artifact** - The New York and New Jersey Port Authority has made a donation of two metal beams salvaged from the structure of the World Trade Center to the City of Laguna Beach. The beams, both measuring 72" x 36" x 12", will be created into a public art installation as a remembrance of events on September 11, 2001. Arrangements are being made to transport the beams from JFK Airport in New York. The costs of transportation and creating the public art piece have been made possible through a generous donation by Laguna Beach resident Mark Porterfield.

**Laguna Canyon Frontage Road Street Light Relocation** – Work began this Monday to remove three street lights from the brick sidewalk near the Sawdust Festival entrance. New nostalgic style streetlights will be installed on the opposite side of Laguna Canyon Frontage Road where pedestrian movement will not be obstructed. Associated overhead electric and cable television wiring will be placed underground. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.

**Heisler Park Gazebo Refurbishment** - City crews recently refurbished the Heisler Park Gazebo. Graffiti that had been carved into the wood was removed, the structure was sanded and painted, and pilasters were added on each side to discourage people from walking around the structure through the landscaping to the top of the bluff.

**Oro Canyon Fuel Modification** - The mandatory appeal period for the Oro Canyon Fuel Modification project has passed without any appeals and a Coastal Development Permit was issued this week. The Fire Department will proceed with coordinating the removal of invasive plants in the Oro Canyon drainage and the creation of a fuel modification zone in the project area. Actual work is anticipated begin during the Fall of 2011.

**Bank Robber Arrested** - The Police Department was notified by the FBI that the "Ho Hum Bandit" was arrested in Denver on Monday evening. He is suspected in two robberies of the US Bank on Glenneyre near Forest in June and July 2010. Responsible for a string of robberies including 12 in Southern California as well as many in Colorado and other states, Adam Lynch, 34, of Corte Madera California was at last apprehended.

**Main Beach Boardwalk Repair** - Repairs to the Main Beach Boardwalk will begin next week. The first week will involve dismantling the existing planking and timbers to allow for the replacement and straightening of several pilings. The replacement pilings should arrive on site the second week in May and all work is to be completed by May 27<sup>th</sup> just in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

**Nyes Place Collision with Lift Station** – An unidentified vehicle ran over the Nyes Place Lift Station last weekend. The driver somehow managed to keep the vehicle moving as the vehicle knocked down the control system panel to the lift station. Fortunately, the station has an emergency overflow built into its wetwell and the system reverted to emergency overflow state until staff could identify the extent of the damages. The lift station was repaired and made fully operational this week.