

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Kenneth Frank, City Manager

SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Montage Recognized for Solid Waste Reduction Efforts – The Montage has received the state of California’s prestigious 2010 CalRecycle Waste Reduction Award for its successful programs. The Montage works closely with the City’s waste hauler, Waste Management, and has implemented a Zero Waste program which include on-site food waste processing. The Montage exemplifies outstanding environmental leadership by promoting sustainable management practices that have contributed to the City’s successful 65% solid waste diversion rate.

Street Resurfacing – This year’s \$1.6 million resurfacing project is 95% completed. All paving and slurry application has been completed. Follow-up items such as clean up, corrective work and re-striping will continue through November. For a minor contract price adjustment of \$10,000, the parking lots next to Fire Station 4, Alta Laguna Park, and Lang Park were included in the resurfacing.

Storm Drain Repair Project – In August, the City began construction on a \$900,000 project to replace or line deteriorated storm drains pipes at 43 locations throughout the City. The project is now 90% completed. All work will be done by the end of November.

High Winds – Only one reported property damage incident related to the wind on Thursday. A large City owned Pine tree in Jaharis Park fell and seriously damaged a car parked on private property.

Orange County Transportation Commission – This week, Mayor Pearson attended the Mayors Selection Committee. She voted for Peter Herzog for a seat on OCTA and he prevailed by a 7-5 vote.

Village Entrance Project – The Planning Commission accepted public comments on the EIR and provided comments the EIR consultant. The consultant needs to respond to the comments and return to the Planning Commission – probably in January – for adoption of the EIR.

Night Work Loma Terrace and Third Street at Mermaid Avenue – Monday night, a video inspection crew will be setting up to review the condition of a large, high capacity, sewer line. The work must be done when wastewater flow is at its lowest point. Third Street will be closed on the uphill side from about 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Additionally, the crew will be on Loma Terrace at Mermaid. That area will be passable. A generator powering the video equipment may be operating during the inspections.

Juried Fine Art Exhibition – On Thursday, November 4, Mayor Elizabeth Pearson announced the winners of the Juried Fine Art Competition. The following winners were announced: 1st Ellen Rose; 2nd Annette Wimmer; 3rd Jennifer Griffiths; Honorable Mention: El Esquerra, Beverly Factor, Kay Flierl, Naomi Shachar, Uriu Noriho and Gary Zuercher. The program was funded through artist submission fees and the lodging establishments and the City of Laguna Beach.