

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Swim Lessons - The third session of summer swim lessons was completed this week, bringing the total number of participants for the summer to 500. With two more sessions left in the summer, our program is on track to teach 800 students by summer's end.

Summer 2011 Junior Lifeguard programs ends today Thursday, August 4th. - Summer 2011 Junior Lifeguard programs end today Thursday, August 4th. This collaboration between the Marine Safety Department and Community Services, brought in close to 400 participants. The program offers education in ocean safety, rescue techniques, beach activities, physical fitness, and marine safety operations in an environment that emphasizes courtesy, respect and good sportsmanship.

1st Saturdays Artist Open Studios - The Arts Commission is currently requesting applications from artists to participate in the upcoming Artist Open Studios program. The event is held on the first Saturday of every month from October through March, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This program is open to artists which commercial studio spaces on Laguna Canyon Road, Coast Highway and downtown area. This year a guided trolley service will leave the Act V parking lot (1900 Laguna Canyon Road) every 15 minutes to studio locations. There is no fee to participate and interested artists should email spoeschl@lagunabeachcity.net. The program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

2011 Juried Fine Art Competition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting applications to the annual Juried Fine Art Competition. The competition is open to artists residing in Orange County and 18 years or older. Two-dimensional works measuring no more than 36" x 36" should be submitted on disk accompanied with an entry fee of \$20 by September 12, 2011. The competition will be juried by Richard Chang, the Arts and Entertainment writer for The Orange County Register. An honorarium of \$1,000 will be awarded to the first place winner. The program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Hillcrest Drive Sidewalk - Construction will begin next week to install a new sidewalk and handrail on Hillcrest Drive across the street from Riddle Field between Dolphin Way and High Drive. Parking on this stretch of road will be restricted during the working hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. During working hours, eastbound traffic on Hillcrest Drive will be detoured around the Park Service Road to High Drive. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of September.

Mar Vista Utility Undergrounding - Construction of underground utility structures in the Mar Vista undergrounding area is 80% completed. This work will be completed by the end of August. It is expected that private connections and removal of poles and wires will be completed in one year.

Pacific View Park Trail Refurbished – Pacific View Park is a small view park accessed through a 300 foot long path of decomposed granite off the end of Pacific Avenue. City crews recently removed weeds from the area and rebuilt the wooden foot bridge to the park.

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