

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 2012

TO: City Council

FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

2012 Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs for the annual Children's Palette exhibition. Designs will be accepted from children ages 5 to 17 who reside, attend school or art programs in Laguna Beach. Deadline to submit a design is Noon on Monday, November 19, 2012. The Arts Commission will select up to 12 designs which will be mounted on wooden palettes and displayed at City Hall from November 30, 2012 through January 4, 2013. For competition information and palette template visit:

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=8503>.

Power Line Replacement on Laguna Canyon Road - Southern California Edison will soon begin replacing three miles of power transmission lines and poles along Laguna Canyon Road from the 73 Toll Road to the substation across the street from the Sawdust grounds. The work is expected to begin by the end of November and to continue through January. The work will involve lane closures and planned power outages. In order to minimize impacts on traffic and commercial customers, SCE plans to do a majority of the work at night. SCE has reported that this upgrade is necessary to reliably meet the electrical energy needs of the city. The transmission lines deliver power to the substation at 66,000 volts where the voltage is stepped down and distributed throughout the city. SCE mailed notices to all customers in the city in February, April, and again in October.

New Fall Tennis Program - This new recreation program offered through the City's Community Services Department is designed for current 9th to 12th grade girls planning to play high school tennis. The course focuses on the skills necessary (examples include service game, match play or movement and positioning) to participate competitively at this level. It will be directed by Don Davis, the Laguna Beach High School varsity tennis coach, and Janice Ashton, the junior varsity coach. For additional information please contact Coach Davis at 949-690-8118 or don10s@live.com or Coach Ashton at 949-433-6414 or kokopelie@aol.com. Register at the Community Services Department, 515 Forest Avenue or on-line at www.lagunabeachcity.net.

New Businesses coming to the Downtown - Last month the Planning Commission approved a retail store specializing in wine, beer and specialty food items at 381 Forest. This store (previously Sotheby's) will also have a coffee bar and will maintain an area for the Visitor's Bureau to provide information to visitors about the City. The Planning Commission approved two new businesses last night, both of which involve the sale of fresh juices. One will be a retail store at 384 Forest selling fresh prepackaged juices to go. The other business is a take-out restaurant that will feature all natural fresh juices, smoothies made from fresh fruit and vegetables, acai bowls and raw, gluten-free and vegan snacks at 272 Broadway (currently Golden Spoon).

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