

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Sunset Serenades - The Arts Commission program, Sunset Serenades, will be held every Friday evening starting on May 6. Held at the Picnic Beach entrance in Heisler Park the concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and are free. The schedule of performers is: **5/6** Tommy Davy Band – Gypsy Jazz; **5/13** Beth Wood – Singer/songwriter; **5/20** The Berkley Hunts – Eclectic Folk; and **5/27** Matt Poltrano Trio – Piano Jazz. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Temporary Sculpture Exhibition - At its meeting on April 25, 2011, the Arts Commission selected a sculpture by Jon Seeman for temporary installation in Heisler Park. The sculpture titled, “Watch Your Toes” is created of steel and will be on exhibit through June 2013. The sculpture will be located on the ocean side of the Inn at Laguna Beach and is on loan from Marion Meyer Contemporary Art. This program has been funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

City Hall Exhibition - On May 3, 2011 the Festival of Arts, Artist Fund Committee will be installing its exhibit, “Go Gold” at City Hall. The exhibit includes works from Festival of Arts exhibitors and will be on display through June 20, 2011. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday June 2, 2011 prior to First Thursday’s Art Walk.

Track and Field Champions - The City of Laguna Beach Track Team will participate this Sunday, May 1st, in the 2011 SCMAF – Orange County Track and Field Championships held at Laguna Hills High School. Our 15 member team, comprised of boys and girls ranging in ages 5-14, will compete in numerous events including the Long Jump, the Softball Throw, as well as the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, & 1600m races.

Urban Water Diversions Keeping the Beaches Clean - Pollutants commonly found on street surfaces include brake dust, hydrocarbons from tires, fertilizers and pesticides. The Water Quality Department operates and maintains 18 dry-season surface water diversion structures. These devices collect and redirect water, draining from our streets, into the sewer system. The eighteen structures are being placed back on-line until the next rains are expected. Every year the diversion structures prevent over 5 tons of pollutant-laden debris from reaching our shoreline.

Heisler Park - The contractor is completing the retaining walls, curbs and picnic areas in the Monument Point area this week. Landscaping in that area has already begun. Work has begun in the old shuffleboard court area, which will be the last area to be completed. It is anticipated that this area will be open for public use in the middle of June.

Animal Shelter Renovation Progress - Framing of the roof is nearly completed and roofing will start next week. Electrical, plumbing, and heating systems are being installed. The renovation project is on schedule for completion in the first week in July.

Free Compost Giveaway - Each year, the City, Waste Management, and our green waste recycling contractor Tierra Verde Industries team up to give away free compost to residents as a “thank you” for participating in the City’s residential green waste recycling program. Last year, residents diverted 4,500 tons from the landfill, which amounted to 24 % of the entire residential waste stream. The annual compost giveaway event will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Act V Lot, 1900 Laguna Canyon Road. This is a self-service event. Empty sand bags will be provided, which residents can fill with compost. There will be a limit of six bags (about 80 lbs.) per household. Distributions are on a first come first serve basis for Laguna Beach residents only.

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