

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 24, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager

**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Marine Safety Level III Staffing** – The Marine Safety Department begins Level III staffing Saturday June 25th. Most City beaches will be staffed with tower lifeguards from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily through the summer months. The first session of Junior Lifeguards begins Monday, June 27th. Drop off is at the entrance to Heisler Park, (just south of the Lawn Bowling Club).

**Summer Traffic Control Assistance** – Our Police Traffic Aides will commence their downtown weekend traffic control duties starting this Saturday, June 25, 2011. The Police Aides will be at the usual downtown intersections every Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Police Aides will be handling the Farmer's Market traffic control detail every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and will be assisting with traffic and pedestrian control at the Festival of the Arts/Pageant of the Masters every night from 8 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

**Parking Enforcement in Laguna Canyon** – Parking Services will commence enforcement of the meters on Laguna Canyon Road and along the Laguna Canyon Frontage Road starting this Friday, June 24, 2011, and continuing until the end of the summer festival season. City Shoppers Permits are NOT valid for parking at the meters on Laguna Canyon Road and Laguna Canyon Frontage Road during the summer festival season.

**Beach Volleyball** – The City of Laguna Beach held the Men's California Beach Volleyball Association Laguna Open tournament on Saturday, June 18th. Under sunny skies, fifteen teams competed at the Main Beach Volleyball courts. The tournament is one of four beach volleyball tournaments the city runs for women, men and youth players.

**Alternative Fuel Trolleys** – The Summer Festival Shuttle Service will begin operation starting June 24th and will continue through August 28th. The Canyon route runs through August 31st. Four alternative fuel (propane) trolleys have been added to the transit fleet bringing the all alternative fuel fleet to 18 vehicles. The trolleys will be used to add additional service on North and South Coast Highway, as well as within the downtown core area. The City purchased three of the four trolleys with the help from a Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, and AB2766 Subvention Funds. The festival shuttle service operates seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Special 4th of July holiday hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The transfer point between the North, South, and Canyon routes is at the Transit Center/Bus Depot. Shuttle route maps are available at City Hall or on the City's website.

**Laguna Canyon Frontage Road Street Light Relocation** – Construction work to remove three street lights from the brick sidewalk near the Sawdust Festival entrance has been completed. New nostalgic style streetlights have been installed on the opposite side of Laguna Canyon Frontage Road where pedestrian movement will not be obstructed. The Festival frontage has been further enhanced by the underground placement of associated overhead electric and cable television wiring.

**Storm Damage Repair – Dog Park** – A 30 inch diameter drainage pipe at the City’s Dog Park was damaged and filled with debris during last December’s rain storms. The 240-foot long corrugated metal pipe has been replaced with a new reinforced concrete pipe. In addition to providing a longer service life, the concrete pipe has a smoother interior surface that will reduce the potential for debris buildup. The fenced off portion of the park will be removed in approximately four weeks when new grass has been established. Project costs are eligible for reimbursement through FEMA and the California Emergency Management Agency.

**Mar Vista Utility Undergrounding** – This assessment district project consists of placing overhead utilities underground in South Laguna on Mar Vista Avenue, Third Avenue and Eagle Rock Way. The project has experienced significant delays in the acquisition of needed utility easements. All easements have now been acquired and construction will begin on Monday. Construction is scheduled to be completed in October, at which time the utility companies will install their facilities and property owners will connect to the new system. The last step will be removal of utility poles and wires, which should occur by the end of 2012.

**Festival of Arts Planting Plan** – This week the Design Review Board unanimously approved the landscaping and planting plan above the Irvine Bowl and below Poplar Street.

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