

# Love Laguna Beach!

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## What's inside:

**More traffic is proposed.** A 3 tunnel system is being proposed to connect Corona and Laguna. This can't be good news for Laguna traffic.

**The city maintenance facility is a hot topic.** Our employees are currently working in what has been characterized as "tin shacks from a third world country." This article considers alternatives.

**Rocket ship set to blast off.** An update on the Bluebird Park renovations, including news on Laguna's only rocket ship

**Memorial Day in Laguna** marks the start of Summer. The VFW continued the tradition of a pancake breakfast and honoring our veterans.

**Do you know someone who should be receiving this update?** Please e-mail me their name and e-mail address and I'll add them to the list!

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**I**MAGINE TRAFFIC ON OUR ROADS getting even worse! The latest proposals for easing Riverside's traffic woes seems designed to worsen Laguna's traffic.

Recently, Orange County and Riverside County planners have begun backing a proposed tunnel system under the Cleveland National Forest as a new connection between the two counties. The proposed tunnel would start at Interstate 15 and Cajalco Road in Riverside County, then go under the Santa Ana Mountains before surfacing in Orange County. The road would cross Santiago Canyon Road and end just east of Irvine where the Laguna Freeway meets the Foothill Toll road.

I am very concerned that this proposal is a gun pointed straight at Laguna Beach. In fact, some of the early literature is promising residents of Corona a simple way to get to Laguna. I recently brought this to the attention of the City Council and was appointed to a sub-committee, with council member Pearson, to monitor this project and ensure that all potential traffic impacts are completely addressed and minimized. I will keep you informed on this issue and will continue to work to protect our circulation system.

For additional information on this tunnel, you can go to their website, <http://www.tritunnelexpress.com>.

**M**ORE PARKING and building the long awaited Village Entrance Project are the aims of moving the city maintenance facilities to the Act V lot.

We need to provide more parking for residents and visitors close to the downtown and near the art festivals. To accomplish this task, we must free up the space currently occupied by the City's maintenance yard.

This is the plan originally suggested by the Village Entrance Task Force in 1995 as the optimum solution to providing close-in parking and allowing for the best possible use of the land for the Village Entrance project. I am working with other city council members to make this long suggested project a reality.

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## **B** LUEBIRD PARK has long been a favorite Laguna Beach play spot, hosting activities as diverse as Music in the Park and kids play days.

Parks, like everything else, wear out. The City recently approved plans for the renovation of Bluebird Park, including new, handicapped accessible restrooms and new play equipment.

Unfortunately, due to severe budget constraints, the historic rocket ship, at a cost of \$120,000, was left out. At the Council budget hearing in May, I asked the city treasurer to establish a rocket ship account in hopes that we can collect enough in private donations to replace this Laguna icon. There have already been several donations to this fund.

To make your donation to the rocket ship fund, please send your check payable to “City of Laguna Beach,” 305 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, Ca. 92651, and mark it “Rocket Ship Fund.” This donation is 100 percent deductible on your income tax as a charitable contribution. If not enough money is collected, your contribution will be refunded.

## **M** EMORIAL DAY honors our veterans and gives us an opportunity to think about our past.

The Pancake Breakfast sponsored annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars was a sell out at Heisler Park. Our firemen really know how to cook!



**After the breakfast, fallen veterans were honored in an impressive ceremony.**

