

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Online Public Records Search -- Enhancements have been made to the City Clerk and Community Development online public records search feature. The system is now available to Apple computer users. Along with Microsoft Internet Explorer, the system is now compatible with Mozilla Firefox, a common web browser used by Apple computer users. Modifications have also been made that will increase the speed and response time of the system. To access the online public records search system please visit the City of Laguna Beach website at www.lagunabeachcity.net.

New Stormwater Monitoring on Main Beach -- The new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit includes additional monitoring compliance measures. The County of Orange is in the early stages of setting up a monitoring station on the south end of the Main Beach boardwalk. The trashcan sized enclosure will be staged there only during the rainy season. The goal is to obtain as many samples that accurately depict the water quality of storm water discharging to the beach during rain storms. The new mandate engages a higher level of attention given to year-round storm drain and street cleaning practices for all permit holders.

Street Resurfacing – The major slurry seal work will be completed on Monday. Follow-up items such as clean up, corrective work and re-striping will continue through November. Since August, over 5,000 tons of asphalt and slurry seal have been used to pave 125 public roadways as part of the City's most extensive street resurfacing project. The project involved coordination with trash collection, utility companies, the Hospital, the South Laguna Post Office, fire stations, parks, schools, and thousands of residences and businesses.

Arch Beach Heights Park Dedication – The ribbon cutting will be held on Monday, November 15 at noon at the park site. Parking is extremely limited. It would be best to park by Moulton Meadows Park and walk the couple of blocks on Cortez to get to the site.

Code Enforcement Staff Changes – Today Mariann McNaughton is retiring after 21 years as a parking officer and as a code enforcement officer with the City. Her code enforcement functions will be taken over by Tony Farr. For the last two years, Mr. Farr has been the Cashier in the Finance Department. He has previously worked for the Orange County Airport and the Orange County Superior Court. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois.

Red Palm Weevil – Today the Council Chambers was totally, completely packed with people to hear about the red palm weevil. This bug was found in two palm trees in North Laguna. It is the first time it has been found in the United States. Federal, State and County agricultural experts are still examining trees and determining the best course of action for controlling or eliminating this pest.