

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Ground Zero American Flag Presentation - Today August 25th, the New York and New Jersey Port Authority Police Department is flying an American Flag over the 9/11 Ground Zero site in New York. The flag will be presented to the City of Laguna Beach on September 11th, 2011 at the Semper Memento dedication and 9/11 remembrance ceremony.

Laguna Canyon Road Resurfacing: Caltrans has hired All American Asphalt to resurface Laguna Canyon Road between Forest Avenue and the toll road. Construction will begin on weekdays after Labor Day and is scheduled to be completed in early November. In order to avoid traffic congestion and business access restrictions, most of the work will occur at night. Some work will take place during the day between Forest Avenue and Canyon Acres Drive, where there are fewer conflicts with businesses. The work generally will involve grinding the road surface to remove about one inch of asphalt and then placing a new layer of asphalt.

Laguna Canyon Road Widening at El Toro Road: The County of Orange will be adding a second outbound traffic lane on Laguna Canyon Road at its intersection with El Toro Road. This added through lane is intended to allow more outbound vehicles through the intersection. The improvement is expected to improve movement through the intersection at peak hours for both outbound traffic on Laguna Canyon Road and inbound traffic on El Toro Road. The project is actually a final phase of the Laguna Canyon Road Realignment project. Hillcrest Contracting has been hired to perform the first phase of work, which also includes a new traffic signal and curb ramps. Construction will begin after Labor Day and is scheduled to be completed in December. Work will take place during the day. The County is coordinating with CalTrans to avoid conflicts with the Caltrans Laguna Canyon Road Resurfacing project. Later phases of this project consist of widening the street north of El Toro Road and undergrounding the overhead utility lines.

2011 World Police and Fire Olympics - Jarrett Jensen, a firefighter with the City, has been invited to compete in men's indoor volleyball at the 2011 World Police and Fire Olympics in New York this August 26th through September 5th. With 18,000 competitors from over 70 countries he will be on a team with other firefighters from the Southern California area while representing the Laguna Beach Fire Department on his own time. Mr. Jensen played collegiate indoor NCAA Division 1 volleyball for UCI and professional sand volleyball prior to pursuing his firefighting career.

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