

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 1, 2013  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES**

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**Daylight Savings Time Ends** - Sunday, November 3, Daylight Savings Time ends. The Fire Department reminds everyone to not only change their clocks (fall back one hour), but to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms in their homes. Additionally, everyone should have a “disaster kit” full of food and water. If you already have a “disaster kit,” you are reminded that this is a great time to change the water and ensure the food has not expired. For more information on smoke detectors or disaster kits, please visit the Fire Department’s website at:

<http://lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire/message.asp>.

**Annual Composting Classes** - Over 30 residents attended the free composting class held at the Community and Susi Q. Center on October 26. The City’s solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer four free composting classes each fiscal year as part of the new franchise agreement. The next two free classes will be held on April 12, 2014 and June 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bluebird Park. Compost Bins and Worm Bins will be available for purchase during the classes at a discounted price. For more information regarding the classes, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499 or email at [lisarydermoore@gmail.com](mailto:lisarydermoore@gmail.com).

**2013 Children’s Holiday Palette Exhibition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting palette designs from children ages 5 to 17 who reside or attend school in Laguna Beach. Designs must be submitted on 8½ x 11” paper, in color, within the border of the specified palette template. Selected palettes will be displayed at City Hall throughout December. Designs must be submitted by November 18, 2013. Guidelines and template are available at:

<http://lagunabeachcity.net/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=9266>

**2013 Juried Fine Art** - On Thursday, October 24, 2013 Mayor Kelly Boyd announced the winners of the annual Juried Competition at an artist reception at City Hall. The Arts Commission received submissions from throughout Orange County which were juried by Max Presneill, the Director of the Torrance Art Museum. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jorg Dubin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Emanuel Dale; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Josie Weber; Honorable mention KC Horng, Tom Lamb and Michael McGregor. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Images attached.

**Bluebird Tree Staking** - The City removed 11 City maintained Eucalyptus trees from the Bluebird Canyon area and in March 2013 the City hired an arborist to develop a plan for replacing some of those trees and maintaining the trees in that area. The proposed locations for replacement trees have been staked with 20 foot tall stakes so that residents can comment on the plan. Notices regarding the staking were also mailed to residents in the area.

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**Diversions Structures and Storm Season Preparation** - The Water Quality Department will be preparing for the upcoming storm season by performing pre-storm preparations: plugging manhole pick-holes, sealing the manhole lids in the canyon, and checking portable pumps. It is also the time that the urban water diversion units are shut down for the season. Every year the diversions prevent over six tons of pollutant-laden debris from reaching our beaches.

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