

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 12, 2012  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Bluebird Canyon Trees** - The City of Laguna Beach has retained Ed Black of Black's Tree Care to inspect City owned trees in the Bluebird Canyon area. Mr. Black will be in the area beginning April 16, 2012. If you have any questions or comments for him to consider in his inspection, please feel free to send those comments to him via email at [Ed@BlacksTreeCare.com](mailto:Ed@BlacksTreeCare.com), or via mail to Black's Tree Care, P.O. Box 392, Tustin, CA 92781-0392. Ed's phone number is (714) 288-1573. The City representative for this inspection program is Vic Hillstead, Deputy Director of Public Works. Vic may be contacted at 949-497-0735 or emailed at [vhillstead@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:vhillstead@lagunabeachcity.net).

**Art That's Small at City Hall** - On Thursday, April 5, 2012 Mayor Egly announced the winners of the 2012 exhibition. The exhibition was juried by Mike Tauber (former Arts Commissioner), Malcolm Warner (Executive Director of the Laguna Art Museum) and Dora Wexell (President, First Thursdays Art Walk). The Arts Commission received 116 entries and the following were selected: 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Lillian Anna Blouin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Michelle Farro; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bill Denham; City Hall Choice – Carolyn Machado; Honorable Mention – Elizabeth McGhee, Carol Swanson and Daniel von der Ahe. The exhibition is on display through Thursday, April 26, 2012. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

### **Sunset Serenades**

Starting on May 4, 2012 the Arts Commission will be presenting live music at the amphitheater in Heisler Park. The concerts start at 6:30 p.m. to sunset and are free.

May 4                   Shelby, Tieg & Tara (Modern Vocal Harmonies)  
May 11                  Erica Powell (Harpist)  
May 18                  Mancini/Stone Trio (Vibraphone Jazz)  
May 25                  John Troy and Jason Feddy (Singer Songwriter)

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**Alta Laguna Park Storage Shed** - Working with the Community Services and Public Works Departments, Eagle Scouts from Laguna Beach's Troop 38 have begun construction of a storage shed at Fred Lang Park. This shed will provide much needed space for our local AYSO - Region 86 youth soccer organization to store field equipment. Past Scout projects include storage sheds at Alta Laguna Park and Moulton Meadows Park.

**Installation of Hot Water Boiler at Community Pool** - On April 3, 2012, the City Council approved the purchase of a new, energy-efficient hot water boiler at the Laguna Beach High School and Community Pool. The boiler provides hot water for the locker rooms and will be purchased at a cost of \$15,929, including installation. Pursuant to the Joint Use Agreement, the school district will contribute 30% of the cost. The boiler will be installed on Friday, April 13. While the pool and bathrooms will remain open during normal hours on Friday, the showers will be closed all day. The work should be completed by Friday evening, and the showers will re-open on Saturday for normal operations. Notices advising the public of the temporary shower closure have been posted at the pool.

**Spring Quarter 2012 Recreation Activities** - Spring quarter recreation activities are officially underway! There is still time to register before a variety of classes begin so sign up now to ensure your spot. The Spring 2012 Recreation Brochure, which includes a detailed listing and description of courses and activities, is available on the City's website and at City Hall and the Community and Susi Q Center. Register online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net) (click on the "Recreation Activities" icon), by mail, or in person at the Community Services Department at 515 Forest Avenue. The Summer 2012 brochure will be mailed citywide on May 1, 2012.

**Boys and Girls City Track Meet** - On Friday, March 30, the City held its annual Boys and Girls Track Meet at the LBHS track and field. All boys and girls who were born in or after the year 1997 and reside or attend school within the Laguna Beach Unified School District were eligible to participate. Athletes competed in a variety of events including the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1600m sprints, as well as the long jump, high jump, softball throw and shot-put. This year 76 boys and girls participated, up roughly 70% from 2011. Nearly 70 of our youth athletes qualified to represent Laguna Beach in the upcoming 2012 Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation-Orange County Track and Field meet to be held Sunday, May 6, 2012, at Laguna Hills High School.

**LBHS High School Tennis Courts** - This week Court #3 at the Laguna Beach High School Tennis Courts is being renovated. The work consists of grinding down uneven areas to be leveled with the existing court surface, the removal and replacement of caulking under the net as well as portions of the court which cannot be ground level, and resurfacing the court with the same colors as existing. Courts #5 and #6 remain open for play. Pending weather conditions, Courts #1-4 are scheduled to be available to the public this Saturday, April 14. Notices advising the public of the temporary closure were posted at the tennis courts.

**Main Beach Sewer Lift Station Update** - The pre-manufactured concrete lift station has been assembled in the excavation over the course of two days. As the large concrete sections were lowered into place, the pumps and piping were installed at the same time. The major components inside the lift station are essentially complete. The concrete lift station has been wrapped in a heavy duty waterproofing membrane that will greatly increase the lifespan of the concrete structure. Over the next week, as interconnecting piping is assembled, the large plastic wet-well and by-pass manhole will be placed in their final positions. The backfilling of the excavation should begin in approximately two weeks.

**Newly Hired Police Officer** – Michael Scott Dippel will begin employment as a Laguna Beach Police Officer April 16. Mike comes to us from California State Parks Police where he has been employed for the last 3 years. He possesses a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Geography from Humboldt State University. Mike has worked various assignments with California State Parks including patrol in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Mike has been a member of the Marijuana Eradication Team and is a Drug Recognition Expert and Weaponless Defense Instructor. Mike became familiar with our department while working at Crystal Cove State Park and interacting with our officers during mutual incidents. We believe he will be an excellent addition to our staff.

**Glenneyre Lane Closure Next Week** – Work on the Glenneyre Parking Structure rehabilitation project will require the closure of the No. 2 southbound traffic lane of Glenneyre in front of the parking structure from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Some traffic delays are expected. Traffic control will be employed as necessary during peak traffic hours. The lower level of the parking structure will also be closed during those days and hours. The upper level of the parking structure will remain open.

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