

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 10, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Charging Station Ribbon Cutting** - Save The Date: On June 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM, City Council members will commission the City's first electric car charging stations into operation. The two new stations are located near the corner of Forest Avenue and Broadway in downtown Laguna Beach. The charging stations are part of the ChargePoint America ([www.chargepointamerica.com](http://www.chargepointamerica.com)) network. The equipment is provided through a grant from the United States Department of Energy. The spaces may only be used in four hour intervals and the first four hours of charging will be free; first come first served. The new facilities will operate as a pilot program and be evaluated in October where the City Council will be presented the results and recommendations for modifying the program.

**Heisler Park Amphitheater Uses** - The Recreation Committee reviewed the progress on the new amphitheater under construction in Heisler Park and discussed proposed uses and policies. The Committee supported conducting City-sponsored events such as Junior Lifeguard meetings, Tidepool Docent presentations and concerts in the park in the amphitheater. The Committee also supported deferring the scheduling of other events such as weddings, filming and special requests be deferred until October to be able to observe and review the public use of the area. The Recreation Committee will revisit the issue and make recommendations relative to uses and policies for the amphitheater on October 3, 2011.

**Heisler Park Sculpture Installation** - On Thursday, June 9, 2011 artist Jon Seeman installed the sculpture "Breaching Whale" in Heisler Park. The sculpture had been completed a year ago, but installation was delayed due to the current construction. A dedication ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 5 p.m. prior to First Thursdays Art Walk.

**Main Beach Boardwalk Repair Completed** - The portion of the Boardwalk that was damaged in the December storms was repaired two weeks ago and was opened to the public for the Memorial Day weekend, although a large pit remained where the flood waters had washed away the sand between Broadway and the Boardwalk. Earlier this week the pit was filled with 600 cubic yards of sand and the temporary safety handrail was removed. The Boardwalk is now in full service.

**Community Services Officer Coleen Walloch** – Today, June 10<sup>th</sup>, is the last day for Community Services Officer Coleen Walloch with our Police Department. During the last ten years, she has been responsible for the Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program while also serving as a community relations representative. She is well known throughout Laguna Beach and has provided safety demonstrations for many of the businesses in town. Coleen is leaving us and will be moving out of state with her recently retired husband, former Laguna Beach Police Sergeant Greg Walloch.

**Village Entrance EIR** - the Planning Commission unanimously certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Village Entrance Project on Wednesday night.

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