

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 3, 2012  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**Compost Giveaway in May** - The annual compost giveaway event will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Act V Lot located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road.

**Community & Susi Q Open House** - The City and the Laguna Beach Seniors will hold an Open House on Saturday, June 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for this opportunity to participate in free demo classes, receive valuable information on programs and services, enjoy free entertainment, refreshments, raffle prizes, free giveaways and much more. For additional information please call 949-497-2441.

**Electronic Fire Safety Inspections** - The Fire Department recently implemented a new fire safety software program permitting fire safety inspection information to be collected in the field utilizing iPads. This use of technology will improve productivity and records management while moving to a primarily paperless system. The majority of customers will receive the fire safety inspection by e-mail; those that do not have an e-mail address and wish to receive a paper copy of the inspection may do so. Questions regarding the new program should be directed to Division Chief Tom Christopher at 949-497-0700.

**Wood Chips Installed at Parks** - In preparation for increased summertime playground use, 150 cubic yards of fresh engineered wood fiber has been installed at Bluebird Park, Lang Park and Village Green Park. This material provides accessibility and safety.

**Diamond/Crestview Guard Railing Construction** - Construction of road edgeway protection at sixteen locations throughout the Diamond/Crestview neighborhood will be completed this week. The work consisted of installing guard railing, asphalt curbing, replacing existing pieces of damaged guard railing, and minor paving. The guard railing is made of weathering steel, which exhibits increased resistance to corrosion compared to other steels because it forms a protective layer on its surface under the influence of the weather. The rust-colored protective layer also provides a more rustic look than typical steel guard railings.

**Senior Water Quality Analyst Resigns** - The City regrets to report the resignation of Will Holoman, Senior Water Quality Analyst. Will's wife, Dr. Diane Pataki, has accepted a research and teaching position at the University of Utah for which they will soon be relocating. We wish them both the all the best. A recruitment to fill the position is underway. Will has worked for the City for five years on water quality compliance matters and has helped the City secure a number of grants.

**Main Beach Lift Station Update** - Beginning today the contractor will be closing the Coast Highway southbound slow lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for approximately two weeks. The closure will allow the removal of the sidewalk between the new lift station and the south easterly corner of the Inn at Laguna which is necessary to install sewer pipes from the new lift station to the existing system. During the lane closures, the sidewalk will be closed and pedestrians will be routed between the Inn at Laguna and the Lifeguard Headquarters. The sidewalk will be open during the evenings and weekends.

**Track and Field Champions** - The City of Laguna Beach Track Team will participate Sunday, May 6, in the 2012 Southern California Municipal Athletic Foundation - Orange County Track and Field Championships which will be held at the Laguna Hills High School. The City's 27 member team, comprised of boys and girls ages 5-14, will compete in numerous events, including the long jump, softball throw, and the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1600m races.

**Summer Quarter 2012 Registration Activities** - Registration for summer quarter recreation activities begins Monday, May 7. The summer brochure was mailed city-wide on May 1. Participants can sign up for a wide variety of summer camps, the Junior Guard program, and swim lessons for all levels! Registration forms are available online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net), at the Community Services Department (515 Forest Avenue) and the Community and Susi Q Center.

**Early-Bird Registration for Junior Lifeguards Ending** - Early-bird registration for Laguna Beach residents for the Junior Lifeguard program ends on May 6. Residents can register by May 6 for a discounted rate and ensure a spot in the program!

**New Summer Camp Programs at the Community and Susi Q Center** - The Community Services Department is offering two new summer programs in 2012. The Summer Learning Institute will teach fun, interactive learning programs in reading, writing and arithmetic for children ages 6-12. "Bricks for Kids" brings four new and exciting Lego® camps for children ages 6-12 to the community. Each session provides children the opportunity to learn about a fascinating topic while making their own piece of Lego® art! Registration forms are available online at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net), at the Community Services Department (515 Forest Avenue) and the Community and Susi Q Center.

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