

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 2, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**2010 Orange County Officer of the Year for Community Service** - In March, the American Legion recognized Corporal Jason Farris as the 2010 Orange County Officer of the Year for Community Service. Corporal Farris' accomplishments as the LBPD Community Outreach Officer were submitted to the state-level American Legion panel and on June 24th he will receive the state-level 2010 American Legion Officer of the Year award for Community Service. Officer Farris' accomplishments will also continue to be evaluated for a national award. The awards ceremony will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Ontario Convention Center Main Hall, 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, California.

**Orange County Top Cop for 2010** - In February the Elks Lodge recognized Officer David Gensemer for his unselfish willingness to set aside any concern for his own safety to save a trapped motorist in the December 2010 floods. David's accomplishment was submitted to PORAC (Peace Officers Research Association of California) who selected him to be the Orange County Top Cop for 2010. David will be honored during Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Angel Stadium on June 10th while the Angels beat the Royals.

**Boardwalk Damage Repaired** - The portion of the Boardwalk that was damaged in the December storms was repaired last Friday and was opened to the public for the weekend. A temporary handrail was constructed in the area where the sand was washed out leaving a large drop-off. Sand will be imported to fill the area between the Boardwalk and Coast Highway over the next two weeks.

**Beach Water Quality Report Card** - The Heal the Bay organization released their annual beach report last week. The results corresponding to regulatory compliance levels for the dry season assign straight A's along all Laguna beaches.

**Special Olympics Torch Run** - Members of our three public safety departments participated Thursday morning in the Special Olympics Torch Run. Every two years, public safety members from around the world gather to carry the Flame of Hope in honor of the Special Olympics World Summer Games. Laguna Beach's 5.5 mile leg of the run began at 8:00 a.m. today, June 2nd, from downtown to Newport Coast where the torch was passed on to the Newport Beach Police Department.

**Laguna Canyon Creek Repair at the Animal Shelter** - In April, the City Council approved a contract to make temporary repairs to the storm damaged Laguna Canyon Creek at the Animal Shelter. That work has been completed and will temporarily stabilize the creek bank while a long term plan is developed. These efforts will allow the refurbished Animal Shelter to open on schedule next month.

**New Police Officer** - The Police Department has hired a new Police Officer, James Gramer, who began his post on May 31, 2011. James grew up in Orange County and attended Brea-Olinda High School and Fullerton College. On March 18, 2011 he graduated from Golden West Police Academy and finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in his class out of 28 recruits.