

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 6, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**2011 Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting entries from children ages 5 to 17 who reside or attend a school or art program in Laguna Beach for the annual palette exhibition. Designs must be submitted on a template that can be obtained from the City's web-site. The deadline to submit designs is Monday, November 14, 2011 by noon. Selected palette designs will be mounted on small wooden palette and will be exhibited at City Hall throughout December. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**September Sunset Serenades** - Last week, Arts Commission concluded its month long Friday evening music series at Heisler Park. The concerts were held in the newly created amphitheater by Rockpile. Attendance increased each week with an average attendance of 250. The next season of Sunset Serenades will be held at the same location in May 2012. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**Sign up for Arts Information** - The Cultural Arts Department is encouraging artists and community members who are interested in receiving information for public art competitions, Artist Open Studios or Cultural Calendar to sign-up for e-notifications on the City's web-site. Other available notifications are for traffic alerts, the City Council agenda, the Recreation Brochure, and job opportunities. To receive e-mail alerts register at [www.lagunabeachcity.net/portal/default.asp](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/portal/default.asp)

**Dry Season Surface Water Diversions Offline** - The City operates and maintains 18 urban water diversion units covering the majority of the City's watersheds. The diversions have proven to be an indispensable element of the best management practices employed to improve ocean water quality. These diversions are left online as long as they can be during the dry season and into the fall months. The diverted runoff is directed to the City's sewer system. Too much water can cause the lift stations to run beyond their capacity range. The rains expected this week pose enough of a concern that all eighteen have been taken offline. The result will be noticed at outlets along the beach where storm water may be seen discharging as it typically does during the winter season. The Laguna Channel diversion unit is put back into service during extended dry periods of the winter season.

**North Coast Highway Sidewalk Repairs** – Caltrans has completed its project to repair damaged sidewalks and curbs at approximately 25 locations along North Coast Highway between Broadway and Cajon Street.

**Proposed "Mini" Parks** – Design Review for two small City parks will be considered by the Planning Commission next Wednesday, October 12. Proposed locations include a view park at 1400 Park Avenue and a passive park at the intersection of Laguna Canyon Frontage Road and Woodland Drive. Minor improvements at the two sites will include benches, tables, trees and native ground cover.

**Increased Crosswalk Enforcement** - On Tuesday October 11, 2011, the Police Department will be conducting an increased crosswalk enforcement program at various locations throughout the City using a brightly dressed pedestrian. Drivers are encouraged to always watch for people stepping off the curb or appearing from behind already stopped vehicles.