

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 21, 2013
TO: City Council
FROM: Christa Johnson, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Crosswalk Modification on North Coast Hwy. at Jasmine St. - Caltrans has a project to modify the “in-roadway flashing crosswalk” at this location. The modifications include enhanced striping and an overhead pedestrian crossing sign for added visibility. The work began last week and is scheduled to be completed by March 1st. The flashing crosswalk lights are disabled while the work is being done.

Broadway Streetscape Construction - Construction will begin Monday, March 4, on streetscape improvements on Broadway between Forest Avenue and Cliff Drive. The project includes new decorative sidewalk, drought tolerant and native landscaping, water conscious irrigation, and three installations of public art. The intersection at Cliff Drive will be reconfigured to reduce the speed of vehicles turning onto Cliff Drive and to shorten the pedestrian crosswalk distance. Working hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be lane closures on Broadway between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., while two-way traffic will be maintained at all times. Occasionally, access to Cliff Drive or Acacia Drive from Broadway will be restricted during working hours. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of May. The project is funded by the City of Laguna Beach and a federal transportation enhancement grant.

Temporary Sculpture Program - The Arts Commission is currently accepting proposals for a temporary art installation on Forest Avenue. Designs should incorporate the interior and/or exterior of the red telephone booth with the door securely closed. Winning artists will be provided an honorarium of \$2,000. Deadline for proposals is March 18, 2013. This opportunity is open to artists residing in Orange County. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. Competition guidelines are available at:

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=8672>

Lifeguard Headquarters Art in Public Places - The Arts Commission is currently accepting artist qualifications for a sculpture and mural for the Lifeguard Headquarters at Main Beach Park. An artist honorarium of \$60,000 is allocated for the sculpture and \$40,000 for the mural. This opportunity is open to artists residing in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. Applications must be submitted on-line by March 4, 2013 at <http://lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com>. Competition guidelines are available at: <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=8671>.

2013 Banner Competition - The Arts Commission is currently accepting designs for the annual Banner Competition. Designs should be submitted with a 4" in width by 16" in length format accompanied with a resume and photographs of previously related work. Winning designs will be painted by the artist on 4' by 16' canvas banners and displayed on lampposts throughout the city during the summer season. Winning artists will receive an honorarium of \$2,000. Deadline for designs is March 18, 2013. The program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. Competition guidelines are available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=8613>

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