

Love Laguna Beach!

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- Are you looking for a parking spot? This plan may help.
- Update on how the state budget crunch will affect Laguna Beach.
- Heisler Park—should we let it erode? Come tell the Council.
- South Coast Medical Center has announced it may close. You can help change their minds.
- Personal note—you are invited!

Laguna happenings:

- On Thursday, June 3, at 5 pm we will be dedicating a mural at Forest Lane designed and executed by students from Laguna College of Art and Design. Come help dedicate this project, and stay for First Thursday's Art Walk.

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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Are you still driving around town looking for a parking space? We can fix that by building an up to 600 car parking structure in the location now containing the city maintenance yard. The new parking structure would be built against the hillside across the street from the Festival grounds and Laguna Playhouse. It would provide year round parking for residents and visitors and would be serviced by the city's summertime free trams.

This plan was proposed by the Village Entrance Task force more than seven years ago, and has been adopted by the city council.

What's stopping this 24-hour a day, all-year-round parking? The California Coastal Commission. We are fortunate that Council member Toni Iseman is a voting member of this commission. Let her know you want to move forward with the Village Entrance Parking Structure.

As I earlier reported, the City of Laguna Beach will be hurt by state government over spending in prior years. Laguna Beach's share of the state budget fix is now scheduled to be \$674,990 for 2004 and \$674,990 for 2005. Laguna Beach's per capita "contribution" is the largest in Orange County.

The city is moving forward with plans to preserve and renovate Heisler Park in North Laguna. The conceptual master plan will be presented at the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 1.

Should portions of the park be allowed to erode naturally, or should we try to maintain the park we have now, without allowing it to erode and become smaller? Give your opinion at the June 1st council meeting, starting at 6 pm. Heisler Park is number 11 on the agenda.

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South Coast Medical Center update. As you know, South Coast Medical Center (SCMC) has announced that it is considering closing Laguna's only hospital. Hospitals are facing hard times nationwide, and we must be proactive if we want to keep our hospital.

Eighty percent of Laguna Beach's paramedic calls that require emergency room treatment are transported to SCMC. Our firemen tell me that they are not allowed to

transport patients to emergency rooms where there is no attached hospital.

I will soon propose to the city council that we form a Mayor's citizen task force for input on this problem. This task force will be available to work with the consultants the city has hired to keep the hospital in Laguna Beach.

Personal note. Next Sunday, June 6, I am having a party to announce my candidacy for a second term on the city council. If you would like information on this party, please click on this link:

<http://LoveLagunaBeach.com/Party/party.html>

On Saturday, May 29, I was honored to welcome veterans and their families and friends to a ceremony honoring all veterans, but especially those from World War II. (Photo courtesy of Bob Mosier)

