

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 16, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

City Hall Closed on Monday January 20 - City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance for Martin Luther King's birthday. Essential services such as police, fire, lifeguards, bus service and other functions are still provided.

Cultural Arts Funding - The City of Laguna Beach is currently accepting applications from non-profit arts organizations for cultural programming in Laguna Beach. This grant program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach. Applications must be made on-line by February 3, 2014 at www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com.

Realtor Workshop Regarding Sewer Ordinance Revisions - A press release and letter will be distributed to area realtors notifying them of a public workshop regarding updates to the Laguna Beach Sewer Ordinance. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Water Quality staff plan on discussing changes being considered to the private sewer lateral program ordinance including inspections on point-of-sale. Other related topics will include incentive programs for repair/replacement of private sewer laterals, administrative penalties for non-repair of sewer laterals after notification, and backflow device inspection and installation requirements.

Firefighter of the Year - Firefighter/Paramedic David Lopez has been named as the 2013 Laguna Beach Firefighter of the Year. David has been with the Department since 2010 and is a key contributor to the delivery of high quality emergency medicine. David has taught technical classes on emergency medicine, works on the Department's Quality Improvement Program, and has assisted with the implementation of the new Electronic Patient Care Report. In addition to his on-duty contributions, David is an extremely talented bagpiper and has performed at a number of functions on his own time, including three memorials for Laguna Beach Firefighters. Logan Bates was also named as the Reserve Volunteer Firefighter of 2013 due to his countless hours of volunteerism and his service to the community.

Hidden Valley Development in Irvine - Grading of a project in Irvine will be visible from Laguna Canyon Road starting next week and will continue for the next three to four weeks. City staff and Laguna Canyon Foundation representatives have been working closely with the City of Irvine and the developer to mitigate potential aesthetic impacts visible from Laguna Canyon Road as much as possible.

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